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Veterans Honored at Wreath Ceremony in Grantsville on Dec. 16th

By Melissa West

Minnie Hamilton Health System Distributes 14,297 lbs. of Food for Calhoun

By Melissa West



Veterans from every branch were honored by Calhoun Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at a ceremony on the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, December 16th, 2023. Senior Members, veterans and cadets laid wreaths at the monument honoring veterans on the corner of the courthouse lawn as Lt. Col Lewis Craddock (pictured below) hosted the ceremony.



Minnie Hamilton Health System received 14,297 lbs. of food from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture on Thursday, December 14th, 2023 and distributed it at the Arnoldsburg Community Park. With the cost of groceries and other necessities of life skyrocketing, those on a limited income are struggling to take care of themselves and families.

Calhoun County has long been known for helping one another when times are rough, and Minnie Hamilton as well as the First Baptist Food Bank and the Calhoun FRN are key in the survival of the neighborhood. Frozen and canned goods are staples in the cupboards when families can't afford to run to the grocery store.

Helping to separate, box and distribute were employees from Minnie Hamilton Health System, Hope Gas, Upper West Fork Fire Department, Grantsville Fire Department, The Calhoun Chronicle and Ridgeview News. Minnie Hamilton graciously donated the items leftover after the distribution to the Strait Creek Food Pantry to continue to assist families in our area.

Those laying the wreaths were (pictured above the article, L to R) SM Roscoe Gainer (POW/MIA); Cadet Stephen McCray, (United States Merchant Marines); 1st Lt. Emma Howell (US Coast Guard); 1st Lt. Jerry Howell (US Space Force); C/Amn Paityn Roberts (US Air Force); Former Navy Veteran William Umstead (US Navy); Former Marine Veteran Joe Polen (US Marine Corps) and C/SrA Kyle Norman (US Army). Photos provided by SM Melissa West and 2nd Lt. Shari Johnson went live on Facebook for the community members unable to attend to watch the ceremony. Major Donna Umstead, Commander of the Calhoun Composite Squadron organized the event.



County Commission Special Meeting 12/18

By Melissa West



Cadet Stephen McCray and C/Amn Paityn Roberts raising the American flag at the start of the ceremony. Thank You to all Veterans. Pictured below is the The Veterans Monument in front the Courthouse.

Following the event, members of the Calhoun Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol traveled throughout the County laying 240 wreaths on the graves of Veterans. At each grave, a member of CAP saluted and spoke the name of the Veteran as they honored each with a beautiful evergreen wreath donated to the Wreaths Across American Campaign.

Pictured on left is the Civil Air Patrol Cadets , C/SrA Kyle Norman,



A recent issue with the care of animals accepted into Sheriff Graham Knight's custody following the death of it's owner, and additional dogs that were placed with animal fosters after their owners abandoned them in a home, caused the Calhoun County Commission to address the issue at a Special Commission Meeting on Monday, December 9th.

Teresa Overton, Board member of the Calhoun Animal Shelter addressed the Commission, with two of her recent fosters by her side, about the hardship on those who care for stray, confiscated or abandoned animals. Overton is an experienced foster, and along with Patty Laughlin and Tessa Batten have cared for animals, covering the cost on their own as we ll as incurred property damage.

In a recent fostering situation, Tessa Batton had opened her home to a foster animal, and the animal destroyed her carpet in the basement of her home. She had spent \$144 from her own pocket on the dogs



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Pictured on Right: Former Marine Veteran Joe Polen and Former Navy Veteran William Umstead carrying Wreaths to the monument during the ceremony.



OBITUARIES

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

IRA FRANCIS (FRANK) DUSKEY

Ira Francis (Frank) Duskey, age 92, was called home on December 13, 2023. Born in Little Creek, Calhoun County, WV to the late Charley and Lydia (Nelson) Duskey.



Preceded in death by brothers, Charles Nelson, Albert, George, Richard and Robert Boyd Duskey; sisters, Orphie Nichols, Alice Clark, Martha Jean Bell and June Duskey; and grandson, Jonathon Duskey.

Frank is survived by his wife of 70 years, Martha; children Charlie (Rain) Duskey, Rick (Kathy) Duskey, Karen (Gary) Gaugler; sister Marion Jeanetta Smith; 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Of special note are Marlene Riggs, Darlene Wright, Will Duskey and the late Bill Duskey.

He was a US Army, Korean War, veteran. He retired from B&W in Barberton. He was a member of Reimer Road Baptist Church and Crusade Baptist Church. Frank loved his family, spending time with his grandchildren, and sitting on his front porch in Barberton.

Services took place December 19, 2023 at Cox-McNulty Funeral Home in Barberton, OH and officiated by Pastor Justus Snow. Internment took place at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, OH."

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

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care and although she wanted to help, the expense was too much for her alone. Teresa Overton said at that point a group of them brainstormed to determine what was needed to take care of animals in a fostering situation. The group determined that ten, 5'x10' kennels were needed and a building with concrete floors as well as food and other supplies. She requested that the Commission look into possible locations to provide animal housing and care for dogs that find their way into the custody of the Sheriff's office. She recommended that the Commission apply for a \$7000 grant that had been made available by the 1982 Foundation to cover kennel and medicines for the facility. Noting that a lot of people want to volunteer, Overton also reminded the Commission of the danger of dog bites or injury as an issue that could put the county at risk of law suits. The county would be in a better position to maintain the animals in their own location with their own staff. The matter was put on the January Commission agenda to be further addressed.



Additional matters on the agenda was the sound system that the Commission were considering due to the inability of citizens to hear adequately in meetings. Ari White, of Mt. Zion, presented a bid to the Commission for \$445 which covered: Five first-order cardioid dynamic microphones usable in hand, desk mount or floor stand (provided), mixing board, two monitor speakers, TRRS connector to permit cell phone connection for meeting attendance by phone, all necessary connection equipment and a one year warrant. A motion was made by Roger Propst to approve the purchase, seconded by Kevin Helmick with a vote by all in favor.

Sheriff Graham Knight request the approval of the hiring of Jeff Hunt, a retiring WV State Trooper who will become the Chief Deputy of the Calhoun County Sheriff Department effective January 3, 2024 and a 90 day extension of the Deputy contract of Charles Stephens. A motion by Roger Propst was made to accept both the new hire and extension. The meeting was adjourned roughly at 9:40 a.m.

LETTER BOX

Conservative View From A Viet Nam Veteran

As I read through the Chronicle, I often see "Trump, Trump, Trump" or "MAGA Republicans." Well, what about the "MAGA Independents", or the MAGA Liberals", or the MAGA Democrats", or the "MAGA Conservatives?" Yes, they are out there. And most of them see what is happening.

The present administration doesn't want to make America great or be great. They only want to "Get Trump" and turn America into a third world country. On the world stage, America is being laughed at because of its' weak, or lack of, leadership. On the home front, Americans are hurting. The average worker has lost at least one quarter of their buying power. Over the past three years the food banks and food pantries have become overwhelmed.

As a conservative Viet Nam Veteran with over 20 years of active service, I have no words to describe my feelings about our open borders and no national security!!! *FACT CHECK: House Committee on Homeland Security and the C. B. P.* According to C. B. P. numbers, over 8 million illegals have entered the U. S. in the past 3 years (over 12 million according to Mr. Mayorkas). These illegals are not being vetted, only registered. Most of them are young single males (red flag). Over 24,000 are from China and over 660 from Iran, two of our worst enemies. How many "sleeper cells" do we have in this country now? From FY 2017 to FY 2021 the number of illegals was low and stable. In FY 2023 alone there were over 35,400 arrested with criminal convictions or outstanding warrants, 598 gang members (178 of those were MS-13 members), and 169 were on the terror watch list. Also, over 27,200 pounds of Fentanyl were seized, enough to kill 6 billion people! National Security is a primary responsibility of the President of the United States of America!!! Sorry, but Joe has been A. W. O. L.!

