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Calhoun County has first female deputy in history - Congratulations Hannah Stephens



On Thursday, November 30th, 2023, Hannah Stephens took the oath of office to become a Calhoun County Deputy by Judge Anita Harold Ashley. Hannah is the most recent hire by Calhoun County Sheriff Graham Knight.

She maybe only 20 years old, however don't be deceived by her youth. Hannah will be graduating in two weeks summa cum laude with a bachelors in criminal justice from WVU-P. In addition she holds rank in two different martial arts and plans to pursue a masters degree online while working. She is an avid dog lover and pit bull advocate.



Left to Right, Jessica and Charles Stephens, Deputy Hannah Stephens, Judge Anita Harold Ashley.

Hannah will make a wonderful addition to the law enforcement community and comes from a family background of law enforcement. Her father, Charles Stephens currently works for the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.



Left to Right, Charles Stephens, Sheriff Graham Knight and Deputy Hannah Stephens.

Congratulations Hannah and Thank you for wanting to serve and protect the citizens of Calhoun County.

Grantsville Conservatory of Music 3rd Anniversary Dec. 9th



The Grantsville Conservatory will celebrate its 3rd Anniversary on Dec. 9th at 1:00 p.m.. There will be performances by local talent and students. There will be a special performance by the Karate students. We will have refreshments. The celebration is located at 350 B. Main Street Grantsville. Entrance is located on Mill Street.

Other programs available at the Conservatory include Musical Lessons (Piano, Guitar, Banjo, Mandolin, and Fiddle at \$15.00 per lesson. Karate is also available on Monday and Tuesday's at 4:45 p.m. at \$7.00 per lesson or \$40.00 a month.

The Big Picture

By Crystal Marsh



The Big Picture Series Continues. Out of the mouths of babes come reality. “Thank you Everyone”. It has taken everyone to make the advances that we have in the last two years, and it will continue to do so. No one person, no one organization, no single group can or will make it happen. As we come to the last month in the year, I suspect the big picture objectives and pathway is coming well into focus. If we want better for ourselves...for our county....for our neighbors...we are going to have to make it happen ourselves by supporting each other. And actually that is not a bad place to be considering the capability, tenacity and resilience of Houners.

Somewhere along the way over the last 40 years we lost our confidence and that is understandable. When kids graduated, they left and many never came back. They sought employment out of state or they traveled away to work and came home on the weekends. Our county suffered in many ways as a result. The tax base shrunk, and the loss of leaders also took its toll. That being said those who were here kept the lights burning despite constant up hill battles. This is for sure to be commended. Our infrastructure suffered. Our reputation suffered. Our spirit suffered. Hope was lost for many.

This was all on top of the fact that our county has always been divided. Divided by north and south, by rich and poor, by church people and non church people and most definitely divided by politics. These divisions have deep roots while the world around us has marched on.

A better future requires us to stare the cold hard realities of our past in the face. We cannot change if we refuse to accept our reality. I think that the implications of this really hit home for me when we were turned down for a grant with the rationale being that our community center was viewed as a social welfare project and not economic development. Basically, the rationale was that there was no confidence that we can do anything expect accept a handout. It was another data point telling us that there is not confidence in our people to improve their circumstances. This was very offensive to my sensibilities. These are my people. I know their capability. I know their love of family. I know their heart. Some will expect us to fail...well because we have not done this before. But neither has anyone else doing something for the first time. I will bet on Calhoun.

As we go into 2024 we are in a different place. Having studied and led change experiences all my life all over the world, we are making great progress. We have demonstrated that we are in fact #StrongerTogether. We have demonstrated that we can call out corruption and mismanagement, and drive to better outcomes. We can improve our economic environment. We can get the attention of Charleston for support. We can get involved in our communities and government. We can rally the troops and take the mountain. All great progress. So what is next? Some healing. Some realization that we can disagree and still be friendsand drive to a better future. That politics has a lot of risk and can tear us apart if we let it. That we can speak the truth based on data and fact. We can differentiate between fact and opinion. And that government is business not personal. That is huge progress.

I am certain that we all agree that we want better for the next generations, and to see our county thrive and prosper. We want to be proud of Calhoun. We do not want to be on the bottom any longer. And we can and will do this and still keep our hometown environment and heart....in fact I would suggest that even this is improving. BUT....we have to come together. We have to work together. We have to stay together. We have to seek and clarify understanding. We have to see the pathway and work in a proper sequence. This is the business reality. First things first....and then step wise continued improvement.

Let's agree to stop the competition with each other, the back biting, the gossip, the ill spirit, and hidden (actually in many cases not well hidden) agendas. Let's talk to each other and not about each other. Let's address the potential for misunderstanding and issues head on.

OUR ONLY REAL RISK OF FAILING IS US! We will solely choose the fait of the future for our children. READ THAT AGAIN. It can be great or it can be miserable or it can be out of state. I hope we choose wisely.

Let's check our egos and think of others. We love each other. I know that. If we were attacked by an external force, it would be all hands on the oars to protect our neighbors irrespective of their political affiliations, religious beliefs, economic circumstances and address. If we work together, Calhoun can and will set the standard for grass roots community revitalization in the state and potentially in all of Appalachia. We can do this. We have the heart. We have the talent, skill and desire. We have the work ethic for sure. Please don't let our few differences build walls that are totally irrelevant and often do not even exist....expect in peoples' minds (or as part of hidden agendas and attempts to manipulate the narrative). We have proven we are #StrongerTogether. Let's continue in this spirit and kick in the rocket boosters as we go into 2024!

Thank you dear Caroline for you beautiful sentiment and card.

Democratic Viewpoint

Submitted by Deirdre Purdy

THE SPEAKER AND THE CONSTITUTION

Money is speech, corporations are people, the Constitution only means what it did in 1791, and anyone can be a member of our "well-regulated militia" (so pass the AR-15s).

We've all been living in legal Crazytown for so long, maybe it's just another day when the Supreme Court undermines the separation of church and state.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Remember that old thing?

It used to mean the free exercise of religion cannot be prohibited, but your religion does not trump the law.

Now free exercise has overtaken law in a series of cases from Masterpiece Cakeshop (my religion hates gays) to Kennedy v. Bremerton School District (public school coach OK praying on the 50-yard line) and Carson v. Makin (Maine must pay for kids to attend religious schools).

If the free exercise of your (Christian) religion requires setting law (and often facts) aside, SCOTUS supports you.

Justice Sotomayor wrote that the Court's rulings in Carson and

Kennedy lead "us to a place where the separation of church and state becomes a constitutional violation."

You hope this might produce a relatively small intrusion of religion in public life, except - House Speaker Mike Johnson. A Christian Nationalist is now second in line to the presidency.

Johnson does not recognize the separation of church and state. "The founders," he says, "wanted to protect the church from an encroaching state, not the other way around."

In Johnson's church, "The Word of God is the source of all truth." Johnson believes that his Bible is the sole legitimate source for public policy.

