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Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation Announces Fall Grants

Organizations working for the betterment of the Little Kanawha Area recently received \$8,000 in grant support from the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) and its Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation (LKACF) affiliate through their competitive Community Action Grants Program. The fall 2023 grant recipients include:

- Gilmer County Vol. Fire Department - \$1,600 to build a brush truck.
- Town of Grantsville - \$1,750 to purchase recreational equipment for the city park.
- Two Runs Community Association - \$4,400 for a concrete pad in the handicapped area of the gravel parking lot.
- Wirt County 4-H Shooting Sports Club - \$250 to purchase shoot sports equipment.

The PACF and LKACF awards grants from a variety of funds created by individuals, organizations, and area businesses to support critical community needs. To learn more about the PACF's and LKACF's grant programs, please visit www.pacfwv.com/grants or call 304-428-4438.



PACF Jennifer Randolph with Grantsville Mayor Bob Petrovsky and Council Member Linda Staton

Two Court Violations Result in Arrest and Incarceration

By Shari Johnson



Ronald Lee Sampson, age 49, was incarcerated on December 19th, 2023 following a home confinement violation and conviction of Possession of a controlled substance.

He is currently being held on a \$20,000 bond in cases 23M07M00313 and 23M07M00134.

Kimberly Dawn Duskey, age 42, was arrested and incarcerated for a Probation violation stemming from a 2020 Possession with Intent to Deliver and Possession of a Controlled Substance in case 20F10.

She was arrested and incarcerated at the WV Central Regional Jail on December 21st, 2023.



Rush Charged with Domestic Battery/ Destruction of Property

By Shari Johnson

In a complaint filed by Trooper B.L. Hazelwood of the West Virginia State Police, he stated that on December 15th, 2023, he responded to 2924 Crummies Creek Road in reference to a domestic disturbance between 29 year old Nathan Rush and the victims, Shirley C. Rush and Shirley Rush Sr.

Upon arrival Trooper Hazelwood met with Mr. Rush Sr. Who advised him that the accused had been drinking alcohol before becoming belligerent. A verbal altercation ensued at that point before the accused broke a light fixture and a damaged a television in a bedroom inside the home.

In an attempt to prevent Nathan Rush from destroying additional property inside of the home, Mr. Rush Sr. Said that he attempted to restrain Nathan before the two fell to the ground. While on the ground Shirley C. Rush, the uncle of the accused, approached the two, trying to separate them and reason with Nathan. However, while doing so, Mr. Rush advised that Nathan “punched him in the side of his head.” No visible markings were present, but Mr. Rush Sr. Was able to corroborate the statement, advising that he witnessed the accused strike Mr. Rush.

After receiving this information, Trooper Hazelwood observed the property damaged by the accused during the incident before obtaining photographs of the damaged television and light fixture.

Nathan Rush was arrested and transported to the WV Central Regional Jail having been charged with Domestic Battery and Destruction of Property. He has since been released.



Five Cases Argued before Judge Anita Ashley on Tuesday Dec. 19th

By Shari Johnson

Calhoun Circuit Court was in session on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 with the honorable Anita Harold Ashley presiding. Edward Fields, having been previously indicted for Count 1- Receiving or Transferring Stolen goods, Count 2- Possession of Stolen vehicle, had both charges dismissed because witnesses were not available due to the fact that they are currently under indictment as well.

In case 23 F 13, State vs. Gelinda Jean Skaggs, Attorney John Balenovich made a motion to continue to further prepare for trial. There is currently an offer for a plea available for Ms. Skaggs. Trial has been set for January 30th, 2024 at 9 a.m.

In case 23 F 12 State vs. Stephen Dwayne Kilgore appearing with Counsel Daniel Minardi, a joint motion was made by Attorney Minardi and Prosecutor Michael Hicks to continue then case. Parties are negotiating for an agreement to be reached. Case continued to February 1st, 2024 at 9 a.m. for status to see if the case is resolved and set for trial on February 13th, 2024 if not.

In the case of State vs Christopher Lee Remele, 23P17, a petition and modification to sentence was filed. A plea agreement for possession of marijuana in a 2021 case had been entered into, but a motion to revoke probation in August was made because of a positive drug screen. Remele had been Incarcerated on August 14th, 2023 and released on a post conviction bond with home confinement shortly thereafter. He has since completed a recovery program at St. Joseph Recovery Center on October 30th. Attorney Daniel Minardi informed Judge Ashley that he believed Chris could now comply with any special terms and should be removed from supervised probation due to having significant health needs including Cancer medications and needed to be released. A reduction of sentence with credit for time served was requested. However, Prosecuting Attorney Michael Hicks said that the probation has been attempted previously and was violated with methamphetamine, a harder substance than he had been arrested for. He further said that although the State recognizes that he finished St. Joe recovery, Hicks believed that it was only because he had been on Supervised Probation since that time that he remained clean. “We recognize that he does well with supervision,” Hicks said, “But I don’t think now is the time to let up on supervision. He will continue to do well if he is on supervision, if not we’ll be back in the same mess we’re in.”