FACT CHECK: Department of Defense. In 3 short years, we have gone from one of the strongest military forces in the world to one of the weakest. In FY 2023, the Marine Corp and the Space Force met their recruiting goals, the Army and Air Force were 10,000 short of their goals, and the Navy was 6,000 short of their goal. Our military is also short on equipment, weapons, and munitions (you know, all that stuff that Joe left over in Afghanistan for the Taliban). The fitness and weight standards were lowered, but that hasn't helped. And now some Democrats are calling for illegals to serve in our military!!! Let's just throw some gasoline on to out the fire out!!!

Now the push is on for solar and wind power and electric vehicles. *FACT CHECK: Consumer Affairs.* Commercial wind mills cost from \$2.6 million to about \$4 million – plus transportation and assembly. Solar panel system for the average home can run from \$18,000 to \$35,000 depending on location and actual size of the home. Replacement batteries for an electric vehicle can range from \$4500 to \$18,000 depending on the type and model. And where do all these come from CHINA!!! After the 12 to 15 year life expectancy, does China take them back – NO!! Do they go to the local landfill – NO!! So where do all the contaminates and large items go – (no answer). If the batteries in your E. V. go up in flames (as they are known to do) – who pays for that? And how many charging stations have been installed with the \$4 plus trillion for infrastructure improvements?? I've not seen any. Have you? Joe wants us all to buy E. V.s (Check out the prices!) while he keeps his gas guzzling '67 Corvette. Sorry Joe, you are supposed to lead by example.

Why are the weaponized D .O. J. and F. B. I. going after Catholics, Catholic Clergy, Soccer moms, Pro life believers, parents going to school board meetings?? Why are these people being considered "domestic terrorists"?? Why do we need 84,000 armed I. R. S. agents? Why are they attacking our first and second amendment rights? Can you say "TYRANNY"??

The Democrats are using their usual scare tactics again. Don't believe them. And don't be afraid. The world isn't ending soon and Republicans are not from outer space!! Perhaps people that rant and rave and yell like Joe Biden should look in the mirror!!!!

Vote for Joe Biden?? Vote Democrat up and down the ballot?? No way can I or millions of other American citizens vote for the people in there now. People are seeing through the smoke and lies. It's time "we the people" take back America before it's too late!!!!

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U.S.A., RET.

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Correction: Grantsville Town Council December Meeting Notes

By Emma Howell

An error was made in regards to how much the cost of the fence would be. In last week's paper it read the fence around the park will cost \$1,750 and they are still waiting on the fence people.

It should have read that the fencing will cost \$8,769.00

Sorry for the confusion.

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Christmas Day, December 25th, 2023
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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS: Local Happenings: Mrs. Allie Hardman of Mt. Zion, was shopping here Thursday.

Bert Haverty, a leading citizen of Annamoriah was a business visitor in Grantsville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amon Smith, of Pleasant Hill were pleasant callers at the Chronicle Office Friday.

Poe Gunn, merchant and business man of Mt. Zion, was a visitor in Grantsville Tuesday.

L. John Fogle, a substantial farmer of Russett, was attending to business matters here Monday.

A.J. Ball, a leading stockman and farmer of Barnes Run, was attending to business interests in Grantsville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagan T. Francis, of Clarksburg, arrived here Thursday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

“Uncle Tom” Collins, an excellent citizen of Carroll Bend, was a pleasant visitor in Grantsville over Monday night.

Richard Hamilton, who is attending the University at Morgantown, arrived here Saturday to to spend the holidays with home folks.

Hillery Vannoy, a first class citizen of Sycamore, was here Friday on his way home from the Tanner oil fiel to spend Christmas with home folks.

Commissioner of Banking Naaman Jackson and his assistant George M. Weekley, of Charleston, were here last week making an examination of local banks.

J. H. Edman, a substantial farmer and progressive citizen of Leafbank, was here Monday doing some Christmas shopping and attending to business matters.

Miss Minnie Hamilton, R. N., of Parkersburg, is here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Hamilton.

1948, 75 YEARS: News from Here and There: Mr. and Mrs. Don Yoak and children, Donna Jean and Denny, of Bakersville, California are spending several days with their families, Mrs. Fannie Yoak of Pleasant Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Oral Smith of Grantsville. Don is employed by Engineers Limited and they have been in a number of states. They live in a trailer and are enjoying this great country of ours.

Mrs. Dallas R. Kight and daughter Helen of Pleasant Hill were recent visitors at the Art Huggman home on Leaf Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemmie S. Cogar and children have moved into the Don Yoak house on Pleasant Hill.

Cpl. and Mrs. Morris Yoak and children of Princeton were recent visiotr at Mrs. Fannie Yoak’s of Pleasant Hill and the Floyd Fox home on Fluharty Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McMillin and children, Bill and Marion of Pleasant Hill were recent visitors at the Henry McMillin Jr. home in Parkersburg.

Miss Oleta Yoak of Moundsville is spending a few days this week with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Yoak and family of Pleasant Hill.

Miss Ruby Jean Yoak of Grantsville spent Monday night with the Russell Selmon family of Pleasant Hill.

Mrs. Texie J. Burns of Five Forks has been suffering with a bad case of the flu.

Not much news this week. Everyone is looking for Santa Claus and are too busy for ordinary every day affairs.

A small group of older youth of Calhoun met with Helen Kight of Pleasant Hill one night last week.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Stinson News: Mrs. Lula Coen was a patient in the General Hospital in Charleston for a few days this week.

Donald Adams, who is employed at Alloy, spent this weekend here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Rex Adams.

J.M. Mollohan, local merchant, was a business visitor in SApencer this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sharp and daughter of Akron, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sharp.

Dr. Frank White of Ivydale was called recently to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Sharp to see Mrs. Sharp who was ill.

Raymond Cadle was a Sunday dinner guest of Arnold and Lowell Harold. Rev. Billy Schoolcraft of Millstone was in this vicinity Tuesday.

Mrs. Maggie Deel is spending a few days visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Mollohan.

Vere Parsons of Alloy spent the weekend here with his family.

Earnest Jarvis and son Dale, were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jarvis Sunday.

Mrs. Effie Carr of Chloe was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Greene Tuesday.

1973, 50 YEARS: Pleasant Hill Water System is Finally Put into Operation: It has taken five years and over half a million dollars, but at long last the Pleasant Hill Public Service District water system is in use, serving 214 customers.

It all started in 1968, when a group of interested citizens decided to bring a dependable water supply to the hill areas of Pleasant Hill and vicinity. A district was formed by the county court, with William B. Morrison, president; Bernard Siers, secretary; and Gary Campbell, treasurer, providing leadership for the district all along the way. No one has counted the hours these officersand others interested in the project have contributed in bringing the project to its completed state.

The Pleasant Hill area has long been noted for its scarcity of water. Many residents have had to depend on cisterns to hold collected rain water and in dry weathermany have had to purchase water by the truck load. About a year ago it was found that there would be enough funds to extend the system into the Cabot Station area where water was plentiful in most cases, but quality was poor., some wlls testing unsafe, others having undesirable tastes. Altogether, th Pleasant Hill system has approximately 16 miles of line, with three miles lines, the longest eight miles going up Town Hill and out Rt. 16 to Big Springs, a second line along Russett Road as far as the last three miles through Cabot Station.

The tank serving the RF, Inc., plant provides an eight inch free flowing line back into the Town of Grantsville, with the town gaining an additional 200,000 gallon storage space, of special benefit of residents in the South Grantsville area, where water was sometimes shut off.

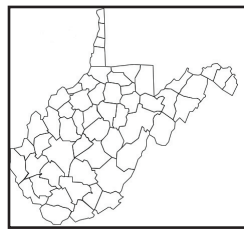
The 200,000 gallon tank near the RF plant on the Carl Morris property is the largest of three tanks. A 100,000 gallon tank is located on the Glen and Joy Yoak property on the Nobe Road, and another of the same size is located on the former Albert Smith farm at Big Springs. There is a pumping station at the top of Town Hill, a reducing station at Jackson Hill, and a booster pump station at the Big Springs hill. The pumping system is all automatic, working on a telemeter system. Water is all purchased from the Town of Grantsville.

