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County Commission Meeting held Jan. 8th

By Melissa West

The Calhoun County Commission met for their first time in 2024 on Monday, January 8th. Commissioner President Craig Arthur, Roger Propst and Kevin Helmick were all present in person for the meeting. The meeting was called to order and the crowd was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Craig Arthur was voted to continue to be the President of the County Commission.

Under delegations, Eric Lupardus requested that a list of all property owned by the County be provided at the next County Commission meeting. This request opened the door for Teresa Overton, President of the newly formed Animal Shelter Board to request that the County Commission look at other properties owned by the county to be considered for a temporary emergency shelter for animals that are picked up by the Sheriff’s department.

Commission Roger Propst informed here that another building discussed at the last meeting was the old NYA/BFG building on Route 7. He had spoken to Donnie Pitts about the possibility of an area in the very large facility that could be used as a kennel to house animals that needed shelter due to abuse or abandonment. Most of the building has no electric but Pitts said that there was a probability of one area that might work.

Linda Jarvis of the Calhoun County Historical Society announced that the Historical Society received a large crate from Joan Stork which will be opened at a public event in the future. Mrs. Jarvis said that one item in the crate was Slav Stump’s historical fiddle.

Kelli Barr reported to the Calhoun County Commission that Calhoun Control had hired two new dispatchers, they are doing a security update and will be switching to P25 (digital broadcasting) on February 1, 2024.

Jason Wilson, Director of Minnie Hamilton EMS reported that the number of ALS transports were 18, BLS transports 28, Runs canceled in route 5, DOA 4, Refusals, 15, Treated and refused 5, for total of 911 activity as 75. , explained the discrepancy for the data last month between Minnie and EMS, Minnie is patient contact, EMS is reported calls. Other issues was transportation of helicopter crews. Car accidents will be one call, but may have multiple patients. Minnie Hamilton has not received the Senate Bill funding for recruitment and retention. It is a one year event and there are currently no long term plan to continue that funding. He went on to discuss that Minnie Hamilton Health System is in need of a large concrete pad area to do an auto extrication scene for training on the 3rd or 4th weekend in March. Contact Mr. Wilson at Minnie Hamilton if you have such a space available

County Park President, Donnie Pitts reported that the park did receive the building from Minnie Hamilton Health Systems that will be used in the making of a bunk house. They have finished the floors and will add 4 bunks and a fridge to the bunkhouse. This will typically be used for stargazers but can be used as an additional rental unit.

The park has almost finished with the bathroom in the shelter area. The park had an excellent December with 9 RV’s set up on the field for stargazers. A big project is the renovation on the barn. Due to having had several leaks because of the washer/screw deterioration on the roof, serious repairs are being made. David Cain loaned a lift to the park that has helped to take care of half of the roof. The park committee is concerned that the overhead structure, the roof area, has been damaged because of the leaks and it needs to be determined how much damage is done and they are unsure what that might entail. They want to make sure that the barn is safe for visitors. The floor and ceiling materials are there, but they’re waiting for the roof issues to be addressed before installation.

Mr. Pitts commented on the bathhouse project, which has had a lot of discussion about the cost being 1/2 million dollars and he agreed that it seems like an enormous cost to the park board as well. He however wanted the community to understand that Thrasher Engineering firm is who put the plan together, and those numbers are based on their estimated costs. It is the parks hope it will come in significantly less. It started 5 years ago with ARC approved funding for \$250,000, then at the last minute, the federal cochair stopped that funding. The original costs of that project was \$250,000 but that price has no doubt gone up in 5 years for a facility to house bathrooms and showers for men and women. The only money expended to date is that paid to the engineers. “There is no shortage of things being said” Pitts informed the Commission. “It’s been said when we request reimbursement, we need receipts which the park has always provided. We will request reimbursement from time to time because it’s easier to use our debit card when we’re in a project, but a large expenditure had to be paid by the county direct such as the mulch.”

Commissioner Roger Propst pointed out the policy that is out for comment is for 501c3’s. The money the park receives is in the county budget and has never been questioned. “The park is owned by the county” Donnie said and he wanted it known they were doing things as required by procedure.

Mr. Pitts told the commissioners that one of the commissioners is supposed to set on the park board and there is currently none, since Matt Walker left. Donnie recommended that a commissioner be there and Roger Propst said that he would attend meetings when made aware of the day and time. Annual financial reports from the park were provided for several years and the 2023 report will be available at the next meeting.