Judge Ashley agreed and the sentence remained with two months of Supervised Probation remaining.

Jason Smith, who was incarcerated following a probation violation in case 23 f3 requested to be released to attend a long term treatment center at Recovery Point. Attorney Daniel Minardi told Judge Ashley that Smith could enter the treatment center effective this date if allowed and that Smith understands that he should go into long term treatment. He added that it would be in his and the State’s best interest for him to attend.

Prosecuting Attorney Hicks rebutted that the defendant was given leniency and had three violations of probation causing it to be revoked. One of the revocations was because he refused to go to a long term treatment. It was a clear choice that it was treatment or prison. Hicks stated “The state is not sure about his sincerity for getting treatment. In light of his previous opportunities and refusal to comply. He should be kept where he is.”

Although Attorney Minardi argued that he was sincere now and he believed his client would comply; and Mr. Smith himself told Judge Ashley “I want this chance, I won’t mess it up I promise. I can do it.” The Judge then asked why he did not take treatment when it was offered? Smith responded, “I was scared. I messed up and I’d like to have the chance to show you I can do it.”

Judge Ashley denied his requesting saying “I’m going deny it because you had the chance and refused. You’re recommended for the RSAT program. I gave you the opportunity, and you didn’t do it. I’m not going to change my rule. Good luck in the RSAT program and I hope we can see you cleaned up and we won’t see you in the courts again.”

OBITUARIES

VERLIN MILLICAN

Verlin Millican went to be with the Lord on December 19, 2023, a day before his 94th birthday, at Charleston Area Medical Center.

He was born in Cullman, Alabama to the late O.T. Millican and the late Della Jennings Aderhold.

Preceded in death by his 1st wife Millie Parker Millican and 2nd wife Arvilla (Billie) Holbert Millican; son, Verlin Edward Millican; 2 half brothers and 1 half-sister; step brothers Leon Aderhold and Theron Aderhold; Grandchildren Amy Millican and Jamie Stover; Great grandchild Alex Mckenzie Dawson.

Verlin is survived by son Donnie (Holly) Millican; Daughter Connie (Harry) Stover; Step Daughters Linda (Buck) Shaffer, Naomi White, and Margaret Kirby; Carol (Gary) Dye; Sharon (Jim) Yeager; Halfbrother Archie Millican; Grandchildren Nicholas, Daniel, Brandon, Eddie Joe, and Randell Millican, Stephanie Gorecki, Kenny Stover, Jimmy, Dale, David Shaffer, Christine Sparks, Cathy Ross, Tod and Randy White, Tina Dawson, Sandra Gudex, Joe Godfrey, Gary Dye Jr., Jennifer Barker, Cindy Berthold, Allison Mace, and Shane Yeager; special friend and caregiver Nickie Nida who was a blessing to him and his family; and a host of great and great-grandchildren and family and friends.

Verlin was a Christian and a longtime member of Blessed Hope Baptist Church. He was well known for loving to talk and tell stories, and never met a stranger. Music was a big part of his life, he loved playing all kinds of instruments and singing at different events and won awards, he loved playing for his family and friends. He was an ornery character and loved to make people laugh by telling his jokes. He was a man of many talents and had several jobs in his lifetime. After retiring he moved back to West Virginia after living in Alabama. Verlin was a blessing to everyone he met and will be deeply missed.

A funeral service was held December 23, 2023 at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, WV with Rev. Alfred Hickman officiating. Interment will be at the Flint Creek Cemetery in Cullman, AL. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com



From The Office of WV Secretary of State Mac Warner

Be a Poll Worker! Secretary of State Mac Warner Asks Fellow Veterans to Answer the Call of Duty to Help Keep WV Elections Safe and Fair

It was a bitter cold December 23rd. Battles in early 1776 had provided the Continentals hope for revolutionary success, and in July we declared our independence from Great Britain. But as winter set in, one defeat after another had George Washington's army on the verge of dismantlement and defeat. Opposing factions severely divided the country and many were ready to succumb to the seemingly inevitable loss; the revolution teetered on collapse.