The church of Johnson seeks to criminalize homosexuality and impose a nationwide ban on abortion after fertilization. Constitutional argument will be replaced by a battle of the faithful against the infidels.

The Republicans, by unanimously electing Johnson as their speaker, have aligned themselves with political rule by an intolerant religious sect.

And all this might still be just a crackpot fringe movement except they have found a vehicle in Donald Trump.

In the 2016 election, the Christian Right supported (no, deified) Trump, a candidate known for egotism, adultery, philandering, deceit and fraud, mocking the disabled, and endless other unchristian traits.

That Trump is a grifter and a con man aligns perfectly with the televangelists asking their listeners to prove their faith by sending money and the powerful preachers of prosperity theology, a belief that God wills the reward of material gain for pious Christians. Trump's self-proclaimed wealth thus demonstrates his piety.

Two things quickly became clear in Trump's presidency: first, he would do the bidding of the Christian nationalists so long as it didn't interfere with his power and, second, they in turn would support him so long as he increased their power.

Trump's appointment of three Supreme Court Justices who overruled Roe in a decision designed to undercut all rights founded in privacy was a political and theological triumph for them.

The Christian Right yearns for a Trump 2d term.

The government doesn't have to establish a national religion right away. When Christian theocracy becomes the law, it also becomes the de facto national religion. Later, fealty can be required.

When free expression of religion overcomes law, the rule of law is lost. Soon we will learn that in 1791 the Founders did want to protect the church from an encroaching state, not the other way around.

What to do? Vote Biden, Not Trump. Not Trump who has told reporters, "I am the chosen one" and shared tweets describing himself as "the second coming." At other times he has claimed to be "second greatest only to Jesus."

If your religion includes love thy neighbor or welcome the stranger or love your enemies, vote for Democrats who will uphold the rights of neighbors, strangers and enemies as well as your own.

If you're not religious, if you belong to the 29% of Americans who describe themselves as atheists, agnostics or "nothing in particular," beware the Republican party, now fully engaged in a push to impose a theocracy on us. Vote Democratic up and down the ballot.

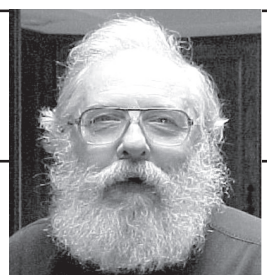
No democracy without freedom from theocracy.

They must be stopped.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke

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

The Creston Community Building Christmas Party will be at 2 P. M. Saturday, December 16 at the community building. All are invited. One should bewith Rosie, Barb or Kathleen about what covered dish items to bring so there aren't ten containers of baked beans and no mashed potatoes. The Creston Community Building business meeting will be December 5 at the Community Building at 6 P. M.

Esmeralda DeVries who has been "vacationing" at the WVU hospital in Morgantown is now doing much better reflecting the skill of modern medical folks and the power of prayer.

Some local folks motored to Grantsville Saturday to hear Kevin Wease's band, Triple Threat, at the Tribe.

The district bridge crew was working again on repairs of the W. Va. 5 bridge in Creston. Apparently the state is waiting for funding to replace the structure. Those who truck across the span and have looked up under the edifice have genuine concern.

Meanwhile the Highway Department has announced that it is now time to cut trees and treetops along state highways "to protect them from water".

Now, of course, all the road problems have been fixed, right? Apparently there was not time nor money to repair/fix the poorly prepared patches on I-77 south between Ripley and Fairplains, some of which are now kicking out. Has the big culvert on Wirt County CR 34/3 been replaced? Is the hill on Roane County CR 9/3 still impassable to FWD vehicles? Has the bridge on Ritchie County CR 15/9 been fixed? At one time there was really no warning that the bridge was out. Has the culvert that fell over the hill on Calhoun County CR 12/3 as one goes down off Mt. Beulah been pulled back up in the road?

It is obvious that "there is no money" in routine maintenance but special contracts are lucrative and are to be defended even when chopping down trees that belong to others.

The PSC (Public Service Commission) is said to be considering rate increases for the firms that provide residential gas service.

Mountaineer gas retail goes for \$13 while the Henry Hub price is now \$2.79. Local producers who sell on the DTI system

(Dominion) are lucky to get 60 cents. The low price, especially in the Appalachian Basin is a matter of concern even to the bigger boys and the consensus "among the experts" is that low gas prices, wholesale, will continue until at least 2025. A number of W. Va. producers are getting bills from the pipeline companies for the cost of the natural gas that was 'given' to them. Perhaps the PSC lives in a different world and has been reading about natural gas prices in Europe.

Diversified said that they hedge 80% of their gas but such obviously is not reflected in royalties, severance taxes or county ad valorem taxes.

First Energy, the local electric company, is once again asking for a 13.7% rate increase. Seems that some auditors feel that the \$64 million bribe to Ohio officials, the federal fines of \$230 million, all the legal and tax costs really shouldn't be used as valid costs of the utility and that West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania customers should not have to pay higher rates to "make the company well". Some Ohio elected officials are now doing time and the deal then (over nuclear power plants in Ohio) involved the Pleasants County power plant now operated by a non electric company. It was stated this way, "First Energy wrongly charged for bribes, lobbying, sponsorships, donations and other inappropriate expenses". Jeffrey Longstreth was instrumental in all this and he was/is involved also in W. Va. politics. He and his group put over \$600,000 in W. Va. elections. He and associates are involved with Larry Puccio, Joe Manchin's boyhood buddy and lobbyist for both the Manchin and Jim Justice interests. As they say, "It's a small world."

Steve Loudin was calling at the Creston Space Dock. He has some chariot problems. Jack, a resident there got a new collar & leash for Christmas.

Donnie Nutter, Barb Wright, Kathleen Cervone and some other Creston residents had Sunday dinner at Shade Tree where they feasted on fried chicken, hamburgers and other tasty foods that the world's ruling elite want to not allow the peasants to enjoy.

Presently the elites are now all off to the United Arab Emirates for a "global warming" conference. King Charles, who avoided a snow storm in his country, stressed that matters were urgent and action was needed now.

Of course his royal jet perhaps ran on pixie dust and thus helped the environment. It is said that in UAE the police drive sports cars as oil has made them so rich. In ratings of places world wide to drill the Emirates rate #4 while West Virginia rates #5.

Wilma and some other Mowrey family members are still recovering from the Wuhan Kung Flu virus.

J. P. Marks was calling on Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Marks & son.

Some folks from up in the panhandle are going to Richmond to argue in front of the U. S. 4th Circuit over the SB 694 that the out of state gas companies had the legislature pass for them. This takes private property for the benefit of others with almost no recourse. Farm Bureau and other groups were told to "support the bill or else". Now that they bought the bill it is being used. One Doddridge County mineral owner was notified he was being force pooled and he had never been contacted about a lease.

In a case pending later this month the CSX Railroad, the W. Va. DOH, the Catholic church, the Lutheran church, HG Energy, CNX Gas Company and the present owner of Wheeling Steel are being taken by SWN. Newspapers in the presently active counties are full of legal ads advising of the "now said legal" takings. West Virginia has world class minerals but laws like these make sure that W. Va. never received the benefits from the developments thereof.