FRN Director, Tina Persinger reported that she has written a grant with some regional people, WVDHHR, Americorps, MOVRC, and the Probation Department, to see what the next steps will be with recovery in Calhoun. It will be February or March before they hear if they will receive the funding but with the County set to receive a large some from the Opioid Funding she would like the commissioners to meet with Calhoun’s planning team to determine what needs can be met. Mrs. Persinger said that the FRN receives a lot of prevention money, and she suggested that more of the money that the Commission received be spent in recovery.

Sheriff Graham Knight reported that two people had been removed from Home confinement for violations but he was anticipating more to be placed on Home Confinement with the January term of court beginning. Knight reported that 85 calls were answered in December by the Sheriffs Department with an additional 89 from the WV State Police. Many of the calls done by the Sheriffs Department such as Civil matters cannot be handled by the State Police. He also informed the Commissioners that Deputy Hannah Stevens will go to physical agility testing this month and once that’s passed she will go to the academy

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Anderson earns 1st runner up WVAFF

Submitted by Trudi Anderson



January 11th-13th Emily Grace Anderson, 17 competed with 82 girls from around the state in the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals pageant. She competed in 3 phases of competition event promo, personal interview and evening gown earning her spot in the top 15. After her onstage question she advanced to the top 5 winning 1st runner up.

Emily is the Reigning Miss Parkersburg Homecoming and Calhoun’s own 61st Queen Flora.

Emily is a senior at Calhoun Middle High School and is the daughter of Shannon and Trudi Anderson and Granddaughter of Dwane and Nancy Weekley. Emily would like to thank her community and family and friends for the continued support.



Latest Office Filings for Calhoun County

The following is a list of candidates who have filed for county positions as of Jan. 15th:

- Family Court Judge Circuit 4: Betty Gregory
- Judicial Curcuit 5 Circuit Judge: Anita Harold Ashley and Joshua W. Downey
- County Commission: Kevin Helmick (D)
- Sheriff: Graham Knight (R)
- Assessor: Jason Nettles (D)
- Prosecuting Attorney: Michael Hicks (R) and Shannon Johnson (D)
- Magistrate Judges: Division 1 - Rick Postalwait and Maria Arnold
- Division 2: Lora Davis

If you have an interest in running for office, please knowthat Candidates have until January 27th, 2024 to file for the 2024 Primary Election.

OBITUARIES

IZETTA SHARON GODFREYSMITH

Izetta Sharon Godfrey Smith, 80 of Grantsville, WV passed away peacefully on Jan. 8, 2024 at WVU Camden Clark, Parkersburg, WV.



She was born to Elizabeth Louise Brooks Godfrey at home on Pine Creek Road.

She is survived by a daughter Sheila (Adam) Jones of Big Springs; three sons: Richard Rader of Ravenswood, WV; O.B. Smith and Lucas Smith of Big Springs. She is survived by seven grandkids: Nicole, Matthew, Josh, Hiley, Kayla, Regan and Rylan; and eight great grandkids. She is survived by four sisters, Nina McCartney and Luella Moore of Ohio, Frances Adwell and Tiffany Goff of Grantsville and lots of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother Elizabeth Louise Brooks Godfrey; her husband Carl R. Smith; grandson John Gilbert Arthur; brother Bill Godfrey and sisters Jean Youngberg and Rose Croft.

She worked in Dietary at Calhoun General Hospital and MHHS until she retired. She loved having her grandkids and great grandkids around her as much as possible.

No public services will be held per her wishes. She had donated herself to the Human Gift Registry at WVU Morgantown Medical.

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

- Washington Irving

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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@calhouncronicle.com

Thank You,
Melissa West,
Office Manager

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January 22, 2024. He also noted that having new Chief Deputy Jeffrey Hunt had allowed a lot more to be accomplished.

Shelia Burch, director of the Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation told the Commissioners that a 600 page broad band study will be coming out and in the coming months she would like to have discussion about that report.

The Commission has set dates for the board of equalization Meetings of February 1, 7, 12, 15, 20, 23 with times to be announced. A Policy on courthouse closing for holidays and emergencies was put into place with a standing motion to follow the direction of the State Government.

