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Thursday, September 7, 2023

1st Annual Toy Run For Calhoun Kids was a Success!!!

By Melissa West



The weather was beautiful and definitely a great day for a ride.

Eric Lupardus, local businessman and one of several sponsors of the weekend Toy Run, was pleased with their first ever effort to encourage motorcycle enthusiasts and

groups to help provide toys for children in the Calhoun area. Toys will be delivered to the Calhoun County Family Resource Network in Grantsville this week to help local families during the Christmas Holiday.

They had an incredible group of riders from all over who were very charitable and loved visiting out county! There were riders as far as Huntington who said they would definitely be back. Everyone absolutely had a great time and some even said that is was the first police escort they have ever had and loved it.” Mayor Robert Petrovsky welcomed the group with the City Cruiser’s lights as they arrived.



The riders had time to socialize during the following stops after leaving the Country Kitchen on the Toy Run: The Newton Store, The Rock, Overdrive in Elizabeth,



The Tribe in Grantsville, The Arnoldsburger Cafe in Arnoldsburg and thenm finished out at the Country Kitchen with 5 Star Rebellion.

We would like to thank all of the folks who came out and supported the first ever Toy Run which helped

provide toys for children in our area this Christmas! Toys will be delivered this week to the Family Resource Network in Grantsville.

A huge thanks to the Mayor of Grantsville for his hospitality and making the riders feel welcome! This group will definitely be returning and supporting our local economy. The stops made on the run were specifically picked to support “Shop Local” and show the beautiful scenary in our area. The ride served to collect toys for Calhoun Kids and to promote Tourism in our area.



We want to thank the following Sponsors: Harley-Davidson of West Virginia , The Tribe , The Arnoldsburger Cafe , The Rock, Overdrive of , Elizabeth, The Newton Store, Jus Teazin Salon, Country Kitchen,

Brandy Lupardus, Melissa G Nicholas-West , Brogan Richards, Evangeline Darling, Sheriff Graham Knight, 5 Star Rebellion, and MattandJennifer Tanner.



Emergency Calhoun County Commission Meeting Sept. 5, 2023

9:00 A.M. Agenda
 Call To Order:

- I. Call To Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. New Business:
 - A. Resignation - Matt Walker
 - B. Election of Commissioner President
- IV. Adjournment - Next Meeting - Sept. 11, 2023

Results from Emergency meeting will appear in next weeks paper along with notes from the regular scheduled meeting on September 11th.

Girl Scout Troop 38205 Conquers Thrilling Adventures at Girl Fest Hosted by ACE

By Sarah Tingler



OakHill, WV — August 31, 2023 — This summer, the young adventurers of Girl Scout Troop 38205 embarked on an unforgettable journey of courage and camaraderie at the exhilarating Girl Fest event hosted by ACE Adventures in scenic OakHill, West Virginia.

Nine scout members; Lizzy Collins, Emma Ackley, Makenna Cunningham, Jasmine Tingler, Brooke Tingler, Trinity Probasco, Bella Nicholas, Bailey Metz and Carissa Sands, embraced the challenges and excitement offered by ACE Adventures’ array of outdoor activities. The event provided them with the opportunity to not only bond with their fellow troop members but also forge new friendships with girls from various states across the nation.

At the heart of the adventure were the pulse-pounding escapades that captured the essence of the great outdoors. The Girl Scouts fearlessly navigated the rushing waters during an exhilarating white-water rafting session, testing their teamwork and resilience. Additionally, they faced their fears as they embarked on a heart-pounding rappelling experience, where every Scout put on the equipment faced their fears and put their feet over the edge. The girls also showcased their mettle at the mud run, where they conquered obstacles with teamwork while covered head-to-toe in mud, leaving them with unforgettable memories and a true sense of accomplishment.

Troop 38205 demonstrated exceptional spirit, unity, and enthusiasm throughout their ACE Adventures experience. The event not only enabled them to partake in adrenaline-pumping activities but also empowered them to conquer challenges, bolster their self-confidence, and foster lifelong friendships.

Reflecting on their incredible journey, Troop Leader Maggie Probasco shared, “Girl Fest at ACE Adventures was an absolute highlight of our troop’s adventures. Witnessing our girls support and encourage each other through these daring activities was a true testament to their growth and the values of Girl Scouting.”

Looking ahead with excitement, the girls of Troop 38205 eagerly anticipate the next opportunity to embrace the great outdoors at Girl Fest 2025. As they return to their communities, they carry with them not only cherished memories but also a renewed sense of determination and courage that will undoubtedly serve them well in the future.

Troop 38205 recognizes that their achievements and memorable experiences would not have been possible without the collective support of community members, families, and friends. As they look toward the future with gratitude and excitement, the troop members eagerly anticipate continued opportunities to give back to the community that has so wholeheartedly supported them.

For more information about Girl Scout Troop 38205 and their remarkable journey at Girl Fest, please contact: Sarah Tingler, Troop Leader at smtingler@gmail.com

About Girl Scouts Troop 38205: Girl Scout Troop 38205 is a spirited group of young girls committed to exploring the world, building friendships, and developing life skills. With a dedicated leadership team, Troop 38205 engages in a variety of enriching activities aimed at fostering personal growth and community engagement.

About ACE Adventures: ACE Adventures is a premier outdoor adventure company situated in the stunning landscapes of OakHill, West Virginia. With a focus on providing thrilling experiences such as white-water rafting, rappelling, and mud runs, ACE Adventures is a destination for those seeking excitement, camaraderie, and a true connection with nature.

OBITUARIES

MARIETTA DOROTHY CORNELL

Marietta Dorothy Cornell, 75, of Terra Alta, WV, formerly of Nobe, WV, died on August 15, 2023, at Hopedmont State Hospital, Terra Alta, WV.

She was born in Brooklyn, NY, a daughter of the late Paul Michael and June Ann Lang Alagna.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by husband, Nathan Cornell, brother Paul Alagna and Charlene Alagna.

She is survived by step-children Kathy Conn (Don) of Carlton, OR and Jonathan Cornell of Las Vegas, NV, brother Anthony Alagna of Long Island, NY, and several grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted by Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, WV, on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., with Pastor Steven Carter officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery.

SHIRLEY JUNE MILLER DAWSON

Shirley June Miller Dawson, 69, returned home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 19, 2023 after complications caused by double pneumonia.

Shirley was born in San Antonio, Texas to the late Ron Miller and Glenna (Norman) Miller where her father was stationed in the Air Force.



In addition to her parents, Shirley is preceded in death by her twin sons, Dean and Keith Dawson (1989); her sister, Karen Queen (2023); and niece, Megan Blanche Queen (1987).

Shirley is survived by her beloved son and best friend Derek Dawson of Greenwood, SC; beloved siblings Debbie Harris, Wooster OH; and Randy Miller, Normantown. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, and all their families whom she loved very, very much.

Shirley retired from the Goodrich Corporation (purchased by UTC) in December 2013 after over 39 years of service. She was Human Resources Director over several companies before her retirement. Shirley received her BA degree from Glenville State College and earned an MBA from WVU in May 2001. Shortly after a transfer to Greenwood SC in late 2002, she earned the nationally-recognized certification of Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

As per her wishes, she was cremated. Cremains will be buried near her father and mother in Collins Cemetery in Stumptown WV. She will be forever missed by her many friends and loving family.

I want to hear from you!

To our loyal readers, please feel free to let us know what you think of the Chronicle, or things you would like to see more of.

I am doing my best to provide you, the reader a great newspaper each week. In order to make this paper what the readers desire, I need to hear from loyal readers. If you have questions about one of the contributing columns or aerticles, please sends us your inquires and we will forward them to the author. If you have suggestions, please sned them to The Calhoun Chronicle, PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email them to contact@calhounchronicle.com

Thank You,
Melissa West,
Office Manager

Letter To Editor

Letter to the Editor

CONGRATUATIONS Michael Hicks!

You have served our county well, first as a young student during the summer between your WVU Bachelors in May, 2016 and starting WVU's law school. During the summers of 2015 and 2016 you served as a Summer Law Clerk in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Grantsville. The following year in January 2014, you became out own very young county Commissioner during your 1 st year of law school and continued that service thru December 2022. Almost 5 years! The 2 summers of May-August 2018 and 2019 you were the summer clerk in Roane County representing clients under Rule 10 of the WV Supreme Court of Appeals. Then back to Calhoun after graduation from WVU's Law school in May of 2020. Minnie Hamilton Health System asked you to serve as general council for them: preparing and managing employee contracts, advising administration and managing litigation from November 2020 to January 2023. Finally as of November 2020 to the present, in Grantsville, you joined Tony Morgan in his law office on Main St. focusing on criminal law, real estate transactions and family law. Your trial experience included cases from first degree murder to misdemeanor traffic offenses and abuse and neglect. Truly, what a seamless breadth of experience from 2015-2023. Thank you for your undaunting service to our Calhoun County Community.

Thank You,
Mary Franek.

Waste Not/Want Not - September 2023

by Judy Wolfram

Collecting Tomato Seeds

It's never too early to think about next year's garden. Now is the time to collect seeds for next year. Tomato seeds are some of the easiest to save.

You can't save most genetically modified seeds, but here are ways to overcome the challenges of saving heirloom variety tomatoes.

Bacterial diseases will plague tomato plants by hitching a ride on the seeds. There is a way to prevent this. If you had a lot of trouble getting through the season with your plants in good shape, you need to disinfect you seeds.

Mix 1 part household bleach with 4 parts water. Mix well and stir in a few drops of dish liquid, Add the seeds and stir for a minute. Then rinse the seeds thoroughly in a sieve. Run water through the seeds for about 5 minutes. When done, spread the seed on a few thicknesses of paper towels. When they are dry, store them in a glass jar in a cool-dry place and you are good to go.

If you have healthy plants, collect seeds from the fully ripe tomatoes. Scoop out the seeds and ferment them in a disposable container. It is a disagreeable task, but it's important because it helps you kill diseases and inactivates a naturally occurring compound that keeps seeds from germinating prematurely in the tomato.

Set the tomato "innards" and seeds aside for a few days – preferable outside. When the stuff starts to bubble (yuk), dump it into a bucket and hit it with a stream of water to force the seeds from the pulp. Collect the seeds and spread them out on an old towel or thickness of paper towels.

When dry, store them in a plastic sandwich bag or glass container in a cool, dry place. Make sure you mark the date and the variety of tomato on the container.

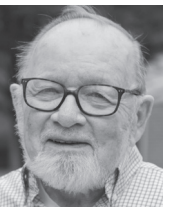
So, we've saved tomato seeds to start growing inside – come late winter. This saves money, time and gas, and that's a good thing.