The new nation needed Patriots to answer the call, to stand in the gap and save our country. It was on this date, 247 years ago, General George Washington ordered Thomas Paine's words read to the Continental Army.

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine Patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the thanks of man and woman."

The words from "Common Sense" steered the soldiers for the upcoming pivotal moment just forty-eight hours later. On Christmas night, a revived Continental Army crossed the icy Delaware River, routed the Hessians, and won the Battle of Trenton.

The unlikely win lifted the spirits of the struggling nation and saved the revolution. Six years hence, we won our independence.

Today, our country is severely divided with regard to the validity of our elections. As a result, the legitimacy of our government is routinely challenged and a growing chorus of critics claim our republic is fundamentally flawed. We must restore faith in the foundation of self-governance by holding free and fair elections, the integrity of which is unquestioned. It is time once again for veterans and patriots throughout this nation, to answer the call of duty.

As our veteran ancestors were inspired by Paine's call at a decisive moment nearly two and a half centuries ago, I am appealing to those with military training to sign up for service one more time in 2024. Once again, we face times that try our souls. In this moment we need to join hands, tackle a threat which shakes the very foundation of our cherished Republic, and lift the spirits of a divided nation. We desperately need free and fair elections, the integrity of which is indisputable. Coming from the most respected institution in our country, I need our veterans to sign up with their county clerk to work in the polls and help restore our people's unquestioned faith in their elections.

We in West Virginia have set the example for election integrity in our country. Our ability to continue being the nation's beacon of light in this critical endeavor relies on having poll workers who are skilled, dedicated, and above reproach.

I ask our military veterans to step forward and offer their service to their county clerks in this vital civic endeavor. By going to GoVoteWV.com, anyone can sign up to serve as a poll worker for their local elections. Veterans especially need to know that our state and country need you now. God bless you all and Merry Christmas.

Attorney General Morrisey Announces Court Victory with Decision Keeping Trump on the Ballot in West Virginia

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey released a statement following a decision from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia Charleston Division, which dismissed a suit seeking to disqualify President Donald Trump from running in the upcoming West Virginia Presidential Primary and General Elections.

"This is a big win for the integrity of our elections," Attorney General Morrisey said. "This lawsuit was frivolous to begin with and without merit—it had no basis in either law or fact."

"Any eligible candidate has the right to be on the ballot unless legally disqualified, and we will defend the laws of West Virginia and the right of voters and candidates to the fullest."

Activist and longshot presidential candidate John Anthony Castro filed the lawsuit, citing Section 3 of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution as the basis of his case. Castro contends that Trump is ineligible to be a candidate for President of the United States on the grounds that he allegedly "engaged in or provided 'aid or comfort' to an insurrection."

The district court held that Castro lacks standing to bring his claims.

The lawsuit was dismissed Thursday without prejudice.

Read a copy of the decision: <https://bit.ly/3toS57h>.

DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship Accepting Applications To Jan. 31, 2024

Undergraduate & graduate students urged to start application process well ahead of deadline

WASHINGTON – Undergraduate and graduate students studying music with ambitions for future careers can take time over the holiday break to apply for the DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship. Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) was a groundbreaking African American contralto and an inspiration for civil rights. "This scholarship pays tribute to Marian Anderson's life, and the Daughters of the American Revolution seeks to honor her legacy through today's aspiring musicians. Her legacy lives on in others who aim for excellence in musical studies, are committed to their communities, and willing to stand up for what is right," said Pamela Wright, DAR President General.

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the scholarship. They should have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution is required.

In honor of Ms. Anderson's commitment to the community throughout her life and her willingness to share her incredible talent with the world, applicants are asked to write a personal statement describing their humanitarian or volunteer contributions on behalf of their community and/or country.

To recognize the city Marian Anderson called home, preference will be given to students from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan area, even if they are not pursuing music studies in the Philadelphia area. This scholarship is not automatically renewed. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year for up to four consecutive years.

The scholarship is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution's Marian Anderson Legacy Fund. Learn more about the relationship between Marian Anderson and the DAR, and the organization's on-going efforts to honor her memory at www.dar.org/MarianAnderson.

