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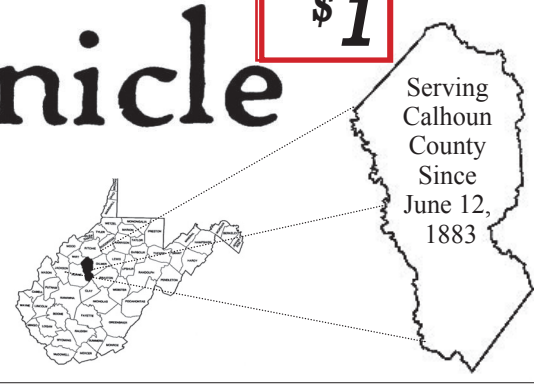
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Thursday, January 11, 2024

### Circuit Court News

By Shari Johnson

#### Indictments Returned by Grand Jury held by Judge Anita Harold Ashley



##### RYAN ANDREW SNIDER

An indictment was returned on Ryan Andrew Snider on January 2, 2024 by the Calhoun Circuit Court Grand Jury. Snider was charged in the indictment with Manufacturing a Controlled Substance (Marijuana). The indictment stated that in October 2022, Snider did unlawfully, knowingly and feloniously manufacture, a controlled substance, to-wit: marijuana, a schedule I non-narcotic and that Ryan Andrew Snider was not a licensed medical practitioner acting in the course of a professional practice administering or dispensing a controlled substance or incidental to research, teaching, or chemical analysis, in violation of West Virginia Code 60A-4-401(a)(ii), a felony against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Mr. Snider appeared in Calhoun Circuit Court on January 4th, 2024 before Judge Anita Harold Ashley for his first appearance relating to 2024-F-1. Appearing with his Attorney, Public Defender Daniel Minardi, Snider was released on a \$10,000 cash, property or surety bond which must be posted for his arraignment date of January 31st, have it posted before arraignment date of January 31st, 2024 at 1:45 p.m.

##### JAMES KEITH HARDMAN

An indictment was returned on James Keith Hardman on January 2, 2024 by the Calhoun Circuit Court Grand Jury in case 2024-F-2. Hardman was charged in Count 1 of the indictment with Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes. The indictment stated that James Keith Hardman did feloniously and knowingly fail to provide a change of required information pursuant to Chapter 15, Article 12 of the West Virginia Code, to wit: He failed to provide or update the West Virginia State Police with information related to the address at which he resided as required by WV Code 15-12-2(d)(2) and 15-12-3, and James Keith Hardman is required to register as a sex offender for the duration of his life by virtue of a prior conviction in Calhoun County, WV in violation of WV Code 15-12-8(c), a felony, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

James Keith Hardman was indicted on Count 2, of the indictment with Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes, having committed this crime when he did feloniously and knowingly fail to provide a change of required information pursuant to Chapter 15, Article 12 of the West Virginia code, to-wit: failed to provide or update the WV State Police with information related to the license plate on a 2011 Honda CRV driven by James Keith Hardman who is required to register as a sex offender for the duration of his life by virtue of a prior conviction in Calhoun County, WV in violation of WV Code 15-12-8(c), a felony, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the testimony of Corporal Brian E. Young, WVSP, duly sworn in the presence of the Grand Jury.

Mr. Hardman appeared in Calhoun Circuit Court on January 4, 2024, before Judge Anita Harold Ashley for his first appearance related to two aforementioned counts where he was released on bond to appear January 31st, 2024 at 1:50 p.m.

##### RYAN AND ELLIO HARDMAN

In Case numbers 2024-F-3 and 2024-F-4, Ryan Hardman and Ellio Hardman, were indicted by the Calhoun Circuit Court Grand Jury on January 2, 2024 of Count 1, Child Neglect with Risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death, with the indictment stating that on or about July 2023 in the County of Calhoun, State of West Virginia, they did unlawfully, feloniously, and grossly neglect OJH, a minor child, while serving as parents, guardians or custodians to the minor child, and the said gross neglect created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to the minor child OJH as defined in WV Code 61-8D-1(6) a felony in violation of WV Code 61-8D-4(c), against the peace and dignity of the State.

Count two of the indictment against Ryan and Ellio Hardman stated that on or about July 2023 in the County of Calhoun, State of West Virginia, they did intentionally and feloniously conspire to commit the crime of Child Neglect with Risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death, a felony, with each other and that one or more of Ryan Hardman and Ellio Hardman committed some act in furtherance of said conspiracy, by committing the crime of Child Neglect with Risk of Serious Bodily Injury as alleged in Count 1 herein, said act being a felony in violation of WV Code 61-10-31 and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the testimony of Corporal Brian E. Young, WVSP, duly sworn in the presence of the Grand Jury.

Brian and Ellio Hardman appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley on January 4th, 2024 for their first appearance. Both are incarcerated in the WV Central Regional Jail, Bonds were continued and the defendants will return for arraignment on January 31st, 2024 at 1:55 p.m.

##### JOSEPH EARL YOAK

An indictment was returned on Joseph Earl Yoak on January 2, 2024 by the Calhoun Circuit Court Grand Jury in case 2024-F-6. Mr. Yoak was charged in Count 1 of the indictment with the crime of Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person when he did knowingly and feloniously possess a firearm when he was previously convicted of a felony sexual offense in the State of Kentucky in 2006, a felony, in violation of WV code 61-7-7(b)(1).

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### Jeffrey Hunt Sworn in as Chief Deputy

By Melissa West



Cpl. Jeffrey Hunt retired from the West Virginia State Police with 25 years of service the last of December 2023. He did not take time to relax as he accepted the position as Chief Deputy for the Calhoun County Sheriffs Department, trading his traditional greens for the black and gray.

Chief Hunt was joined by his family for his swearing in ceremony (pictured below). Chief Hunt began his official duties following a swearing in ceremony by Calhoun County Clerk, Jean Simers on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024. (Pictures courtesy of Brenda Hunt).



If you see Chief Hunt out and about, be sure to thank him for serving and protecting our community.

### December 2023 Magistrate Report

#### Felony

Mark Christopher Donegan, 23-M07F-00041; 61-7-12: Wanton endangerment involving a firearm; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S. Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Preliminary Hearing Waived.

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Mark Christopher Donegan, 23-M07F-00041; 61-7-12: Wanton endangerment involving a firearm; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S. Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Preliminary Hearing Waived.

#### Misdemeanor

Melissa Jean Shrader, 20-M07M-00393; 17B-4-3a: Driving Suspended; Calhoun Sheriff Department, C.J.Myers; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.

Melissa Jean Shrader, 20-M07M-00393; 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme.; Calhoun Sheriff Department, C.J. Myers; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.

Cody A. Blosser, 23-M07M-00017; 17C-6-1: Speeding; WVSP-

Grantsville, TFC, David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Janice Lou Colegrove, 23-M07M-00161; 61-03B-02: Trespass in structure or conveyance; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S. Stepp; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.

Cody Blosser, 23-M07M-00198; 17B-04-03(a): Driving while license suspended or revoked; General; WVSP-Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.

Cody Blosser, 23-M07M-00198; 17A-09-03: Improper use of evidence registration (misdemeanor); WVSP-Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.

Cody Blosser, 23-M07M-00198; 17D-2A-3: No Insurance; WVSP-Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Cody Blosser, 23-M07M-00198; 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme.; WVSP-Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

M07M-00198; 60A-04-401(c): Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescrip.: WVSP-Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.

Amber D. Knicley, 23-M07M-00214; 17A-08-04: Unlawful taking of Vehicle; WVSP, Josh Richards; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Amber D. Knicley, 23-M07M-00214; 17B-04-03(a): Driving while license suspended or revoked; General; WVSP-Grantsville, Josh Richards; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Amber D. Knicley, 23-M07M-00214; 17B-04-03(a): Driving while license suspended or revoked; General; WVSP-Grantsville, Josh Richards; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.

Amber D. Knicley, 23-M07M-00214; 17C-04-02: Accident involving damage to vehicle; WVSP-Grantsville, Josh Richards; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.

Megan Adkins, 23-M07M-00223; 61-2-9: Battery; Calhoun Sheriff Department, Graham J Knight; Magistrate

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# OBITUARIES

## SANDRA S. (HUFFMAN) REEDY

Sandra S. (Huffman) Reedy, 84, of Mount Hope, WV, went to be with the Lord peacefully on December 29, 2023. She was born in Grantsville, WV, and was a member of Fellowship Bible Church in Beckley, WV, where she served as pianist and children's teacher.

Sandra received her education from West Virginia University and Glenville State College and used her training as a medical secretary and transcriptionist. In addition, she was a graduate of Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. spending over twenty years teaching children to know God, and supporting and training others in children's ministries. After rearing six children, Sandra resumed working as a medical transcriptionist with an orthopedic surgeon for ten years. She loved her family and loved God with all her heart. She was a sinner saved by grace, who walked by faith, lived with hope, sang with joy, and believed God's Word and His promises to be true.

Surviving Sandra are her children: Julie (Jesse) Waggoner of South Charleston, WV; Jill (Doug) Packard of Lock Haven, PA; Phillip (Kathy) Reedy of Chesterfield, VA; Jay Reedy, of Oak Hill, WV, and Jenna (Ray) Breta of Midlothian, VA; along with 17 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren; and, two brothers, Robert (MaryAnn) Huffman, of Wooster, OH, and Roger Huffman of Waverly, WV. Sandra was preceded in death by her husband, James B. (Jim) Reedy; son, Eric B. Reedy; parents, Hunter R. and Beulah L. Huffman; and brother, James R. Huffman.

A memorial service was held at Fellowship Bible Church, Beckley, WV, on January 6th. A private graveside service will be held at the Craigsville Cemetery in Craigsville, WV.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Sandra's memory can be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship, New River Chapter, P. O. Box 675, Beckley, WV 25802; CEFNewRiver.org.

## DELORAS M. SEARS

Deloras M. Sears, 85, of Washington, WV, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 29, 2023. She was born in Big Springs, WV, as one of two children of the late Carl James and Ruth Daisy Jackson Richards.



Deloras had fond memories of being voted Homecoming Queen in High School, as well as playing trumpet with the Marching Band. Her working career included The Parkersburg News, as a secretary for Union Carbide, Wood County Bank in the Bonds dept., as legal secretary for Attorney Burl Cunningham, and retired from Arrow Concrete. Deloras enjoyed giving back to her community and Church. She volunteered to work on several election days; was a member of River Hill United Methodist Church, where she served as Treasurer for many years, recently became a member of Washington United Methodist Church. She had also been active in the United Women in Faith, and was a member of the Republican Women's Club.

She is survived by two children Heather Summers (Gary), Christopher Sears, four grandchildren Morgan Summers Lane-Roberts, Madison Summers Brown, Hunter Sears, and Ian Sears, two step grandchildren Jimmy Millie, and Nikki Kimberly, two great grandchildren Skylar Lane-Roberts and Levi Eugene Brown, as well as two step-great grandchildren Brody and Levi Groves.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Delmar K. Sears, son Douglas D. Sears and brother Don Richard.

Funeral services were held on 1/4/24 at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg. Burial followed at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Cemetery, 3757 N. Calhoun Highway, Grantsville, WV 26147.

"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

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## MARGARET (SAMPSON) MCCLAIN

Margaret (Sampson) McClain, age 80 of Massillon, passed away Saturday, December 30, 2023 at the Good Shepherd Nursing Facility in Ashland. She was born in Orma, WV, the daughter of the late George and Mary (Lambert) Sampson.