Invoices for dog fostering from Teresa Overton and Tessa Batton were presented for payment to cover the costs of expenses incurred with receipts provided to request reimbursement. Teresa Overton informed the Commissioners that the receipts turned in are for current expenses, she was not requesting reimbursement for the past. Ritchie and Roane are currently not accepting because animals because they're too full. Teresa told the Commissioners that she still has a redbone hound and one other that needs placed in a permanent home. Sheriff Knight said that there has been an increase in dogs needing sheltered. Commission agreed to cover the costs with a side note from Commissioner Helmick expressing concern about a previous incident where someone over charged for a barn, fence, etc. Graham assured the commission that Teresa wasn't even charging for everything she was providing.

The Commission gave permission for Roger Jarvis to access the Calhoun County Park online banking which he had been unable because of a policy change at the bank.

Under Old business Ari White, President of the Mt. Zion PSD requested additional funding to upgrade their recent purchased truck, and \$17,000 to purchase a utility trailer for water maintenance. The Commission agreed to approve the truck modifications and provide up to \$17,000 for a Utility trailer.

State Fund 41 was received by the Commission in the amount \$10,254.85 with the purpose of being distributed to local fire departments. Jean Simers, Clerk had spoken to the WV State Auditors office about the distribution amount to each department and it was suggested that they use the percentages used to determine levy distributions. The decision was tabled for consideration by Commission.

A recent policy that was put out for comment brought much discussion during the meeting. Following several requests by 501c3's for funding assistance, the Commission decided that a policy should be in place to determine eligibility of agencies requesting assistance and an application process. Commissioner Propst suggested that requests be made along with the annual budget establishment, at which time Commissioner Helmick that there would be requests made for things not needed because a time frame was placed on the requests and that people could not budget for unexpected expenses. The matter was tabled for another month to determine how the policy should be worded.

Emily Robinson of the Lions club informed the Commission that the Lions Club had established a fund for any money needed and provided for the repairs and maintenance on the building. The Lions Club request was also tabled and will await further updates.

On the agenda under appointments to Boards of Authority was Deirdre Purdy to the Civil Service Board. Hazel Lane, an active member of the Civil Service Board spoke out on her frustration that the Civil Service Board was so disorganized with their meetings and not requested for advisement on deputy employment matters, nor had anyone ask if she would want to work with Deirdre Purdy. She then spoke in clear terms that she would sooner resign that work with Mrs. Purdy.

Without response to Mrs. Lane, Commissioner Kevin Helmick nominated Purdy for the position and the motion was seconded by Roger Propst for the purpose of discussion. Commissioner Propst then provided WV Code 7-14-3 which states:

There shall be a civil service commission in each county and the state. Each such civil service commission shall consist of three commissioners, one of whom shall be appointed by the bar association of such county, and one of whom shall be appointed by the deputy sheriff's association of such county and one of whom shall be appointed by the County Commission of such county.

Following the job description of such office holders, the final paragraph of the WV Code stated that:

No commissioner may hold any other office, other than the office of notary public, under the United States, this state or any municipality, county or other political subdivision thereof; nor may any commissioner serve on any political party or take any active part in the management of any political campaign.

Commissioner Propsts then asked "why would we consider a member of the political action group? Deirdre Purdy is Chairwoman of the Democratic Executive Committee. He also questioned how the nomination even got on the agenda and pointed out that if he had not done the research on the law they would have appointed Purdy against the law. "Therefore I cannot nor will not vote to approve this nomination." Commissioner Craig Arthur called for a vote on the matter at which time Kevin Helmick immediately voted in favor of Deirdre Purdy even though he had just been read a clear statement of the law that said it was illegal. Both Commissioners Arthur and Propst voted no.

As for the concern of Hazel Lane on the recent hirings by Sheriff Graham Knight not being approved by the Civil Service Commission; it was not required. Hires of uncertified, or part

time deputies do not require approval by the Civil Service Commission because they are not under civil service. Only certified officers. Jeffrey Hunt is a Chief Deputy that is appointed at the will and pleasure of the Sheriff and Hannah Stevens is awaiting academy attendance to be certified.

Other appointments on the agenda were Ronald Blankenship to a two year term, and Nikki Boatright to a three year term on the LKADC board, which were approved.

The appointments of Melissa Hixon and Michael Plato as Ballot Commissioners was postponed to a special meeting because those positions cannot be appointed until between the dates of January 15-31st, according to the WV State Code.