The manin contractor for the project was J and L Excavating, Inc., and Continental Freemont Company built the three tanks.

The system has been 80 percent grant from the Economic Development Agency. Officers of the district said that they felt the area was very fortunate in securing the loan and grant when they did, as water and sewer grants have discontinued.

A few property owners not in the original plans, who signed up later, but it was found that the system could not serve them because of location, will have their money refunded. In some cases, officers said, they may be able to reach some places later in the operation of the district.

Now that the water system is finished, and customers are drawing water, their next concern will be to pay their monthly bills. These may be paid at the Jim Richards store at Pleasant Hill, or paid by mail.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

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

Dec. 21, 1798: Wood County was established by the Virginia General Assembly. It was named for James Wood, governor of Virginia from 1796 to 1800.

Dec. 22, 1928: Radio station WMMN of Fairmont began operations as one of West Virginia’s pioneer stations.

For nearly two decades beginning in 1935, WMMN was an important outlet for country and western music performers.

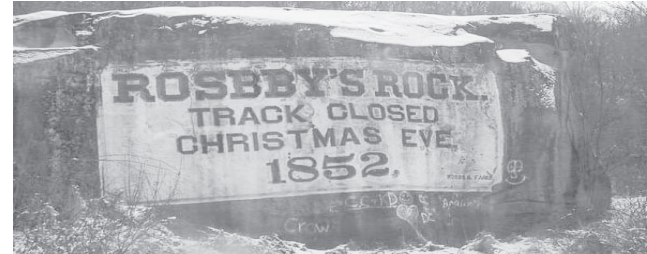
The highlight of this era was the “Sagebrush Roundup,” a Saturday-night live-audience show which began in December 1938 and was broadcast weekly for nearly ten years.



Dec. 23, 1987: Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme escaped from the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.

Fromme, who was serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford, was captured two days later near the prison.

Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event occurred at Rosbys Rock near Moundsville. To mark the spot where the final spike was driven the following words were carved upon the rock: Rosbys (sic) Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852.



Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices ordered that Jehovah’s Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies at the plant.

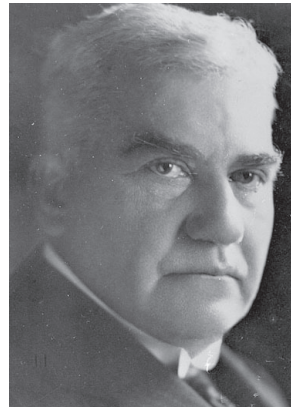
Dec. 25, 1887: Folk artist James Tyree Rexrode was born in Pendleton County. He created a visual record of rural West Virginia life in the early 20th century. He died in 1976.



Dec. 26, 1917: Instrument maker Harold M. Hayslett was born in Putnam County.

Hayslett’s violins, violas and cellos have received awards for tone and workmanship, and are cherished by collectors and players alike.

Dec. 27, 1797: The county seat of Ohio County was moved from West Liberty to Wheeling.



Dec. 27, 1923: Businessman and Point Pleasant native Michael Owens, who revolutionized the glass industry through automation, died at age 64.



Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

One week to go until the big day.

So do you have enough have enough snacks or goodies?

Well, then if you don’t, let’s make some...

Popcorn Balls

¾ cup of granulated sugar

1 teaspoon of salt

½ cup of water

¾ cup of honey or karo (your choice)

3 quarts of popped popcorn

Cook sugar, salt and water (stir until sugar is dissolved) to very brittle stage. (300 F)

Add honey or karo slowly, stirring until blended.

Cook again until thermometer registers 240 F. (About one minute).

Pour over popcorn and form into balls. Wrap in heavy waxed paper.



This is what I call a very different kind of snack.

It’s called **Spoon Noodles**

1 3 ounce can of Chow Mein Noodles

1 Cup coarsely chopped nuts of your choice

1/3 Cup of honey

¼ Cup of granulated sugar

2 Tablespoons of butter

½ Teaspoon of vanilla

1/8 Teaspoon salt

16ouncepackage of butterscotch morsels

Mix noodles and nuts and salt aside.

Combine honey, sugar, vanilla and salt in a saucepan.

Bring mixture to full boil over moderate heat, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat and add in the butterscotch morsels.

Stir until mixture is smooth.

Pour over nut and noodle mixture. Drop by a teaspoon on a cookie sheet and let cool.

Store them in a container in the refrigerator.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas from my family top yours.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Whew, this was quite the week! Teaching elementary school at this time of the year is not for the faint of heart, and if anyone tells you differently, they are lying.

Trying to keep a room full of fourth graders focused and engaged on school work in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas is quite a challenge.

Throw in all of the special activities that take place in December, and you just might begin to understand why I have been crawling into bed each night both mentally and physically exhausted.

This past week we had benchmark testing and the Christmas program. This week we have holiday dress up days, Christmas dinner, movie and pajama day, and the end of the second nine weeks and first semester.

I have lesson plans made and will do my best to follow them, but if I'm being honest, I know I will just have to go with the flow and accomplish what I can when I can.

In the midst of all this holiday cheer, I have come to the conclusion that I need to up my game when it comes to my holiday attire. I have been told I dress like a teacher, and I am okay with that.

Still, for most of my teaching career, I have taught middle and high school. My wardrobe is somewhat stylish but lacking in the areas of cuteness and seasonal themes. I plan to start working on this and slowly build up my elementary themed attire. I am already working on Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day.

On the home front, this was a busy week too. I finished my decorating and my Christmas shopping, which is way ahead of schedule for me. I also attended a PTO meeting on Wednesday after school and three events on Thursday evening. Did I mention going to bed tired in all ways?

My first stop on Thursday evening was the library board Christmas party. This started at 5:00, so I had just enough time after school to pick up the drinks, ice, and gift exchange present and head down town. The food was delicious, the company delightful, and I walked away with a great gift in the exchange. I am now the proud owner of a West Virginia wall plaque that will look great in my home among the hills.

My next stop was the December meeting of the Calhoun County Historical Society. I made it just in time to catch the end of Christmas trivia. I look forward to the questions our president comes up with each year, and I am never disappointed. I always learn something new.

My final stop of the evening was our pickleball Christmas party. Our little group has grown since summer, and we really enjoy each other's company. There was more delicious food, fun games, and even a pickleball Christmas ornament to make for our trees. A fun time was had by all, and I climbed into my bed later that evening thankful for this new group of friends.

Friday finally arrived, and after two performances of the Christmas program, I packed up my school bag and headed home grateful for the weekend ahead. I changed my clothes and took a quick nap before heading to my parents' house for card night and a birthday celebration for Terry Harris and me. There was cake and ice cream and lots of fun. There was card playing, puzzle building, and even some movie watching.

I slept in on Saturday and had a lazy morning drinking my coffee, watching the birds, and reading a book I had picked out at the library earlier in the week.

I did a little cleaning and laundry, but I also rested, relaxed, and read. I put a pot roast with carrots, potatoes, and onions in the crockpot, and it filled my house with delicious smells as it cooked. When it was finished, I shared it with my parents and the Mlyneks.

The evening was spent watching a Hallmark movie by the light of my Christmas tree. All in all, I would say it was a lovely Saturday and just what I needed to refuel for the week ahead.

Sunday was spent going to church, eating lunch with the family, and then working on this article and my lesson plans. I also baked cookies to take to school. Christmas vacation is coming, and I am as excited as my students.

Miss Walburn needs a break, and Mellody is looking forward to a quiet, peaceful time at home. I see lots of reading, resting, and relaxing in my future, and that sounds lovely.

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.)

Wed., Dec. 27: pinto beans, mixed greens, applesauce, whole wheat cornbread.

Thurs., Dec. 28: A1 Steak with brown gravy, potatoes, peas, oranges, whole wheat bread.

Fri., Dec. 29: 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.

Thurs., Dec. 21: sloppy joe, whole wheat bun, stem vegetables, peaches, potatoes.