Margaret retired from Ashland Oil Refinery. She was a member of God's Family.

Margaret is survived by daughters, Jayme (Mark) Jenkins and Jeannie (Jeff) Johnson; five granddaughters; eleven great-grandchildren, and is expecting a great-great-grandson in February.

She was preceded in death her son, Rusty Sampson, two brothers and four sisters.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 1 P.M. at Heitger Funeral Home - Massillon Chapel

Calling hours will be held at the funeral home prior to the service from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Coleman Crisis Center, 2421 -13th St. N.W., Canton, Ohio 44708. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.heitger.com](http://www.heitger.com)

## Salem University Provost List Fall 2023 of Local Students

Each semester, undergraduate students with a grade point average of 3.8-4.0 are eligible for this honor. The student must have completed at least 9 credits in this semester.

The Provost List is published upon completion of semester and distributed via email, social media, and our website. The fall semester is September - December 2023.

Students located from Calhoun or surrounding areas include Nursing Students: Jenny Allison, Makayla Jones, Shelby Metheneu and Abby Nicholas.

Congratulations!!!!!!

## Bridget Carter Named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH (01/04/2024)-- Bridget Carter of Arnoldsburg (25234) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2023 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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To nominate someone for Citizen of the week, please let us know. The Calhoun Chronicle, PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email them to the newspaper at [contact@calhounchronicle.com](mailto:contact@calhounchronicle.com)

Thank You,  
Melissa West,  
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## Senior Citizens Menu

Menu for the Senior Citizens Center (2% milk and margarine available daily): (Dining hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

Thurs., Jan. 11: broccoli soup, cheese salad, sandwich, fruit, whole wheat crackers.

Fri., Jan. 12: meatsauce, spaghetti, vegetables, fruit, whole wheat roll

Mon. Jan. 15: CLOSED for MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY!

Tues., Jan. 16: chicken sandwich with onion and mayo, ranch potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Wed., Jan. 17: meat loaf, Au Gratin potatoes, peas, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Thurs., Jan. 18: pork chop, mushroom gravy, potatoes, beets, fruit, whole wheat bread.

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

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

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thurs., Jan. 11:** Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 Food Pantry, Rt 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wed., Jan. 17:** Empowering Parents Workshop, CMHS, 4:30 7:00 p.m.

**Thurs., Jan. 18 :** CHS Girls Basketball at Wirt County, 7:00 p.m.

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

**Fri., Jan. 12:** Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

**Sat., Jan. 13:** Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 7:00 p.m., Ruff Cut

**Tues., Jan. 16:** First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Empowering Parents Workshop, CMHS, 4:30 p.m.

**Sat., Jan. 20:** Calhoun Board of Education meeting, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Empowering Parents Workshop, CMHS, 4:30 p.m.

Calhoun Library Trivia, CCCOA building, 6:00 p.m.

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

**Fri., Jan., 19:** Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

CHS Boys Basketball travels to Paden City, 7:00 p.m.

CHS Girls Basketball travels to South Harrison, 7:00 p.m.

Calhoun Basketball Youth League at CMS starting at 9:00 a.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Retro Country, 7:00 p.m.

## Recipe Corner

By Emma Howell

Recipe is from Jinny Lee's Plantation Recipes: Mammy used to call them 'goobers,' those rich, nourishing peanuts., and how we loved the peanut cookies she'd make with them!

Nearly everyone knows the tastiness of goof, fresh, roasted peanuts. For candies and cookies they're about the most delicious confection I know. If you use a cup of peanuts, chopped coarse, and 2 tablespoons of butter, a cup of sugar and 3 eggs, 2 tablespoons of sweet milk and enough self-rising flour to roll, you can make some of these plump little cookies. Just mix dough in the usual way for cookies and add the "goobers."

Bake for about ten minutes. The children will love them. Hickory Nut Cookies Have Fine Flavors. And thinkin' of peanut cookies reminds me of the hickory nut cookies that Madge loves to make for her boys.

Bobby always demands them around this time of the year. She uses a half cup of butter creamed with a half cup of sugar, adds three eggs well beaten and a half cup of sweet milk and enough self-rising flour to roll thin. To this is added one cup of chopped hickory nuts. The mixture is chilled before rolling and a stiff dough avoided. This is baked in a quick oven and when they come out golden brown and fragrant with that hickory and flavor, you ought to see the kitchen fill up with girls and boys.

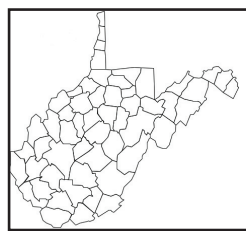
Easy Crock Pot Potato Soup.

- 1 30 oz. bag of frozen diced hash browns
- 1 32 oz. box of chicken broth
- 1 10 oz. can of cream of chicken soup
- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese
- 3 oz. bacon bits
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Put the potatoes in the crockpot. Add in the chicken broth, cream of chicken soup and half of the bacon bits. Add a pinch of salt and pepper. Cook on low for 8 hours or until potatoes are tender. An hour before serving, cut the cream cheese into small cubes. Place the cubes in crockpot. Mix a few times throughout the hour before serving. Once the cream cheese is completely mixed in, it's ready to serve. Top with cheddar cheese and some additional bacon bits.

If you have a recipe you would like to share with our readers, please mail it to The Calhoun Chronicle PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email it to [contact@calhounchronicle.com](mailto:contact@calhounchronicle.com)

## This Week In Calhoun History

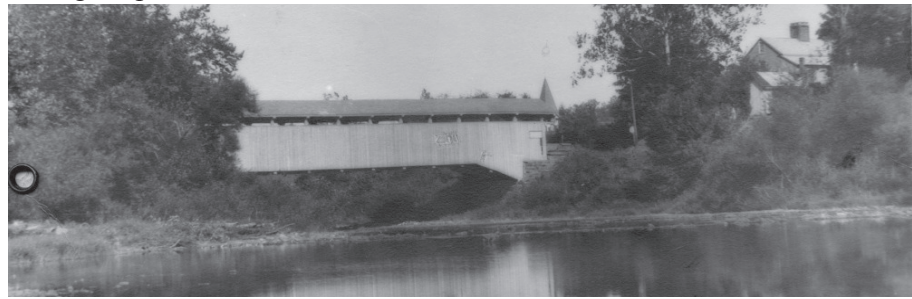


## This Week In West Virginia History

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](http://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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

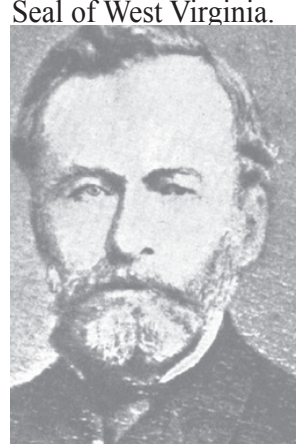
**Jan. 11, 1865:** Confederate forces under General Thomas Rosser burned the covered bridge at Beverly. Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth rebuilt the damaged span in 1872-73.



**Jan. 11, 1893:** U.S. Senator Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. Kilgore served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952.

**Jan. 12, 1869:** Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business.

**Jan. 13, 1905:** Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Diss Debar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great Seal of West Virginia.



**Jan. 14, 1842:** Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year.

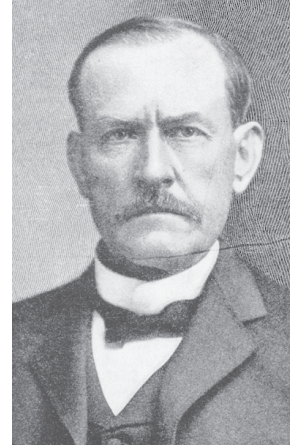
**Jan. 14, 1873:** The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. The legislature changed the name to Glenville State College in 1943 and to a university in 2022.



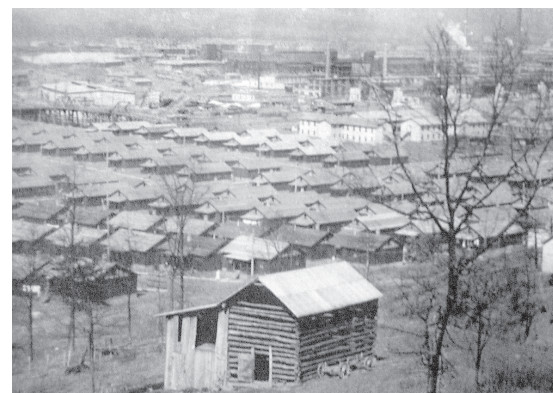
**Jan. 15, 1864:** Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait and artistic photographers.

**Jan. 16, 1850:** Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.

**Jan. 16, 1869:** Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.



**Jan. 17, 1918:** The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital, were completed.



**Jan. 17, 1956:** Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler, and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County. He also is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS: **Games and Goodies:** When you finish with this newspaper (after you have taken your little scissors and carefully cut out the recipe below for grandma) you can have a "Newspaper Race." Tell the other boys and girls to get their papers too. Be sure the papers are all of the same also and you'd better play the game outside so that if things get messy nobody will scold. Everyone starts on a line and when the signal to "go" is given, each drops the paper in front of him, steps over it, picks it up, drops it in front again and keeps doing this over until the finished line is reached. The first one over the line wins!

**Jelly Cake is nice to Bake:** Grandma makes such good jelly, doesn't she? You'd love to dig your little silver spoon right down into the jar and eat it that way. I know you would. But mercy me, that isn't good for little girls and boys! But if grandma really wants you to enjoy her good jellies ask her to make some jelly cake for you, just like this!

3 eggs  
1 cup self-rising flour  
1 cup powdered sugar  
3 tablespoons sweet milk

She must sift the flour three times, then heat beat the whites and yolks of eggs separately and mix the sugar with the yolks adding the sifted flour gradually. Next come the whites of the eggs and the milk. This is all mixed good and poured into cake tin to bake for 10 minutes. When it is done spread the layers with jelly and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

**Henrietta News:** Winter is here I guess in full force.

Tunis Roberts, the mail carrier missed going two days last week on account of high water.

Miss Ruth Gainer, of near Grantsville spent Saturday night with Miss Merrell Johnson.

Brooke Simmers who has been in this burg for some time returned to his home at Trace Fork last week.

Donald Vane, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Stewart has been ill for the past few days.

Miss Murrell Johnson who had been visiting relatives and friends in Grantsville returned home Friday.

Howard Burns and Merrett Bell were in Grantsville Saturday night.

Kelley Smith was seen going through this city Saturday, enroute to his home on Lower Run.

Lee Bennett was seen going through here a few days ago enroute to his home at Fairview. He has been at Akron, OH for some time.

1948, 75 YEARS: **Minnora News:** French Eison, who has been employed for the past 12 years in a limber camp near Warren, Ohio was visiting his sister, Mrs. Holly Bailey, this past week.

Minnie Hamilton our county health nurse was visiting several sick folks here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rush's little girl has been seriously ill with pneumonia.

Jurl Newell of Orma was greeting friends and looking after some business affairs in Spencer Monday.

P.G. Dewese of Milo was taken to a hospital in Huntington one day this past week for a minor operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Wayne was doing some shopping and visiting their son, Otlice, in Spencer over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hamilton and son, Gary, has been visiting her parents in the state of Missouri and will return in a few days.