In January folks can file to take out those who sold out West Virginia in the primary election. Sen. president Blair has opposition and there are more who need to be removed before they do more damage. It was learned that the best wells in the nation now are wells operated by Encino & Enron (EOG) in the oil phase of the Utica in Ohio. Some of these wells have laterals 20,000 feet long.

The Utica underlies Calhoun and Wirt Counties and is 1,100 feet thick. Maps show the Creston area to be in the area that would produce dry gas.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dipped to \$73.07/bbl. with condensate fetching just \$55.07/bbl.

Marcellus & Utica light brought \$64.07 and medium \$73.07/bbl.

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OBITUARIES

The Calhoun Chronicle did not receive any obituaries prior to printing deadline

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

Letter From Editor

1) OPED pieces may contain constructive criticisms, thoughts, or observations, which we publish on an individually approved basis.

2) No name-calling, hate speech, or other derogatory language is permitted. We do not publish letters containing "bashing," personal attacks, and the like. However, we do appreciate mindful concerns, assessments, and thoughts.

3) All letters must be signed by the author and include the city in which they reside.

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval.

This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS: Local Happenings: Scott Stewart, of Henrietta, was in town on a business errand Saturday.

Everett Gainer, of Joker, was attending County Court here this week. R.A. Jarvis, of Pine Creek, was a business caller in Grantsville Monday.

H.H. Andrews, of Big Springs, was here looking after business matters the first of the week.

G.G. Kelley, a first-class citizen and farmer of Mt. Zion, was attending to business matters here Monday.

Bert Haverty, was a pleasant caller at the Chronicle office while in town Monday.

N.P. Harris, farmer and business man of Henrietta, was a business caller in Grantsville Monday.

Tell Bell, an industrious merchant of Creston was looking after business interests here Saturday.

Gilbert Haddox, a prosperous farmer and stockman, of Freed, was attending to business interests here one day this week.

Calhoun High Ends Grid Season With Victory: The local high school football team celebrated Thanksgiving by walloping the Independents to the tune of 12-6. The gridiron was extremely muddy and assistance was needed often to pull players out.

The Independents were composed of the following starts: Mosby, of Clarksburg, who played in his freshman year with West Virginia University. Casto, of Huntington, who for three years was the outstanding star of Ravenswood High. Morgan, all star center for New Martinsville High, for two years, Burns, coach of Calhoun High, Hathaway and D. Waldo, Insurance and Cocoa-Cola salesman respectively, seemed to lack the coaching needed for good football players.

The Varsity's first touchdown came in the first quarter when Riddle dashed off left end for ten yards. The Independents only touchdown came in the third quarter when they recovered a punt on the varsity's twenty yard line, Burns then hurdles the center of line for touchdown. The varsity again scored in the last few minutes of play when the ball was advanced with striking distance of the goal, T. Waldo sneaked through center for a touchdown.

1948, 75 YEARS: Brown Sugar Pudding

1 cup brown sugar 2 ½ cups water
2 tablespoons butter ½ cup sugar
1 cup sifted flower 2 teaspoons baking powder
½ cup raisins

Combine brown sugar and 2 cups of water, boil for 10 minutes; add the butter and turn into a greased 1 ½ quart baking dish. Combine white sugar, flour, baking powder, ½ cup water and raisins. Pour this batter onto the syrup. Bake 25 minutes in hot oven (400 degrees).

Chocolate Float

1 cup flour ¾ cup sugar
1 ½ tablespoon cocoa 2 teaspoon baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt Sift these ingredients together and add
½ cup milk 2 tablespoons melted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Pour this into a greased pan and pour syrup over it.

Syrup

½ cup brown sugar ½ cup granulated sugar
1 cup hot water 3 tablespoons cocoa
Boil 5 minutes (very thin syrup), pour syrup over batter. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

1973, 50 YEARS: Christmas Concert to be held

The Calhoun Junior High Choir will present their Christmas concert for the public Sunday, December 9, beginning at 3 pm in the high school cafeteria. No admission will be charged but donations will be taken.

Some of the selections by the choir will be "God Is Now", "Elijah", "Rise Up Shepards and Follow", "The Friendly Beasts", Selections from Oliver", "My Favorite Things", "Hey Look Me Over", "See the Radiant Sky", and "Put On A Happy Face".

The Junior High Ensemble, the Devilaires, will sing four numbers: "Do You Hear What I Hear?", "Wells Farge Wagon", "Charlie Brown", and "Almost Like Being In Love".

Some 8 th grade boys will present "Jingle Bell Rock" accompanied by guitarist Duane Weekley, Bill Grass and Rick Sampson.

During the concert the audience will join the choir in a "Christmas Sing Along" which will conduct by a member of the choir. The Junior High choir is open to 7 th and 8 th graders only and this will be their first public performance for this school year. Joe Wilt is their director.

Waste Not/Want Not December 2023

By Judy Wofram

It's December. Christmas—cooking, wrapping, spilling, accidents, spots, stains. Ah, the joy of it all.

Let me see if I can help you with these small (sometimes), annoying but inevitable problems.

Have you got touch stains on some clothes? Well, soak colorfast pieces in a bucket of warm water with ¼ cup of regular bleach added. Mix well before adding clothes, soak for 10 minutes, rinse in clean, clear cool water, then launder them as you usually do.

Ok, boy. Ink stains. Most ink stains respond to a solution of one teaspoon of regular bleach in one cup of water. Apply to stain with a Q-tip cotton swab. Let dry. Apply again if needed.

If you have chocolate stains, they will melt away when treated with undiluted ammonia. Scrub the stained area with it and then launder as usual. When using ammonia for anything at all, make sure you are in a well-ventilated area. Outdoors is preferable.

Are you sweating from all this cooking, wrapping, cleaning and decorating chores? Pre-treat the stain by blotting on a solution of one teaspoons of ammonia in two cups of cold water. Then launder clothes with a stain fighter and color booster. Repeat if necessary.

Ack. Blood stains. The fun stuff. Treat a fresh blood stain with hydrogen peroxide. Dab the peroxide on the stain and then blot it off. Repeat if necessary. Make sure that you test the fabric first just to make sure it is color fast.

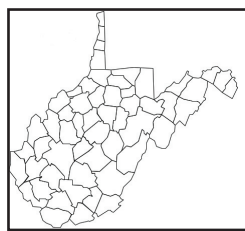
Dried blood stains are difficult to remove. Try soaking the fabric in a solution of two tablespoons of ammonia per gallon of cold water. Check and when the stain starts to fade, wash the fabric in cold water with Dawn dishwashing liquid. Repeat if necessary.

Are you using treasured old tablecloths and napkins on our table? Spots and stains can be hard to get out of old linens. But let's try. Equal parts of regular bleach and milk can sometimes do the trick.

Make a small quantity of the two, dip a cotton ball into the mixture and gently rub the stains. When and if the stains are gone, launder the linens as you usually would. This treatment can also work on discoloration lines that form on the folds of long-stored linens.