About the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) One of the largest patriotic women's service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org. Media contact/Interview Requests: Ami Neiberger, 703-887-4877 (phone/text), ami@MapleAvenuePR.com

WVGOP Chairwoman Statement on Federal Court Ruling Dismissing Challenge to Trump's Candidacy in WV

Charleston, WV — West Virginia Republican Party (WVGOP) Chairwoman Elgine McArdle issued the following statement following yesterday's ruling in the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia to allow President Trump to remain on the ballot in West Virginia in 2024. "Today's court ruling in West Virginia is a win for West Virginians and the rule of law. The WVGOP is very proud to have defended President Trump's right to be a candidate in the upcoming election, and I was honored by the opportunity to represent the West Virginia Republican Party and our interests in this matter. As I have said many times, the Republican voters in West Virginia and across the country will decide our Presidential nominee — not far-left special interests. I am grateful for the professionalism of the judges who handled this case, and I appreciate the work of the American Center for Law and Justice and the legal teams for President Trump, Secretary Warner, and Attorney General Morrisey," said Elgine McArdle, Chairwoman of the West Virginia Republican Party.

"President Trump achieved a lot as President. He secured the border, made America energy independent, respected the police and military, cut taxes, and grew the economy. Perhaps his most important achievement was appointing judges and Supreme Court Justices who are committed to applying the law as it is written and who respect the Constitution and our American values. Voters in West Virginia and across the country deserve the right to reward him for this record by way of their vote in 2024." "Sadly, for the past year, President Trump has weathered four bogus indictments, numerous frivolous ballot access challenges across the country, and a weaponized Department of Justice that continues to harass and intimidate President Trump and his associates for their work to Make America Great Again. Despite all these efforts by the Left, President Trump has a clear and consistent polling lead against President Biden. Americans are hungry for real change and crave a return to a time when America's values were respected and our homeland secure. Their attempts to subvert the ballot and law in West Virginia have failed, and I am looking forward to welcoming President Trump when he visits West Virginia in this campaign."

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS: Aunt Jinny Lee's Plantation Recipes



Most people think that pie is pie just like "pigs are pigs" but I guess they've never tasted real old fashioned Southern "fried pies. There are different ways of making 'em of course, but this is the way an authority on Southern cookery does it: Make a crust by cutting two tablespoons of lard into a heaping cup of self raising flour/ Add enough water to make a workable dough. Roll a little thinner than for pie crust, and cut into circles about six inches in diameter. On one half of

each circle spread any kind of fruit that has been cooked with sugar to the consistency of jam – blackberries, cherries, peaches, and apples are all delicious – turn the other half of crust over the filling, wet and crimp edges and fry in deep fat. Let crust brown well on one side, then turn and brown on the other side they should not be pit into the fat until it is smoking hot. They will cook very quickly, be as light as puff balls, and, served with cream or sugar, hard sauce or simple as they come out of the skillet, are delicious.

For Good Hot Cakes

"Lasses or honey never tasted better than on Sally Ann's hot cakes of a cold morning. Seems to take the chill out o' the air when she comes in with a plate of steaming cakes. We all love em' made this way: She beats two eggs thoroughly, then stirs in 1 cup of sweet milk and next adds 2 level cups of self rising flour to the right consistency. She cooks this batter on a hot, greased griddle until light brown, and serves piping hot. They're real tempting.

1948, 75 YEARS: Orma 4-H Club Meets in Regular Session: The Hill Climbers 4-H club held their regular monthly meeting December 17 at the Orma theatre. The meeting was called to order by the president, David Conley. The club sang "Jungle Bells" and "West Virginia Boys and Girls," and repeated the club pledge.

The president asked for old or new business and the leader, Paul Conley, suggested that we discuss with our parents the idea of buying a moving picture projector for the local church as our community project.

After the business meeting the following program was given. Song "Silent Night," club; poem "Christmas Entertainment," Lenora Alfred; scripture, Doris Brannon; poem "The Night Before Christmas," Juanita Brannon; song "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," club; poem, "Up on the Housetop," David Conley; poem, "Little Tinsel Angel," Jimmy Alfred; poem, Henry Conley; poem, "A Real Santa," Doris Alfred.

After adjournment the club members exchanged gifts.

BE HERE NEXT YEAR: The Yuletide holidays are on the wane... and it will soon be time to attend to the rather unpleasant task of taking down the Christmas tree.

We are having a grand holiday celebration and the climax will come on Friday night as New Year's Eve parties are staged everywhere.

Americans believe in welcoming the New Year in the grand manner. It's a lot of fun...but it is also a lot of danger.

The other night we heard a state policeman giving a radio talk on traffic safety and he warned the people about the great danger of drinking and driving at any time...especially on New Year's Eve.

We've all heard of the unfortunate fellow who got drunk and dressed up...had no place to go. Well, his case is a mild one by comparison with the individual who celebrates the advent of the New Year entirely too well and then goes out in the wee small hours of the morning, tries to drive a car, and gets himself killed.

That's pretty short-sighted too. More important that a special fanfare for 1949 is simply being here to enjoy the blessings of the New Year.