Judy Wolfram is chairman of Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority. Letters can be sent to: 325 Kelly Road, Five Forks, WV 26136-8098.

CURIOSITY

CORNER

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



Question: What is safety glass and why is it safe? (Asked by a safety-conscious column reader.)

Reply: Glass-making goes back a long way, and has undergone considerable development over the years. There are many varieties of glass, which have the basic ingredient of silicone dioxide (also known as sand).

Flat glass plate used for windows, mirrors and so on was first made in the 17 th century in France by using power-driven rollers to flatten the hot material. More recently in the 1950s, the float glass method was developed in the UK. This is a process in which hot glass is flowed onto a bath of molten metal, such as tin. The surface of the molten metal smooths out the irregularities on the glass surface, giving a flat, even sheet. As the molten glass floats on the metal bath, the temperature is lowered. The glass solidifies and the sheet, or plate, is removed.

An important process in glass-making is annealing or tempering. This is a heating and cooling process that makes the glass less brittle. But even so, regular glass still shatters into harmful, sharp fragments. So, for applications like patio doors, doors on the shower stalls, et cetera, safety glass (or plastic) is required.

In general, safety glass is made in two ways: (1) annealing or tempering, and (2) plastic lamination. In the

annealing method, safety glass is heated to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and then quickly cooled. This process increases the strength of the glass by about six-fold. The treatment also affects the internal structure of the glass, and when it breaks, it shatters into blunt granules instead of sharp fragments. In the lamination process, a sheet of plastic is heat-pressed between two sheets of glass. The plastic adds to the strength of the glass, and upon breaking, the adhesion of the glass pieces to the plastic minimizes the risk of flying fragments.

Automobile windshields are laminated safety glass, as are aircraft windshields. For aircraft, there may be three glass plates and two plastic sheets, with special glass treatment designed to withstand the impact of objects such as birds and hail. Bullet-proof glass is usually built using several layers of glass and plastic.

So, safety glass reduces the risk of injury, providing safer conditions. However, I think "bullet-proof" glass is somewhat of a misnomer. It may work at times, but there are some pretty big bullets.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." - Dorothy Parker
Curious about something? Email your questions to Dr. Jerry Wilson at: curiosity.corner@yahoo.com. Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

Safe Digging

Call 8-1-1 before digging; it's the law. Although excavation damage is the leading cause of serious pipeline incidents, it is easily preventable with one call.

With construction season in full swing, Dominion Energy West Virginia reminds homeowners and excavating contractors to dig safely and comply with state law by calling WV811, toll free, at 8-1-1 or 1-800-245-4848 before excavating.

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

WV811 will ask these utilities to mark the approximate location of their underground gas lines and utility cables, so that customers won't find them by accident. Also, for safety's sake, customers and contractors should only dig around utility lines by hand.

If you do come in contact with a pipeline or smell natural gas (though natural gas is odorless in nature, mercaptan, a non-toxic chemical odorant that smells like rotten eggs, is often added to make it easier to identify), be alert and follow these steps:

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

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

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS: Local Happenings: S.M. Maze, a first-class citizen of Industry was here Saturday evening attending Masonic Lodge.

James Kirby, a prominent citizen of Lemuels Run, was here Tuesday attending county court.

Archie Shock, a prominent citizen of Staten, was a business visitor in Grantsville Wednesday.

“Salome” Saturday, September 1 st Don’t miss it at the Grantsville Theatre!!

C.C. Starcher of Altizer, was here Wednesday for a meeting of the High School board and to attend to other business matters.

K.M. Hunt and Judson Barr returned the latter part of the week from Flint, Mich., with two new Chevrolet touring cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Stutler, former residents of Grantsville, who were here for several days visiting relatives and friends, have returned to their home at Cumberland, MD.

Fred Pettit, a former citizen of Annamoriah, was here a day or two this week visiting friends.

1948, 75 YEARS: Playing at the Kanawha Theatre:

Sunday and Monday, Sept 5-6: I Remember Mama.

Tuesday and Wednesday Sept 7-8: Saigon.

Thursday and Friday Sept 9-10: Destry Rides Again.

Two Calhoun Boys Were Returned:

One hundred twenty-two West Virginia World War II dead are among the 5,864 American dead who have been returned to the United States from Europe aboard the United States Army Transport Lawrence Victory, Lt. Colonel C. R. Yost, chief of the American

Graves Registration Quartermaster depot announced today.

Armed forces dead originally interred in temporary military cemeteries in France are among those brought back to this country.

From New York, the West Virginia dead will be shipped to regional Quartermaster distribution centers, where individual military escorts of the same rank, race and arm of service as the deceased will be assigned, to escort the caskets to final destinations selected by the next of kin.

Sixteen of the dead will be returned to the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot’s distribution enter No. 3. One hundred and one will be returned by distribution center No. 7 at Columbus, Ohio, and five by distribution center No. 4 at Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Telegrams of notification have been sent to the next of kin by the distribution centers concerned. A second telegram will be sent to the consignee three days before each casket is scheduled to leave the distribution center, allowing ample time to complete final arrangements.

Remains being returned at the requests of next of kin residing in Calhoun county are: S/ Sgt. John Duskey, Army next of kin, Charles C. Duskey, Mt. Zion Pfc. Holly A. Richards, Army, nest of kin, Leamon Richards, Big Bend.

1973, 50 YEARS: Acute Care Unit In Operation At Calhoun General Hospital

An acute Care unit and new diagnostic equipment has been added to Calhoun General hospital.

The unit is equipped for acute care of heart patients as well as critical and post-operative care. The unit offers automatic monitoring and deviations from

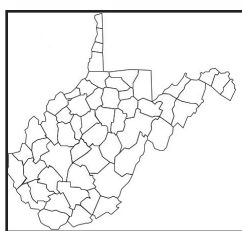
normal heart action, and alerts the nursing personnel and triggers an electrocardiograph readout which records heart action on tape. Also featured is the “Johnny Walker” readout which enables the hospital to transmit by phone the electrocardiograph to Dr. Juanita Aya-Ay, who can immediately instruct the nurse in therapeutic steps necessary. This is another first feature in the area by Calhoun General hospital, according to MS. Allen, administrator.

Other features which were first in the area in use are the blood gas machine and radio isotopes for diagnostic work. The blood gas machine is used to give early diagnosis of lung disease and function, and changes in the blood, carbon dioxide, oxygen, acid and base balance. Then nuclear medicine is to diagnose thyroid and cancer studies, and liver, lung, brain and spleen scans.

Allen said that the hospital laboratory is in the State Quality Control Program to assure continued uniformity.

To assist in training of personnel, the hospital participates in a tele-lecture program sponsored by West Virginia University. In addition, all of the staff, have undergone training for jobs in nursing, housekeeping, maintenance, purchasing and dietetics.

“We have just begun to work together,” Allen said, “to become a great moving force for your better health care.” He cited Dr. Marcello Santiago, who is in charge of surgery, now qualified in orthopedics, and this will enable the hospital to include a broad service in bone work, another first in the area. Dr. Joseph Vazquez is again taking obstetrical patients, and a staff physician for the emergency department is a future goal. “Many other improvements are in the making as funds become available,” Allen concluded.



This Week In West Virginia History

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



Sept. 7, 1808: Peter Godwin Van Winkle was born in New York City. In 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of the first two U.S. senators from the new state of West Virginia.

Sept. 7, 1848: Christopher Harrison Payne was born in Monroe County. In 1896, Payne became the state’s first Black legislator when he was elected to the House of Delegates from Fayette County.



Sept. 7, 1937: Photographer Arnout “Sonny” Hyde Jr. was born in Bluefield. His images of nature and people appeared in magazines, books and calendars throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Sept. 8, 1862: Confederate raiders led by Gen. Albert G. Jenkins, a Cabell County native, rode into Barboursville. They skirmished with the enemy and then rode into Wayne, Logan and Raleigh counties.

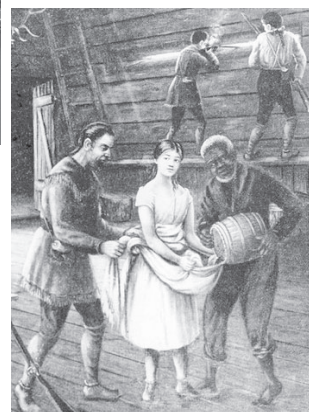
Sept. 9, 1839: Anderson “Devil Anse” Hatfield was born in Mingo County. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Sept. 8, 1947: Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) moved to its current location

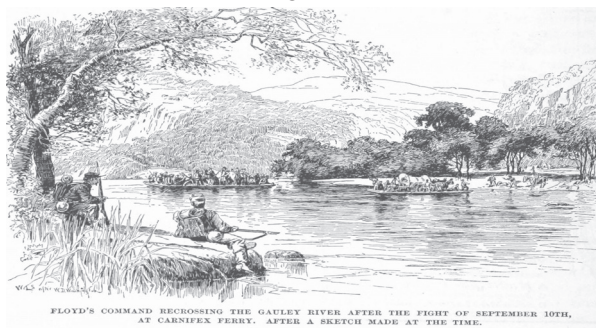


on the south side of the Kanawha River.

Sept. 10, 1782: Frontier heroine Betty Zane is credited with saving Fort Henry in Wheeling during an attack by British and Indians during the Revolutionary War. According to one account, Zane sprinted across a field to retrieve gunpowder from the Zane family cabin.



Sept. 10, 1861: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry took place on the Gauley River. Union Gen. William Rosecrans sent in brigades one at a time as they arrived at the battlefield, allowing the outnumbered Confederates to repulse the piecemeal attacks. During the night, the Confederates retreated before they could be defeated in the morning.



FLOYD’S COMMAND RE-CROSSING THE GAULEY RIVER AFTER THE FIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 10TH, AT CARNIFEX FERRY. AFTER A SKETCH MADE AT THE TIME.

Sept. 11, 1913: Ritter Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around the park.

Sept. 10, 1996: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru died in Los Angeles. Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan, West Virginia. Her movie career included more than 40 films.



Sept. 12, 1861: The Battle of Cheat Mountain was fought near the Randolph-Pocahontas County line. Gen. Robert E. Lee came into western Virginia to give support to Gen. William W. Loring, commander of the Army of Northwestern Virginia, but the battle ended in a defeat for the Confederacy.