Fri., Dec., 22: hotdog, sauce and onions, cole slaw, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Mon., Dec. 25: CLOSED Christmas Day

Tues., Dec 26: chicken patty, macaroni and cheese, pears, pickles, whole wheat bread

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., Dec. 21: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Ladies Night at the Country Kitchen, Big Otter

Karaoke with sherry Wade, Country Kitchen, Big Otter, 8 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 22: Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

Calhoun Boys Basketball vs Roane County, 7:00 p.m.

Karaoke with sherry Wade, Country Kitchen, Big Otter, 9 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 23: Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 7 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 24: Christmas EVE

Mon., Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

Tues., Dec. 26: 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.

Wed., Dec. 27: Calhoun Boys Basketball travels to Wirt County, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 28: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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, mentore and others serving children and teens.

Adults 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 - suporting 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

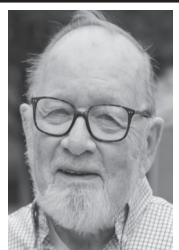
1/17/24 - maintaining healthy "can-do" expectations

1/24/24 - developing and maintaining positive parent-teacherrelationships

1/31/24 - reaching discouraged and resistant learners

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: What is the difference between Tylenol and acetaminophen? (Asked by an under the weather column reader.)

Reply: I've addressed a similar question in a previous column, but I will revisit here.

Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines have brand names, which are trade names given by the manufacturers. This is usually on the basis that the name can be easily recognized, pronounced and remembered... sort of like catchy names car manufacturers give to different models of their cars. In the case you mention, Tylenol is the brand name of acetaminophen. It is owned by McNeil Consumer Healthcare, which gave it the brand name that is well-known.

In the United States, drug patents give twenty years of protection (that is, no one other than the patent holder can produce the drug). However, patents are applied for before the clinical trials of the drug, so the effective patent life tends to be seven to twelve years after Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approval.

A generic drug must contain the same active ingredient as the original drug. In Tylenol, this is acetaminophen, which is now a generic drug. A generic drug may take on the name of the active ingredient or be given a brand name. A good example of this is ibuprofen, which was originally marketed under the name Bufren. I have a bottle with the name Ibuprofen. However, it is also marketed under the names Nurofen, Advil and Motrin. As any of us pill-poppers know, generic drugs are cheaper, so really, what's in a name?

In the United States, aspirin is a generic drug name, but originally, "Aspirin" was a brand name for acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) as developed by Bayer. Here, the trademark for the brand name was lost. The name was so common in everyday usage that it stuck. So when you hear someone say "aspirin," they're referring to ASA.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "When you're good to others, you're best to yourself." -Benjamin Franklin

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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.

Lindsey Posey inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa at Marietta College Congratulations!!!!

MARIETTA, OH (12/15/2023)-- Marietta College's Lindsey Posey of Mount Zion, West Virginia, was inducted into the Gold Key Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honorary, during a special ceremony on November 15.

Posey is majoring in Educational Studies and Finance and is a graduate of Little Kanawha Valley Christian School.

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded on Dec. 3, 1914, on the Washington and Lee University campus in Lexington, Virginia.

The Society was founded by 15 students and faculty members who believed that leadership at the collegiate level should be recognized and encouraged across all phases of campus life.

Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy back in 1797, the College was officially chartered in 1835. Today Marietta College serves a body of 1,200 full-time students.

The College offers more than 50 majors and is consistently ranked as one of the top regional comprehensive colleges by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review, as well as one of the nation's best by Forbes.com.

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Calhoun County Boys Basketball

The Calhoun Red Devils lost to the Valley Lumberjacks back in February, but the Calhoun Red Devils didn't allow the Valley Lumberjacks the same satisfaction on Friday. The stars were shining brightly for Calhoun in a 62-47 win over Valley.

Calhoun's win was the result of several impressive offensive performances. One of the most notable came from Landon Bennett, who scored 18 points along with seven rebounds and three steals. The game was Bennett's fourth in a row with at least ten points. Another player making a difference was Owen Taylor, who scored 17 points.

The win got Calhoun back to even at 2-2. As for Valley, they now have a losing record at 1-2.

Both squads are looking forward to the support of their home crowds in their upcoming games. Calhoun will be home for the holidays to greet Gilmer County at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Gilmer County is still on the hunt for that elusive first 'W'. As for Valley, their homestand continues as they prepare to take on Madonna at 6:00 p.m. on December 19th.

Calhoun is 2-8 against Gilmer County since February of 2019 but they'll have a chance to close the gap a little bit on Wednesday. The Calhoun Red Devils will be home for the holidays to greet the Gilmer County Titans at 7:30 p.m. Calhoun knows how to get points on the board -- the team has finished with flashy point totals in its past three contests -- so hopefully Gilmer County likes a good challenge.

Last Friday, the stars were shining brightly for Calhoun in a 62-47 victory over Valley.

Calhoun got their victory on the backs of several key players, but it was Landon Bennett out in front who scored 18 points along with seven rebounds and three steals. The game was Bennett's fourth in a row with at least ten points. The team also got some help courtesy of Owen Taylor, who scored 17 points.

Meanwhile, this season hasn't been kind to Gilmer County, who are still winless after their fourth matchup. They took a serious blow against Doddridge County on Friday, falling 100-54. The defeat unfortunately continues a disappointing trend for Gilmer County in their matchups with Doddridge County: they've now lost three in a row.

The win got Calhoun back to even at 2-2. As for Gilmer County, their defeat was their fifth straight at home dating back to last season, which bumped their record down to 0-4.

Calhoun came up short against Gilmer County when the teams last played back in February, falling 47-35. Can Calhoun avenge their loss or is history doomed to repeat itself? We'll find out soon enough.

WRESTLERS FINISH 4TH AT LEWIS COUNTY

Submitted by Robert Bonar

The Calhoun County Red Devils wrestling team participated in the McFly Outdoors Tournament at Lewis County High School last weekend. The team finished fourth in a very strong field, only 4.5 points behind tournament champion Moorefield. Nine Calhoun wrestlers placed in the tournament, led by first place finishers Reese Schoolcraft (106) and Haiden Staton (157). Senior Sam Elmore also finished second in the 175 pound weight class.

The team will next participate in the Pat Vance Invitational at Nitro on January 5 and 6.

Team Results

1.	Moorefield	142
2.	Cameron	142
3.	Doddridge County	138.5
4.	Calhoun County	137.5
5.	Lewis County	123.5
6.	Robert C. Byrd	115
7.	South Harrison	107
8.	Lincoln	85
9.	Webster County	81
10.	Philip Barbour	75
11.	Ritchie County	40
12.	Gilmer County	22

Individual Results

106	Reese Schoolcraft	1st
113	Lance Grogg	4th
120	Christian Andreano	DNP
132	Noah Butler	DNP
138	Joseph Nelson	4th
144	Adam Hughes	DNP
150	Wyatt Nichols	3rd
157	Haiden Staton	1st
165	Jobe Loudin	5th
175	Sam Elmore	2nd
190	Landon Sampson	6th
285	Levi Stump	4th
	Landon Richards	DNP
	Troy Collins	DNP

CALHOON COUNTY HS BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

2023



2024

<u>NOV. 30</u>	VS RITCHIE COUNTY (SCRIMMAGE)	<u>6:00 PM</u>
<u>DEC. 2</u>	AT TYGART'S VALLEY (SCRIMMAGE)	<u>4:00 PM</u>
<u>DEC. 5</u>	AT WEBSTER COUNTY	<u>7:30 PM</u>
<u>DEC. 8</u>	VS SOUTH HARRISON	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>DEC. 12</u>	VS DODDRIDGE COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>DEC. 15</u>	AT VALLEY WETZEL	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>DEC. 20</u>	VS GILMER COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>DEC. 22</u>	VS ROANE COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>DEC. 27</u>	AT WIRT COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>JAN. 5</u>	AT VAN	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>JAN. 9</u>	AT PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>JAN. 12</u>	VS BRAXTON COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>JAN. 19</u>	AT PADEN CITY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>JAN. 23</u>	AT DODDRIDGE COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>JAN. 26</u>	VS VAN	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>JAN. 31</u>	AT GILMER COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>FEB. 2</u>	VS VALLEY WETZEL	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>FEB. 5</u>	AT CLAY COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>FEB. 7</u>	AT SOUTH HARRISON	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>FEB. 10</u>	VS PADEN CITY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>FEB. 13</u>	AT HANNAN	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>FEB. 15</u>	LKC PLACEMENT GAME	TBA
<u>FEB. 17</u>	LKC NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS	TBA
<u>FEB. 19</u>	VS CLAY COUNTY	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>FEB. 20</u>	VS HANNAN	<u>7:00 PM</u>



L to R: Reese Schoolcraft, Sam Elmore, Haiden Staton, Wyatt Nichols



The Middle School Wrestling Team went to Wirt County for the Middle School LKC Tournament!