Well, there you go. I hope that I have helped you survive some holiday mishaps.

Merry Christmas to all!



This Week In West Virginia History

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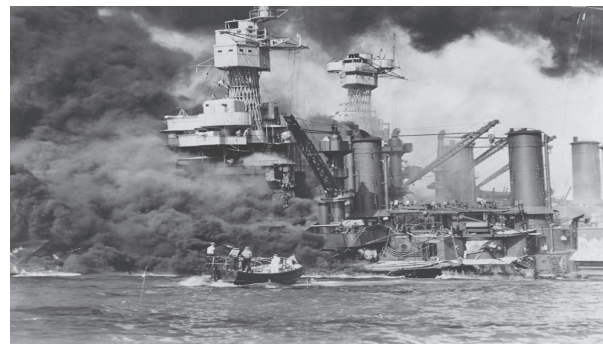
Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org. The W.Va. Encyclopedia is a project of the W.Va. Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; 304-346-8500 or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

Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games.

Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

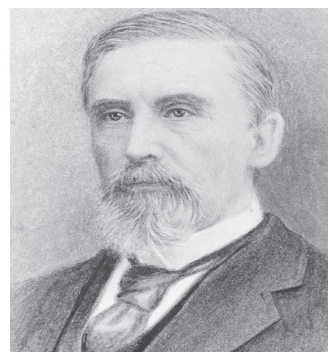
The USS West Virginia suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs.

Two officers, including the captain and 103 crew members, died.



Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born (on left). Barron, West Virginia's 26th governor, achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his term (1961-65), but his accomplishments were overshadowed when he became the first governor in state history to be indicted or convicted of a major crime.

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire

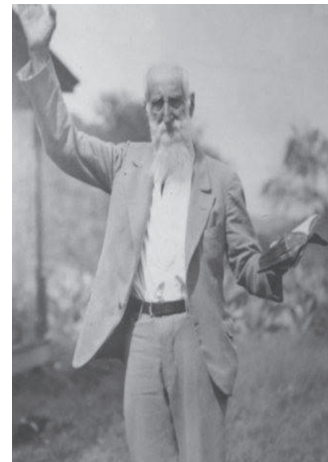


County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state.



Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist, and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville (pictured on left).

Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and



baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.

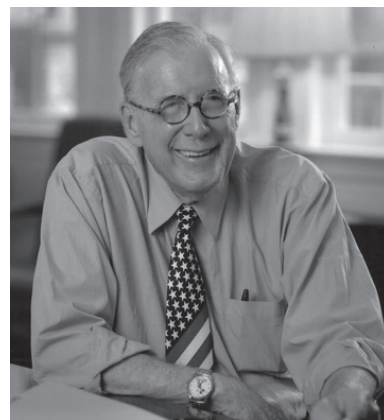
Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute in Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.



Dec. 12, 1931: Attorney George Daugherty, better known as the comic singer, storyteller, and songwriter "The Earl of Elkview," was born upstairs over a Mannington silent movie house.

Dec. 11, 1905: "Pare" Lorentz, known as "FDR's filmmaker," was born in Clarksburg.

In 1933, Lorentz created The Roosevelt Year: 1933, a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.



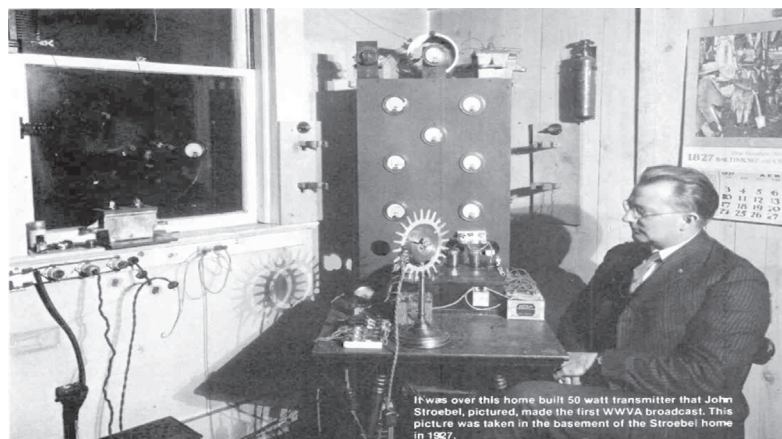
Dec. 12, 1942: Internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist Bob Thompson was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York. He studied music at West Virginia State College (now University) and is the house pianist for the Mountain Stage radio program.



Dec. 12, 1953: Chuck Yeager set a speed record by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A. Yeager, who grew up in Hamlin, had broken the sound barrier six years earlier on Oct. 14, 1947.

Dec. 13, 1861: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. Stroebel was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.



It was over this home built 50 watt transmitter that John Stroebel, pictured, made the first WWVA broadcast. This picture was taken in the basement of the Stroebel home in 1927.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



December is only a few days old, and I already feel as if I'm behind. I wrote last week about needing a break after my vacation. I still don't feel as if I have completely recovered from that busy week.

On top of that, I seem to have caught a cold. I spent most of this past weekend sneezing, sniffing, and coughing.

Thankfully, this past week was a relatively quiet one. I was able to be home most evenings. The rest of the month is pretty hectic, so I decided to make the most of this time and just rest and relax. I worked hard during my planning periods at school, so I wouldn't have to bring much work home.

There really is something to be said about the comforts of home. I am so blessed to have my home among the hills, and I feel like we are a perfect fit. While I love my house all year round, this time of the year is definitely my favorite time.

I mentioned in a past article that I have lots of fall decorations, and these have been up since the end of September. I love putting the candles in the windows, lighting the fireplaces, and cuddling up under a blanket on my red leather couch.

As much as I love my fall décor, it is time to pack it away until next year and to get ready to deck the halls for Christmas. I had planned to do just that this weekend, but then my cold hit, and I just didn't have it in me. I did manage to take down all of my fall decorations, but that is as far as I have gotten.

In my defense, I did do some Christmas decorating this week; it just wasn't at my house. The historical society decided to decorate both the museum and the Stump Hotel this year. We wanted to have both done in time for Friday night's parade. Maricia and I worked in the hotel on Monday evening, and we returned on Thursday evening to help other society members finish up all of the last-minute details. My job was to hang the pine swags on the windows and the garland on the balcony.

We have never decorated the hotel for Christmas, and it turned out beautifully. I was so glad we had a number of guests stop by on Friday evening to view all of our hard work.

Speaking of Friday evening, I was so glad the rain cleared out for the parade and all of the other special events planned. I have watched a number of Hallmark movies in my time, and I am here to tell you, I felt like I had stepped into one as I walked down the street.

There were beautiful lights everywhere, a large Christmas tree, people milling around in the street before the parade, buying coffee at Grinders and candy at the candy store, and even sitting around a firepit listening to stories. Hallmark, eat your heart out. Andy and I made a quick stop in at J&B Drugstore where I got a s'mores milkshake that was delicious.

I loved the fact the parade came by the hotel. This meant we could still man our station and see the parade.