Sept. 12, 1872: The Great Bend Tunnel was completed at Talcott. The tunnel, also known as Big Bend Tunnel, is the place where John Henry defeated the steam drill, becoming one of the world’s great folk heroes



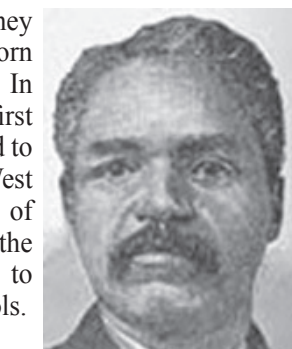
Sept. 12, 1952: A group of local youths were startled from a game of football by a fireball streaking across the sky. The fireball fell to earth just beyond a hillside at Flatwoods. This sighting led to the legend of the Braxton County, or Flatwoods, Monster.

Sept. 12, 1974: Kanawha County schools were closed for four days because of an escalation in violence during the Kanawha County Textbook Controversy. Throughout October and November, sporadic violence continued as protesters demanded the resignation of pro-textbook board members and the superintendent of schools.

Sept. 13, 1862: Confederate and Union forces clashed in Charleston. Southern artillery gained the high ground on Fort Hill and smashed the federals who were lining the west bank of the Elk River.



Sept. 13, 1910: Musician Leon “Chu” Berry was born in Wheeling. He was one of the most highly regarded saxophonists of the Swing Era.



Sept. 13, 1848: Attorney “J. R.” Clifford was born in present Grant County. In 1887, Clifford became the first African-American admitted to practice law before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He was one of the first lawyers in the nation to challenge segregated schools.

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Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

Zucchini – So versatile. Eat some slices plain with salt or garlic salt, cut come slices and dip them in an egg, that’s beaten in a bowl and then in a bowl of Italian bread crumbs. Fry in hot oil in a skillet until golden brown on both sides. I also added zucchini rounds to my homemade vegetable soup.

Stuffed zucchini was a family favorite. Cut the ends off of a medium sized zucchini, cut it in half length-wise, scoop out the seeds and wash the both zucchini halves good. Drop them in a large sized roasting pan of boiling water. While they are cooking, mix up a meatloaf mixture

with hamburger, onions. Eggs and Italian bread crumbs.

Sometimes I used ground turkey instead of hamburger, drain the zucchini halves when they are not too soft. Put the hamburger mixture in the halves and poor spaghetti sauce over everything. Put the lid on the roaster and bake at 325 for about 1 hour and a half. Check the meatloaf to see if its done.

Garlic bread completes the meal. I always used my own stewed tomatoes on the zucchini instead of spaghetti sauce.

If you have a large family then use a large

zucchini. You always have a lot of this vegetable so I put cut up pieces in my food processor and put the ground up pieces in the freezer to make zucchini bread, cookies and fritters.

Fritters are easy. Just mix the ground up pieces with egg, onion, and Italian bread crumbs and fry in oil until brown on both sides. Good side dish. I also spread zucchini rounds on a cookie sheet and out them in the freezer and when frozen, put them in a zip-loc bag. Back in the freezer. Fried zucchini all winter long.

Next week is Corn.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Could someone please tell Mother Nature that summer is supposed to be fading out and letting fall breeze in?

I know that the season isn't officially over until the end of September, but these 90-degree days seem a little unnecessary. I am over the heat and humidity and ready for the cool, crisp days of fall. I want to put away my summer clothes and break out my sweatshirts and sweaters. I know I am being impatient; I blame it on the heat.

At least Labor Day Weekend was beautiful. I spent most of it out at the Calhoun County Park with the Mlynks, Barnhart Family, and my parents. We had rented the stargazers' cabin earlier in the summer but had to cancel.

We rescheduled for this past weekend, and it was a good call. The days were sunny and hot, but there was usually a nice breeze blowing through the back porch. This is where we spent a lot of our time talking, playing games, and coloring. The clear days also transitioned into clear nights perfect for stargazing. The blue moon was still very prominent in the sky, but we used the cabin telescope to inspect this too.

If you aren't taking advantage of our county park, you are really missing out. I have said it before, and I will say it again. We are extremely blessed to have such a nice facility right in our backyard.

There is something there for everyone. During our time there, we took walks on the trail, played on the newly installed playground, and even set up a portable pickleball net so we could hit the ball around a bit. It was a great way to say goodbye to summer.

We did leave the park for a bit to attend the big sale at Miller's Steal 'n Dealz. I bought a \$2.00 bag and filled it with all kinds of items for my prize box at school. I also got some organizers for my desk and a coffee mug with an M on it. Once everyone was finished shopping, we headed back to the cabin to make dinner, and it was a feast fit for a king.

We had cheeseburgers with all the toppings, including homemade pickles and homegrown tomatoes. For sides, we had corn on the cob, green beans, and watermelon. We topped it all off with ice cream cake. It was one of the best meals I've had in a long time. Of course, the company and the setting were great too.

We checked out Sunday morning and headed home to get ready for church. My sister Mindy and her family came into town on Saturday evening and stayed at my house. They hadn't been here since July, so it was good to see them. We spent the rest of the weekend catching up, eating more good food, and just enjoying being together.

Because I played all weekend, I had lots of tasks to complete on Monday. I had laundry to do, dishes to be washed, and school work to complete. There was also grocery shopping to be done and some light house cleaning.

I have cookbook club this week, so I needed to purchase the ingredients for my dish as well as everything I would need to make three batches of cookies. I had promised the first two batches to my church to help feed the kids on Friday night before the football game. The third batch would be going to the library on Saturday as part of the refreshments for a special event happening there.

If you happen to be free on Saturday, the library is sponsoring an event from the WV Humanities Council's History Alive program. A reenactor will be portraying Nellie Bly. If you aren't familiar with this historical figure, she is known for being a pioneer in the field of investigative journalism. She traveled around the world in 72 days and went undercover in a mental institution to expose the atrocities that were taking place there. The event will take place on Saturday, September 9th, starting at 2:00pm. Refreshments will be served. I guarantee you will enjoy it.

I loved every moment of my holiday weekend, but now I need to start getting ready for a busy week. In addition to my regular school schedule,

I have two evening trainings this week, Cookbook Club, Bible study, pickleball, and the Saturday event at the library. I'm getting tired just thinking about it all. In fact, I think a nap might be just what the doctor ordered. I will need to be well rested if I am going to accomplish everything on this week's calendar.

2-1-1 For Information

West Virginians can utilize the 2-1-1 program, operated by United Way of W.Va. It connects callers with health and human services resources through trained certified specialists, to learn about specific programs, intake requirements, eligibility, operation hours and more.

"United Way of W.Va. provides an important service to West Virginians by helping users navigate the vast number of resources available to aid with healthcare issues, food shortages, mental health questions and more," said Sen. Joe Manchin. "This program is more important now

than ever, as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic."

"United Way's new 2-1-1 will make information on a wide variety of local support services more accessible," said UW of Central W.Va. president Margaret O'Neal.

"Whether it's information for locating a health clinic, finding child care programs, or getting housing assistance, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, go-to resource for individuals and families."

To utilize these resources, West Virginians can call 2-1-1, text your zip code to 898-211, visit www.wv211.org/contact, or call 1-833-848-9905.

Strait Creek Baptist Church Food Pantry

Food giveaway will be held at Brohard Community Building on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please do not line up too early.

Covid restrictions are still maintained. We are an equal opportunity provider. It is sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church. For information, call Shelly Murphy, 304-354-6739 or Shelia Jones, 304-354-9307.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Give away, Brohard Community Building, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Sat., Sept. 9: Kayak Poker Run for Grantsville Recreational River Park (City Park), 9 a.m. at Buffalo Rock

Siers Family Reunion, Mt Zion Community Park, Lunch at Noon.

Wesley and Barbara Richards Family Reunion, Calhoun County Park Barn, Lunch at Noon

Calhoun Library, 2 p.m. WV Humanities Presents History Alive, Nellie Bly

Upper West Fork Park Sing, 6 p.m.

Lions Club Music, 6 p.m. Starling Holbert

Sun., Sept. 10: Calhoun Youth Football League travels to Ravenswood at 1 p.m.

John Wesley and Emma Lou Parsons Family Reunion, Arnoldsburg Park Building, Lunch at Noon.

Mon., Sept. 11: Calhoun County Commission Regular Meeting, Little Courtroom at 9 a.m.

CMHS Golf Team travels to North Bend Golf Course to play Ritchie County, 4 p.m.

Tues., Sept 12: 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.

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

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

Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

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

Country Line Dancing, Country Kitchen, Big Otter, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Wed., Sept. 13: Farmers Market, Upper West Fork Park

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

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.

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

Sat., Sept. 16: CMHS Golf Team travels to Riverside Golf Course to play at the Battle of the Bridges, Time to be determined

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

Fri., Sept. 8: Chicken pasta, Steam vegetables, Fruit, Whole wheat bread.

Mon. Sept. 11: AI Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas, Mandarin Oranges, Whole wheat bread.

Tues., Sept. 12: Kraut with Italian sausage,

Potatoes, Butter beans and onion, Fruit, Whole wheat corn bread.

Wed., Sept. 13: Cream tomatoes, Cube potatoes, sausage, whole wheat biscuit, Fruit.

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.

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

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Orma area to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program).

We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Saturday, September 16 as we will be trapping on Sunday morning. Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation. So far we have spayed and neutered 812 community cats (452 females and 360 males). Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Sunday the 17th. If you have any questions, please call Linda at 304-354-7506. If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know.

Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to Calhoun County residents at no cost to the caretaker.

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

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2023 Calhoun Youth Football Schedule

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

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

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

Calhoun County Middle/High School Mid/Jr Football Schedule

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

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

Amazing Moments in Calhoun Golf

Calhoun County, WV, September 2, 2023 - Calhoun High School golfers competed at Glenville Golf Course on Wednesday, August 30 and Roane Golf Course on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

It was beautiful weather to play with so many different schools this week. Teams from Braxton, Webster, Gilmer, Ritchie, Roane, Parkersburg Catholic, Herbert Hoover, Ripley and Ravenswood made for a challenging field.

Calhoun Scores:
 Glenville Golf Course/Gilmer: Host
 Landon Bennett 41
 Gunnar Lane 56
 Lanie Arnold 68
 Whitney Nettles 66
 Camron Jarvis 67

Roane Golf Course/Roane: Host
 Landon Bennett 41
 Gunnar Lane 55
 Lanie Arnold 65
 Whitney Nettles 63

Image 52 Whitney Nettles
 Image 41 Landon Bennett, Lorie Strange-Paylor, Lanie Arnold, Shirley Cordell, Whitney Nettles, Gunnar Lane
 Image 34 and 55 Lanie Arnold
 Image 47 Landon Bennett
 Image 37 Camron Jarvis

Golf Season has kicked off at CMHS

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

Come on out and show your support!