Special County Commission Meeting held Jan. 8th

By Melissa West

A special meeting was held at the adjournment of the regular monthly commission meeting. The first item of two personnel issues was the revising of a temporary hire status to part time status of Deputy Charles Stephens, which passed unanimously by all three Commissioners and the second matter was the full time hire of Hannah Stephen's as Deputy of the Calhoun County Sheriffs Department, also voted unanimously.

Special County Commission Meeting Jan. 18th at 9 a.m.

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

Fri., Jan. 19: beef macaroni, brussel sprout, fruit, whole wheat hot roll.

Mon., Jan. 22: chicken strips, mac & cheese, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Tues. Jan. 23: tomato sauce and onion sloppy joes, potatoes, pudding, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Wed., Jan. 24: potato soup, ham salad, fruit, whole wheat crackers.

Thurs., Jan. 25: rib sandwich, onions, pasta vegetable salad, potatoes, whole wheat bun, fruit.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., Jan. 18: Calhoun County Commission Special Meetings, 9 a.m. Little courtroom

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, CCOA 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.

Sat., Jan. 20: Calhoun Basketball Youth League at CMS starting at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

CHS Boys Basketball travels to Doddridge County, 7:00 p.m.

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Thurs., Jan. 25: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

CMHS Girls Basketball Team vs Gilmer County, 7:00 p.m.

2-1-1 For Information

West Virginians can utilize the 2-1-1 program, operated by United Way of W.Va.

It connects callers with health and human services resources through trained certified specialists, to learn about specific programs, intake requirements, eligibility, operation hours and more.

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

"This program is more important now than ever, as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic."

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

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

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

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Aunt Jinny Lee's Plantation Recipes: Holidays aren't the only time when folks enjoy good fruit cake yet this year, it isn't too late to make one now. Cousin Luella tried a new receipt last month which she says is just about the same as the darkies used on the old plantation only this one's more economical. Here's the way she gave it to me. Cream a pound of butter and add to it a pound of brown sugar., beating thoroughly. Separate the yolks from 9 eggs and beat until thick; then beat whites until stiff and dry and add to mixture. Add two tablespoons of sweet milk and them two pounds of seeded, chopped raisins, one-half pound blanched almonds and a pound of sliced citron; preserved orange and lemon peel are good too. Next sift a pound of self-rising flour and add this with two teaspoons cinnamon to the mixture. Put in deep well buttered pans, cover with buttered paper, steam three hours and bake one and is sure to enjoy this delicious fruit cake and it will keep a long time (if they don't enjoy it too well.)

Sayings of Sanitary Sam: "Life is not to live, but to be well." "Clean teeth not only mean better health but a more attractive mouth." "No one wants to be around the fellow who spits wherever he happens to be." "Malnutrition, the outstanding physical defect of children is chiefly due to lack of sufficient milk, fruit and vegetables."

1948, 75 YEARS AGO: Woman's Club Meets Tuesday: Mrs. Emma Witte, Mrs. John Ball, Hoy Stump, Mrs. Veda Campbell, Mrs. Fae Chenoweth, and Miss Ova Lee Myers were hostesses to the members of the Grantsville Woman's club when it met in the Grantsville Methodist church Tuesday night, The president Miss Garnet Pharr, presided. The meeting opened with group singing "America the Beautiful" and reading the Collect for Club Women.