The following wrestlers placed:
 Keegan Sampson-2nd
 Tucker Sampson-4th
 Ezra Anderson-2nd
 Nic Butler- Champion
 Nic Butler was also awarded the Most Outstanding Wrestler award!

Congratulations to all Calhoun Wrestlers! Good Luck in your future matches!!!



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You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071751, located in WASHINGTON District, 7/12 OF 1/54 104 BEAR RUN - AD COTTRELL 1-2-3-4 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILL FRANK ET ALS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 2/5/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 02/5/2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 02/5/2024.	\$	243.91
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	1574.76
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff of Calhoun County.	\$	1818.67

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DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 56603001

You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071753, located in WASHINGTON District, 26/720 48 RUSH RUN CRIHFIELD O LONA WEARS LSE which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILL FRANK ET ALS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 2/5/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 02/5/2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 02/5/2024.	\$	237.59
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	1698.86
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff of Calhoun County.	\$	1936.45

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

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until January 09, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
020	2022830003	S383-REC/AL-24 00	SPBG-2024(004)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-3 RECALL STRIPING 2024 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: CALHOUN

DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

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

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

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

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DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 55703001

You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071750, located in WASHINGTON District, 60/72 2 SEARS RUN OGM HW-140 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILL FRANK ET ALS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 2/5/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 02/5/2024 will be as follows:

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Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	1574.76
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff of Calhoun County.	\$	1812.35

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DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 56103001

You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071752, located in WASHINGTON District, 16/720 RUSH RUN #36721 CNG OGM F GREATHOUSE #7452 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILL FRANK ET ALS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 2/5/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 02/5/2024 will be as follows:

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DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 56803001

You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071754, located in WASHINGTON District, 85/432 3 W F - MIDGET OIL CO O BENNINGTON LEASE which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILL FRANK ET ALS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 2/5/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 02/5/2024 will be as follows:

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Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	1574.76
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$	0.00
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DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0004 00803001

You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071755, located in WASHINGTON District, 85/43237 W F MIDGET OIL W-1120 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILL FRANK ET ALS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 2/5/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 02/5/2024 will be as follows:

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Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$ 0.00
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DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 50303001

You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071757, located in WASHINGTON District, 17/24 OF 5/126 33 SIERS RUN - SCOTT BAILEY GAS OGM which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILL FRANK ET ALS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 2/5/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 02/5/2024 will be as follows:

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Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$ 0.00
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Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 02/5/2024.	\$ 0.00
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The West Virginia Poison Center Offers Poison Safety Tips Throughout the Holidays Stay Poison Safe This Holiday Season

CHARLESTON, WV –During the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is easy to overlook unsuspecting items in the home that could pose a hazard. “Poisonings often occur when normal routines are disrupted, as is common during the holidays,” says Carissa McBurney, Community Outreach Coordinator for the West Virginia Poison Center.

To help ensure that your holiday season is safe and merry, stay aware of the following potential hazards.

Alcohol: Alcohol can be very dangerous to children, as well as to pets. When parties and celebrations are taking place, children are more apt to drink unfinished alcoholic beverages if they are left out. Clean up all alcohol immediately.

Plants: Traditional holiday plants may be beautiful as part of the holiday decor, but be sure to know which of your plants are toxic. Holly and mistletoe berries are toxic. Consider using plastic plants instead of the real thing if small children will have access to them. Poinsettias are not poisonous, but like all plants, are still a choking hazard.

Toys: Although many precautions have been taken to make toys safe for children, some toys being sold are still unsafe. Always stay up-to-date on toy recalls.

Avoid water expanding toys that expand to the size of a quarter or larger. Most children’s products using disc batteries (also called button batteries) are required to have a secured compartment to lessen the chance of accidental exposures. However, children can still swallow disc batteries if not secured. Do not allow children to play with disc batteries or items with disc batteries that are not in a compartment that must be screwed closed. Disc batteries can cause serious injury if ingested. Death can result if treatment is delayed so call the Poison Center right away if you suspect your child swallowed one.

Also, do not purchase magnetic toy sets or novelty items if there are young children in the home. High-powered magnets can also have devastating consequences if swallowed.

Visitor Safety: Visitors may bring their medications with them in addition to presents. Make sure medications are not stored in suitcases, pockets, or purses where children may go exploring. To a child, medicine looks like candy. Find a place for visitors to store their medicines out of your child’s reach.

If you suspect a poisoning has occurred, do not wait for symptoms to appear. Call the West Virginia Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. Medical experts at the West Virginia Poison Center are available 24/7, even on the holiday, to answer calls about poison emergencies and poison questions.

About the West Virginia Poison Center:
The West Virginia Poison Center provides comprehensive emergency poison information, prevention and educational resources to West Virginians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The WVPC is staffed by nurses, pharmacists and physicians with special training in treatment of poisonings. Located in Charleston, WV, the WVPC is a part of the West Virginia University-Charleston Division. Toll-free: 1-800-222-1222. Website: www.wvpoisoncenter.org.

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MOVHD’s Threat Preparedness Encourages Winter Weather Prep

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department’s Threat Preparedness is promoting winter preparedness and encouraging the community to take action to prepare for winter weather.

Winter storms can occur anywhere and bring freezing rain, ice, snow, high winds or a combination of all these conditions. Winter weather can knock out heat, power and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. Heavy snowfall and extreme cold can immobilize an entire region. Being prepared for winter weather can decrease your risk.

The whole community can take action against winter weather this season by:

- Winterizing your Emergency Supply Kit by adding rock salt, snow removal equipment, wood for a fireplace, and winter wear including mittens/gloves, hats, sweaters, coats and blankets;
- Planning how to communicate with family and friends with an Emergency Communication Plan;
- Knowing how to receive important weather information and updates, including downloading the FEMA app. Include your NOAA radio and understand the difference between a winter storm warning, watch and advisory;
- And understanding the signs and basic treatments for frostbite and hypothermia. Frostbite causes loss of feeling and color in fingers, toes and face.

Hypothermia is a loss in body temperature to below 95 degrees with symptoms of shivering, confusing, slurred speech and drowsiness. Both need to be treated immediately and information can be found at: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather#prepare>

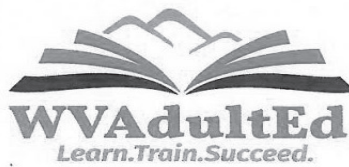
“Winter is coming, but with a few simple steps, we can all be prepared for an emergency,” said Amy Phelps, Public Information Officer of MOVHD.

More information regarding winter weather planning and all emergency planning can be found at Ready.gov.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. It is located at 211 Sixth St. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information. Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook and @MOVHealthDept on Instagram and Twitter.



Looking to prepare for the West Virginia Service Personnel Competency Testing?



West Virginia Adult Education is here to help!

WV Adult Education has designed a preparation course to assist you in getting ready to take your Service Personnel Competency Test. This self-paced course is based upon the blueprint, standards, and competencies established for the minimum expectations of knowledge needed to apply for the position.

We are excited to assist you in preparing for the test and working for the county school systems of West Virginia!