The revival at Orma is still going on at this writing and it is reported the meeting is good.

Board President...G.L. Strader of Grantsville, who was named president at the first meeting of the newly organized Board of Education of Calhoun County January 3. Mr. Strader was elected to the board at the last election.

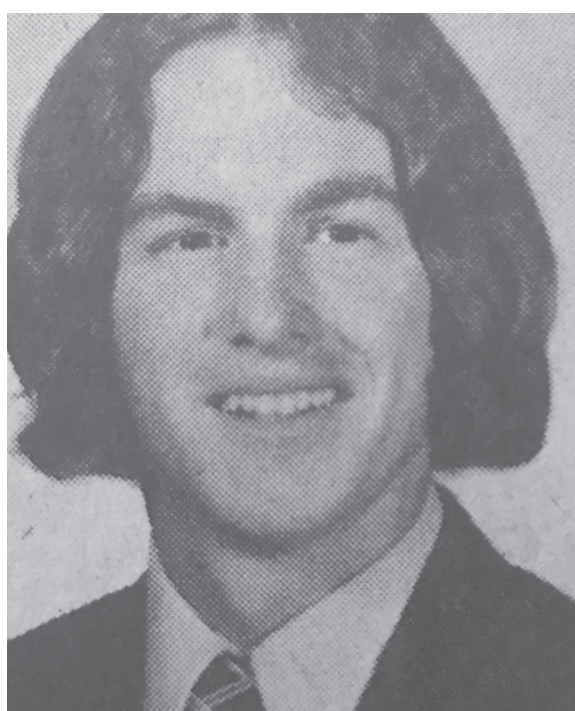
1974, 50 YEARS: Mrs. Lenore Booher has completed 30 years' service as



clerk in the Calhoun Health Department and has retired as of December 31. In recognition of her service, a member of courthouse employees gave a party for her Thursday at non in the county court room. After buffet style refreshments were served, a minimal presentation of gifts was made by Robert Parkins, county sanitarian. Mrs. Booker received a gift of jewelry and a silver tray from her co-workers. Parkins paid high tribute for her quality of work during her long tenure.

Mrs. Booher started to work in the Health Department in 1943, and she and Mrs. Margaret Arbuckle, nurse were all the staff. When asked what she would do in retirement years, Mrs. Booher said "Nothing – for the first two weeks." She would like to visit her children. Larry Gainer in Pennsylvania and Judy Chalfant in Georgia, and their families, but other than that, she and her husband Charles, plan to remain in their home at Mt. Zion. Mary Helen Hartshorn has already been employed as her replacement in the Health Department. Attending the party for her were Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Van Scoy of Moundsville, who were visiting in Grantsville for the day; Robert Parkins, Gay Boatright, Linda Hinkley, Mary Helen Hartshorn, Kathryn Robinson, Joy Shaffer, Gloria Stevens, Naomi Ball, Mary Ann Barrows, Willa Stump, Susan Cain Hall, Joane Stump, Lloyd Reed, and the guest of honor.

Danny Gainer is Chief Ruler of the Calhoun Junior Odd Fellows lodge for the first term of 1974. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Gainer of Grantsville, he is a senior at Calhoun high School, where he is active in the Student Council and Music Department. Other elected officers are: Dwayne McCormick, deputy ruler; Zane Gherke, recorder; Wayne Gherke, treasurer; Robert Vaughn, accountant. Appointed officers are Jim Garretson, chaplain; Rick Poling, warden; Mike Walker, conductor; Ron Huffman and Gary Yoak, Inner and outer sentinals; Steve and Rick Nichols, right and left support to Chief Ruler.



## My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



I ended last week's article promising to tell you about our family's trip to Amish Country in Ohio.

We decided in the fall to rent a VRBO (vacation rental by owner) home for the New Year's Weekend. This would take the place of buying gifts and allow us to all spend time together.

There are 13 of us in the immediate family, so I began looking for a place that would give us plenty of room to be together and to spread out.

I soon found what I was looking for in Millersburg, Ohio. The house is called Serenity Hill, and the name fits perfectly. The large house is located on a hill surrounded by beautiful farmland.

It looked peaceful in the pictures, and it didn't disappoint in person. There are lovely farm houses and barns around the property and horses grazing in the fields right outside the front door. I can't imagine a better place to say goodbye to 2023 and ring in 2024.

We had arranged to check in at 1:00 on Friday afternoon, so the plan was to leave Grantsville around 9:00. This would give us plenty of time to get there, eat lunch, and then make our way to the house.

I was ready when the Mlyneks arrived at my home among the hills to pick me up. Since Andy was driving, I could settle in the back and get started on one of the books I packed for the weekend. I was so engrossed in my book I didn't even notice when we crossed over the river into Ohio.

I knew we would be taking a route into Millersburg I had never been on before, so I put my book away when we went through Cambridge. I love taking roads I have never been on before, and it's even more fun when I'm not driving and can really look around.

We drove through some very pretty farmland and past lots of Amish farms. It was pretty cold out, so there weren't many people out and about, but we did see a few people on electric bicycles. This seems to be the new mode of transportation for the Amish. We saw way more bikes than buggies.

We arrived in Charm, Ohio, right at lunch time and decided to pick up some food at a little shop called the Honey & Fig Café. I have never eaten anything bad that was made in Amish Country and this was no exception. I ordered a smash burger with garlic fries and a cold brew, and it was all delicious. We took the food to go and met my parents right up the road at our home for the weekend. We were the first to arrive, so after we got everything inside, we began to explore the house.

This is the biggest house we have ever rented. It was divided into two floors and had lots of windows overlooking the property. The front door opened into the main living area, which had an open floor plan. This included a living room, library, formal dining room, and an eat-in kitchen. There was even a large deck that spanned the front of the house. In addition to all of this space, there were two bedroom and two and half baths on this floor.

Right inside the front door to the left was a stairway that led to the basement. This was no ordinary basement but another whole living space. There were plenty of doors and windows so it wasn't a gloomy, dark space. There was a huge living room with lots of couches, a pool table, and a game table. There were also four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, and another complete kitchen. This was some house, and my family and the Barnhart Family enjoyed every bit of it.

There were two dining room tables so one was reserved for games, coloring, and puzzle building. The other was used for big family meals, which we ate a lot of, believe me. We had planned to eat out a lot more, but discovered that most places in the area would be closed for the holiday. Thankfully, we had a huge well stocked kitchen that we could use, and we did. I enjoyed every minute of our long weekend. I love being in a house surrounded by people I love.

We laughed a lot, played games, built puzzles, watched movies, shot pool, read books, colored, took walks, and watched it snow. We made lots of memories, which is the best gift to give each other. It was the perfect way to end 2023!

## Marshall University releases Fall President's and Dean's lists

The names of Marshall University students who made the president's and dean's lists for the fall 2023 semester are available on the Marshall website for use by the media.

Marshall instituted the president's list beginning in the fall of 2019, reflecting students with a 4.0 grade point average for 12 hours or more. To make the traditional dean's list, students must have a 3.3 or above grade point average for a minimum of 12 hours.

Marshall has 986 students on the president's list and 2,702 on the dean's list for a total of 3,688 students included on the website for fall. Students who requested their names not be published are excluded from the lists.

Many students and their parents have requested that Marshall make the president's and dean's lists available to publications that cover their hometowns.

Kole Jarvis of Chloe, WV was listed as a Calhoun Student.

## NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

### Whose Life, Whose Liberty?

By Deirdre Purdy

The election of 2024 is critical to saving our democracy. We face a likely dictatorship if we allow Trump to be re-elected.

But what if Trump is thrown off the ballot for insurrection, or he is not the Republican nominee, or he simply loses?

If Trump as tyrant is defeated, is there still a compelling reason to vote for Democrats rather than Republicans?

YES: The principle that women have equal rights – equal to those of men and of fetuses - must be made law.

Democrats support women's rights and Republicans deny them.

The Dobbs decision overturned Roe's holding that abortion was a fundamental right. It is a mean-spirited, misogynist opinion that brushes aside concerns of real women as if they were no more than one class of citizens who happened, by a grievous error of the Roe court, to be gifted a right that they in no way deserved.

According to Dobbs, a fundamental right is one that is essential to our history and traditions, which pretty much ensures women's rights are not and will never be fundamental.

Black men were given the vote in 1868. Women's right to vote was finally guaranteed by the 19th amendment in 1920. Women stopped being a husband's property in 1882, but couldn't own property in all states until 1900.

A woman couldn't open her own bank account until 1974 or hold a credit card in her own name until 1975.

Our history and traditions dictate that women are second-class citizens, property of their husbands, whose traditional roles are homemaking and child-bearing.

Many words in Dobbs are spent on the criminality of abortion, going back to the principles of the witch-burning judge, Matthew Hale, who also held husbands could rape wives with impunity. Hale is cited as an expert. According to Hale, abortion is a "great crime." Case solved.

Dobbs talks about abortion as if it had nothing to do with women and everything to do with fetuses. If it's a crime to end a fetus's life, compulsory childbearing is the necessary and unavoidable result.

Why are the rights of living women not superior to the rights of fetuses? Well, Dobbs doesn't speak about women's rights, so the question doesn't really arise.

There's a throwaway line here and there, like saying women's reliance interests on a right to abortion are vague compared to reliance interests in property and contract. (I am not making this up.)

But basically, women's rights do not figure in the most destructive abortion case in 50 years. A woman's right to abortion was rescinded without a mention of women's rights.

Would the Dobbs result be different if the Equal Rights Amendment had passed?

(The ERA has been passed by 38/38 states necessary for its insertion in the Constitution. Elect Democrats to finalize it by congressional action.)

Dobbs mentions the argument that equal protection might support a right to abortion but dismisses it in the next sentence because (you may be surprised to learn), "a State's regulation of abortion is not a sex-based classification."

The United States has a history of slowly providing rights to disadvantaged groups.

Somehow though fetuses have jumped the queue ahead of women. It is now constitutionally permissible for the state to supersede a woman's right to life and liberty for those of a fetus.

The 13th amendment abolished involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime. And intercourse without intending procreation has not (yet) been criminalized.

Nevertheless, a woman carrying an unwanted pregnancy can be made an involuntary servant and required to incubate the fetus.

Under Dobbs, a state may use a woman of childbearing age as a means to an end rather than an end in herself. She belongs to a biologically determined sub-class of individuals with fewer rights and freedoms than other citizens and on whom greater burdens may be imposed.

Dobbs calls into question American women's equality, their equal standing in the citizenry, and whether they have constitutionally protected liberty.

The 2024 election is a choice between Republicans who seek to extend abortion bans to the entire nation and Democrats who support women's dignity, autonomy, and freedom.

It is a choice between Republicans who seek to control women by imposing and enforcing their own morality and Democrats who trust women to be free to make their own medical, personal, and family planning decisions.

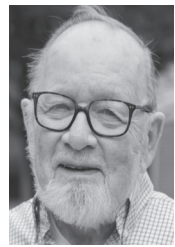
We must ensure that equal rights for women are enshrined in the Constitution and that a national right to abortion becomes law.

Elect Democrats to Congress and Joe Biden as president.

Every woman should be free to carry a child and no woman should be compelled to carry one.

## CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: What are the origins of the phrase "goodbye?" (Asked by your friend and editor.)