We don't know just what the New Year holds for us. Certainly it seems full of promises...but there is a threat of war, too. So, at least the year will be highly interesting.

Let's use a little extra caution in walking or driving and avoid death in a traffic mishap. Let's take the advise of cool headed, straight-thinking state troopers who have already warned by press and radio of the holiday traffic hazards. In other words, let's be here next year.

Kanawha Theatre

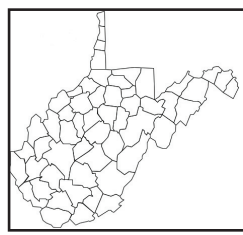
Sunday and Monday, January 2-3: Green Grass of Wyoming
 Tuesday and Wednesday, January 4-5: I Walk Alone
 Thursday and Friday, January 6-7: Enchanted Valley
 Saturday, January 8: Carson City Raiders

1973, 50 YEARS: On Sunday afternoon December 16, the Calhoun Jaycees held a Christmas party for their children at the Mt. Zion park.

The children began the afternoon by decoration a Christmas tree. They then spent some time playing and enjoying refreshments. Soon Santa Claus arrived and passed out gifts to each of the children. After much more playing each of the children tried to break a Pinata that Cheryl McCallister has made.



The following children were present: Dexter and Justin Wager, Jeffrey, Chad and Doug Cunningham, Laura Nicholas, Kari and Stacy McCallister, Timmy and Ricly Somerville and Chris McMillan.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org. The W.Va. Encyclopedia is a project of the W.Va. Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; 304-346-8500 or www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 28, 1879: Brigadier General Billy Mitchell was born in France.

As chief of the Army Air Service, Mitchell ordered aircraft of the 88th Squadron to perform reconnaissance during the 1921 Miners' March on Logan.



Dec. 28, 1978: The last trains ran on the Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Unlike most C&O branches in West Virginia, the Greenbrier Division was not a coal-hauling line but served the valley's timber industry.

Dec. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.



SEVENTH OHIO REGIMENT FORTIFYING THE HILL AT SUTTON VILLAGE. SKETCHED BY FRANK BEARD.



Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song "Take Me Home, Country Roads."

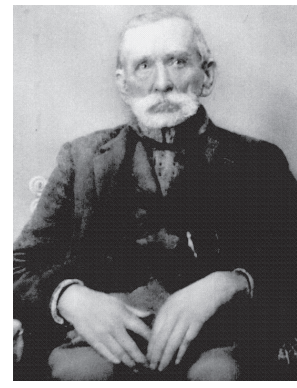
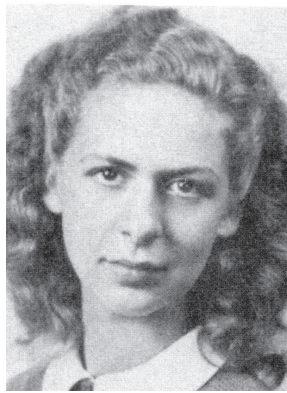
Denver performed "Country Roads" in West Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.

Dec. 30, 1917: The temperature in Lewisburg dropped to 37 degrees below zero. It is the coldest official temperature on record for the state.

Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Ford.

Moore grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-wing groups and became an FBI informant.

She spent part of her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.



Jan. 1, 1888: In one of the most violent episodes of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin.

Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was beaten.

Jan. 1, 1953: Country music legend Hank Williams was found dead in his car in Oak Hill, Fayette County.

He had been scheduled to perform in Charleston the previous night, but the concert was canceled due to bad weather.

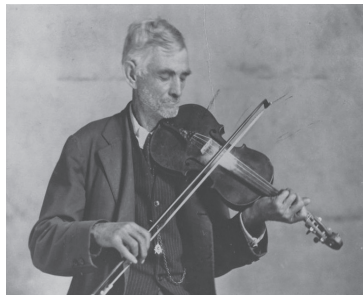


Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.

Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain of Webster County was born.

He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime.

He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.



Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, had opened in 1887.

After the fire, a temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the "pasteboard capitol." It burned in 1927.

Calhoun County Boys Basketball Calhoun vs Gilmer

Even though the Calhoun Red Devils have not done well against the Gilmer County Titans recently (they were 1-8 in their previous nine matchups), they didn't let the past get in their way on Wednesday. Calhoun strolled past Gilmer County with points to spare, taking the game 53-39. The win made it back-to-back wins for Calhoun.

Calhoun had a senior duo take command as Landon Bennett scored 17 points along with nine rebounds and six steals and Dylan Buckius scored 17 points along with six assists. That makes it three consecutive games in which Bennett has scored at least 25% of Calhoun's points. Another player making a difference was Landon Church, who scored six points along with six steals.