Contact:



**Calhoun-Gilmer Adult Learning Center
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Grantsville WV 26147
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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. 23: Dixie Highway and Dec. 30: Flannel

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.

The best part is there are people there of all ages, abilities, and athleticism. There are even some who come to just watch and socialize.

Equipment is provided for newcomers to give the sport a try.

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!

Come join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for some fun, fellowship, and physical fitness. We have found our Winter Season Home in the NYA Building.



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/ccl.

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

Emotion Helpline

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

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

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

Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

Lions Club Bingo

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

Food Pantry

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

Library Hours

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Check Conditions

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

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

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 _____

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Exit 40
1-79
Big Otter, WV

304-286-5600

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.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

TALES OF TWO SECOND TERMS
By Deirdre Purdy

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

Carl Ferrell is home after having open heart surgery. Mr. & Mrs. "Cooter" Marks were among those calling at the Ferrell residence.

A big crowd was on hand for the Creston Community Building Christmas party. The younger set spent time on the merry go round and everyone worked at consuming the bountiful amount of food that was presented.

Linda Buchanan led the singing and John Griffin provided the music. A cute little toddler with curly red hair "stone the show". When she got on Santa's lap she did not intend to leave.

Ted Grimm & Debbie were down from Erie Pennsylvania for the occasion and Heather Cortez came in from the Chicago area. Gary Dickens' cuddly kittens came over to entertain those who came to the building.

Sen. Donna Boley got a \$5,000 grant for the Creston Food Pantry to acquire new freezers & refrigerators. A big crowd was on hand Friday and the Christmas hams were given out.

Frank Duskey, age 92, passed away December 13 up in Ohio after falling & breaking his hip. A veteran of the Korean War, he was retired from the B & W. Burial in the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Ohio. He was the son of Charles & Lydia Nelson Duskey.

The Christmas party for the residents at the extended care unit at Minnie Hamilton was postponed because of a nasty stomach virus.

At least one local family received a Christmas card from Donald, Melania & Barron.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lemon were celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary on Friday. She is the former Betty Jo Graham from Creston. In a discussion about health matters and diabetes being too sweet] Betty Jo pointed out that they could not be too sweet "because we are Lemons".

Most places there

is talk of growing more trees but the state road continues to trim/butcher trees as part of a big \$\$ operation run by head engineer Dimbulb with trimming expertise by Dinglefoose and all under the wise financial leadership of E. M. Bezzell. On W. Va. 5 they continue to whack tree limbs and on W. Va. 14 one can see the sharp sticks that look like the poles Count Dracula (Vlad Tapes) used to impale his enemies. Down in Wood County heavy equipment is being used to eliminate the red buds that provide beauty for travelers in the spring. Are some working overtime to make W. Va. look bad?

Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Hacker & Hie Lee Herron were attending to business in Pettyville. Hie Lee said that since he "couldn't take it with him" he was spending his money. He had some toys in his cart.

The Ohio DNR has shut down 3 of the K & H water injection wells near Torch Ohio. The company insists that the injected fluids are not in communication with other wells, surface water, etc. W. Va. brines are injected in these wells as the salt lobby does not want the brine used to make salt.

Nancy Engelke was consulting with her doctor in the Peoples Republic of Athens.

A hearing on the governor's \$300 million in defaulted loans was held in Virginia on Dec.11 and the matter was laid over to January.

Local natural gas prices are at historic lows and now even the Henry Hub price has fallen to \$2.49 and talk is that the price will not recover for at least a year. However, right on cue the W. Va. State Tax Department came out in tax increase letters on both working interest & royalty interests, doubling or tripling the values for tax purposes. Of course the state severance tax collections have crashed "but all is wonderful".

It was reported that 51% of 18 -24 year olds said Israel should be given to the Hamas terrorists.

After the Holocaust there was a major effort to make sure such never

happened again but then China handed out cash to universities, sports figures and politicians and then the genocide in Tibet and with the Uigurs in Sinkiang was, well really OK.

The US State Department which is really running the Ukraine war has now killed off most of the Ukraine army and these same folks want to tell Israel what they should do?

An outfit called Tenaska wants to drill CO2 injection wells in Ohio, West Virginia & Pennsylvania.

Next month is when one files for elective offices, both locally and on the state level. Some of the legislators who sold us out on the forced pooling law need to be off our payroll and find gainful employment elsewhere, like Eric Tarr & "Baldy" Blair. In some local counties there have been "problems". If you don't file and run, then who?

All the partygoers (70,000) have now left the big global warming meeting in oil rich United Arab Emirates where they were told that there is no scientific proof that oil & gas warms the planet. Al Gore Jr. said that there should be government controls to prevent people from asking questions, demanding proof and showing the out right lies pushed by the schemers. Gore's famous "hockey stick" graph conveniently left out the medieval warm period and the 1930s when it was really hot. The University of Geneva developed six "psychological interventions" to force folks to believe in catastrophic man made global warming.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil dropped to \$70.58/bbl. with condensate fetching just \$52.58/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$61.58 and medium \$70.58/bbl. Pennsylvania grade crude is rich in lubricants and components for things like cosmetics, etc. Motor oil is now just \$420/bbl.

The mainstream media is finally catching on. A Trump second term may end American democracy.

Atlantic magazine's first 2024 issue has a single subject: IF TRUMP WINS. (It's dire.) Robert Kagan in the Washington Post, "A Trump dictatorship is increasingly inevitable." The New York Times reports that Republican Project 2025 plans a political purge of the entire federal government to bend it to Trump's will. The Economist: "Trump Poses the Biggest Danger to the World in 2024."

Never one to shrink from an outrage, Trump raises the bar: "I will only be a dictator on Day One."

With his wrecking ball plans in place and the executive orders pre-written, Trump figures one day will be sufficient to set a firm foundation for MAGA rule. Later he can be declared Caesar.

A Trump win will immediately create Constitutional crises on many fronts. Trump must win to escape prison. So, his first official acts will be to pardon everyone he can, including himself, and appoint an AG to dismiss federal charges. If there are protests, he will use the Insurrection Act to call out the military. Chaos will ensue.

Trump will quickly take us out of NATO, offering Ukraine to Putin. Chaos in Europe will follow.

Unbelievably, recent polling gives Trump and Republicans the advantage on immigration, crime, inflation, border security, opposing extremism, getting beyond the chaos, and protecting the Constitution.

The messages of WHOA! Danger Ahead! are not making a dent.

The pathological narcissist who incited a violent insurrection to overturn a democratic election and stay in power, now facing 91 felony counts, has a substantial and rising lead in the polls.

Apparently, a majority of people are in awe of his awfulness.

Trump has a dreadful, but simple solution to every world problem: Bomb (hurricanes, Gaza, Mexico), Ban (Muslims), Fire (federal work force), Round up (migrants, leftist vermin), Shoot (migrants, shoplifters), Outlaw (LGBTQ+).

Charge (the "Biden crime family"), F**k (Ukraine), Punish (Democrats, the press, the military, the disloyal), Obliterate (the deep state), and Rout (fake news media).

Unless I've overlooked a Trumpian verb of revenge and retribution, that's pretty much the dark plan for a Trump second term.

Is it because we've heard this stream of vitriolic garbage since 2015, that the mass of people are not alarmed? Rather they're pulling for the guy who seems to get away with everything - our Houdini of Hate. Will Trump tell Biden, "You're Fired"? Will chaos ensue? Will democracy be destroyed? This show is getting high ratings. Trigger alert: the end may be dark.

ODDLY ENOUGH, though, down ballot and in issue elections, Democrats are cleaning up and far out-performing earlier elections as they did in the midterms.

Remember when polling predicted Democrats' total collapse in 2022?

Why then does the Biden-Trump contest appear so lopsided the other way?

Is it because our candidate is a soft-spoken gentleman, a statesman, a master of governmental politics, hard-working, a faithful family man, who's assembled a team of experts to turn our economy from neo-liberalism and fight for the 90%?

Boring. And he's old, though only 3 years older than Putin-lite

No one is covering the story IF BIDEN WINS.