Reply: Goodbye is a common expression we use when someone is leaving. "Goodbye! See you soon." But what does the word "goodbye" actually mean, or what are you saying or wishing?

We know what "good" means, but what about "bye?" As sports fans know, a "bye" is the position of someone in a tournament who advances to the next round without playing, e.g. "the player drew a first-round bye."

That example doesn't imply a parting expression, so we have to dig a little deeper. In doing so, we find that "goodbye" developed from a phrase used in the 1500s, "God be with ye" (or "with you," as we would say today). It was a brief parting prayer of sorts. Over time, the phrase was abbreviated to "God b'wi'ye," and still further to "God b'ye." Eventually, "good" was substituted for "God," and we end up with "Goodbye."

So now you know the original, sincere wish of "Goodbye," and I think it is now time for me to say goodbye. That is, after an over forty-year run, the Curiosity Corner is saying goodbye. Yes, it all began 40 years ago. When teaching at Lander, I gave numerous science talks to school classes and various community groups and organizations.

This was the time of space exploration, the introduction of microwave ovens, cell phones and so on. As I continued teaching, writing and giving talks in the community, people would stop me on the street or in a store and ask something like, "I have always wondered about so and so... could you tell me how it works?"

I got to thinking. Rather than trying to answer all these individual questions for individual people, why not publish them in the paper for all to see? So, I wrote up a question-and-answer column and went to see Bill Collins, the managing editor of the Index-Journal at the time, to see if he might publish it. He did, and the Science Corner (as it was originally known) was born in 1982.

The first question was on the Jupiter Effect, which was a prediction that the alignment of the planets of the solar system would create a number of gravitational catastrophes, including a great earthquake on the San Andreas Fault in California. (Obviously, it didn't.)

The article was well-received, and Bill said to send in more questions and answers that he might use from time-to-time. From there, the Science Corner was promoted to a weekly column, and eventually, the name was changed to the Curiosity Corner to better reflect the range of questions I received on various topics. The Curiosity Corner has appeared in several area newspapers throughout its history: the Laurens County Advertiser, the Clinton Chronicle, the McCormick Messenger, the Saluda Sentinel, the Newberry Observer and even the Calhoun Chronicle in Grantsville, West Virginia (my wife's hometown).

While at Lander, I wrote the Curiosity Corner as a public service of the University, and I continued doing so after my retirement in 1992. In the digital age, the column's focus shifted.

We now have unfettered access to both information and misinformation, and as we all know, there are still lots of questions that aren't as simple as just "Googling" for the right answer.

And, as new technologies take shape that have the potential to muddy the waters even further, it's clear to me that our hometown newspapers, and columns like the Curiosity Corner, still have a relevant place in our world today. For now, I take leave, but maybe I'll write a guest column every now and then if I hear or find something curiously interesting.

Of course, I am indebted to the many staff members of Lander University who have assisted me with the writing and proofreading over the years (you all know who you are). Lastly, I am indebted to all of you: my readers! I hope you all have benefited from the Curiosity Corner in gaining knowledge and understanding of different subjects.

Thank you for the decades of questions, comments and support. I have enjoyed writing and have had the pleasure of learning right along with you as I research the answers to your many questions and topics of discussion.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." -Winnie The Pooh

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\*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.

## Calhoun High School WRESTLERS

Submitted by Robert Bonar (pictures from CMHS Facebook page)

The Calhoun County Red Devil wrestling team participated in the Pat Vance Invitational at Nitro High School last Friday and Saturday. Three wrestlers – Reese Schoolcraft, Wyatt Nichols and Haiden Staton – won their respective weight classes to lead the team to a fifth place finish in the tournament. Levi Stump battled back from a first round loss to take third place in the 215 pound weight class, while Lance Grogg and Noah Butler earned fifth place.

This was the first action for the wrestling team since before the Christmas holiday. This coming Friday and Saturday, the wrestlers will participate in the Braxton Invitational.

### Pat Vance Invitational Team Scores

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Gallia Academy 255.5 | 2. Chapmanville 160.0     | 3. Buffalo 156.0              |
| 4. Fort Chiswell 142.5  | 5. Calhoun County 142.0   | 6. Poca 128.0                 |
| 7. Nitro 105.0          | 8. Cabell Midland JV 76.0 | 9. Hurricane 73.0             |
| 10. Man 68.5            | 11. Logan 52.0            | 12. Huntington JV 47.0        |
| 13. Mingo 36.0          | 14. Tug Valley 20.0       | 15. George Washington JV 15.0 |
| 16. Elkins 9.0          |                           |                               |

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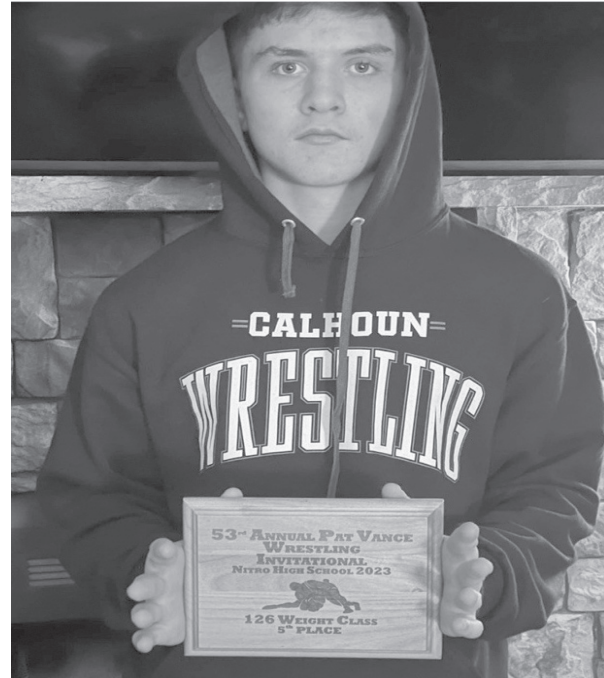
106 Reese Schoolcraft, 4-0 Champion; 113 Lance Grogg, 1-2 5th place; 120 Christian Andreano, 1-2; 126 Noah Butler, 3-2 5th place; 138 Eli Bailey, 2-2; 144 Adam Hughes, 1-2; 150 Wyatt Nichols, 4-0 Champion; 157 Haiden Staton, 4-0 Champion; 165 Jobe Loudin, 1-2; 175 Sam Elmore, 0-2; 190 Landon Sampson, 0-2; 215 Levi Stump, 4-1 3rd place and 285 Landon Richards, 2-2



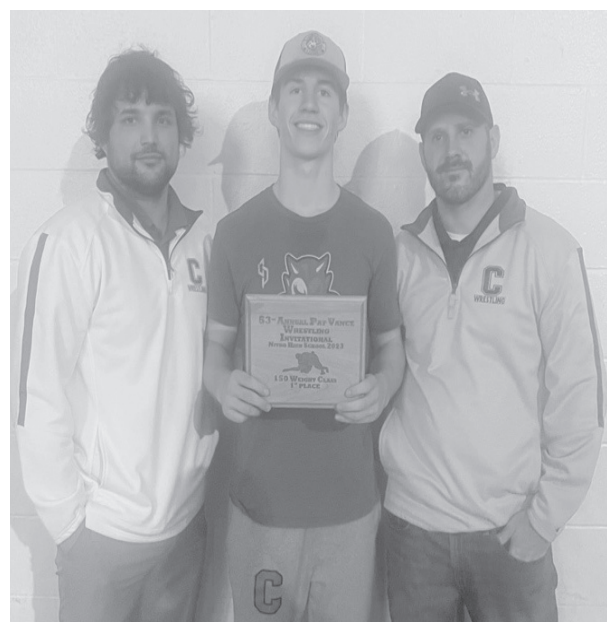
106-Reese Schoolcraft -Champion!



113- Lance Grogg-5th Place



126-Noah Butler-5th Place



150-Wyatt Nichols-Champion!



157-Haiden Staton- Champion!



215-Levi Stump- 3rd Place

## Calhoun County Girls Basketball

### Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Roane County Raiders

Submitted by Max Prep

This season hasn't been kind to the Calhoun Red Devils, who are still winless after their sixth match. They were dealt a 78-32 loss at the hands of Roane County on Friday. The defeat unfortunately continues a disappointing trend for Calhoun in their matchups with Roane County: they've now lost three in a row.

Roane County can attribute much of their success to Hope Mason, who scored 19 points along with eight rebounds and three steals. That's the first time this season that Mason scored 15 or more points. Another player making a difference was Braylin Bowe, who scored 12 points along with five assists.

Calhoun bumped their record down to 0-6 with that loss, which was their tenth straight on the road dating back to last season. As for Roane County, they are on a roll lately: they've won five of their last six matchups, which provided a nice bump to their 5-3 record this season.

Calhoun will get a bit of extra time to process the loss as their next game is a ways off. They'll take on Webster County at 7:30 p.m. on January 9, 2024. Roane County will wrap up 2023 with a road trip to face off against Parkersburg Catholic at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Parkersburg Catholic is currently enjoying a perfect season and no doubt want to keep things rolling.

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| 10 | 01/11/24 | 7:00PM | A- | WIRT COUNTY                         |
| 11 | 01/16/24 | 7:00PM | A- | WEBSTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL NO JV    |
| 12 | 01/19/24 | 7:00PM | A- | SOUTH HARRISON NO JV                |
| 13 | 01/25/24 | 7:00PM | H- | GILMER COUNTY                       |
| 14 | 01/27/24 | 7:00PM | A- | UNION @ SOUTH HARRISON              |
| 15 | 01/30/24 | 7:00PM | H- | WIRT COUNTY                         |
| 16 | 02/01/24 | 7:00PM | H- | SOUTH HARRISON NO JV                |
| 17 | 02/06/24 | 7:00PM | A- | WAHAMA SENIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL         |
| 18 | 02/08/24 | 7:00PM | H- | LKC PLACEMENT                       |
| 19 | 02/12/24 | 7:00PM | A- | PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC                |
| 20 | 02/14/24 | 7:00PM | A- | POINT PLEASANT SENIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL |
| 21 | 02/15/24 | 7:00PM | H- | WILLIAMSTOWN                        |

## Calhoun County Boys Basketball

### Calhoun defeats Van

Submitted by Max Prep

The Van (WV) varsity basketball team lost Friday's home non-conference game against Calhoun (Mt. Zion, WV) by a score of 78-41.

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| <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> |

## Calhoun Youth Basketball Teams Roster

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| PHE-<br>Sawyer Frum<br>Henley Cunningham<br>Elijah Yeager<br>Azriella Nelson<br>Jessa Ferrell<br>Sawyer Sims<br>Avery Norman<br>Haylynn Whytsell | Team<br>AES-<br>Morgan Arnold<br>Sadie Goodrich<br>Kristopher Marks<br>River Parsons<br>Chase Parsons<br>Braxton Carter<br>Brantley Davis |
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## K-1st Grade

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| Emma Hardway<br>Weslee Harris<br>Natalia Bremer<br>Grayden Detweiler<br>Kase Perkins<br>Kaleb Butler<br>Braxton Brannon |
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## 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!

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CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0843-G-PC

HOPE GAS, INC., STANDARD GAS COMPANY  
and BAZZLE GAS COMPANY, INC.

Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas, Inc. to acquire Standard Gas Company and Bazzle Gas Company, Inc.