Mom and Dad joined us there, and we all had a great time watching all of the entries go by. We stayed around an hour or so after the parade and were thrilled to have some more first-time visitors come in to see the museum and Stump Hotel.

The hotel will be open again next weekend for another Christmas event that I am equally excited about. This one is being sponsored by my church and is called the Journey to Bethlehem.

The Stump Hotel will be playing the part of the full inn and will be only one of the stops visitors will make as they follow the luminaries around town. As they go, they will encounter shepherds, wisemen, angels, and eventually the Christmas child Himself.

This is going to be a wonderful event, and I encourage you to come and join us. The evening will start outside of the First Baptist Church. I am part of the welcoming committee, so I will be there to greet you and send you on your way. There is no cost, and it is a self-guided tour that runs from 5-8 pm. I hope to see you there!

This week is a busy one. I have meetings, a much-needed haircut, and I need to go to the Westfalls' Christmas Tree Farm to pick out my Christmas tree.

I am more than ready to begin decking the halls and spending many quiet evenings sitting by my tree. If Mother Nature would like to send some snow our way, I wouldn't complain about that either. I am definitely dreaming of a white Christmas and a snow day or two.

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., Dec. 7: fruit, coleslaw, fruit salad, whole wheat bun.

Fri., Dec. 8: vegetable soup, peaches, peanut butter sandwich, whole wheat bread.

Mon., Dec. 11: cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Tues., Dec. 12: chicken tenders, whole wheat roll, macaroni and cheese, greens, fruit.

Wed., Dec. 13: broccoli soup, cheese salad sandwich, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Thurs., Dec. 14: pork chops, greens, steam vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread

Fri., Dec. 15: COOK'S CHOICE

Monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.

You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling CCCOA, 304-354-7017, to be placed on a list.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., Dec. 7: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 8: Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

Dinner with Santa and Mrs Claus plus silent auction, CMHS, 5:30 p.m.

Calhoun High Schoolboys Basketball Game vs. South Harrison, 7:00 PM

Music by Jesse Lee and Corey Hager, County Kitchern starting at 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 9: Craft Market, CCCOA Building 10 a.m to 3 p.m.

Grantsville Conservatory of Music 3rd Anniversary Celebration, 1 p.m.

Journey to Bethel Event, get your map from the First Baptist Church on High Street, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CMHS Band Booster Mix-N-Match Bingo, doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo at 6:00 p.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Ruff Cut

Mon., Dec. 11: Calhoun County commission meeting, Little Courtroom, 9:00 a.m.

Tues., Dec. 12: First Baptist Calhoun Food

Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at FRN, 4:30 p.m.

Calhoun County Library Cupcake Class at the Library, 6 p.m.

Civil Air Patrol, 413 High Street Grantsville, 6:00 p.m.

Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m

Calhoun High Schoolboys Basketball Game vs. Doddridge, 7:00 PM

Wed., Dec. 13: Animal Shelter Meeting, Calhoun Library, 6:00 pm

Thurs., Dec. 14: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 15: Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

Calhoun High Schoolboys Basketball Game at Valley Wetzel, 7:00 PM

The Calhoun Cabaret presents: Strike Notice, 7:30p.m. at the Arnoldsburg Community Building.

Sat., Dec. 16: The Calhoun Cabaret presents: Strike Notice, 2:30p.m. at the Arnoldsburg Community Building.

Attention Shoppers!!! Grantsville Dollar General has reopened their doors as of December 1st, 2023 after a closure by the WV Health Department due to issues with the building.

The Calhoun Library is having a Christmas Cupcake Class 12/12

The Calhoun County Library will be holding a Christmas Cupcake Class on December 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. The cost is \$5 a person.

The Library staff will give guided instructions for 4 different cupcake designs.

If you are interested please contact the Library to reserve a spot at 304-354-6300.

Animal Shelter Meeting 12/13 at 6

The next public animal shelter meeting will be held on December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Calhoun County Library.

Please join us if you are interested in being a volunteer with the animals.

The Upper West Fork Park will hold

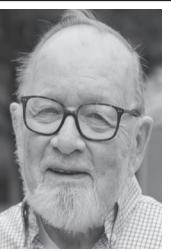
Christmas Toy Giveaway Dec. 16th

The park is having our annual toy giveaway Saturday December 16th at 1:00-3:00.

Must be present to receive a ticket for a chance at a bike for Christmas and must also be present when the bikes are given away. Enjoy music from Frank Conn & Partners at 7:00 p.m.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Here's a pop quiz on some curious geographical facts. See how many you know, and have your atlas handy!

1. The longest, undefended border lies between which two countries?
2. Does any part of Canada lie south of any of our states, excluding Alaska?
3. In what direction is Nova Scotia relative to Maine?
4. Does Bermuda lie directly east of Florida?
5. Which continent lies in all four hemispheres: northern, southern, eastern and western?
6. Where is the one place where four state boundaries come together, and what are the four states?
7. What is the largest state in land area east of the Mississippi?
8. Does South America lie southeast or southwest of Savannah, Georgia?

Answers:

1. The U.S. and Canada, with a border about 5,527 miles long.
 2. Yes, the southernmost part of Canada (Ontario Province) is south of the northernmost part of Pennsylvania, and about 150 miles from the Mason-Dixon line.
 3. East.
 4. No, Bermuda lies almost directly east of Charleston, South Carolina.
 5. Africa, with the hemispheres being defined by the Equator and Greenwich Meridian.
 6. The "Four Corners" are the intersections of the borders of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.
 7. Georgia.
 8. Southeast. Relative to a north-south line, almost all of South America lies east of Savannah, Georgia.
- C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "If at first you don't succeed, you are running about average." -M.H. Alderson

Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

Okay now it's garnish – I use chopped December and almost celery tops.

Christmas. Are you ready? Combine potatoes, onions and enough water

You should be by now. If you are still not done shopping, wrapping, decorating or even baking then shame on you. Use a medium sized sauce pan or large if you double the recipe. Bring to a boil and cover the pan. Boil until potatoes are tender. Add more water if necessary. Make sure that potatoes don't burn or stick.

Maybe I can help with a few easy recipes. Such as soup is always good and it is cold outside and you always have potatoes. Right? Drain the potatoes when done but reserve 1 cup of the potato water.

So, how about potato soup? You will need the following: Process the potatoes and cooked onions through a food processor or ricer.

4 cups of washed, peeled and cubed potatoes Blend the butter and flour in the saucepan

3 cups of heated milk and make sure that you have no lumps. Stir in the warm milk, bouillon, salt, pepper and the reserve potato water.

2 tablespoons of instant chicken bouillon When thoroughly mixed, add the potato and onion mixture. Warm it

4 sliced medium onions all together on low heat. Pout into bowls and add your garnish.