2023 Calhoun County Middle/High School Senior Football Schedule

	Score
August 25: 7:00 p.m., Away, Gilmer County	Calhoun 6 - 50 Gilmer
Sept 1: 7:00 p.m. Home, Valley (Wetzel)	
Sept 8: 7:00 p.m., Away, Tyler Consildated	
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	

Grantsville Pickleball Club

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

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

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

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

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



RED DEVILS FELLED BY LUMBERJACKS

By: Robert Bonar

Calhoun County's football team opened its home season last Friday by hosting the Valley Lumberjacks of Pine Grove (Wetzel County). The Red Devils exhibited a much- improved rushing game, but in the end lost to the Lumberjacks by a 34-25 score.

The two teams traded punts to begin the game, and Valley scored first on a 55-yard pass midway through the first quarter.

The Red Devils drove into Lumberjack territory on their next possession, but the drive ended when Valley recovered a fumble at their own 45. The Calhoun defense rose to the challenge, stuffing the Lumberjack runner on the first down play. A bad snap lost the visitors ten yards, and an incomplete pass forced Valley to punt. Another bad snap sailed 20 yards behind the punter, giving Calhoun County excellent field position at the Lumberjack 15. However, two plays later the offense fumbled the ball back to Valley, ending the scoring bid.

Early in the second quarter, Jayton Gibson intercepted a Valley pass to give Calhoun County possession at their own 37. Gibson and Taylor took turns carrying the ball to the Valley 11, and on a third down play Taylor rolled left and scampered into the end zone. Gabe Waldron converted the extra point to give Calhoun County a 7-6 lead.

Less than two minutes later, the Lumberjacks scored on a 26-yard run to regain the lead. The Red Devils lost a fumble two plays later, and a Valley defender scooped the ball up and raced 56 yards for a third score.

Following the Lumberjacks' third score, the Red Devils lost the ball again on their first play from scrimmage, but the defense stiffened and forced Valley to punt. With 1:20 remaining on the clock, the Red Devils moved the ball to the Lumberjacks' 35-yard line, but the drive stalled there and the half ended with the visitors holding a 20-7 lead.

The Red Devils received the kickoff to start the second half. On a third down play, Jayton Gibson burst through the Valley line, veered right, made numerous defenders miss and raced into the endzone for a touchdown. The kick for points failed, but Calhoun County had cut the lead to 7 points.

The Lumberjacks answered with a touchdown drive of their own, and added a two-point conversion to increase their lead to 15.

Charter Cottrell returned the Valley kickoff 31 yards to set the Red Devils up at midfield. Seven plays later, Jayton Gibson broke around the right end, bulled through four tacklers and once again crossed the goal line. The pass for extra points failed, but Calhoun closed the gap to 28-19 with 1:23 remaining in the third quarter.

Unfortunately, the Lumberjacks once again punched back, scoring their fifth touchdown of the night on a 14-yard pass. This drive was costly to Calhoun, and not only because it put them behind by six more points. The officials, who had been keeping track of the play clock on the field since the second quarter, became very lax on their enforcement of the 25-second limit between plays. Valley took full advantage of this, and managed to eat up almost 9 minutes of game time on this drive, leaving the Red Devils only 4:31 to attempt to score 15 points and tie the game.

The Red Devils were up to the challenge, and in exactly 3 minutes scored again to keep their hope of victory alive. With very little time remaining and the ball at midfield, Owen Taylor hit Jayton Gibson with a short toss and then fired two consecutive passes to Brennan Carpenter. That last pass found Carpenter in the end zone, and cut the deficit to 9 points. The extra point pass fell short, and Valley was able to run out the clock to secure their victory.

Overall, the Red Devils improved greatly since the first game of the season. The offense – which managed only 3 yards on the ground against Gilmer – churned out 283 rushing yards against the Lumberjacks. Senior tailback Jayton Gibson was responsible for 218 of those, and classmate Owen Taylor chipped in 54. The Red Devils also saw more success in the air; Taylor completed six passes for 90 yards. Logan Tingler snared three passes for 42 yards, and Brennan Carpenter caught the final two passes of the game for 41 yards and the last Calhoun touchdown.

As evidenced by the score, the two teams were fairly evenly matched. The difference of the game was turnovers: Calhoun fumbled the ball ten times and lost four of those, and that spelled disaster for the home team. Valley only turned one of those turnovers into points, but the fumbles derailed several promising drives, including the possession that began at the Valley 15.

This Friday, Calhoun County travels to Kidwell to take on the Knights of Tyler Consolidated. Kickoff is at 7:00

Valley	6 14 8 6 - 34
Calhoun	0 7 12 6 - 25
V - Dallas Preat,	55 pass from Gavin Derby (pass failed) 6:20 1st
C - Owen Taylor,	11 run (Gabe Waldron kick) 5:53 2nd
V - Derby,	26 run (pass failed) 4:02 2nd
V - Lane Dallison,	56 pass from Derby (Preat pass from Derby) 3:16 2nd
C - Jayton Gibson,	35 run (kick failed) 10:25 3rd
V - Derby,	1 run (Landon Jerico pass from Derby) 6:09 3rd
C - Gibson,	18 run (pass failed) 1:23 3rd
V - Preat,	14 pass from Derby (pass failed) 4:31 4th
C - Brennan Carpenter,	25 pass from Taylor (pass failed) 1:31 4th

TEAM STATISTICS

Valley		Calhoun
13	First Downs	17
41-174	Rushes-Yardage	44-283
140	Passing Yardage	90
7-14-1	PC-PA-Int.	6-11-0
56	Return Yardage	0
2-34.5	Punts-Avg.	1-26.0
3-0	Fumbles-Lost	10-4
6-50	Penalties-Yards	5-45

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

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Jerry Newell	Mae Marlene McCumbers	9000 Nicut Rd., Rosedale, WV 26636

August 30, 2023
 Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **October 30, 2023**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

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

Jean Simers
 Jean Simers, Clerk of the County Commission

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §44-1-4(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Affidavit
1. Stanley H. Robertson	724 Live Oak Place Qwensboro, KY 42303	November 25, 1995	August 2, 2023
2. David Carl Harris	475 Hidden Valley Rd. Lowgap, NC 27024	November 20, 1994	August 11, 2023
3. George S. Barr	Monrovia, CA	May 11, 1928	August 28, 2023
4. Hagan Barr	1800 Arcadia St. Alhambra, CA	December 29, 1934	August 28, 2023

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

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

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

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

Enter this 30th day of August, 2023.

Jean Simers
 Clerk of the County Commission
 Class II Legal

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

PROPER DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS ANNOUNCED -

Notification Deadline September 6, 2023

Submitted by Jeannie Bennett-Yoak, Calhoun County Schools Policy 4350 is based on requirements of Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended. Requirements specific to records of identified exceptional students are incorporated into this policy. Records must be maintained for 5 years following the student's graduation. At that time, public notification shall inform parents/eligible students of timelines when personally identifiable information collected, maintained, or used is no longer needed to provide educational services to the student.

If notification has not been received from the parent/eligible students requesting that the documentation be mailed to them, records will be destroyed in a timely fashion. Any student who graduated in 2017 from Calhoun County High School and received special education services while attending elementary or high schools (this includes the gifted program), may contact the COO of Student Services at 304-354-7011, ext. 310, to make arrangements to pick up your file or have it mailed. If notification has not been received at the Calhoun Board of Education Office by Friday October 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., then the 2017 graduating classes special education files will be destroyed. If you are aware of someone who graduated with this class whose records we may be holding, please notify them so they may contact our office before the deadline.

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Adoption Case No.: 23-A-7

NOTICE OF FILING OF ADOPTION PETITION

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

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

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

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

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

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WAG ASKING FOR HELP

FINDING FERAL CAT COLONIES

The Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) is asking Calhoun county residents to help us address a long-observed problem with our animal community - feral or community cats.

If you feed a feral cat colony in your neighborhood, or know someone who does, please call Linda at 304-354-7506 or notify us via our email calhounwag@yahoo.com.

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

The colony will be healthier and no longer producing unwanted kittens. At four months old a female kitten can start breeding, and can have 2 or 3 litters per year.

A mother cat nursing a litter of kittens goes back into heat when the kittens are only 3-4 weeks old. Removing cats from an area (i.e. catching and killing) is useless.

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

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1982 Foundation News

By Crystal Marsh

The Fall Festival Car Show* be received by Brian Lamont and children. Winners will be announced for contests.

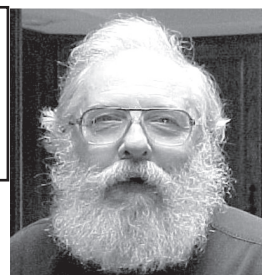
10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Noon - 2:00 p.m. Recovery Celebration at Recovery Zone 6:30 p.m. Power Wheels Race 8:00 p.m. until ? Huge Bonfire and music.

10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. p.m. Kids Activities BBQ sandwiches and ribs will be served all day by the 1982 Foundation. Frankie 4 Fingers special recipe. Items indicated with an * require an application.

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Heritage food competition* the Dedication of Agricultural Center to Elva Lamont to

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie was not able to fill his regular appointments but is said to be on the mend. The Creston Neighborhood Watch will have a litter pickup on Saturday, September 9. Willing workers should show up at the Ferrell residence at 9 A. M.

Barb Wright has been consulting with her medical experts. Among other things she has been dealing with kidney stones.

Kathleen Cervone's sister Linda is reported to not be doing well. She has been dealing with cancer.

The rain quit locally for a while and some fine second cutting hay was rolled up. The moon has been spectacular for those who go out to watch celestial activities.

It was learned that the IRS has now acquired 40 cal. machine guns. Makes one wonder. Some who have "offended" the powers that be found that they have been "debanked". That is the banks have closed their accounts. Such seems to be more common with the Chase Manhattan Bank. New rules now make it difficult to loan to small firms and some local small establishments now report that jobbers and wholesalers do not want to provide supplies. Obviously the plan is to squeeze out all the "little people".

While Hawaii is a long way away we have the same federal government. Now there is a fence around the burned area with guards and a prohibition of drones. The pictures of all the burned cars was because people were trying to escape but someone blocked the road. The real cause of the fire still remains them in sealed vaults so they do not "spew out CO2 when they burn or rot. One cannot make this stuff up.

The power plant in Pleasants County is now back up running generating electricity to maintain the life style that includes lights, electric refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, freezers, radios and televisions. The new company is Omnis and "the plan" is to convert to burning hydrogen which would be produced from natural gas from Marcellus & Utica wells not yet drilled.