**NOTICE OF FILING**

On October 27, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope), Standard Gas Company (Standard), and Bazzle Gas Company (Bazzle) (jointly, petitioners) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint petition (Joint Petition) for Commission consent and approval of an acquisition transaction pursuant to which Hope would acquire certain assets of Standard and Bazzle used to provide gas utility service. Standard and Bazzle currently provide natural gas sales service to approximately 460 customers in Lewis and Braxton Counties, West Virginia.

In the Joint Petition, Hope, Standard, and Bazzle assert that the acquisition transaction will have no adverse effect on their customers, other public utilities, or the public in general. Following the transaction, the assets acquired will be owned and operated by Hope, subject to the Commission's continuing jurisdiction and regulation. From and after the closing of the acquisition, the Customers will become customers of Hope.

Upon the closing of the Transaction, the Standard customers will continue to pay Standard's existing base rates, purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rate, and a Legacy Surcharge rate increment, which surcharge equates to Hope's pipeline replacement and expansion (PREP) rate increment, as they change from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for the Standard customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

| Type of Customer | (\$) Increase/(Decrease) | (%) Increase/(Decrease) |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Residential      | \$13.35                  | 21.37%                  |
| Commercial       | \$25.87                  | 17.23%                  |

The Bazzle customers will pay Hope's existing rates, PGA rate and the Legacy Surcharge, as they change from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for the Bazzle customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

| Type of Customer | (\$) Increase/(Decrease) | (%) Increase/(Decrease) |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Residential      | \$60.60                  | 170.56%                 |

Hope proposes that the Standard customers will eventually pay the Hope base rates plus PGA rates and Legacy Surcharge as those rates change from time to time. If the Standard customers were immediately charged the Hope base rates, the current Hope PGA rate, and the current Legacy Surcharge rate, the average monthly bill impact for the Standard customers as a result of the transaction would be as follows:

| Type of Customer | (\$) Increase/(Decrease) | (%) Increase/(Decrease) |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Residential      | \$28.79                  | 46.08%                  |
| Commercial       | \$64.85                  | 43.19%                  |

The Commission schedules this matter for evidentiary hearing to be held on February 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. and continuing to February 22, 2024, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should be able to view the evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream. In lieu of an in-person public comment hearing, the Commission will receive public comments online and by mail or hand delivery to the Executive Secretary's Office. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to "Case Information," "Submit a Comment," and "Commission Webcast."

The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to intervene or protest should file a written request to intervene or protest no later than thirty (30) days following the date of this notice, unless such period is otherwise modified by Commission Order. Failure to timely intervene or protest can affect your right to participate in or protest aspects of this proceeding. All requests to intervene or protest should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Executive Secretary at the address listed above.

In the absence of substantial protest received within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this notice, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the Joint Petition based on the Commission's review of the evidence submitted with the Joint Petition.

HOPE GAS, INC.  
STANDARD GAS COMPANY, and  
BAZZLE GAS COMPANY, INC.

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

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

| Decedent                    | Decedent's Address                        | Date of Death  | Date of Affidavit |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. John Calvin Frederick    | 5023 Williams Dr.<br>Temple, TX 76502     | June 14, 2021  | November 17, 2023 |
| 2. Charles Edward Frederick | 3111 Candle Pond Lane<br>Spring, TX 77388 | April 26, 2021 | December 11, 2023 |

| Name of Person Filing Affidavit | Address                                   | Relation to Decedent | Date of First Publication |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Mary Lou Teller              | 10185 West Gladiola St.<br>Star, ID 83669 | Sister               | January 3, 2024           |
| 2. Dianne Frederick             | 3111 Candle Pond Lane<br>Spring, TX 77388 | Spouse               | January 3, 2024           |

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

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

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

Enter this 3rd January, 2024.

*Jean Simers*  
Clerk of the County Commission  
Class II Legal

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

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

| Decedent             | Personal Representative | Address                                                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Marc Eugene Siudut   | Elaine Rose Siudut      | 156 Husk Ridge Rd., Mt. Zion, WV 26151                   |
| Thomas Carlton Ullum | Sheree Ullum            | 416 Cameron Bridge Way, Apt. 416<br>Alpharetta, GA 30022 |

January 3, 2024

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

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **March 4, 2024**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

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

*Jean Simers*  
Jean Simers, Clerk  
Calhoun County Commission

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| Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                     | vehicle equipment -Working muffler; WVSP-Grantsville, Brian E Young; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                                                                                          | Contendre. <b>Randy Shrader</b> , 23-M07M-00273; 17B-4-3(a): Operator license - Driving while suspended or revoked; WVSP-Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.                      | <b>Paul V Doolittle Jr.</b> , 23-M07M-0291; 60A-4-401(c): Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Clint Wilson; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                  | Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription: Calhoun Sheriff Department, Charles R Stephens PD2; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                                                           | <b>Nathan Rush</b> , 23-M07M-00310; 61-3-30(c): Removal, injury to or destruction of property, monuments designating land boundaries; WVSP-Grantsville, B.L. Hazelwood; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre. |
| <b>Megan Adkins</b> , 23-M07M-00223; 61-2-9: Battery; Calhoun Sheriff Department, Graham J Knight; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Proceedings Deferred.                                                                          | <b>Cody Lee McCune</b> , 23 - M 0 7 M - 0 0 2 6 4 ; 17C-15-49(a): Seat belt violation; WVSP-Grantsville, Brian E Young; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                                       | <b>Connie Lynn Hannah</b> , 23-M07M-00276; 17C-16-9: Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.                          | <b>Robert William Hodovan</b> , 23-M07M-00292; 20-2-2a: Obstruct or impede participation of lawful hunting, fishing or trapping; DNR Law Enforcement Division, C.R. Stephens; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre. | <b>Makayla Dawn Rose</b> , 23-M07M-0302; 17D-2A-3(a): Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance; Calhoun Sheriff Department, Graham J Knight; Magistrate Ron White; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                               | <b>Mark Christopher Donegan</b> , 23-M07M-00315; 61-7-11: Brandishing deadly weapon; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.                                                    |
| <b>Kyle Blattert</b> , 23-M07M-00234; 61-03-30(a): Unlawful injury to or destruction of property; WVSP-Grantsville, Josh Richards; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                                        | <b>Cody A. Blosser</b> , 23 - M 0 7 M - 0 0 2 6 6 ; 17B-4-3(a): Operators license - Driving while suspended or revoked; WVSP-Grantsville, TFC, David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.        | <b>Cody Blosser</b> , 23-M07M-00278; 60A-7-7(a)(1): Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription; WVSP-Grantsville, Brian E Young; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed -Plea Agreement.                    | <b>Robert William Hodovan</b> , 23-M07M-00292; 20-2-2a: Obstruct or impede participation of lawful hunting, fishing or trapping; DNR Law Enforcement Division, C.R. Stephens; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.     | <b>Makayla Dawn Rose</b> , 23-M07M-0302; 17C-6-1(a): Driving too fast for roadway conditions; Calhoun Sheriff Department, Graham J Knight; Magistrate Ron White; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                                    | <b>Mark Christopher Donegan</b> , 23-M07M-00315; 61-7-11: Brandishing deadly weapon; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.                                                    |
| <b>Kyle Blattert</b> , 23-M07M-00234; 61-03-30(a): Unlawful injury to or destruction of property; WVSP-Grantsville, Josh Richards; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                                        | <b>Cody A. Blosser</b> , 23 - M 0 7 M - 0 0 2 6 6 ; 60A-4-(c): Possession of a controlled substance without valid prescription; WVSP-Grantsville, TFC, David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Guilty -Plea Agreement. | <b>Bradley Keith Riggs</b> , 23-M07M-00283; 61-7-7(a)(1): Persons prohibited from possessing firearms -Convicted of a crime punishable by more; WVSP-Grantsville, Brian E Young; Magistrate Lora Davis; Guilty - Plea Agreement. | <b>Trenton Jaron Moore</b> , 23-M07M-00294; 17C-16-9: Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WVSP, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.                                                 | <b>April D. Bailes</b> , 23 - M 0 7 M - 0 0 3 0 5 ; 17C-15-1(a): Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; WVSP-Grantsville, B. L. Hazelwood; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.                                                      | <b>Mark Christopher Donegan</b> , 23-M07M-00315; 61-7-11: Brandishing deadly weapon; WVSP - Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.                                                  |
| <b>Randy Dwane Shrader</b> , 23-M07M-00262; 17B-4-3(a): Operators license - Driving while license suspended or revoked; WVSP-Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.              | <b>Valerie Ann Cook</b> , 23-M07M-00267; 17C-5D-3: Open Container; WVSP-Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                                                               | <b>Paul Doolittle</b> , 23-M07M-0285; 60A-4-401(c): Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.   | <b>Emily A Metheney</b> , 23 - M 0 7 M - 0 0 2 9 5 ; 17D-2A-4(b): No proof of insurance; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.                                                                                 | <b>Macy N Jones</b> , 23-M07M-00306; 17A-3-16(a): Expired motor vehicle registration; WVSP-Grantsville, B.L. Hazelwood; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed.                                                                   | <b>Mark Christopher Donegan</b> , 23-M07M-00315; 61-2-28(b): Domestic assault; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.                                                          |
| <b>Cody Lee McCune</b> , 23-M07M-00264; 17A-9-3: Improper use of evidence of registration; WVSP-Grantsville, Brian E Young; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                                       | <b>Justin Wayne Yoak</b> , 23-M07M-00271; 17B-4-3(a): Operators license - Driving while suspended or revoked; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.               | <b>Paul Doolittle</b> , 23-M07M-0285; 17C-15-1: Defective Equipment; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.                                                                      | <b>Cody Blosser</b> , 23-M07M-00296; 60A-4-401(c): Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription: Calhoun Sheriff Department, Charles R Stephens PD2; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                 | <b>Cai Hunter Clothier</b> , 23-M07M-00307; 60A-4-401(c): Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription; Calhoun Sheriff Department, Charles R Stephens PD2; Magistrate Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre. | <b>Mark Christopher Donegan</b> , 23-M07M-00315; 61-2-28(b): Domestic assault; WVSP -Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.                                                         |
| <b>Cody Lee McCune</b> , 23-M07M-00264; 17C-16-9: Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WVSP-Grantsville, Brian E Young; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre. | <b>Justin Wayne Yoak</b> , 23-M07M-00271; 17D-2A-3(a): Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance; WVSP-Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.                         | <b>Paul Doolittle</b> , 23-M07M-0285; 17C-15-1: Defective Equipment; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.                                                                      | <b>Valerie Ann Cook</b> , 23-M07M-00298; 60A-7-7(a)(1):                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Nathan Rush</b> , 23-M07M-00310; 61-2-PD2; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.                                                                                                                            | <b>Mark Christopher Donegan</b> , 23-M07M-00315; 61-2-28(b): Domestic assault; WVSP -Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.                                                         |

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**(Indictments Returned by Grand Jury Continued from Page 1)**

Yoak was indicted on Count 2, Failure to Register or Provide Notice of Registration Change, when he did knowingly, unlawfully and feloniously fail to provide a change of required information pursuant to Chapter 15, article 12 of the West Virginia Code, to-wit: Joseph Earl Yoak failed to provide or update the West Virginia State Police with information related to any and all telephone numbers that the said Joseph Earl Yoak has or uses, including, but not limited to, residential, work and mobile numbers as required by WV Code 15-12-2(d) (9) and 15-12-3, who is required to register as a sex offender for the duration of his life by virtue of a prior conviction in the State of Kentucky, in violation of WV Code 15-12-8(c), a felony against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

The third count that Joseph Yoak was indicted for was Failure to Register or Provide a Notice of Registration Change when he did fail to provide the WV State Police employment information as required by WV Code 15-12-2(d) (2) send 15-12-3 and the said Joseph Earl Yoak is required to register as a sex offender for the duration of his life by virtue of a prior conviction in the State of Kentucky, in violation of WV Code 15-12-8(c), a felony against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the testimony of Corporal Brian E. Young, WVSP, duly sworn in the presence of the Grand Jury.