2 tablespoons butter

1 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon pepper

Minced parsley to

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The 2024 WV Disability History Essay Contest Deadline is Dec. 15th for High School Seniors

2024 WV Disability History Essay Contest, Institute, WV – The WV Disability History Essay Contest committee is proud to announce the return of the Disability History Essay Contest in West Virginia. The Disability History Essay Contest coincides with WV Disability History Week, the 3rd week in October, and is open to all WV high school seniors. This annual contest is designed to reinforce Disability History Week in WV and provide WV high school seniors with an opportunity to share their knowledge of the Disability Rights Movement and what they have learned about disability issues in their community, showcase their writing skills, and perhaps to earn some money!

All WV High Schools have been sent entry forms for the essay contest, which can also be found on our website at www.wvsilc.org. Please share with your Seniors and encourage them to enter. There are six districts with a possible 1st and 2nd place in each district, plus a State winner. In addition to an award certificate, the authors of the winning essays will receive an engraved personalized key chain and a check for the amount of their award as follows: State Winner - \$3,250; District 1st Place Winners - \$1,750; and District 2nd Place Winners - \$1000

The Disability History Essay Contest is a collaborative effort between the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS), West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council (WVSILC), and State Rehabilitation Council (SRC), with cooperation from the West Virginia Department of Education.

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

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

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

Empowering Parents Workshops

Calhoun Schools will offer three parent workshops to help you with your unique child. Each workshop runs for 6 weeks for approximately two hours. You can choose from: Parenting with Love and Logic, Adults Supporting Youth with Challenging Pasts, or Supporting youth with special needs.

These workshops are beneficial for parents, foster/adoptive parents, educators, social workers, counselors, coaches, mentors and others serving children and teens.

Supporting Youth With Challenging Pasts (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

- 1/9/24 - Attachment Relationships are the Foundation
- 1/16/24 - Dealing with defiance and other difficult behavior
- 1/23/24 - nothing works without sincere empathy
- 1/30/24 - setting limits while minimizing power struggles
- 2/6/24 - supporting learning and achievement in school
- 2/13/24 - empowering them towards success in life

Parenting with Love and Logic (4:30-6:30 pm.)

- 1/11/24 - putting an end to arguing, back talk and begging
- 1/18/24 - teaching responsibility without losing their love
- 1/25/24 - setting limits without waging war
- 2/1/24 - avoiding power struggles
- 2/8/24 - guiding kids to own and solve their problems
- 2/15/24 - teaching kids to complete chores without reminders and without pay.

Supporting Youth with Special Needs (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

- 1/10/24 - understanding their unique needs and gifts
- 1/17/24 - maintaining healthy "can-do" expectations
- 1/24/24 - developing and maintaining positive parent-teacher relationships
- 1/31/24 - reaching discouraged and resistant learners

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- Help introduce your child to peers.
- Fun parent-child activities!
- Support and connections to community resources.
- Parent/child groups and story book hours.

Tuesday location is the Calhoun Family Resource Network 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Friday location is at the Arnoldsburg Elementary School 1 to 3 p.m.
This month's theme is Gingerbread.

Please come out and join us for fun and learning.

Grantsville Pickleball Club



The Grantsville Pickleball Club is growing!

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

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

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To: EUGENE STEVENS, JR., RICHARD L STEVENS ESTATE, HIS HEIRS, ASSIGNS, CHARLIE L STEVENS, DAVID A STEVENS, ERIN PATRICK STEVENS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERIDAN MAP 15 PARCEL 0016 0001 0000

You will take notice that ROBERT B. BOURN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-00000075, located in SHERIDAN District, 39.65 AC SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STEVENS EUGENE JR & CHARLIE L & RIC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. ROBERT B. BOURN requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 14764	\$ 405.48
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 14679	\$ 313.15
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 846.89
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,777.67

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand November 14, 2023

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2022-C-00000156 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: JOHN R. JARVIS, O. L. HALL HEIRS, JEAN H. JARVIS, ANNE H. BARNETT, KENT S. HALL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 2970 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-00000156, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/3 41 MEADOW RUN WALKER FORK (FOREMAN) W-NONE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HALL O L HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 23407	\$ 88.96
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 23432	\$ 23.47
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 122.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 455.07

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(2022-C-00000140 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: BETH L. KIMBLE, IRENE KNOTT'S ANDERSON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0300 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-00000140, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/10 77 WALNUT #35048 M GUMP 6439, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ANDERSON IRENE KNOTT'S, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 21030	\$ 88.96
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 21032	\$ 23.47
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 137.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 470.07

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2022-C-000119 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: TOREY THOMAS YOAK, RONDA YOAK, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 9060 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000119, located in SHERMAN District, 7/48 112 BENNETT MILL E FRANCIS #1-4 W-360, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of YOAK RONDA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 23405	\$ 116.49
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 23430	\$ 23.66
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 572.79

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2022-C-000158 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: JOHN R. JARVIS, O. L. HALL HEIRS, JEAN H. JARVIS, ANNE H. BARNETTE, KENT S. HALL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 2990 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000158, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/6 44-3/4 POND RUN - ROGERS JOHN T JARVIS GAS CO, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HALL O L HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 23409	\$ 88.96
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 23434	\$ 23.47
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 152.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 485.07

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2022-C-000113 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: DAVID R. VARNER, DOCK STUMP, SYLVESTER STUMP, PAUL STUMP, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 6650 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000113, located in SHERMAN District, 1/10 205 RACCOON S STUMP W-520 #28878 DOM-90, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STUMP PAUL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 19773	\$ 88.96
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 19792	\$ 23.47
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 545.07

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2022-C-000060 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: VICKIE LYNN BOWEN, DENNIS STURM, JERRY STURM, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 7740 3001

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000060, located in LEE District, 1/12 125 WF - WF GAS CO GW SHAFFER, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOWEN VICKIE LYNN, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 5576	\$ 88.96
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 5579	\$ 23.47
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 152.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 485.07

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(2022-C-000137 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: BETH L. KIMBLE, IRENE KNOTT'S ANDERSON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0270 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000137, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/3 47 WALNUT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ANDERSON IRENE KNOTT'S, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 21027	\$ 89.60
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 21029	\$ 24.06
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 122.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 456.30

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2022-C-000190 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: LINDA F. SPENCER, BERNARD VAUGHAN, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0270 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000190, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/6 56 WALNUT J YOST, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of VAUGHAN BERNARD, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 21027	\$ 88.96
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 21029	\$ 23.47
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 137.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 470.07

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(2022-C-000154 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: JOHN R. JARVIS, O. L. HALL HEIRS, JEAN H. JARVIS, ANNE H. BARNETT, KENT S. HALL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 2950 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000154, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/3 125 W F HILDRETH ADAMS & DEEL W-430, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HALL O L HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2021 - 23405	\$ 101.67
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 23430	\$ 35.03
Additional taxes with interest	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest	\$ 137.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest	\$ 220.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 494.34

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

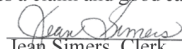
Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Jackie Lee Jarvis	Jennifer D. Kirk	1004 Washington Dr., Cottontown, TN 37048
	Jacqueline D. Jarvis	801 Nubia Rd., Westmoreland, TN 37186
Mary Louise Smith	John L. Wilson	P.O. Box 452, Bridgeville, PA 15017
Jeffery Kent Engle	Rodney Pell Engle	707 Osborn Ave., Lorain, OH 44052

December 6, 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 **February 6, 2024**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

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


Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission

PSC Chairman Lane's Column

Safe and reliable water for all

One of the most important laws ever enacted by the West Virginia Legislature is the Distressed and Failing Utilities Improvement Act. This 2020 statute gives the Public Service Commission crucial tools for improving water and sewer services. The law allows the Commission to determine whether a system can properly serve its customers. Systems fail or fall into disrepair for any number of reasons. A major issue is a declining customer base. Fewer customers mean less money for repairs, maintenance, and salaries.