Calhoun now has a winning record of 3-2. As for Gilmer County, they still haven't won a game yet this season and fell to 0-5.

Calhoun will be home for the holidays to greet Roane County at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Hopefully Roane County focused on turnovers this week since the team gave up 25 last Saturday. Gilmer County will wrap up 2023 with a road trip to face off against Wahama at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Preview: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Roane County Raiders

Calhoun is 2-8 against Roane County since January of 2017 but they'll have a chance to close the gap a little bit on Friday. The Calhoun Red Devils will be home for the holidays to greet the Roane County Raiders at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully Calhoun focused on turnovers this week since the team gave up 14 on Wednesday.

Even though Calhoun has not done well against Gilmer County recently (they were 1-8 in their previous nine matchups), they didn't let the past get in their way. The stars were shining brightly for Calhoun in a 53-39 win over Gilmer County. The win made it back-to-back wins for Calhoun.

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Meanwhile, Roane County's recent rough patch got a bit rougher on Saturday after their seventh straight loss dating back to last season. They took a 74-55 bruising from Independence. Having run the score up that high, both teams might be doing some extra defensive drills very soon.

Even though the team lost, they still had their share of impressive performances. One of the most dominant came from Will Odle, who dropped a double-double on 15 points and 12 rebounds. Shaun Caldwell was another key contributor, scoring 14 points along with six rebounds.

Calhoun now has a winning record of 3-2. As for Roane County, their defeat was their fifth straight at home dating back to last season, which bumped their record down to 0-2.

Keep an eye on the arc in Friday's game: Calhoun have made nailing deep shots look easy this year this season, having only averaged 4.8 threes per game. However, it's not like Roane County struggles in that department as they've been averaging 4 threes per game. Given these competing strengths, it'll be interesting to see how their clash plays out.

Calhoun came up short against Roane County in their previous matchup back in December of 2022, falling 63-55. Will Calhoun have more luck at home instead of on the road? Check MaxPreps after the action for a full breakdown of the game and more basketball content.

Calhoun comes up short despite Owen Taylor's dominant performance

The Calhoun Red Devils struggled with assists on Friday (the Roane County Raiders had seven more) and sadly the final score reflected it. Calhoun took a 52-40 hit to the loss column at the hands of Roane County. The result shouldn't come as a shock considering that's the fewest points Calhoun has scored all season.

When it comes to explaining why Calhoun lost, one person who can't be blamed is Owen Taylor. Despite the final result, he scored 15 points. Dylan Buckius was another key contributor, scoring two points along with six steals.

Leading Roane County to victory were Will Odle and Shaun Caldwell. Odle scored 14 points, while Caldwell scored 13 points along with six rebounds. That makes it three consecutive games in which Odle has scored at least 25% of Roane County's points. Another player making a difference was Cam Cumpston, who scored nine points.

Calhoun's loss dropped their record down to 3-3. As for Roane County, their victory bumped their record up to 1-3.

Calhoun will wrap up 2023 with a road trip to face off against Wirt County at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday. Hopefully Wirt County focused on turnovers this week since the team gave up 19 on Friday.

Preview: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Wirt County Tigers

Calhoun has enjoyed a two-game homestand but will soon have to dust off their road jerseys. They will wrap up 2023 with a road trip to face off against the Wirt County Tigers at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday. The matchup should be an exciting one, as these teams are ranked near one another in West Virginia (Calhoun is ranked 65th, while Wirt County is ranked 78th).

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The losing side was boosted by Owen Taylor, who scored 15 points. Dylan Buckius was another key contributor, scoring two points along with six steals.

Even though Wirt County has not done well against Ritchie County recently (they were 2-7 in their previous nine matchups), they didn't let the past get in their way on Friday. Wirt County secured a 47-42 W over Ritchie County.

Wirt County's win was the result of several impressive offensive performances. One of the most notable came from Connor Hoover, who scored 11 points along with six rebounds. Another player making a difference was Braylan Dawson, who scored 11 points along with four steals.

Calhoun's loss dropped their record down to 3-3. As for Wirt County, the victory got them back to even at 3-3.

Some high-performance offense is likely on the agenda as the two teams are some of the highest scoring teams in the league. Calhoun hasn't had any problem running up the score this season, having only averaged 54.3 points per game. However, it's not like Wirt County struggles in that department as they've been averaging only 56 points per game. With both teams so easily able to put up points, the only question left is who can run the score up higher.