Fred Bish has been vacationing where one is brought breakfast in bed. He has been poorly for a while.

Steve Loudin was calling at the Creston Space Dock.

Lots of folks are in for the long weekend, some on motorcycles, others going about on ATVs and UTVs, fishing, checking out the big bucks, etc.

Denise and Jerry Bunner returned from attending a wedding at Cape May, New Jersey.

The State of West Virginia reported that August 2023 tax collections of \$410.7 million as opposed to \$507 million a year ago. Severance taxes and personal income taxes were down. The crash in natural gas prices will drop the numbers significantly lower.

While Hawaii is a long way away we have the same federal government. Now there is a fence around the burned area with guards and a prohibition of drones. The pictures of all the burned cars was because people were trying to escape but someone blocked the road. The real cause of the fire still remains a mystery as power & water were cut off before the fire.

It was reported that ecoterrorists burned some of the equipment used to finish the MVP (Mountain Valley Pipeline). Also one young lady used a device made from petroleum products to tie/lock herself to machinery there because the pipe is for "fossil fuels". No doubt she walked from wherever to "protest".

Joe's wonderful anti West Virginia legislation that he put through the congress for "The Big Guy" has all this stuff about dealing with methane leaks and the "damage to the environment". A recent study now has determined that at least 50% of the methane going into the atmosphere comes from natural causes, much from fresh water.

Elsewhere in the world the natural gas if flared or vented to get the oil but we are not supposed to know about such doings.

Ryan and Jessica Marks and daughters Ryland and Brooklyn were camping over the holiday weekend.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$84.55/bbl. with condensate fetching \$66.55/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light brought \$75.55 and medium \$84.55/bbl.

While the Henry Hub price of natural gas is now said to be in the \$2.50 range gas produced on Owl Hill in June fetched just under 15 cents/mcf. At that rate it would take over 4 mcf to buy a postage stamp



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2023 Molasses Festival Schedule of Events

Monday September 25th

Pretty Baby Contest
5-6pm Registration
6pm Contest

Tuesday September 26th

2-7 Quilts Accepted - Pick up 12-3 on Sunday, September 31th
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...

Friday September 29th

FRIDAY IS HERITAGE DAY!
Heritage Day is filled with activities for all ages
Molasses Making, Civil War Soldiers Pottery Making, Black Smithing, Story Telling, Square Dancing, Taffy Pulling, Spinning Wheel, Rug Making and More.

8-am - Big Kitchen Opens
9am - Country Store, Kids Games and Vendors Open
9am - Little Kitchen Opens
3pm - Square Dancing Featuring " Mack Samples"
3:30-6pm - Pancake Supper
5pm - Lions Club Bingo
5pm-10pm Carnival Open
5:30-7:30 - The Facemires
8 - 10pm - Dixie Highway|

Saturday September 30th

8am - Big Kitchen Opens for Breakfast
9am - Country Store, Kids Games and Vendors Open
9am - Little Kitchen Opens
11am - Parade starts Line up at Arnoldsburg Elementary School
11am - Smoked Chicken Dinner at the Big Kitchen in Main Building
Live Coverage Begins at Noon! Broadcasted by WVRG
1pm - Parade
2pm-5pm Carnival Open
1:30-4pm CAR SHOW (Support our Beauty Queens)
3pm-5pm - Braxton Kowboyz
6pm-10pm Carnival Open
5:30pm - 7:30pm - Stephanie and the Band of Brothers
7:30 FINAL RAFFLE
8pm - 10pm - Retro Country

EVENTS PAGE

Lions Club Music September 9th

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

The Siers Family Reunion Sept. 9th

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

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

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

John Wesley & Emma Lona Parsons Reunion 9/10

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

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

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.

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

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WHEN: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

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5TH STOP GRANTSVILLE CITY PARK

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

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.

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



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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!

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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.

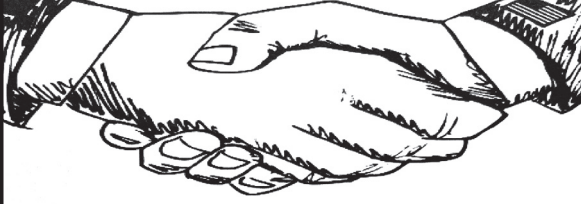
Emotion Helpline

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.

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Saturday at 5pm

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For more information on the 12 Step Recovery Meetings and resources please contact the Calhoun FRN at 304-354-7177

WIC Program

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

Tobacco Quitline

Anyone interested in quitting can call the West Virginia Tobacco Quit-line, 1-877-966-8784 or 1-800-QUITNOW. The call is for West Virginia residents over the age of 18. The Quitline offers four proactive coaching calls and unlimited reactive calls. Participants are eligible for eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy: patches, gum or lozenges. Contact Jamie Jacobsen, 304-485-7374, ext. 152, or www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/.

Prevent Suicide

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

All call line staff have received training in applied suicide intervention skills, the gold standard in screening and assisting suicidal callers. Please reach out if 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

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

Capito, Colleagues Demand Answers After Biden Administration Releases \$6 Billion to Iran in Secret Negotiation

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

September 1, 2023 - CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) recently joined with 25 of her Senate Republican colleagues, led by Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.), in sending a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen demanding answers from the Biden administration regarding the approximately \$6 billion it released to Iran in exchange for American prisoners. “When the Obama administration released \$400 million in liquidated assets to Iran in 2016, we warned

that this dangerous precedent would put a price on American lives. Seven years later, the current administration is providing a ransom payment worth at least fifteen times that amount to the world’s largest state sponsor of terror, in yet another violation of the United States’ long-standing ‘no concessions’ policy,” the senators said.

“In the release of Executive Order 14078 on July 19, 2022, the White House admitted that ‘terrorist organizations, criminal groups, and other malicious actors who take hostages for financial, political, or

other gain—as well as foreign states that engage in the practice of wrongful detention, including for political leverage or to seek concessions from the United States—threaten the integrity of the international political system and the safety of United States nationals and other persons abroad.’ The release of such a significant sum to the Iranian regime runs entirely counter to that claim and will only serve to encourage additional hostage taking for financial or political gain,” the senators continued.

Gov. Justice announces \$22.8 million revenue surplus for August

Contact: Jordan Damron, Director of Communications, Assistant Legal Counsel, Jordan.L.Damron@wv.gov or CJ Harvey, Press Secretary, C.J.Harvey@wv.gov

Friday, September 1, 2023--CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that West Virginia’s General Revenue collections for August 2023, the second month of Fiscal Year 2024, came in at \$410.8 million, which is \$22.8 million above estimate. The surplus was led by strong consumer sales tax. Year-to-date revenue collections of \$745.8 million stand at \$30.5 million above estimate. “Once again, our surplus this month proves that we’re wisely minding our store and keeping our state on the right track, just as West Virginians elected me to do,” Gov. Justice said. “However, we’re having to fend off

constant attacks by the Biden Administration and his radical climate extremists who are dead set on destroying our way of life with their war on coal, oil, and gas. All West Virginians are also seeing the disastrous effects of Bidenomics, with rampant inflation that has driven up the price of everything.

“Despite these cards we’re being dealt, West Virginians are remaining resilient, like we always have, and continuing to get our dinner buckets and work hard so that we can put food on the table for our families. It’s what makes me confident that whatever comes our way, we will get through it together, stronger than ever, as

West Virginians.” Consumer Sales Tax collections totaled nearly \$159 million in August. Collections exceeded the monthly estimate by more than \$6.4 million and prior year collections by 5.4%.

August Corporation Net Income Tax collections of \$8.3 million were \$5.8 million above estimate and \$14.4 million ahead of last year. Year-to-date collections of \$27.3 million were \$14.3 million above estimate and 229% ahead of last year.

Severance Tax collections exceeded estimates by \$6.2 million in August.

Attorney General Morrissey announces conviction of Randolph County man for voter fraud

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August 30, 2023- Elkins, W. Va. – WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is pleased to announce another prosecution for voter fraud in West Virginia. Jon Cooper, a former Randolph County resident, has pled guilty to illegal voting in the 2020 election.

According to Secretary Warner, Cooper illegally voted twice in the 2020 General Election — once in West Virginia, and again in New Mexico. The case was handled by Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney Michael Parker, and the investigation was conducted by Investigator Elise Guice of the Attorney General’s Office at the direction of the Secretary of State’s Investigation Division Director Kimberly Mason.

Cooper’s guilty plea is the second to come this year for illegal voting in the 2020 election. According to Warner, Cooper’s conviction serves as a deterrent to those who would

consider committing similar criminal acts in the upcoming election of 2024.

“I have been dedicated to uncovering and prosecuting election fraud since taking office in 2017. If anyone attempts to cheat in a West Virginia election or commit voter fraud in any way, we will catch you,” said Secretary Warner. “West Virginia uses state-of-the-art technology and the best-trained elections staff in the country to make sure that our elections are secure.”

Underscoring the importance of election integrity, Randolph County Circuit Court Judge David Wilmoth denied Cooper’s request for deferred adjudication and ordered Cooper to pay a \$500 fine.

“We must always be vigilant in guarding the integrity of our elections,” Attorney General Patrick Morrissey said. “Elections are key to a well-functioning democracy. Let this be a lesson to those who

are contemplating on cheating: you will be found and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

In response to our state’s checkered past of illegal election activities, the West Virginia legislature passed legislation in 2022 that changed the misdemeanor punishment for illegal voting to a felony crime. While the penalty was still a misdemeanor at the time of Cooper’s crime, the state has since reaffirmed its commitment to taking illegal voting more seriously than ever in our history.

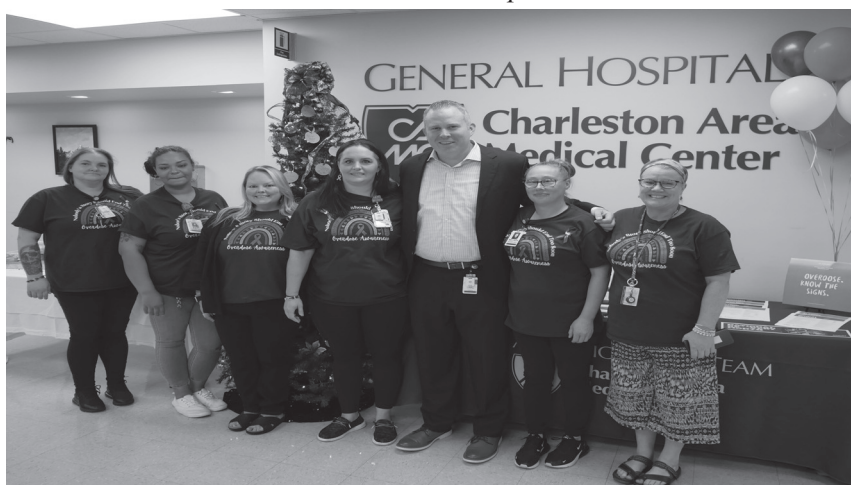
To report a possible election violation or voter fraud, call toll-free at (877) FRAUD-WV or text “WV” to 45995 to complete a mobile complaint form from our office.