Joseph Earl Yoak appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley for his first appearance where he was ordered to return on January 31st, 2024 at 2 p.m. for arraignment. Yoak is currently housed in the WV Central Regional Jail where his bond will continue.

**MARK CHRISTOPHER DONEGAN**

An indictment was returned on January 2nd, 2024 by the Calhoun Circuit Court Grand Jury against Mark Christopher Donegan in case 2024-F-9 stating that on or about December 2023, in Calhoun County, West Virginia he committed the crime of Count 1: Wanton Endangerment when he did feloniously and wantonly perform an act with a firearm which created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to Devin Nichols., said act being in violation of WV Code 61-7-12 and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Count 2: Wanton Endangerment when he did feloniously and wantonly perform an act with a firearm which created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to Terrie Nester Donegan, said act being in violation of WV Code 61-7-12 and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Count 3: Wanton Endangerment when he did feloniously and wantonly perform an act with a firearm which created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to R.D.III, a minor child, said act being in violation of WV Code 61-7-12 and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Count 4: Domestic Assault when Mark Christopher Donegan did unlawfully and intentionally commit an act that placed Devin Nichols, a household member, in reasonable apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury, said act being in violation of WV Code 61-2-28(b) and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia

Count 5: Domestic Assault when Mark Christopher Donegan did unlawfully and intentionally commit an act that placed Terrie Nestor-Donegan, a household member, in reasonable apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury, said act being in violation of WV Code 61-2-28(b) and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia

Count 6: Domestic Assault when Mark Christopher Donegan did unlawfully and intentionally commit an act that placed R.D. III, a minor child, a household member, in reasonable apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury, said act being in violation of WV Code 61-2-28(b) and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia

Mr. Donegan appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley on January 4th, 2024 for his initial appearance. He was ordered to return for arraignment on January 31st, 2024 at 2:05 p.m.

**JONATHAN PAUL HANLEY**

An indictment was returned on January 2nd, 2024 by the Calhoun Circuit Court Grand Jury against Jonathan Paul Hanley in case 2024-F015 charging Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes. The indictment stated that Hanley failed to provide or update the West Virginia State Police with information related to the address at which he resided as required by the WV Code 15-12-2(d) and 15-12-3, and that Mr. Hanley is required to register as a sex offender for the duration of his life by virtue of a prior conviction in Taylor County, West Virginia in violation of WV Code 15-12-8(c), a felony against the peace and dignity of the the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the testimony of Trooper Brandon Shingleton, WVSP, duly sworn in the presence of the Grand Jury to testify and thereupon testifying before the Grand on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

Jonathan Paul Hanley appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley on the 4th day of January, 2024 for his initial appearance and was ordered to return for arraignment on January 31st, 2024 at 2:10 p.m.

**ISAAC CHARLES GROUNDS**

An indictment was returned on January 2nd, 2024 by the Calhoun Circuit Court Grand Jury against Isaac Charles Grounds for Driving on a Revoked License for DUI-Third Offense. The indictment stated that Grounds did unlawfully and feloniously drive on a public highway of the State of West Virginia at a time when his privilege to do so had been previously and lawfully revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or other drugs or any combination thereof, or for driving while having an alcoholic concentration in his blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or for refusing to take a secondary chemical test of blood alcohol content and the said Isaac Charles Grounds has been twice previously convicted of driving on a revoked license for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or other drugs, or any combination thereof, or for driving while having an alcoholic concentration in his blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or for refusing to take a secondary chemical test of blood alcohol content, to-wit: on April 17th, 2012 in Calhoun County, WV and March 14, 2016 in Wirt County, WV in violation of WV Code 17B-4-3(b), a felony against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the testimony of Joshua D. Richards, WVSP, duly sworn in the presence of the Grand Jury to testify and thereupon testifying before the Grand Jury on the 2nd day of January 2024.

Mr. Grounds appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley on January 4th, 2024 for his initial appearance at which time he was ordered to return for arraignment on January 31st at 2:15 p.m.

**JAMES MICHAEL JONES**

The Grand Jury returned an indictment against James Michael Jones on January 2nd, 2024 charging Jones in Case 2024-F-5 with Count 1: Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person when Jones did knowingly and feloniously possess a firearm and was previously convicted in Calhoun County of a felony controlled substance involving methamphetamine in case 2005-F-7, a felony in violation of WV Code 61-7-7(b)(2).

Jones was charged with Count 2: Wanton Endangerment when he did feloniously and wantonly perform an act with a firearm which created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to Robert Williams, said act being in violation of the WV Code 61-7-12 against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the Testimony of Corporal Brian E. Young, WVSP, duly sworn in the presence of the Grand Jury to testify and thereupon testifying before the Grand Jury on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

James Michael Jones Appeared on January 4th, 2024 before Judge Anita Harold Ashley and was ordered to return for arraignment on January 31st, 2024 at 2:20 p.m.

**DAVID LEE AND KATHY DIANE GOODRICH**

The Grand Jury of Calhoun County Circuit Court returned an indictment on January 2nd, 2024 against David Lee Goodrich and Kathy Diane Goodrich in Cases 2024-F-10 and 2024-F-11, stating that in February 2023 in the County of /Calhoun, State of West Virginia, they did unlawfully, knowingly, and feloniously manufacture, as the term is defined by WV Code 60A-1-101(q) a controlled substance, to-wit: Marijuana, a schedule 1 non narcotic, and the Goodrich's were not licensed medical practitioners acting in the course of a professional practice administering or dispensing a controlled substance or incidental to research, teaching or chemical analysis, in violation of WV Code 60A-4-401(a)(ii), a felony, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Count 2: Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, in that David and Kathy Goodrich did in February 2023 in the County of Calhoun, State of West Virginia, intentionally and feloniously conspire to commit the crime of Manufacturing a Controlled substance, to wit: Marijuana, a felony, with each other and that one or more did commit some act in furtherance of said conspiracy by committing the crime of Manufacturing a Controlled substance, to-wit: , a felony as alleged in Count 1, in violation of WV Code 61-10-31 and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the testimony of Trooper Seth McDonald, WVSP, duly sworn in the presence of the Grand Jury to testify and thereupon testifying before the Grand Jury on the 2nd day of January 2024.

David and Kathy Goodrich appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley on January 4th, 2024. Bond was posted for David Goodrich by a property bond and Kathy was released on a \$10,000 Personal recognizance bond, both ordered to return for arraignment on January 31st, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

**JAMIE D. BAILEY AND JONATHAN DAVID MCINTYRE**

In Case 2024-F-7 and 2024-F-8 the Calhoun Circuit Court Grand Jury returned a 4 count indictment against Jamie D. Bailey and Jonathan David McIntyre stating that on or about July 2023 in the County of Calhoun, State of West Virginia, they did feloniously and intentionally possess a stolen good, to-wit: a utility trailer with a value in excess of \$1,000 and they knew or had reason to know the said utility trailer had been stolen, in violation of WV code 61-3-18, a felony, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia,

Count 2: Jamie Bailey and Jonathan McIntyre did on or about July of 2023, in the County of Calhoun, State of West Virginia, feloniously and intentionally possess a stole vehicle, to-witness: a 2022 Dodge Ram pick up truck of the value in excess of \$1000 when the said Baily and McIntyre had the said vehicle in their possession which they knew or had reason to believe had been stolen or unlawfully taken, and they were not officers of the law engaged at the time in the performance of the duties of such officers, a felony in violation of WV Code 17A-8-5, against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Count 3: Jamie Bailey and Jonathan McIntyre did on or about July 2023 in the County of calhoun, State of West Virginia, intentionally and feloniously conspire to commit the crime of transferring or receiving stolen property, a felony with each other and that one or both committed some act in furtherance of said conspiracy by committing the crime of Transferring or receiving stolen property, a felony, as alleged in Count 1, said act being a felony in violation of WV Code 61-10-31 and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Count 4: Jamie Bailey and Jonathan McIntyre did on or about July 2023 in the County of Calhoun, State of West Virginia intentionally and feloniously conspire to commit the crime of possession of a stolen vehicle, a felony when they committed some act in furtherance of said conspiracy by committing the crime of Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, a felony alleged in Count 2 herein, said act being a felony in violation of WV Code 61-10-31 and being against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the testimony of Corporal Nathan S. Stepp, WVSP, duly sworn in the presence of the Grand Jury to testify and thereupon testifying before the Grand Jury on the 2nd day of January 2024.

Jamie Bailey and David McIntyre appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley on January 4th, 2024 where they were ordered to appear for arraignment on January 31st, 2024 at 2:35 p.m.

**KRISTINA DAWN KIRKBRIDE**

The Grand Jury of Calhoun Circuit Court returned an indictment on January 2, 2024 in case 2024-F-14 against Kristina Dawn Kirkbride for Delivery of a Controlled Substance, stating that on or about February 2023, in Calhoun County, West Virginia, Kirkbride did knowingly and feloniously deliver to Victor Carpenter a controlled substance, to-wit: fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, and was not a licensed medical practitioner acting in the course of her professional practice in violation of WV Code 60A-4-401(a) (i), a felony against the peace and dignity of the State of West Virginia.

Found upon the testimony of Sergeant Christopher J. Weekley, WVSP, duly sworn in the present of the Grand Jury to Testify and thereupon before the Grand Jury on the 2nd day of January 2024.

Kristina Dawn Kirkbride did not appear before Judge Anita Harold Ashley, with Prosecutor Michael Hicks believing they would be able to arrest her before the January 31st day of arraignments.

Cases also before Judge Ashley on the 4th of January, 2024 were:

In Case Number 2023-F-19, Charter Badgett appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley for a Pretrial conference. The case was continued until February 15th, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Christopher Allen Johnson, Case Number 2023-F-18, appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley for a Pretrial conference. The Case was continued until February 1, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. for Pretrial, and a trial date of March 5th, 2024 was set for 9 a.m.