If Biden wins, Democracy defeats

Autocracy. If Biden wins, we will continue to enjoy our incredibly strong economy as it steadily improves the lives of many more Americans.

Stock market at a record high today, just sayin'.

If we give Biden Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, women's reproductive rights will be guaranteed by federal law.

Then there's the unfinished business from Biden's first two years with a Democratic Congress.

Republicans scream about immigration reform but refuse to approve a DACA path to citizenship. Biden would do that. Voting rights legislation to repair the damage done by the conservative Supreme Court. Biden would do that. Reinstate the child tax credit that, in the one year it operated, cut the US child poverty rate in half.

Continue to forgive student loan debt. Biden would do that. Ensure marijuana is no longer a Schedule 1 drug. Appoint federal judges like former public defender, super Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. Biden would do that. And so much more.

If Biden wins, there may be some chaos, brought by the losing Republicans and continuing the destructive disorder they've perpetrated for the past year (my God, has it only been a year since the midterms?) But it won't be coming from the top.

There is much work to do, but actual governing is tedious, complicated stuff.

Could it be that our Reality TV culture, full of people the Times, Post, and Economist don't reach, will choose revenge and retribution over progress and prosperity?

A Biden second term could be monumental in terms of improving the quality of life for American citizens. IF BIDEN WINS. We must let people know.

PS Commission Chairman Lane's Column

Dec. 14, 2023

Prepare for winter storms

Old Man Winter is right around the corner. And while Jack Frost may be a whimsical character, winter storms are a serious reality and a hazard for West Virginians. Our state has the third-highest number of seniors of the 50 states. I don't want to cause panic, but predictions show the eastern states can expect below-average temperatures this winter with a good chance of higher-than-average amounts of snow.

Today, I'm going to step out from my normal duties as chairman of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia. I want to suggest what you should have handy in case a winter storm strikes.

If you lose power, you'll need a good source of high protein to eat. So, keep on hand a collection of energy and fruit bars that don't need refrigeration. Granola and peanut butter are essentials, too. And what many don't think about is to have non-perishable pasteurized milk.

Of course, the old standby is canned goods. You can't go wrong and they come in an infinite variety. According to the Federal Management Agency, canned nutritional foods, juices and soups are very important for the elderly. If you have babies or toddlers, consider their special needs. And, of course, stockpile lots and lots of water.

Always, but especially when you hear a storm is coming, keep essential medicines and first aid supplies on hand. Have portable lights, a battery-powered radio, and plenty of batteries to run them. Make sure you have paper products, plates, bowls, plastic forks and spoons, plastic bags and containers. Get them now. You'll need them.

Think about your pets. They need essentials and will be boarded up with you. Keep some treats on hand for your buddies. They will be stressed by the storm, too.

Virtually every list I've studied recommends creating an emergency kit. This should be portable and kept near an exit. Critical to this is a three-day supply of water, a battery-powered radio and flashlight, extra batteries, matches in a waterproof container, sanitary items and a whistle. If possible, it should also include clothing, blankets, and sleeping bags. And again, remember to include pet supplies.

Fill your gas tank and keep it topped off if you hear a storm is coming. I hope you never need to use my emergency check list. But in case you do, it's always helpful to have your supplies ready to go.

From The Office of WV Secretary of State Mac Warner

Business Owners: File your Annual Report online beginning January 1

Charleston, W.Va - With the beginning of the new year rapidly approaching, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is reminding business owners that their 2024 Annual Report can be filed as soon as January 1.

Filing an Annual Report can be done in minutes from the comfort of your own home and without assistance thanks to our suite of business tools available 24/7 at Business4.wv.gov. Users can file as a guest if they do not wish to create a user account.

Annual Reports are required by law to ensure that businesses keep their registration with the state current with updated information on their current physical location, officers, and agents. Secretary Warner strongly encourages all businesses to file as soon as possible to avoid statutory late fees that are applied after the June 30 deadline.

"We always encourage business owners to file early," said Secretary Warner. "It's now quick and easy to file an Annual Report."

Additionally, Warner urges all business owners to be weary of third-party solicitations offering to file a 2024 Annual Report on the business's behalf. Third-party providers have been reported to charge businesses more than 500% of the statutory \$25 fee and often advertise the wrong deadline for state compliance. Solicitations from third-party vendors routinely have the appearance of an official government form, but are not government-approved, reviewed, or official notices in any manner.

For more information, visit Business4.wv.gov or use the SOLO virtual assistant on the sos.wv.gov homepage.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD APPROVES YEAR-ROUND APPLICATIONS, PRORATED FUNDING PROPOSALS TO EXPAND PROGRAM ACCESS

Contact: Jared Hunt, Assistant Treasurer – Communications Director West Virginia State Treasurer’s Office, 304.341.0709 (Direct)

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, today announced Board members have approved his proposal to accept Hope Scholarship Program applications from eligible students year-round.

“I’m thrilled the Board has approved my proposal to ensure all eligible West Virginia students and their families have access to the Hope Scholarship Program regardless of when they make the decision to exercise their school choice options,” Treasurer Moore said. “Now that the Hope Scholarship Program has been up and running for more than a full year, combined with the significant amount of interest we have seen from across the state, it was time to extend the window for families to apply for the program to the maximum extent possible.”

The Hope Scholarship Board on Tuesday, Dec. 12, approved a number of changes to the program’s legislative rules to improve the program, including a mandate for year-round application acceptance.

The program’s prior legislative rule set the application period for new students to run from March 1 through May 15 each year unless extenuating circumstances existed to justify accepting a late application or the student was newly eligible for the program.

More than 6,000 students have been awarded the Hope Scholarship for the current 2023-2024 academic year – nearly triple the 2,333 students who received it the previous academic year.

While the program received more than 6,300 applications during this year’s new enrollment period, the Board learned some West Virginia families either weren’t aware of the program during the application period or made a school-choice decision after the application window had already closed.

“Although we’ve been working to raise awareness of program application deadlines, we understand that a student’s needs may change during the school year,” Treasurer Moore said. “Our Board action this week will ensure that eligible students will have a pathway to enter the program throughout the school year.”

To accommodate the year-round application window, the Board also adopted a policy to standardize proration amounts for students receiving less than a full-year funding amount, based on when the original application is submitted to the Board.

Under this new timetable which is effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a student application submitted within the following dates will receive the associated level of Hope Scholarship funding:

- March 1-June 15: 100% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.
- June 16-Sept. 15: 75% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.
- Sept. 16-Nov. 30: 50% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.
- Dec. 1-Feb. 28: 25% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

Any applications submitted after Feb. 28 would be processed on current student eligibility but participation and funding will not begin until the next school year. (These dates apply to new Hope Scholarship applications; existing Hope Scholarship recipients are required to submit renewal applications annually and will be able to do so beginning Jan. 3 each year to apply for the following academic year.)

This quarterly funding timetable is designed to allow for the year-round application process while also complying with state code that governs when funding transfers must take place.

The Hope Scholarship Act, passed by the Legislature in 2021, requires the Board to provide funds to Hope Scholarship students twice a year, with the first half of funds for an academic year provided by Aug. 15 and the remaining half provided by Jan. 15. Funds must be prorated for students participating for less than a full year.

The Hope Scholarship award amount varies each school year depending on the amount of state aid funding per pupil provided to county boards of education for public school students. The award amount for the 2023-24 year was \$4,488.82. The Hope Scholarship Program is an education savings account program available for kindergarten through 12th grade students.

It is designed to allow parents and families to receive an amount equal to the state portion of their child’s education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child. More information on the program is available at www.hopescholarshipwv.com.

120 Students Recognized at Dec. 12th School Board Meeting

By Shari Johnson

The Calhoun County School Board met for their December Board meeting at the Calhoun Middle High School. Following a performance by the Calhoun Middle High School Band and Choir in the auditorium with the new sound and lighting, (see video below) 120 students were recognized for various extra curricular and academic achievements.