You can learn more about the election process in West Virginia by going to the WV Secretary of State’s secure website at GoVoteWV.com.

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.

CAMC kicks off National Recovery Month

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CAMC sees a high number of patients with substance use disorder and overdoses in its emergency rooms nearly every day.

Many people know someone suffering from addiction. They are children, mothers and fathers and husbands and wives.

The CAMC addiction care team is working diligently to provide compassionate, nonjudgmental support to our patients seeking treatment for substance use disorder. Peer

recovery coaches are available to connect patients to treatment and offer support, motivation and encouragement during the process.

CAMC Addiction Services has set up an overdose awareness tree in the cafeteria at CAMC General Hospital. Staff and visitors are invited to write the name of a loved one who was lost before finding recovery and place it on the tree in their memory.

Throughout September, CAMC will host similar events at all

its Charleston and Teays Valley hospitals. CAMC also will participate in the Appalachian Save a Life Day on Sept. 14. Community partners in 80 counties throughout Appalachia will provide training on naloxone and distribute naloxone kits, as well as promoting recovery resources in the community.

Thank you to the CAMC Foundation for donating \$20,000 toward the purchase of naloxone kits to be distributed during the event.

NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

And Now, in Local News . . .

By Deirdre Purdy

There’s a story going around that somehow Calhoun County was ridden into the ground over the past 40 years by Democrats. Time to review the true history of our county finances.

Back 40 years ago, West Virginia counties collected their taxes and set their budgets according to what they had. Everyone muddled along.

Then, in the early 1990s, the State established the regional jail system. Instead of counties running their own jails, often with the jailer’s wife making the food and the inmates cleaning the jail, all county prisoners had to be sent to one of the 10 regional jails.

There were costs for transport and, especially, costs for caring for the prisoners.

Those costs were billed to the counties. Suddenly, instead of counties choosing to spend what they had, counties were burdened by large regional jail bills.

The story-tellers blame Democrats for the years when Calhoun was in the red.

Those were the same years when many other counties owed a heckuva lot more.

In January 2021, Webster County owed \$2.7 million, Lincoln \$1.8 million, Clay \$1.2

million, Logan \$1.2 million, and McDowell, \$1.15 million for regional jail bills.

That debt had nothing to do with political party and everything to do with huge state bills that poor counties’ local taxes couldn’t cover.

At that time, Calhoun County owed half a million dollars on its regional jail bill.

But last year, Calhoun County was able to pay the entire bill off.

How did that happen?

Around 2016 it became clear that a compressor station would be situated near the Calhoun/Ritchie County line.

County commission president Chip Westfall and commissioner Kevin Helmick, both Democrats by the way, went to work. They visited the TransCanada office many times. They presented the energy company with Calhoun tax rates versus Ritchie taxes.

One time, they took Calhoun assessor Jason Nettles, also a Democrat by the way, to help TransCanada figure what their school taxes would be. The two commissioners even went with TransCanada to meet the Calhoun landowners where the station would be located.

Ritchie County did

not make a pitch. Calhoun got the compressor station.

Once the compressor station went online and began paying its taxes, Calhoun County was able to pay off its half-million-dollar regional jail bill in full.

With compressor station tax money, the Calhoun County commission could also pay for engineering studies for water line extensions, help Minnie Hamilton with repairs, and do so much more to improve the county.

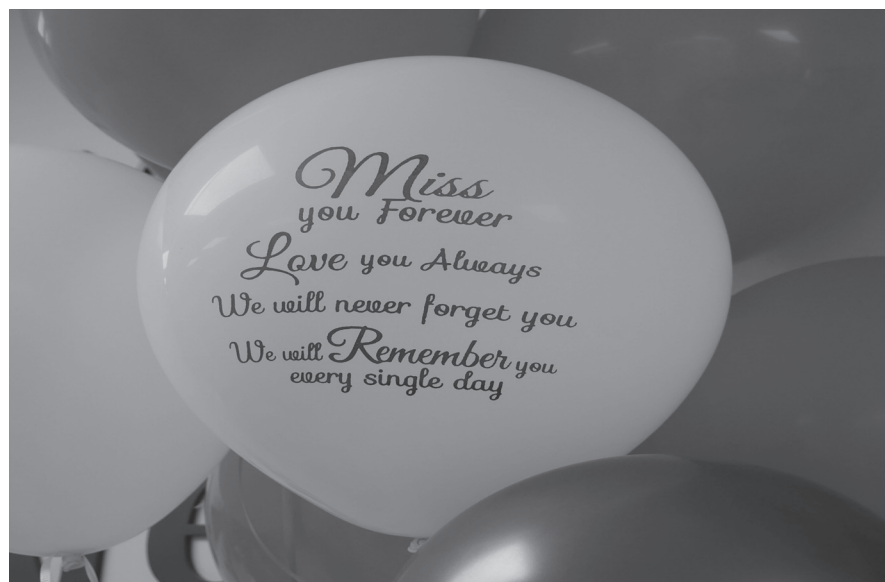
The true history is that it was Democrats who pulled the county out of a debt spiral.

But they didn’t do it because they were Democrats. They did it because they were public servants who saw a way to solve a huge problem for the county.

It’s plain false to blame local Democrats for the lean years, but let’s give credit where credit is due. Two Democratic commissioners saw a way out of the debt predicament and worked to make it happen. They put us in the black.

You can see a problem, blame others for it, complain and hold protests. Or you can identify a problem, look for a solution and do what you can to fix it.

Democrats solve problems.



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

Gov. Justice appoints Mike Honaker as new Department of Homeland Security Inspector

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Wednesday, August 30, 2023 - CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that he has appointed Mike Honaker as Inspector General of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security. “Delegate Honaker has dedicated his life to public service, and I am thrilled to announce he will be West Virginia’s new Inspector General,” Gov. Justice said. “With his extensive law enforcement background and passion for public safety, I am confident he will continue to serve our great state with honor and integrity.” The Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Homeland Security was created during the 2023 Legislative Session following the passage and signing of House Bill

3360. The purpose of the office is to conduct and supervise investigations among other tasks, including the authority to oversee and direct existing investigations and units within the department. Honaker, a West Virginia native, served in the United States Marine Corps before a 28-year career as a Virginia State Trooper. During his career with the State Police, he served as a Trooper, Sergeant, First Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Special Agent in Charge of the First Division of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Richmond, Virginia. Following his retirement, Honaker returned to West Virginia and was appointed to serve as the Greenbrier County Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and

Director of the Greenbrier County 911 Center. In December 2021, Gov. Justice appointed Honaker to fill the vacant 42nd District House of Delegates seat in the West Virginia House of Delegates. He was then elected to the 46th District, encompassing Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties following West Virginia’s redistricting. Honaker formally resigned from the House of Delegates effective Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 5 p.m. to accept this appointment. During his tenure, he served as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee for the Judiciary, the Committee on Government Organization, the Committee on Jails and Prisons, and the Committee on Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services. He also served on the West Virginia Legislature’s Fusion Center Joint Oversight Committee.

Honaker holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice Administration and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. “I am honored by the opportunity to serve West Virginia in this new capacity and I thank the Governor for his confidence in me,” said Honaker. “I look forward to continuing to support the state’s public safety efforts.”

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Gov. Justice announces Omnis Fuel Technologies to invest \$800 million in Pleasants County, West Virginia Power Plant



Wednesday, August 30, 2023 - - WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that Omnis Fuel Technologies will invest \$800 million in the Pleasants Power Plant and create an estimated 600 jobs. Omnis Fuel specializes in developing, licensing, and commercializing innovative technologies to aid sustainable energy production. The coal-fired plant restarted the production of electricity Wednesday morning, saving more than 160 West Virginia jobs. “I am so excited to make this announcement today,” Gov. Justice said. “For the first time ever, the Pleasants Power Plant, a coal-fired power plant, is taking new life right in front of our eyes. Today, I am here to share with you that Omnis Fuel Technologies has re-started the Pleasants Power Plant and is on the grid today. “Coal is such an important part of our

economy and our state’s history, and Omnis will use coal to produce hydrogen, graphite, and water vapor. They are going to more than double the amount of coal they need to operate the plant annually.” Located south of St. Marys in Pleasants County, the plant currently employs approximately 160 workers. When their expansion is complete, the plant will need upwards of 600 employees to operate. The 1.2 gigawatt coal-fired plant will be retrofitted to generate electricity with hydrogen. The goal is to produce power with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions. “Omnis worked diligently with state and community leaders to maintain every job and ensure no employee lost even one hour of payroll during the recovery and restart of the power plant,” Michelle Christian, Vice President of Omnis Fuel, said. “This is a historic moment, and

we are proud to be a part of helping West Virginia maintain critical power capability in the state and preserve 1.2 gigawatts of power generating capacity, enough electricity to sustain one million homes.”

Omnis Fuel strives to make clean hydrogen and high-grade graphite from plentiful, low-cost hydrocarbons, leverage and retrofit existing power plant infrastructure, and enable high-density energy storage with low-cost, abundant graphite.

Their patented technology, Ultra-High Temperature Omnis Quantum Pyrolysis (OQP), generates hydrogen fuel and utilizes the existing hydrocarbon supply systems and power plants to preserve jobs in current industries while generating additional employment in new clean technology markets.

“We drove down Route 2 with tears in our eyes as we watched the cooling towers producing,” Pleasants County Commission President Jay Powell said. “We also have the main stack producing now, too. Governor, thanks to you, thanks to the State of West Virginia, and thanks to the Good Lord above, we are doing something in West Virginia that no one else has done before. We can’t be more thankful than we are today.”