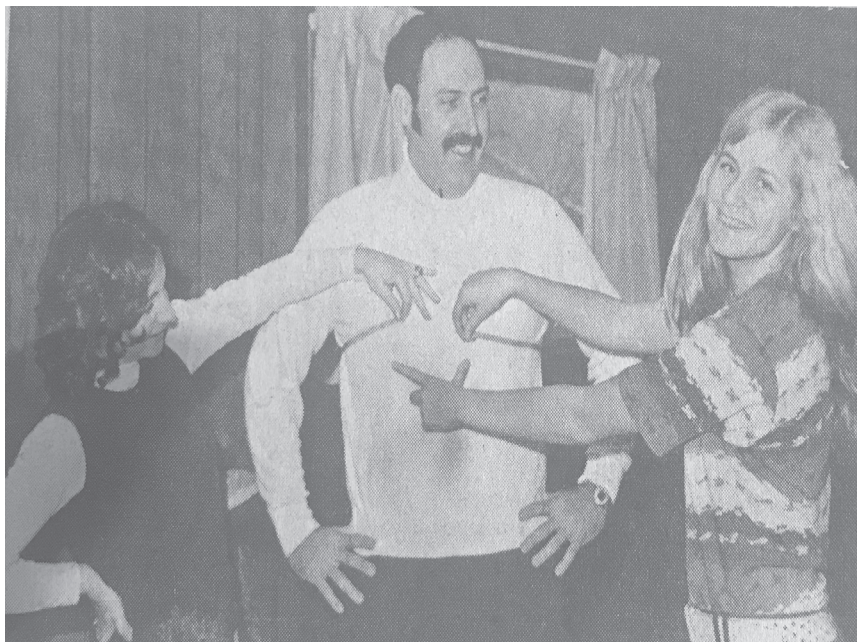
Committees reported and the club voted to give \$5.00 to the March of Dimes. At the close of business Mrs. Emma Witte, was in charge of the program. The program opened with group singing accompanied at the piano by Mrs. A.R. Wolfe, Mrs. Witte, presented Mrs. A. E. Weaver who is a member of the State P.T.A. Board and chairman of Juvenile Guidance and Recreation. Mrs. Weaver gave a very interesting talk on Juvenile Guidance and Recreation. At the close of the program the members were invited to the church dining room where refreshments were served to, Miss Garnett Pharr, Mrs. A.R. Wolfe, Mrs. Carl Blosser, Mrs. Mildred Jackson, Mrs. Jim Barr, Mrs. Frank Hefner, Mrs. L.C. Hamilton, Miss Edna Prunty, Mrs. George Strader, Mrs. Sam Tucker, Mrs. Artie Gainer, Mrs. Grant Beckner, Mrs. Ray Stiers, Mrs. M. W. Limer, Mrs. A.G. Burns and Mrs. O.C. Howard.

Calhoun High to Broadcast: The Calhoun County High School of Grantsville will be on the air for a half hour program from Rado Station WPAR in Parkersburg on Sunday afternoon, January 23 rd , for the third in the series of programs being sponsored jointly by the Little Kanawha Regional Council and Station WPAR.

The Walton and Tyler County High Schools have already appeared on the program and the other schools of the area will be heard on successive Sunday afternoons during the remainder of the winter and early spring officers of the Council said yesterday.

Principal Harold Proudfoot of the Calhoun school has announced that the contingent of students will travel to Parkersburg by Special bus and will have their program from the studios of the station. The students under faculty advisement have had the program in preparation for several weeks and the performances this Sunday is expected to measure up with others already given on the new series which began earlier this month.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: This Takes Lots of Measuring:



The tape just wasn't long enough, nut somehow Rose Goff, left, and Barbara Wilson, right, must get Bob (Tank) Davis measured for his ballet costume for the Hobo MInstrel the Girl Scouts are preparing for production in March. Having heard reports of fabric shortages, they started on his costume first. Last year Tank was a big favorite with the crowd and only in the ballet but as Abner's wife, and Abner was a well kept secret until the end of the show.

Little Kanawha Reaches Near Flood Stage In Calhoun, But Damage Slight: The Little Kanawha was at its highest since 1967 last Friday and Saturday, and smaller streams in the county were running full at times several days of last week.

Inconvenience, rather than damage, was the story of high water in most part of Calhoun, although there was some damage to roads, and a number of basements were flooded. Schools were dismissed Thursday at noon because of approaching high water over roads, and there was no school at all on Friday.

Rt.5 was closed by high water in several places along the Little Kanawha, and Rt. 9 between Grantsville and Stumptown had only local traffic for two days. One of the first places underwater was the bridge at the mouth of Steer Creek., near the Russett school, and other places followed.

Houses on both North and South River streets in Grantsville had flooded basements, and the Clark Wilson, Jr., ad Junior Godfrey houses in South Grantsville had some water in the living quarters. Water was in the school bus garage in the same area.

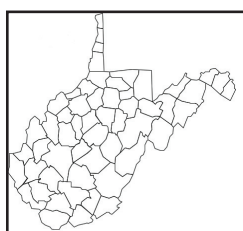
RF. Inc., workers spent Friday putting up stock and equipment to higher places, with the memory of 1967 recalled by many as they moved things upward. Employees were sent home at noon, with the exception of a few volunteers who remained to move stock. Water was up the ground behind the plant, but did not come anywhere near getting into the building.