Student Recognitions

CWVAC All Conference Middle School Football – Coaches Kevin Cunningham & Travis Mayle: Gavin Hicks, Coby Staples and Nicolis Butler

CWVAC All Conference Middle School Cheerleaders – Coach Whitney Butler: Caydence Moss

CWVAC All Conference 2nd Team Cross Country – Coach Kayla Ware: Carissa Sands and Brooke Tingler

CWVAC All Conference Middle School Volleyball – Coaches Charles Starcher and Samantha Moles: Kendall Snodgrass,

Empowerment Collaborative Certificate of Appreciation: Tucker Sampson, Eliana White, Kendal Snodgrass, Anessia Kerby and Reagan Morgan

General Summative Assessment Exceeds Standards Recipients , English Language Arts, Math, Science, Elementary: Alexandria Askew-Jarvis, Bronson Smith, Eliana White, Clay Allison, Brooklyn Burrows, Bentley Snodgrass, Aleeya Hosey, Jesse Bailey, Temperance Caldwell, Isabella Staples, Trevor Mayle, Raylee Cunningham, Elizabeth Collins, Mercy Starcher, Kaleigha Morris, Madison Jones, Chandler Cottrell, Laici Walls, Kyrian Mounts, Addison Laughlin, Silas Cunningham, Colbie Wilson, Trinity Probasco, Mylea Piercehess, Jacob Gumm, Chelsea Bailey, Lydia Starcher, Maddox Siwicki, Allianna Hill, Emma Frail, Addison Collins, Teigan Springston, Parker Hoskins, Paisley Harper, Ryleigh Crislip-garrett, Audrey Johnson, Riley Holbert, Allie Ogle, Tyler Mayle, Reagan Morgan, Laura Reeves, Colten Meeker, Aaron Stevens, Tucker Sampson, Harlow Sarratori, Brooke Tingler, Jasmyne Tingler, Mackenzie Basnett Bronson Smith Trevor Mayle, Madison Jones, Ariana Bremar, Bentley Snodgrass, Paityn Roberts, Wyatt Mccumbers, Chiara Brenneman, Isabella Staples, Danika Starcher, Cooper Morris, Elizabeth Collins, Mercy Starcher, Lydia Starcher, Kylee Quick, Chandler Cottrell, Laici Walls, Mackenzie Wright, Kadence Remele, Evan Griffin, Colbie Wilson, Evan Burch, Maddox Siwicki, Jacob Gumm, Chelsea Bailey, Addison Collins, Teigan Springston, Allianna Hill, Emma Frail, Ryleigh Crislip-garrett, Riley Holber, Parker Hoskins, Ellie Hall, Anessia Kerby, Audrey Johnson Silil Hardman, Aubrey Laughlin, Tyler Mayle, Riley Holbert, Tucker Sampson, Colten Meeker, Layla Parsons, Kendall Snodgrass, Jason Powell, Payton Quick, Jasmyne Tingler, Kallah Reip, Brooke Tingler, Clay Allison, Harlow Sarratori, Eliana White, Jesse Bailey, Karlie Simmons, Sam Bailey, Raylee Cunningham, Payton Quick, Clay Allison, Jesse Bailey, Raylee Cunningham and Maddox Siwicki.

Principial Gina Ganoie Stump provided a power point presentation of the Calhoun Middle High School’s recent accomplishments and academic rankings.

Deirdre Purdy, who was instrumental in raising funds for the auditorium lighting and sound, requested to keep the 501c3 fund active for the purpose of raising more funds to update the Calhoun Middle High School library with needed books and software.

No mention was made of the exiting School Board member Tammy Yoak, but Board President Jenna Jett ask the three other Board members present, Horst Motz, Jimmy Gregory and Mitchell Morgan if they would like to go into executive session to determine how the board vacancy would be filled, whether by appointment by them or if interviews would be conducted to hire a replacement. Horst Motz said that no executive session should be entered, and that the people would want the School Board to interview possible candidates.

TREASURER MOORE REMINDS WEST VIRGINIA SKILLED WORKERS OF JUMPSTART SAVINGS PROGRAM CONTEST DEADLINE

Entries must be submitted by Sunday, December 31, to qualify

Dec. 18, 2023--CHARLESTON, W.VA. – State Treasurer Riley Moore today reminded West Virginia tradespeople and vocational students have until December 31 to enter his Office’s contest that will award up to \$12,000 deposited in a Jumpstart Savings Account to winners who tell the world what makes them proud to be a West Virginia skilled worker.

“As we approach the contest deadline, I encourage all aspiring and established trade professionals in West Virginia to take advantage of this opportunity to receive a financial boost to your career savings by sharing what makes you proud to be a part of our state’s essential blue-collar workforce,” Treasurer Moore said.

To enter the contest, visit www.wvjumpstart.com/contest and in 250 words or less answer the question, “What makes you proud to be a West Virginia skilled worker?” Contestants will also submit one original digital picture that best captures their answer.

Up to 20 people, based on the number of entries, will be selected to receive \$2,000 deposited into a Jumpstart Savings Account. Out of those winners, one lucky individual will be randomly selected to receive an additional \$10,000 grand prize – for a total of \$12,000 to be deposited in their Jumpstart account.

To be eligible, entrants must:

Be a legal West Virginia resident who is 18 years or older as of Sept. 26, 2023.

Be currently enrolled in or have completed one of the following programs:

- 1.) community and technical school;
- 2.) Advanced Career Education Center (ACE);
- 3.) License 35 school;
- 4.) state or federally approved apprenticeship;
- 5.) high school technical education; or
- 6.) a licensure or certification program approved as a qualifying profession by the Jumpstart Savings Program governing Board.

Agree to the Contest Official Rules.

Entries must be received by the end of the day on Dec. 31.

“Prior to being elected State Treasurer, I worked as a contract welder in West Virginia, where I experienced firsthand how expensive it is to start a business and pursue a career in the trades,” Treasurer Moore said. “This inspired me to launch the nation’s first Jumpstart Savings Program to remove barriers for West Virginia tradespeople and entrepreneurs by providing a new way to save for their career expenses.”

The Jumpstart Savings Program allows individuals who wish to pursue a wide range of skilled vocations or trades to save money and enjoy certain state income tax benefits. Individuals can make up to \$25,000 per year in contributions to a Jumpstart Savings Account that will be eligible for a state income tax deduction.

Jumpstart Savings Account funds can be used to pay for tools, equipment, supplies, and other Business costs, and those funds used on qualified expenses can also be eligible for additional state tax benefits.

The program also provides an “Ignite Incentive” for certain individuals who open accounts. The state provides a \$100 seed contribution when an account’s designated beneficiary is under the age of 18 or when an account is opened within 180 days of the designated beneficiary enrolling in a qualifying apprenticeship or educational program.

The Jumpstart Savings Program is overseen by the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs, which has partnered with United Bank to administer the program.

More information about the program and contest are available at www.wvjumpstart.com.

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Could Calhoun County be in a Movie????

By Melissa West

Following the recent Calhoun Commission meeting and the discussion of JCFilms making a movie in Calhoun County, Melissa West of the Calhoun Chronicle and businessman Eric Lupardus reached out to the film company for further discussion. The two (and Ridgeview News) were invited to an impromptu Sunday morning meeting with Jason Campbell and actor Dean Cain (formerly known as Superman).

We were given access to backstage where we were able to watch different scenes being filmed and was asked to be a part of a scene in the City Hall scene of the movie.

Myself, Emma Howell, Eric and Brandy Lupardus, daughter Kamri Richards and Hobie Holbert, traveled to Buckhannon, where JCFilms is currently in production of Hanks Christmas Wish 2.

While there they discussed the possibilities of film topics in Calhoun where Dean Cain requested they "make it happen!" The producer Jason Campbell and Dean Cain would like to tour Calhoun County after the first of the year to discuss the possibilities for a film to be made in Calhoun.



Emma Howell, Actor Dean Cain and Melissa West



Pictured above and below on set Lto R: Melissa West, Emma Howell, Eric, Brandy Lupardus, daughter Kamri and Hobie Holbert

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Local Calhoun Residents publish Christmas Book

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