Running a water or sewer system takes expertise. Qualified operators often leave smaller systems that cannot match the salaries or benefits of larger operations. It becomes a vicious spiral, downward.

Some of these systems have enormous pipeline circuits, and the terrain in West Virginia does not make the job easier. Adequate water pressure often requires more pumping stations, which increases costs. Many smaller systems were built decades ago and neglect has caused cumulative problems. The crews struggle to keep up, but too often it is a failing struggle.

This law is not meant to be punitive against a system that just can't make it. It is aimed at continuing, or even improving, the basic water and sewer service that customers expect.

West Virginia has nearly 600 water and sewer utility systems. The Public Service Commission has handled a number of these cases so far, and we expect the trend to continue. A handful of cases are currently pending, including a few that present some major challenges.

These cases generally always present a host of technical issues. Unfortunately, some of them generate hard feelings when the proprietors of these systems argue that they can provide adequate service. They take it personally, which is never our intention.

So we continue to carefully scrutinize the situations we face. The Commission certainly is not in the finger-pointing business. We don't want to take away local control of these systems if we can avoid it. But in all instances, our primary concern has to be, and is, the health and safety of the customers.

The Legislature has given us a powerful tool for helping the citizens of the Mountain State to have clean, reliable water and sewer services. It is one we treat with careful deliberation and the utmost concern for everyone involved.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0460-E-42T
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and
THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY
Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On May 31, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company filed revised tariff sheets reflecting increased base rates and charges of \$207,452,687 or 13 percent in total revenues, including the proposed Infrastructure Investment Program and the Energy Assistance Outreach Program for low-income customers detailed in the filing on a combined company basis. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	Base Rate Increase	
	(\$ INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$ 55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$ 478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$ 155.13	17.2%

The effective date of the proposed increased rates and charges has been suspended through March 26, 2024 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on January 24-26, 2023. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

**Attorney General Morrissey Advises Caution
with Holiday Package Deliveries**

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

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is urging consumers to be careful when having packages delivered to their homes.

The advice comes as part of the Attorney General's Holiday Consumer Protection Week.

Packages arrive at doors more frequently during the holiday shopping season because of the popularity of online shopping. Thieves have been known to pilfer packages from porches, so it is important for consumers to take precautions.

"Who doesn't love the convenience of online shopping?" Attorney General Morrissey said. "Make sure that you don't inadvertently entice thieves by leaving packages unattended. These porch pirates will prey upon any opportunity to steal your joy this season."

Consumers should consider having packages shipped to their workplace or to a trusted neighbor's house instead of allowing packages to be left unattended at home. Consumers can also opt to have their packages shipped to a local post office or authorized FedEx or UPS locations for pick up.

Consumers should always require a signature to verify receipt. Video doorbells also have become increasingly popular and, in some instances, have caught porch pirates red-handed.

Attorney General Morrissey also warned consumers to watch for shipping scams, such as the "parcel-waiting" scheme. It targets consumers with a card claiming someone attempted to make a delivery and asks the consumer to call a specific number for more detail. Those who make the call may be placed on hold and connected to a premium or overseas service that can prove costly and jeopardize personal information.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808, or file a complaint online at www.ago.wv.gov.



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**It's
Dove Time.**

**Contact Carol Sloane
@354-9484 for forms, or pick
forms up in Minnie Hamilton
Gift Shop.**

EVENTS PAGE

Upper West Fork Park Events

Upper West Fork Park meetings are held the second Tues. 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.): Dec. 9: Ruff Cut; Dec. 16: Toy Give away 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Frank Conn & Partners; Dec. 23: Dixie Highway and Dec. 30: Flannel

Creston Community Building

Christmas Party Dec. 16th

The Creston Community Building will host a Christmas Party at the building on Sat., December 16, 2023, with doors opening at 2:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m. with ham and turkey provided by the Community Building. Please bring a covered dish. Santa will be arriving at 5:00 p.m. with gifts and treat bags for children up to age 12. Donation of candy would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome! Come out and enjoy an evening to celebrate the Christmas Season. For more information, please feel free to call Barb at 304-275-0006.

Country Kitchen Music & Events

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

Hours

Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. -9 p.m.

Thurs.-Sat.: 10 a.m. to Close

BIKER'S WELCOME!!!!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday's \$5 Line dance classes with Batanya Kay; Bring some friends and enjoy learning new steps. Class begins at 6 p.m.

12/8 Jesse Lee and Corey Hager 7:30 p.m.

Journey to Bethlehem

Dec. 9th

Get ready for the Journey to Bethlehem 2023. There are seven stops representing the search for the Christ Child.

It is a free event and a wonderful way to celebrate the advent season. One would not want to miss the sweet melodies of an angel choir or the quiet warmth of a cozy Inn.

There are even a few treats along the way...like the Shepherd's freshly made kettle corn popped over an open fire. YUMMY!

It is a self-guided, FREE tour through the town of Grantsville. (walk or drive) Tours can start anytime throughout the evening and stops do not have to be made in any specific order, but do not miss the most important stop of all--the nativity.

Afterall, Jesus is the reason for the season! Step back into the story of the Christ Child as you walk a luminary lined route toward the manger.

Get a map for the journey at the First Baptist Church on High Street.

December 9, 5 pm to 8 pm Agenda of the Stops:

- #1. Gather Provisions for journey
- #2. See the Wisemen for some traveling advice
- #3. Find a place to stay the night
- #4. Register for the Census
- #5. Look for Shepherds
- #6. Hear Angels Caroling
- #7. Search for the Live Nativity

Follow the lanterns and enjoy the Journey to Bethlehem.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

CMHS Band Boosters Mix-N-Match Bingo

December 9th at 6:00 p.m.

The CMHS Band Boosters will be holding a Mix-N-Match Bingo on December 9th at CMHS. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m.

If you have items or money to donate towards the Bingo please call or text 304-488-2013

The Calhoun Cabaret Presents Strike Notice on

December 16th and 17th

The Calhoun Cabaret proudly presents Strike Notice on December 16th (7:30 p.m.) and 17th (2:30 p.m.) at the Arnoldsburg Community Building.

There is a \$5 admission fee and children under 3 are free.

There will be singing, dancing, Theatre, concessions, raffle, an Ugly Sweater Contest and more.

West Central Beekeeper's Association

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

Tire Collection

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

First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry

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



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

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/ccf.