Biden-Harris Administration invests \$20M for Research on Restoration of Degraded Forests, Grasslands, and Watersheds

Contact: Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, 2023 – Today, the Biden-Harris Administration announced that the U.S. Dept of Agriculture’s Forest Service is investing \$20 million to fund 30 research studies to develop new technologies and data that will increase restoration of degraded forests, grasslands, and watersheds. The funding, provided by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also supports shared efforts between agency scientists, tribes, states, academia, and non-government organizations. The nation’s forests, grasslands and watersheds provide an array of highly valuable ecosystem services, including drinking water, recreation, habitat for fish and wildlife, and carbon storage to help mitigate climate change. These research studies will help focus on addressing threats to these ecosystems and the benefits they provide, all while developing strategies for protecting these lands. The research studies span the country and will support wide-ranging ecosystem functions and management actions.

“An important component of meeting the responsibility of improving forest health is to follow the science. It has never been more important to do so in an effort to protect communities from the risk of devastating wildfires,” said Agriculture Secretary

Tom Vilsack. “To mitigate the consequences of the climate crisis with resources from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, the Forest Service will follow the science in restoring the health of our forests.” “The Forest Service is using all available tools, including the best available science, to enhance our ability to carry out the work funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. “The health of the nation’s lands is vital because thriving ecosystems contribute to the economic and social benefit of this nation and to the quality of life for people. By conducting research studies, we can add to our already in-depth scientific data and improve or build tools to better help land managers make the right decisions for the land and for people.”

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is part of the Biden-Harris Investing in America agenda to grow the American economy from the middle out and bottom-up by rebuilding our nation’s infrastructure, driving more than \$500 billion in private sector manufacturing investments, creating good-paying jobs, and building a clean energy economy to tackle the climate crisis and make our communities more resilient. Investing in scientific discovery to better protect the nation’s

natural resources is an ongoing effort. Earlier this year, the Forest Service dedicated funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to research studies in support of the 10-year Wildfire Crisis Strategy. These studies provide science-based information about when, where, and how to conduct projects to reduce the risk of wildfire and increase the safety and effectiveness of controlled burns. The wildfire research studies range from methods to build support for wildfire risk reduction to developing higher value products and markets for biomass being removed from forests. The list of science projects in support of ecosystem restoration is available online. USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean-energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

DHHR Promotes Suicide Prevention Month

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Friday, September 1, 2023--CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Behavioral Health joins partners across the country to promote suicide prevention awareness during National Suicide Prevention Month. “Pulling away from people and things, low energy, and feelings of hopelessness are just a few signs that you or your loved one may be at risk for suicide,” said Dawn Cottingham-Frohna, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Behavioral Health. “This month provides an opportunity to highlight behavioral health resources and encourage individuals to get help if they are having a suicidal crisis or are in significant emotional distress.” The Bureau for Behavioral Health funds the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in West Virginia, which offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress

including thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org for crisis support. 988 also serves as the Veterans Crisis Line (press 1 option). Additional behavioral health resources include HELP4WV, which serves as a point of contact for all West Virginians who are seeking help for themselves or a loved one. Call, text, or chat: 1-844-HELP4WV or www.help4wv.com. The Children’s Crisis and Referral Line, a separate source of support provided by HELP4WV, is also available 24/7/365 to assist with community-based resources and support specific to children and youth. Call, text, or chat: 1-844-HELP4WV or www.help4wv.com/ccl. In addition, DHHR’s Bureau for Behavioral Health, Office of Children, Youth and Families administers programs to promote the behavioral health of children and youth in West Virginia

communities through primary prevention and individualized services for mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disabilities. For additional information, visit dhhr.wv.gov/bbh. To view and apply for careers in the behavioral health field, visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) provides a wide range of necessary and life-saving services to many West Virginia residents. DHHR is comprised of the Bureau for Behavioral Health; Bureau for Child Support Enforcement; Bureau for Family Assistance; Bureau for Medical Services; Bureau for Public Health; Bureau for Social Services; Office of Inspector General; and West Virginia Children’s Health Insurance Program (WV CHIP). For more information, visit dhhr.wv.gov or call the DHHR at 304-558-0684



WVU, Marshall launch program to keep young professionals in the Mountain State

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Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023 - - MORGANTOWN, W.Va. —First Ascent, a new program designed to cultivate and retain local talent within West Virginia, is now accepting applications from recent West Virginia University and Marshall University graduates, helping West Virginia's best and brightest young professionals stay close to home.

Built on the foundation of the Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative and the state Department of Tourism's successful Ascend WV program, First Ascent is designed to set participants on paths for successful remote and hybrid careers in the state, addressing the population loss and brain drain that stems from new graduates pursuing employment opportunities elsewhere.

"For too long, we have watched as the young people our state needs for its future have packed up and left," WVU President Gordon Gee said. "The love our graduates have developed for West Virginia while living and learning here during their collegiate careers is profound. This kind of post-graduation support can help them forge pathways to stay while embarking on challenging, fulfilling careers."

Six communities — including five existing Ascend locations— will be home to First Ascent members: Morgantown Area, Huntington Area, Eastern Panhandle, New River Gorge, Greater Elkins and Greenbrier Valley.

"When we started with Ascend, the goal was to bring people to West Virginia — either for the first time or as returners," Marshall University President Brad D. Smith said. "With First

Ascent, we're working to keep our graduates in state by positioning West Virginia as a hub for remote workers who can find success in the increasingly digital world while supporting overall state economic growth."

Current students and alumni from WVU and Marshall can apply for First Ascent during the last year of their degree program through one-year post-graduation. Those applying must be willing to live in a featured community and accept a remote or hybrid full-time position for a company based inside or outside of West Virginia, or have launched a business that operates and/or delivers services remotely prior to applying.

Those who qualify for First Ascent will have access to free co-working space and outdoor recreation equipment, success coaches and professional mentorships, a remote worker certification, professional development, community engagement, outdoor and social activities, and more.

Supporting entities include WVU Career Services, the John Chambers College of Business and Economics Center for Career Development and the Marshall Office of Career Education.

First Ascent solidifies the program's impact on the future of the state's workforce and demonstrates a commitment to investing in the future of West Virginians. Seed funding for the First Ascent pilot program originated from WVU Provost Maryanne Reed's Innovation Summit. A subsequent award was provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional

Challenge Grant to Coalfield Development and WVU, and will fund the First Ascent program. A \$25 million gift from the Wing 2 Wing Foundation was awarded to WVU to launch the Ascend WV program in partnership with the state. This funding provided the foundation for the Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative to leverage West Virginia's outdoor assets, take a lead role in asset-based economic development by investing in people and communities, and build the infrastructure that will ultimately serve as a model for workforce development.

"West Virginia's greatest assets are her people, her culture and her vast natural resources," Smith said. "First Ascent capitalizes on these assets by providing an important pathway for our state's graduates to build a successful and viable career here in the Mountain State. I am confident the First Ascent program will strengthen the state's efforts to enlist our best and brightest to remain in the state and build the foundation for a more prosperous future for all West Virginians."

Smith and Gee announced the program's launch during the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting and Business Summit at The Greenbrier Resort on Aug. 30.

"First Ascent will help build a workforce that can be used to attract employers from a variety of industries," Gee said. "All of West Virginia stands to benefit from this investment in talented, motivated young professionals and from having them in communities that offer quality-of-life benefits not available anywhere else."

recovery." By combining the expertise of Westbrook Health Services, an experienced local behavioral health center, and the Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery, this collaboration will offer MOUD access and support in the heart of the communities that need it most. Together, their efforts hold the potential to create a substantial positive impact on the lives of numerous individuals in West Virginia and stand as a model for pioneering approaches to address the rural opioid crisis.

To learn more about the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/opioid-response>

Pierpont partners with WVNLA for landscaping course

Contact: Office of Communications, Pierpont Community & Technical College, 500 Galliher Drive Fairmont, WV 26554

Fairmont, W.Va. — The West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association (WVNLA) is partnering with Pierpont Community & Technical College to conduct its second Landscape Technician Bootcamp from October 2-6 in Fairmont. A similar week-long training session was held in mid-April, with the goal of training more workers in the growing nursery and landscape industry.

Michael and Pat Biafore from Biafore Landscape Development in Morgantown, Bobby Gompers of

Highland Landscaping in Buckhannon, John Jett (a WVNLA board member) and Betsy Raynes of Riverside Sod Farm in Winfield led the first class of Landscape Technician Bootcamp students through a rigorous, hands-on course last spring. The course was completed in partnership with Pierpont CTC on the campus of the West Virginia High Technology Foundation Park, 500 Galliher Drive, Fairmont.

Biafore, chairman of WVNLA's workforce development committee, said the partnership

with Pierpont CTC is a significant step forward in WVNLA's workforce development efforts. "We are seeking to reach a target audience of young people wishing to embark on green industry careers, but the course will be open to anyone, including employers wishing to send existing or potential employees for training."

For more information on Pierpont's Center for Workforce Education courses, visit pierpont.edu/workforce-continuing-education.

FAIRMONT STATE FOOTBALL RALLIES TO EDGE BLOOMSBURG IN BACK-AND-FORTH SEASON OPENER

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FAIRMONT, W.Va. — The Fairmont State football (1-0) team trailed by three points with 1:43 on the clock in the final quarter. The Falcons drove 93 yards in 1:26 to comeback and edge Bloomsburg (0-1).

Quarterback Michael Floria completed three passes over 20 yards and helped spark the Fairmont State rally. Dereik Crosby II ran into the end zone with a two-yard carry to put the Falcons on top and give Fairmont State the season-opening win.

"Our guys fought until the end," said Fairmont State Football Head Coach Jason Woodman. "They kept fighting all night long. We talked all week how we needed to be there in the fourth quarter. We matured as a group tonight."

Junior defensive back Jovon Jackson made a pair of key plays on the defensive side of the ball. In the second quarter, Jackson forced a fumble at the one-yard line that resulted in a turnover for Bloomsburg and wiped away a golden scoring opportunity. In the third quarter, Jackson blocked a punt that led to a scoop-and-score touchdown for Eltayeb Bushra to give the Falcons a 24-10 lead in the third.

"I have to give credit to Coach [Ron] Rankin," said Jackson. "He always tells us to put in relentless effort. That play was supposed to be something big for them, and I wanted to do what I could to stop them from scoring."

The Huskies scored on their opening drive that was capped off by a Ty Pringle five-yard rushing touchdown with 8:40 remaining in the first quarter. Fairmont State responded after a two-yard rushing score from Donovan Washington to tie the game at seven. After a defensive stop, Leonard Farrow ripped off a 61-yard run and gave Fairmont State a 14-7 cushion midway through the second quarter. The Huskies drove down the field and quarterback KJ Riley found Nas Jones for a 33-yard reception on 4th and 10. Jones was two strides away from the end zone when Jackson punched the ball out of Jones' arms and forced a key turnover to wipe away the BU score. Bloomsburg kicked a field goal as time expired in the first half, and Fairmont State held a 14-10 lead.