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| <b>Mark Christopher Donegan,</b> 23-M07M-00315; 61-2-28(b): Domestic assault; WVSP –Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.                | Dismissed.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Safety; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.                                                                                                                 |
| Kalah Marie Remele, 23-M07M-00316; 17B-2-1(a)(1): Drive without valid driver's license; WVSP –Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre. | Arley R. Lane, 23-M07M-00318; 17C-16-9: Operation without certificate of insurance or failure to produce certificate; WVSP –Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed. | Matthew Jeffrey, M07M-C739152; 17: MVIMOTORVEHICLE INSECTION; West Virginia Department of Public Safety; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed.                |
| Jason Scott Goodnight, 23-M07M-00317; 17A-3-16(a): Expired motor vehicle registration; WVSP –Grantsville, B.L. Hazelwood; Magistrate Richard Postalwait;                                     | Arley R. Lane, 23-M07M-00318; 17A-9-2(a): Operation of vehicle without evidence of registration; WVSP ce –Grantsville, TFC David C Moore; Magistrate Richard Postalwait; Dismissed.                   | Matthew Jeffrey, M07M-C739153; 20-02-04: Possession of wildlife; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Charles R Stephens, PD2; Magistrate Lora Davis; Dismissed. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                              | Matthew Jeffrey, M07M-C739152; 17: SRO DRIVING SUSP/ REVOKED NON- DUI; West Virginia Department of Public                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                           |



# 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.): Jan. 6: Stephanie and the Band of Brothers  
Jan. 13: Ruff Cut  
Jan. 20: Retro Country  
Jan. 27: Dixie Highway

## The Calhoun Middle High School Performing Arts Department Upcoming Events



Month of January Orders for fresh Strawberries will be taken.



February 10, 2024  
Enjoy dinner and a theater performance of "One Stoplight Town"

## New Testament Baptist Church

The BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN  
"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.: John 14:6

WE ARE ALL SINNERS.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.: Romans 3:23

WE WERE SENT A SAVIOR

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

WE CAN SIMPLY CONFESS & CALL

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:9, 13

The Bible says... Whosoever. It's that simple. That includes you.

THE REASON HE CAME...

HE CAME FOR ONE REASON....YOU.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

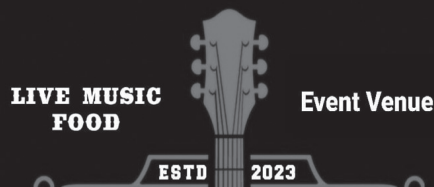
If you have trusted Christ as your Saviour, or would like more information, please contact us:

New Testament Baptist Church  
15187 WV Highway 47 W  
Smithville, WV 26178

Pastor Jim Lough - Assistant Pastor Nick Randolph  
ntbcvoj@gmail.com

Voice of Joy - WVG 89.7 - wvgvradio.com - WVGL 91.1

## Country Kitchen Music & Events



304-286-5600

Exit 40  
1-79  
Big Otter, WV

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

Hours

Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. -9 p.m.  
Thurs.-Sat.: 10 a.m. to Close



BIKER'S WELCOME!!!!

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

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

## WIC Program

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

## Tobacco Quitline

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

## Prevent Suicide

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

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

24 hrs. a day  
7 days a week

## Crisis Hotline

# 1-800-579-5844

Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

## Lions Club Bingo

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

## Food Pantry

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

## Library Hours

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

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

## Civil Air Patrol

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

## Check Conditions

Travelers can check the forecast, traffic, and road conditions all along their route by visiting [wv511.org](http://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](mailto:nikkiboatright@gmail.com).

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

# 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

## TREASURER MOORE ANNOUNCES 17th ANNUAL SMART529 ‘WHEN I GROW UP’ STATEWIDE ESSAY CONTEST

Entries must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, to qualify. MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore yesterday kicked off the statewide 2024 SMART529 “When I Grow Up” student and teacher essay contest at Mountainview Elementary School in Morgantown.

The annual essay contest gives students the chance to win up to \$5,000 in SMART529 savings for higher education. Teachers have an opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize.

“The goal of our contest is to inspire children to begin thinking about potential career opportunities and explore how they can achieve their dreams by attending college or a trade school,” Treasurer Moore said. “Last year, more than 3,000 students from across the state participated in the contest, working with their families and educators to discover job pathways that spark their interests and can lead them to a fulfilling future career.”

In its 17th year, the SMART529 When I Grow Up essay contest gives kindergarten through fifth-grade students a chance to win both SMART529 savings for higher education and cash prizes for their schools. Essay entries will be judged among five regions in three age groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), making for a total of 15 regional winners.

The regional breakdown is as follows: Region I – Beckley/Bluefield area, Region II – Charleston/Huntington area, Region III – Clarksburg/Weston area, Region IV – Martinsburg area, and Region V – Wheeling area

The 15 winners will be awarded \$500 invested into SMART529 college savings accounts. Out of the regional winners, one grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a total of \$5,000 toward a SMART529 account during an awards ceremony this fall at the state Culture Center in Charleston. Each winner’s school will also receive a \$500 cash award.

Teachers of grades kindergarten through fifth also have the opportunity to compete in the teacher portion of the essay contest. This year’s winning teacher will receive a \$2,500 cash prize.

The SMART529 When I Grow Up essay contest allows students to submit, in 200 words or less, an essay that explains what they want to be when they grow up. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and the importance of post-secondary education.

Entry forms for both students and teachers are available at [www.SMART529.com](http://www.SMART529.com). In addition, entry forms will be available at elementary schools throughout the state. The deadline for entry forms and essay submissions is Friday, February 23, 2024.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds. Complete information about SMART529 plans and investment options is available at [www.SMART529.com](http://www.SMART529.com).

## Fairmont State to host Social for students and employees displaced by the closing of Alderson Broaddus

Back in August, the state of West Virginia was left in shock when Alderson Broaddus closed its doors permanently. Many students and employees were forced to relocate to different universities across the state.

These individuals have had their lives uprooted due to the closure and have had to alter major life plans because of it. Fairmont State University President Mike Davis recognizes the extreme circumstances under which some of these individuals have come to Fairmont State and he wants them to know that even though Fairmont State may not have been part of their original plan, they still have a home here.

“I cannot imagine all the things students, employees, and the community of Philippi have gone through since the closing of Alderson Broaddus,” said Davis. “I want those who have chosen to come to Fairmont State due to this closure to feel welcome, to feel heard, and to have their struggles recognized and empathized with. While Fairmont State may not have been the intended destination for many, I want them to know they have a supportive campus community backing them during this difficult transition.” To demonstrate this support, President Davis has announced the University will host a social gathering for Alderson Broaddus students and employees who have relocated to Fairmont State.

The social will take place on Tuesday, January 23. All students, faculty, and staff who came from Alderson Broaddus to Fairmont State are encouraged to attend, meet President Davis, and get to know Fairmont State on a more personal level. Light refreshments will be served from 5-6 p.m. in the Falcon Center Conference Rooms. Those interested in attending can RSVP to Dawn. Blankenship@FairmontState.edu.

“I hope that people will come to the social and leave feeling more comfortable with their new surroundings at Fairmont State,” said Davis. “I look forward to meeting our new students and employees, and hearing their stories.”

For more information contact: Keely Stiles, Fairmont State University, Assistant Director of Communications, Office: 304-367-4891 or E-mail: [kstiles@fairmontstate.edu](mailto:kstiles@fairmontstate.edu)

## Community Foundation Grant Application Deadline March 21, 2024

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates of Doddridge County, Ritchie County, and the Little Kanawha Area (PACF) are currently accepting applications for the spring cycle of the Community Action Grants Program.

The Foundation’s application is online, and organizations can apply to the Foundation and/or any of the affiliates using the same process. To access the online application form, visit the Foundation’s website, [www.pacfwv.com/Grants](http://www.pacfwv.com/Grants). The deadline for the spring cycle is midnight on March 21, 2024.

To be considered for a Community Action Grant, an applicant must be a private, nonprofit organization, tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a public institution. Either the applicant or program to be funded must be located in the Foundation’s eleven-county geographic service area (Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood counties in West Virginia, and Washington County, Ohio). Priority counties for grant support are: Wood, Wirt, Doddridge, Ritchie, Roane, Calhoun, and Gilmer.

The Foundation provides support for capital and equipment projects, program development, technical assistance, training, capacity building projects, and, under special circumstances, operating support. Submitted applications are considered for support from a wide variety of grant funds available to support charitable projects throughout the region.

The Foundation’s grantmaking guidelines provide additional information on eligibility and priorities for all types of grants; visit the Foundation’s website at [www.pacfwv.com/Grants](http://www.pacfwv.com/Grants) to access the grant guidelines and application forms. For more information, contact Amy Nahley at 304-428-4438 or [info@pacfwv.com](mailto:info@pacfwv.com).

## Calhoun Youth Livestock Program Events MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1st Workshop- Thursday, January 23, 5:30 pm- Rules and Livestock Quality Assurance Activity

2nd Workshop- Saturday, February 17, 9:30 am- Livestock Project Selection and Feeding and Caring for your Project - CONTRACTS DUE

3rd Workshop & Market Steer Tag-in- Tuesday, March 19, Tag -in 5:30 pm, Workshop 6:30 pm - We Got the MEATS! and Recruiting and Talking with Buyers

4th Workshop & Tag In (Feeder Calves, Market Sheep, Goats, Hogs)- Saturday, June 1st, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Workshop will start after Tag-in - Raising Market Ready Livestock

5th Workshop- Saturday, July 20th- 8:30 am- Skill Building Workshop- Showmanship and Groom Rotation Workshop

6th- Workshop- January - September -ON YOUR OWN ACTIVITY- Attend a show and participate or observe, participate in an animal science related contest, webinar, workshop and field day. Reach out to Daisy if you have any questions.

(Youth 16 and above can attend up to two on your own activities for credit towards the 4 workshops)

7th Workshop & Small Livestock Tag-in (Rabbits & Chickens)- Tuesday, August 20, 5:30 pm -Livestock Skillathon Contest Practice

### Additional Important Dates

- February 1st - State Fair Market Steer and Heifer Tag Order Due
- April 15th - State Fair Market Sheep, Goats and Hog Tag Order Due
- Friday, September 20-21st.- Calhoun County 4-H and FFA Youth Livestock Show and Sale,



## Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center Adult Education offers:

- High School Equivalency (HSE) Preparation
- Test preparation for numerous exams
- FAFSA® Assistance
- College/Technical Education Prep
- Basic Computer Skills
- Computer Literacy
- Customer Service 1&2
- Résumé writing
- Career Exploration
- Job searching
- Interview skills & Job Readiness

The hours are Monday and Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Also, on the 1st Saturday of the month, we will be partnering with West Virginia WorkForce having a résumé writing class from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. Call for an appointment.

We specialize in preparing our clients for West Virginia's New High School Equivalency exam, the HiSET. Call today and you might have the opportunity to study at home!

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| <p><b>Ken Cedar Instructor</b><br/>5260 East Little Kanawha Hwy<br/>Grantsville, WV 26417</p> | <p>Work 304-354-6151 Ex: 106<br/>Cell 304-532-0912<br/>Email <a href="mailto:kcedar@k12.wv.us">kcedar@k12.wv.us</a></p> |  |
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# Creston News

by Alvin Engelke  
Phone 275-3578



Re v. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. bu. Church.

Tom Mowrey is still a patient at the University's Camden Clark hospital in Parkersburg. Back before Christmas he acquired Dr. Fauci's Wuhan Kung Flu virus. Charles Russell who resides at the extended care unit of Minnie Hamilton likewise acquired the germ warfare lab generated pathogen. Several area residents spent the Holiday season dealing with various respiratory infections, coughing, having sore throats, running fevers, not exactly what folks had in mind for Holiday cheer.

Linda Sands, age 80, of Washington, W. Va. passed away. She had some health problems & she was a daughter of Roscoe & India Marie Young Hopkins. Roscoe was a son of the famous Tom Alec Hopkins whose job, back in the day when the log boom operated in Creston, was to round up the logs that "got away" or lodged on their way down the West Fork to the boom. His crew was said to be fearless in gathering logs in the river, especially during high water.