Calhoun took a serious blow against Wirt County when the teams last played back in December of 2022, falling 69-41. Thankfully for Calhoun, DeShawn Middleton (who scored 15 points along with five rebounds) won't be suiting up this time. Will that be enough to change the final result? Check MaxPreps.com after the match to find out.

Congratulations to Owen Taylor, our Willard C. Starcher Player of the Game tonight for Calhoun Co. against Roane Co.

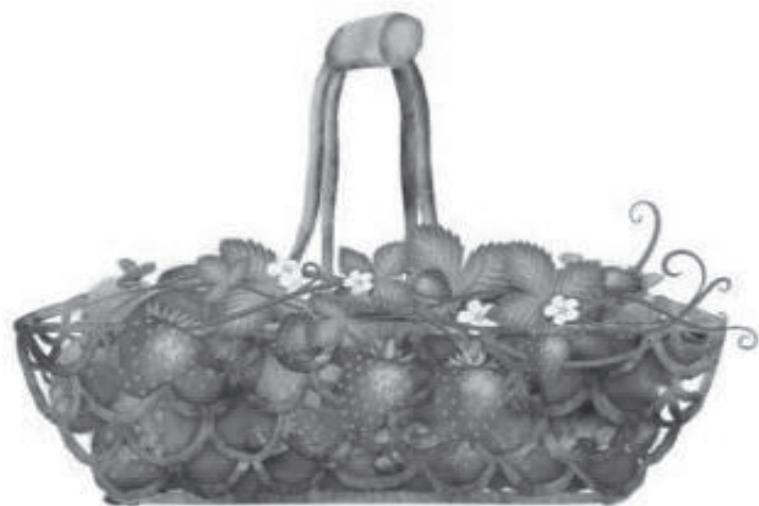
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NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

Our New Friend will be Russia; Our New Enemy will be Immigrants.

By Deirdre Purdy This week we got a sneak peek at two facets of a Trump second term. It will be pro-Russia, pro-Putin, and virulently anti-immigrant. Facts: In February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, a sovereign country minding its own business. Since then, the United States has provided continuous money and military aid to Ukraine to aid its defense. But MAGA House Republicans, newly empowered by their ultra-conservative Speaker Mike Johnson and directed by Trump, have other ideas. As individuals, a majority of House Republicans support aid to Ukraine. But as a caucus, they are holding aid to Ukraine hostage. As ransom, they want Trumpian immigration reform. Pro-Putin MAGA Republicans took over Congress, then recessed without passing the money for Ukraine. Happy Holidays. R e p u b l i c a n s ' hardline message is a Christmas gift to Vladimir Putin. Russian media is celebrating. "Well done, Republicans! They're standing firm! That's good for us," said propagandist Olga Skabeeva on Russian state TV, grinning. Putin loyalists cheered. "The downfall of Ukraine means the downfall of Biden! Two birds with one stone." Do American Republicans believe that helping Russia defeat Ukraine is a winning message? Or the scarier question: is it? Who knows? It's all about standing up to Biden. He really wants aid to Ukraine? We won't let him have it unless he agrees to hateful immigration laws. Ha, ha, ha - and recess for Christmas. President Biden has led and held together the NATO coalition defending Ukraine, an example of high statesmanship. The coalition has held firm for democracy in Europe against Russia's blatantly illegal invasion of Ukraine. Even if Biden is doing something they approve of, though - aid to Ukraine - Republicans, under Trump's direction,

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Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

Okay so it's after Christmas and you have some ham left, what to do. You can put some in your food processor and make ham salad - just mix some ground ham with some mayo and sweet pickle relish. Fry some pieces of the ham in butter and serve with scrambled or fried eggs. You can also add pieces of ham, chopped onion, chopped green peppers, mushrooms and cheese for an omelet. You can also add ham to your homemade scalloped potatoes. Just butter a casserole dish and fill the bottom with sliced, peeled potatoes. Add sliced onions, pieces of ham, some dabs of butter, salt and pepper on top. So the layers the same almost to the top of the casserole. Pour enough milk over all to about 3/4 full. Put a lid on and cook at 325 F for at least an hour. Check with a fork, and if potatoes aren't tender, cook a bit longer. Or last but not least let's make a tater tot and cheese bake. 2 teaspoons of butter 2 eggs 2 cups milk salt and pepper to taste 2 cups grated extra sharp cheddar cheese 2 cups grated white cheddar cheese 1 cup of diced ham 2 pound bag of thawed tater tots Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 9x9 casserole dish with butter. Whisk eggs and milk in a large bowl. Add the salt and pepper. Add 1 cup each of the cheese, the cup of ham and the bag of the tater tots. Mix thoroughly and carefully. Pour into casserole and put the rest of the cheese on top. Bake until the cheeses are melted and the casserole is bubbly and slightly browned. I hope that you have enjoyed my food for thought column. The recipe above is the last one. If you want a recipe just notify the paper. It's been fun.