Fairmont State increased its lead back to seven after Emmanuel Richardson split the uprights for a 26-yard field goal at the 2:30 mark in the third quarter. The Falcons' defense forced a three-and-out on the ensuing Bloomsburg drive. Jackson blocked the Huskies' punt and Bushra recovered the football and crossed the goal line to pull the Falcons ahead 24-10 at the end of the third quarter.

Bloomsburg scored early in the fourth quarter and tied the game after Riley scampered for a 22-yard touchdown rush. Richardson booted a 43-yard field goal to put the

Falcons back on top, 27-24 with 5:53 left in the fourth. Riley found Jerry Griffen-Batchler for a 29-yard strike to give BU a late lead, 30-27. The Falcons punted with 3:31 left and Bloomsburg controlled possession in the final minutes of the game. The Fairmont State defense stood tall again after Brocton Blair made a pair of tackles and Donovan O'Malley recorded a tackle for a loss to force a Bloomsburg punt. The Huskies pinned the Falcons down to the seven-yard line with 1:43 on the timer.

On 2nd and 10, Florida connected with Winston Page for a 26-yard reception for a first down. After an incompletion and a delay of game penalty, Floria delivered a pass to Kobe Harris for a 32-yard completion to set the Falcons up inside Bloomsburg territory. With less than a minute to go, Floria found Page inside the five-yard line to give the Falcons 1st and goal from the three-yard line. On third down, Crosby II found the end zone and scored the game-winning touchdown for Fairmont State.

The win marks the first time the Falcons won a season opener since 2018. Fairmont State will travel to West Liberty to open Mountain East Conference play next Thursday (Sept. 7) in West Liberty, W.Va. The game will kick off at 7 p.m.

\$3 Million Grant Awarded to Combat Opioid Crisis in Rural West Virginia Communities

Contact: Clark Davis, Senior University Relations Specialist, 304-696-3408

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - The Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery, in collaboration with Westbrook Health Services, has received a \$3 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program. This grant aims to address the pressing issue of opioid use in rural West Virginia by expanding access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) and support services.

Amy Saunders is the managing director for the Center of Excellence for Recovery.

"We are excited about this collaboration with Westbrook Health Services," Saunders said. "This project will allow us to help reach people with substance use disorders where they

are. This project will establish new access points for essential care in underserved rural communities, where access and services are limited."

President and CEO of Westbrook Health Services Kevin Trippett says Westbrook is happy to be a part of the collaborative effort.

"Westbrook is extremely excited about this opportunity," Trippett said. "With this grant, we will be able to purchase our second mobile MAT unit, a mobile vehicle with private space for patients to connect with a medical professional via tele health for management of medications for individuals with substance use disorder. This will bring services to those in need who might otherwise not have access to reliable care for them to reach the path to



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Little Kanawha Valley Christian School Begins Its 8 th Year

Submitted By Amy Fitzwater

Monday, August 14 th was LKVCS's first day of their 8 th year. The day began with breakfast shared with families and served by the Brooksville Baptist Missionary Church. The Lord has blessed them with a staff of seven devoted Christian teachers and numerous volunteers, along with students from 4 different counties. In addition to teaching from the Word of God, students are exposed to a solid, old-fashioned education of academics, servitude, and life skills. Welcome back, LKVCS Warriors!!



Students pictured Front Row: Abigail Ayers, Holden Gibson, Owen Starcher, Caroline Williams, Payton Smith, Caroline Walker, Alexis Blair, Alex Bracewell, Henry Barnhart.
 Row 2: Landon Fitzwater, Braden Brown, Asher Starcher, Laken Bracewell, Brooklynn Stewart, Harper, Walker, Bentley Barr, Jackson Snider, Landon Barr, Eli Houchin, Hunter Blair, MacKenzie McCumbers, and Roman Wilson.
 Row 3: Josiah Ferrell-McAbee, Starleena Marks, Vada Barnhart, Mason Cuningham, Morgan McFee, Samuel Snider, Jayci Barr, Braidin Ferrell, MiKenna Wease, Eli Kinder, Jared Mason.
 Row 4: Brodyn Rowe, Clara Barnhart, Aubry Richards, Miah Wolford, Colin Grogg, Madison Wilson, Khloe Cobbett, Isaac Kinder, Lance Grogg.
 Last Row: Eli Ferrell, Klynn Keith, Olivia Fitzwater, Cyrena Wilson, Bayleigh Carper, Madison Cunningham, Kendra Davis, Ashlynn Ritchie, Brylee Rowe

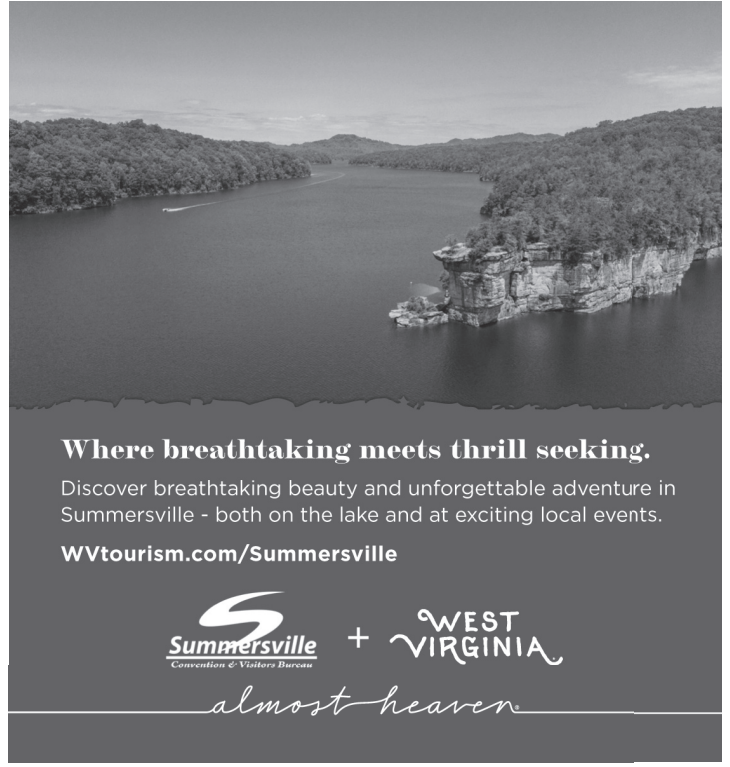
WV Poison Center Back to School Press Release: Prevent Adolescent Poisonings Accessibility Matters

Contact: Carissa McBurney, Community Outreach Coordinator, West Virginia Poison Center, 3110 MacCorkle Avenue SE Charleston, WV 25304 or (304) 347-1379

CHARLESTON, WV— Whether the intent is to “get high to have fun”, cope with stress, or fit in with their peers, adolescents will seek out the substances they have access to. This means prescriptions found in the home, items they can purchase on their own in a store, or recreational substances provided by a friend or used by a family member. Therefore, preventing poisonings involves being on the lookout for what adolescents have access to. Be aware that some over-the-counter medications can be used to get high and can result in significant harm. Prescription medicines in the wrong dose and for the wrong person can be harmful. Alcohol is found in products other than adult drinks. Recreational marijuana is legal in states surrounding WV and easily crosses into West Virginia. Heroin and fentanyl can be made into

tablets and passed off as a prescription pain medicine obtained from a family member or physician. TikTok regularly posts new ways to get high. What should a parent or caregiver do to keep their adolescent safe? Notice what is stored in their room or backpack. Is there a reason they have over-the-counter medication you did not obtain for them? If not, ask questions. Notice if there are more products being stored than they would need; for example, hand sanitizer, mouthwash, etc. Store recreational substances, like marijuana, where only the adult has access. Store prescription pain and anxiety medications where only the adult has access. Keep track of the quantities left to ensure all are accounted for. Throw away any old, expired, or unused medications. Be on the lookout for unusual or changed

behavior and intervene or get them help as necessary. Save the West Virginia Poison Center number in your phone and your teen’s phone. 1-800-222-1222. Calls are fast, free, and confidential. About the West Virginia Poison Center: The West Virginia Poison Center provides comprehensive emergency poison information, prevention and educational resources to West Virginians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. nurses, pharmacists and physicians with special training in treatment of poisonings. Located in Charleston, WV, the WVPC is a part of the West Virginia University-Charleston Division. Toll-free: 1-800-222-1222. Website: www.wvpoisoncenter.org. For more information or to arrange an interview, please call Carissa McBurney at (304) 552-6338.



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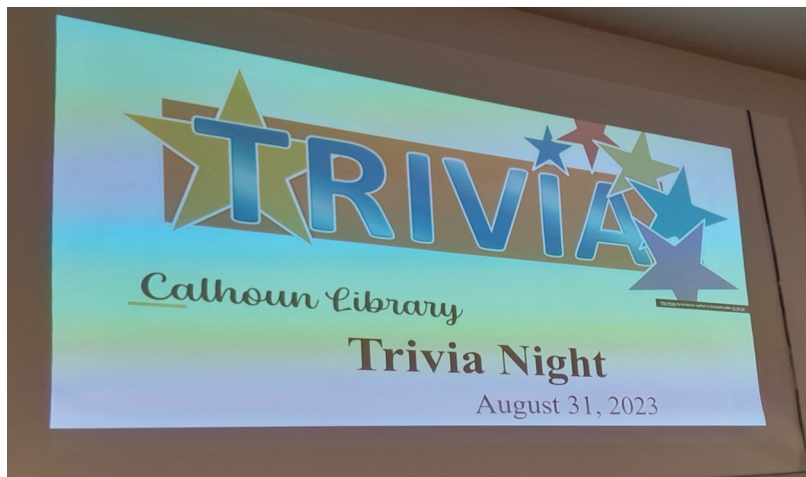
WEST VIRGINIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Calhoun Library holds another Successful Trivia Night August 31st!

Submitted by Caitlin Weaver

So much fun and laughter was had at our August Trivia Night! 8 Teams competed, with the Simple Minds team taking the win. We are so grateful to everyone that comes out, and hope you've enjoyed it as well. Thank you to Calhoun FRN for sponsoring our prizes this month! Our next Trivia Night will be September 21st @ 6pm. We hope to see you there!

Our winning teams were as follows: Simple Minds - 1st place, WiseQuackers - 2nd place, The Outsiders - 3rd place, The CB's - 4th place, The Funky Bunch - 5th place, The Jeopardy Rejects - 6th place, The Monsters - 7th place and The Smartinis - 8th place. Please enjoy random pictures from the evening.



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