Charles Wallace of the South Side Store said that it lacked just a few inches of getting into that place of business in Grantsville. Water surrounded the place, and covered much of the adjoining low lying high school grounds. High water did not stop the playing of Doddridge-Calhoun high school basketball game Friday night.

Mail into Grantsville, usually brought in from Parkersburg over Rt. 5 was brought in through Smithville over Rt. 16.

The Little Kanawha reached its crest early Saturday morning, and started a gradual decline, with traffic on Rt. 5 opened again by evening.

One of those who found a way to beat the inconvenience of flood was John David Stump, medical technologist at Calhoun General Hospital. On call for duty at any time at the hospital, Stump knew he couldn't afford to get water bound at his home above Russett, so he parked his camper on the hospital grounds for the duration of the high water.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

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

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

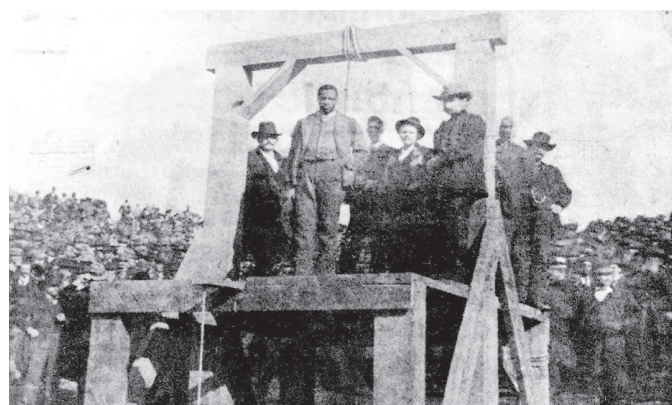
Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.



Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison, and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

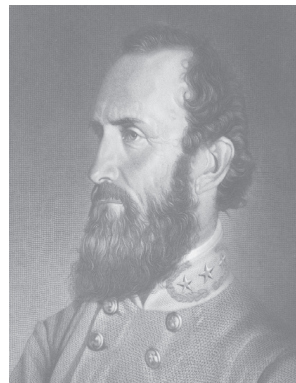
Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."



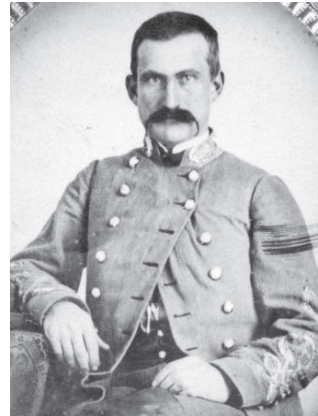
Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept snow on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most West Virginia towns.

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a Confederate brigadier general of infantry. He won the name "Stonewall" in the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861.

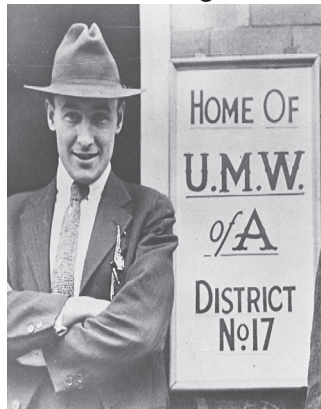


Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.



Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named it after Sir Walter Raleigh.

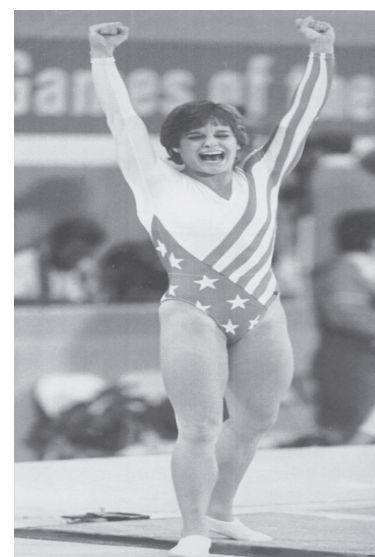


Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17,

encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.

Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.



My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Well it seems like winter has finally decided to arrive, and I couldn't be happier. I am a fan of all four seasons, but for the past few years winter has really disappointed me. I am one of those people who looks forward to the temperatures dropping and the snow falling. I get excited when the weathermen start talking about winter storms and inches of snow. Unfortunately, they haven't been talking much lately.