Attorney General Morrissey's Mobile Office Sets January 2024 Stops for Mid-Ohio Valley

CHARLESTON — Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with Mid-Ohio Valley residents in January to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. "These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure." Brooke Albright, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below: Jan. 9: 11 a.m. to noon - Vienna City Building, 609 29th St., Vienna Jan. 16: 11 a.m. to noon - Pleasants County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room. 301 Court Lane, St. Marys Jan. 23: 11 a.m. to noon-Tyler County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 121 Main St., Middlebourne Jan. 30: 11 a.m. to noon - Gilmer County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 201 N. Court St., Glenville For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Brooke Albright at 304-777-9906. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

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1982 Foundation Weekly update

By Crystal Mersh

I just finished the detailed review of the construction schedule for next year. It is a little mind boggling to see how much detail has to be specified and sequenced to make this happen. 2024 will be a very busy year and by this time next year we hope to have an open house for the holiday season.

To this end, my hope is that next year we can come together and really make the holiday season attractive to visitors and shoppers. This helps everyone. Supporting small business is the second rung on our ladder to success, right after full engagement of the community in projects, government, and planning for the future. I could envision each December weekend with a different focus such as 1. Christmas Kick Off with parade & Children's Party 2. Tour of Bethlehem 3. Lights in the park. Coming together to promote this would create a positive image of Calhoun and no doubt bring in people to spend time and money. The goal is to bring outside dollars into the county. It is estimated that every dollar that makes its way to Calhoun exchanges hands 5 times before exiting. This is how economies grow. If we continue to improve our circumstances at the rate we have this year, the sky is the limit.

On the construction front, as you can see below materials are arriving for the apartments. Hardway and crew will start framing next week.

Elevator shaft work continues with an on site visit from Otis.

Pool heater installation is 90% complete and will finish soon. Final grading and top soil addition pending Hardway returning to site. We are currently evaluating fencing options and hope to have this selected and underway soon.

Viking has secured contracts for the plumbing, and is now working on mechanical and electrical. The plumbing contractor has moved in some temporary storage so that they can get started.

Final structural drawings are due today so that we can finalize ordering 33,218 lbs of steel.

I will be transferring many items that I have purchased almost two years ago to Calhoun which include plumbing fixtures, furniture, lockers, and who knows what else is down there. It will be interesting to see it all make its way to Calhoun in Pods.

On the grant front, we are regrouping a bit and the timeline that we are on for construction is too fast to reapply for the grants we applied for this year and were not granted. I do understand that the federal government is not used to projects having matching funds and being on a schedule that does not allow them to sit and wait for grants. Therefore, we will likely move on to looking at operational support for bringing the center up from the federal funders. We are having great discussions with the state supported by Speaker Hanshaw. And Jason Cunningham is chasing a number of other more focused opportunities.

I have to say that we are very pleased with the progress in 2023 across the board. We appreciate so very much those who offer their time, talent, treasure, encouragement and most of all prayers. Where God guides...He provides. Merry Christmas to all Houners at home and far and wide.

With love,
Crystal



Republicans Host Judicial Candidates and Elect New Chair and Vice Chair Dec. 19th

By Melissa West

The Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee met on Tuesday, December 19th with guests, Josh Downey and Anita Harold Ashley, candidates for Circuit Judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit. Both candidates had strong conservative views points and shared their experience with the the Republican Executive Committee members.



Pictured L to R: Josh Downey and Anita Harold Ashley andidates for Judge of the 5th Judicial Circuit

Following the speakers, the Executive Committee held an election for two key positions of Chair and Vice Chair, following the resignation of Roger Propst upon appointment to the Calhoun County Commission.

Shari Johnson (pictured below on left) was elected Chairwoman and Melissa West (pictured below) was elected Vice Chairwoman of the Calhoun Republican Executive Committee. Also elected was Graham Knight as Executive representative for the Center District of Calhoun and Dennis Spaur was appointed by Chairwoman Shari Johnson for the Lee District.



Much of the meeting discussion was centered around the upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner plans for February. The Republican Committee is once again planning a great event and opportunity to meet with elected and "to be" elected officials. The official announcement will come in January of the Key Note speaker and notable guest.

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun Reppublican Executive Committee will be January 15th, 2024. If you are a Republican Candidate and would like to speak at our next meeting, please feel free to reach out to a Committee member. We encourage all republicans to attend our monthly meetings.

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