Linda Wright Skulla of Columbus who had been battling cancer passed away and two hours later, before he could be notified of his wife's death, husband Buddy died as well. Linda was the daughter of Hershel and Nancy Belle Woodring Wright.

The W. Va. State Republican chairwoman is resigning from the position to run for a judge position. A fellow from Wood County said he would take over & he came highly recommended until Sen. Eric Tarr came out for him. Tarr is the one who, along with Blair, pushed the forced pooling law that takes property from folks, even when they are negotiating leases, and gives it to the big companies. Of course this is not free enterprise but crony capitalism as practiced in socialist nations. This action made sure that W. Va. will never be able to realize the actual value of the world class oil & gas resources that underly almost all of the state. Well, they said, "Every body, all the stake holders said it was OK!" The W. Va. Farm Bureau was told to support the bill or "else". 15% net leases don't really match up well with 25% gross leases with the right to ascertain true production figures.

Creston continues to have a rather open winter although some days ice had to be broken for animal water in both December and January. It got so cold in Sweden that the electric busses that were purchased to fight global warming wouldn't work. A nearby W. Va. town recently lost their Ford dealership after the WOKE management of the Ford company advised the dealer that he would have to try to sell EVs. He would have to spend \$600,000 and he knew that no one would buy them, a fact that is happening nation wide as there is no market for the used EV chariots, it seems.

A local resident got one of those calls from one of those polling outfits. It seemed that the pollster was backing Jim Justice for senate and didn't want to hear about past actions of the man that should have sent him away for a vacation. Apparently Patrick Morrisy was not the "right one" for governor although there was a lot of "trash talk" about the car salesman from Huntington. She spoke of Mr. kaPeetoe but then corrected the name to Capito. She asked about Fox News & talk radio and the response that the local resident no longer watched Fox News after Tucker Carlson was fired was "not the right answer". The pollster wanted to know "What king of Republican the local resident might be? An explanation of RINOS left her flummoxed The local fellow isn't quite sure what the lady meant when she said "regular republicans" as opposed to Trump Republicans. Romney, is obviously different from Donald J. Trump.

Now is the time to file for office in W. Va. Do you think that the county needs new office holders? Do you believe that the Legislature needs new blood after selling West Virginia out to the highest bidder? Now is the time. Also the legislators have gone down to the Mouth of the Elk to meet under the golden dome. What will they do this time?

More and more medical folks have come out against the m-rna vaccines as more results of death, heart damage and the DNA changes that we were told couldn't happen did. One of the biggest vaccine promoters is Bill Gates whose father had Planned Parenthood, the abortion firm that once openly talked about eliminating the undesirables. There is, once again, talk of mandated lockdowns and some devout followers are dutifully wearing the masks that even Dr. Fauci said (once) don't work.

The State Road is continuing the slicing of tree limbs so there are no leaves above the road. Over in Jackson County Integrity Tree Service was cutting vegetation behind the power lines. The zeal with which the project is pushed raises lots of questions and after noting what has been done along select South Carolina roads, where saw logs, pulpwood, chip wood and firewood was all chipped up and left on the ground might indicate that this is how the "Infrastructure \$\$" is being spent - shovel ready and the contractors and equipment rental folks might just remember who made them rich and "you know the thing". Perhaps a legislator with spine will ask the correct questions with follow-ups to the state road biggies. One might argue that problems on back roads in Wirt, Roane & Calhoun counties are no big whoop but not fixing I-77 between Ripley & the Kentuck/Kenna exit is something else, it would seem.

The much hyped Hydrogen hub with the \$billion in taxpayer funds that Broadway Joe 'did for us' may now be dead as the new IRS rules specify that hydrogen produced from natural gas will not qualify for the tax loophole that would allow for any private funding. Also CNX, one of the Rockefeller gas companies, pulled out of the proposed ammonia plant in Mingo County. CNX was to supply the natural gas. Also the proposed ethane cracker that was to go in across the river from Moundsville as the Siamese company said they were going to invest there, not in Ohio. If W. Va. had leadership there would be ammonia and urea plants being constructed to utilize the bountiful natural gas with which the state has been blessed. John Heintz Kerry and Al Gore Jr. can scream and cry but they are filthy rich and say that the rules do not apply to them. In W. Va. we see the need for fertilizers to grow crops so folks do not starve.

Last year saw the most oil & gas produced ever and the USA became #1 in LNG exports beating out Qatar & Australia.

Williams Company (they have stuff in northern W. Va.) recently purchased 115 billion cubic feet of gas storage in Mississippi and Louisiana and the pipelines for \$1.95 billion. Folks knew that gas storage is a very lucrative business but numbers have been hard to come by. W. Va. citizens get \$1/acre/year for storage rights that might generate \$10,000/acre/year for the company.

It was recently reported (again) that the communist Chinese are supporting "big green" outfits and that Russia, a major natural gas producer, has been funding anti frac organizations. Such a deal.

October gas from Owl Hill which was paid in late December brought just 16 cents/mcf or 13.6 cents/dekatherm while the Henry Hub price was said to be \$2.88 and the wise ones believe the price will stay low through 2024.

Of course, the gas utilities, citing higher gas costs, have increased the price for local residents. The ruling junta has come out with more rules to try to ban gas cook stoves, gas heating stoves & furnaces.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$72.81/bbl. with condensate fetching just \$54.81/bbl. with Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$63.81 & \$72.81/bbl.

## Meet Your Local Calhoun Candidates

The Calhoun Chronicle welcomes all local candidates to submit a press release to inform the community of their intent to file or that they have filed for a specific office in the County. This week we want to introduce you to one of the candidates for Prosecuting Attorney.

### PRESS RELEASE:

## Johnson Files for Calhoun Prosecutor

Former Calhoun Prosecutor Shannon Johnson filed for reelection Monday.

She promises to stick to her personal motto of "service above self" if reelected. Johnson brings over eighteen years of prosecutorial experience to the ballot.

She served as Calhoun Prosecuting Attorney from 2013 to 2020. Since 2021, Johnson has been furthering her skills as an Assistant Prosecutor in neighboring Clay County.

Other bid for reelection, Johnson said, "It was a true honor to be elected as Calhoun Prosecutor by my fellow citizens. I have dedicated my whole career to public service. As your prosecutor, I will fight every day to uphold the Constitution and to ensure a safe community for us here in Calhoun. I appreciate everyone's consideration in this election and I hope I can gain your vote."

Johnson, a 1995 graduate of Calhoun County High School, attended the WVU College of Law. After her graduation in 2002, she served two years as Law Clerk for the Circuit Judge in Elkins, WV.

She has gained over eighteen years of experience as a Prosecutor between her time as Calhoun Prosecutor, Clay County Assistant Prosecutor, Randolph County Assistant Prosecutor, and as Special Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Elkins.

Johnson is a certified trainer for the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorney's Institute. She has taught various workshops for them including a week-long training for fellow prosecutors on driving under the influence cases. She serves on the West Virginia Children's Justice Task Force and has also taught several classes around the state on the prosecution of child sexual abuse cases for fellow prosecutors, law enforcement officers, teachers, medical professionals, and social workers.

In 2008, Johnson was named the West Virginia Young Lawyer of the Year.

Johnson was born and raised in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Randall and Sue Jones, of Mt. Zion. She is married to Jeremy Johnson, Principal at Arnoldsburg Elementary School. They live in her childhood home at Mt. Zion.





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## PSC takes comments in January on major electric power case

CHARLESTON – State regulators are encouraging public comments through January on a \$207.4 million rate increase proposal filed by Monongahela Power Co. and The Potomac Edison Co.

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has set aside three days for hearings on the companies' proposed 15 percent increase in residential rates, commonly called base rates. The evidentiary hearing starts at 9:30 a.m. January 24 at the PSC headquarters at 201 Brooks St., Charleston. The case was filed May 31, 2023.

Those public comments can be filed by email on the Commission's website, or they may be mailed to the PSC. Be sure to reference Case No. 23-0460-E-42T in your comments. Written comments should be addressed to Karen Buckley, executive secretary, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV, 25323.

"We encourage and actively seek comments from those affected by any rate increase pending before the Commission," PSC Chairman Charlotte R. Lane said. "But these larger cases seem to attract more notice than smaller cases."

If approved by the Commission, the average retail customer would see an increase of \$18.07 in monthly rates, while the overall rate increase being sought by the companies is 13 percent.

More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us). Click on "Case Information" and access Case No. 23-0460-E-42T.



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE CMHS BAND!!!!**



These students in the CMHS Middle School Band auditioned for the new annual Middle School Allstate Band and have earned the following rankings. From left to right: Lilly Falls – Flute 46th – She has played flute for one year., Danika Starcher – Flute 20th – She has played flute for two years, Lydia Starcher – Trumpet 34th – She has played trumpet for two years, Halle Lawson – Bass Clarinet 5th – She has played Clarinet/Bass Clarinet three years, Jasmyne Tingler – Oboe – 1st – She has played Clarinet for two years and Oboe since August! Jasmyne will be sitting in the first row of the 2024 middle school Allstate band and serve as the first chair oboe! Brody Richards – Tenor Sax 14th – Brody has been playing Alto/Tenor sax for three years. Rylan Smith – Alto Sax 10th – Rylan has been playing for two years and Micah McHenry – Percussion 3rd – Micah has been playing percussion for two years. Micah will be serving as 3rd chair of the 2024 middle school Allstate band.

We are so proud of our students! They continue to show that we have dedicated, talented, and capable students. Whether we are going to band competitions, ratings adjudications, Solo and ensemble, or Allstate, Calhoun county students are ranking among the very best in the state of WV. Congratulations to you all, you are representing Calhoun county on the big stage! (From CMHS Facebook page)

**Animal Tails: Stories of Adoptable Animals in Calhoun County**

By Melissa West

Are you currently looking for a four legged addition to your family? The Calhoun Chronicle will feature rescued animals from the county. This animals are looking for a loving, forever home in Calhoun (local adoptions are preferred). If you see an animal you are interested in meeting and potentially adopting or to become a rescue home please contact me at 681-533-7345 and I will connect you with the community members who are currently housing them. If you would like to give donations of pet food and supplies, it is always needed.

**LOOKING FOR LOCAL ADOPTERS/RESCUERS**

**URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!!!**

**Meet Missy**



She's been an outside dog all her life. She lives tied to a tree in a muddy area. Her plastic house normally has very little straw in it. She relishes love and attention. She would love to have a home where she can live inside with her forever family.

She's a small Norwegian Elkhound mix and is One and a half years young. She currently weighs 25 lbs, she is spayed, she is currently not up to date on shots.

She is a very gentle and loving, she is dog, kid and cat friendly.

She is currently not house trained as she has been an outside dog.

An active family with a fenced yard would be ideal. She's still a puppy and would require patience, supervision, lots of playtime and chew toys.



**Meet Hope**

This is Hope. She is approx 2.5 years old. She has been a stray most of her life.

She weighs approximately 40 pounds. She does well with other dogs. she has had no vetting.

She has a sweet, timid demeanor. She is an Australian Kelpie mix. Needs rescue or local adoption ASAP.

She was named Hope by the local mail delivery carrier, who began feeding her.

Hope was very

malnourished at the time and covered in ticks. She has received flea and tick treatment.

Hope is looking for her forever home. She just wants to be loved by a family.



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