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 emo-tionally exhausted? First Choice Services has a 24/7 emotional strength help-line called HELP304 to help navigate these uncertain and unprecedented times. Available via phone, text, or online chat, professional crisis counselors are trained to listen and help you find the way forward with stress-management strategies, as well as community resources and referrals. Talk to someone who cares and can help. Call the helpline at 1-877-HELP304 (877-435-7304) or online chat at www.help304.com.

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Liberty Hill Cemetery News

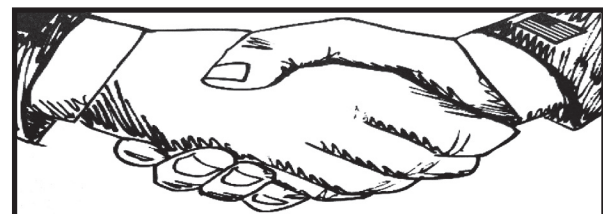
We need your donations to keep it looking neat. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, please donate. Donations can be mailed to Liberty Hill Cemetery, 3121 Lemuels Run Road, Mount Zion, WV 26151. Calhoun County Bank has been gracious to accept money in their drop box or donated at the banks. Thanks for your help.

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Needs Donations

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



12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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

WIC Program

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

Tobacco Quitline

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

Prevent Suicide

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

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

24 hrs. a day
7 days a week

Crisis Hotline

1-800-579-5844

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Lions Club Bingo

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

Food Pantry

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

Library Hours

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

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Check Conditions

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

Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association

Contact Information

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association is in need of updated contact information to keep all alumni up-to-date on current events. Return the following information to CCHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11, Grantsville, WV 26147, or email to nikkiboatright@gmail.com.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Class Year _____

Christmas Comes to Calhoun County 2023

Pictures provided by Emma and Jerry Howell



Judges: Brandy Lupardus, Shauna Yeager & Brittany Frymier



Christmas Star Award (Best Overall) & Holiday Spirit Award (Most Enthusiastic - Minnie Hamilton, Christmas on the Farm.



Frostys Caroling Award (Best Musical) - Brooksville Baptist Church



Jack Frosts Award (Best Car or Truck) - Audrey Johnson.



Elfin Magic Award (Best Featuring Children) - Walgreens.



Grinch Award (Most Humorous) - Calhoun County Library.



Rudolphs Friends Award (First Responders) - Minnie Hamilton EMS.



Tin Soldier Award (Best Marching or Walking) - Calhoun Middle High School Band.



Santas Sleigh Award (Best Theme) - Calhoun Banks.



Parade Marshall's Donnie and Susan Pitts



LKVCS Fall Athlete Spotlight

Submitted by Amy Fitzwater

As the school year began in August, our students were awarded the opportunity to participate in sports programs at the county level. This opportunity was a blessing for many of our talented students who wanted to use their abilities on the field and court.

Lance Grogg, freshman son of Isaac and Brandi Grogg, joined the Red Devil football team where he played tight end, wide receiver, and cornerback. During the football season, he had three tackles, one fumble recovery, and ran the ball for a 20-yard gain. Lance has decided to continue his athletic career in wrestling this season, to which we wish him the best of luck and prayers for safety and growth.

Kylynn Keith, the eighth-grade daughter of Chris and Samara Keith, began her athletic journey in cheerleading. She was able to cheer for their six home games and received the honor of All-Conference cheerleader for Calhoun County. She enjoyed her season and was blessed to meet many new friends and looks forward to trying out for the Red Devil cheerleading squad next year. Kylynn is now using her talents on the basketball court with Coach Katie Jones in the lead. Good luck to our Kylynn and prayers for safety and growth.

Clara Barnhart, sixth-grade daughter of Clayton and Erin Barnhart, started her summer with various volleyball camps and then earned a spot on the Red Devil volleyball team. She left the season with 110 points, 22 aces, 8 kills, and 3 digs. It was a very good start for Miss Clara!

We couldn't be prouder of these three and the others who are now participating in winter sports. They each took on the responsibility of taking care of their academics and being devoted to their practice and playing hard for their teams. We pray for safety and growth for all the players of Calhoun County Schools.



Pictured L to R: Clara Barnhart, Lance Grogg, and Kylynn Keith.

Derrick Evans, Congressional Candidate toured Calhoun County November 28th

Pictures courtesy of Eric Lupardus

I am sure you are asking who is Derrick Evans and why would he tour Calhoun County. Let me introduce you to our Congressional candidate. He held a Town Hall Meeting at the Grantsville Lions Club Building to talk with the citizens of Calhoun County.

Derrick Evans is a lifelong West Virginian. He was born in Huntington, WV and raised in Wayne County, WV. Derrick received a Bachelor of Arts from West Liberty University where he earned NCAA First Team All American honors as a captain of the football team while also being a contributing member of the men's track team.

After graduating college, Derrick returned to Wayne County where he began his teaching and football coaching career. After four years in the education system, Derrick stepped away from teaching to pursue his passion for real estate investing and property management.

Before politics, Derrick was a conservative and pro-life activist whose passion for ending abortion led to numerous unborn lives being saved. Derrick also helped to secure legal support for the adoptions of each child whose mother chose adoption.

Derrick was first elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 2020 as he became the first Republican to win his District in over 98 years. At the time it was a multi-member House District almost the size of the current WV State Senate District. Derrick won in a landslide victory. While holding office as a WV Legislator he peacefully entered the U. S. Capital on January 6th and by his own live cam he was calling for calm and respect within the group. He was later sentenced to prison.

Derrick married his college sweetheart Melissa (Pierzchala) who is a first generation American. Together, they have four children.

He is focused on the resources found in our Congressional District such as coal, timber, and natural gas, where intrusive federal regulations have crippled these job-producing industries. If elected he will work to responsibly remove cumbersome rules from these industries.

He is interested in strict immigration control, which starts with building the wall to ensure our nation's security. He plans to introduce and support legislation to build a border wall, push back on blanket amnesty, deprive sanctuary cities of federal funding, and enforce strict employer verification requirements for their employees to end non-US citizen labor demand.

He discussed our nation's debt and how it could become a national security threat. Our inflation and debt spending are out of control. There is a great need to balance our budget, end the needless spending, and dramatically change the entitlement spending.

If elected as Congressman, he plans to introduce legislation to withdraw our troops from Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan and push our Intelligence community to develop practical ways to combat terrorism without major troop deployments offensively. Our troops should not be used for regime change wars on foreign soil. Our failed nation-building wars have been going on for decades. These wars must end immediately.

Evans is a pro-life Christian and states he will work tirelessly to protect the rights of unborn children. He will work to cut off federal funding for abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood, and work to codify Pro-Life laws at the federal level.

These are just a few of his issues that he will work hard to improve for the citizens. For more information on who Derrick Evans is please visit <https://www.evansforwv.com/>



Derrick Evans talking with Lisa Cooper at the Cabot Recycling Center and below addressing the crowd in attendance at the Lions Club



Evans discussing the progress on the Community Center

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