I will never forget the first winter I lived in West Virginia. I had just moved here from Jacksonville, Florida, and I was really looking forward to the cold and snow. My prayers were definitely answered. It started snowing in December and kept going until March. If I remember correctly, we had 21 snow days that winter, and I loved every one of them. Last year we didn't even get one snow day. I think we are due for some accumulating snow, and I am hoping this will be the year.

I put a lot of trust in the weathermen from Channel 13. They seem to know what is going on and don't make big promises or get people all excited for nothing. They have been predicting a swing in the weather patterns for weeks. So far, they seem to be right on the money. They said the wind and rain would bring in colder temperatures and some snow, and that is just what happened. Hopefully, some accumulating snow will follow early this week. Only time will tell.

Speaking of time, I had some extra time off this week, and it was lovely. I got the three-hour delay call on Wednesday evening. That is the best time to get that call because you know you can stay up later because you can sleep in the next morning. I actually had company that night. I was just getting ready to head out the door for Cookbook Club when I got a call on my cell phone. It was Ruby, my co-teacher last year, calling to tell me she couldn't get home because of high water and asking if my offer to stay with me was still good. Of course, it was, so I waited for her to arrive and got her settled in before I left. We had a great time catching up later that evening and went to bed knowing we could sleep in a bit.

Since I mentioned Cookbook Club, I don't want to leave you wondering what was on the menu this month. Our numbers were down a bit, but we still had plenty of appetizers to sample. There was corn chowder, sliders, a meat and cheese tray, my sausage dip with nacho chips, and a cheeseball. For dessert there were two types of truffles and a Butterfingers cake. It was all delicious, and a good time was had by all. The theme for next month will require a little research. In honor of Presidents' Day, we challenged ourselves to bring a dish loved by a former president. Maricia is having a great time researching this topic and has already sent me a number of suggestions.

Oh, I can't forget to mention something strange that happened to me this week. I have started to take down my Christmas decorations and put them away, but I was putting off taking my tree down until this weekend. It has stayed healthy and relatively few needles have fallen off so far, and I love sitting by it in the evenings. Imagine my surprise when I came home on Wednesday to find neon green buds all over the tree. I didn't know what to think, so I started taking off the ornaments. Upon further research, I discovered my tree is actually budding. I didn't even know this was possible. When the high winds began, I decided to leave the tree right where it was.

It is still there and covered in even more green buds. I plan to give it to my dad for his birds, but that won't be happening until the middle of the week when the weather improves.

It looks like my weathermen friends are going to be right. While I have been typing this article, a winter weather advisory has been issued. It looks like we might finally get some snow. Right now, my weather app is calling for 3-5 inches. Ironically, I already have the day off tomorrow for Martin Luther King Day. Oh well, maybe it will come later in the day.

This week I have a haircut and a historical society meeting, but those are later in the week, so I should be fine. I need to go now though because the wind knocked both of my bird feeders down. I need to figure out a way to fix them. My feathery friends will need my birdseed if it snows. Stay warm and safe, my friends. Let it snow!

1982 Foundation Update

Construction Update

Splish splash! We have water in the pool! The pool now is almost complete. One more heater to install and possible a couple of more actions for the bath house to include the concrete pad at the front, but we are very close. Remaining items to complete prior to opening include: fencing which we selected this week, installation of posts for 18 red and white shade sails, connector deck between zero entry and bath house entry, the chaise lounges for the Baja deck and a few other details. We will likely not have the Tiki Hut open this year due to other higher priorities, but we will get to it as soon as we can.

Next week the whole team will be there to outline and plan for laying the footers and foundation for the new construction. The day care center construction will begin most likely in February when we get a warm week.

We have four teams now working on the main building. Hardway doing the framing for the 6 apartments, the 2 AirBnB rooms and the Library Suite. Really great progress has been made on the 3rd floor in a short time.

Wood Heating and AC are starting on the mechanical work necessary for heating and air. This will be a long process.

WV Demo is trenching up the bottom floor to allow for plumbing and waste piping. Lots of concrete cutting, and we think we may have finally found the original gym building in the 1920's with the original construction.

Chester Boggs and crew are installing lintels and cutting block to make ready for the elevator openings on all three floors. This is really coming along quickly as well.

The prototype window is due to arrive soon. I cannot wait to see the window. We will likely install one to see how it will look and so everyone can see what a huge difference windows will make. We are also doing the final review of the cold form steel package for ordering soon.

Next week will be more of the same plus we will begin the preparation and trenching in the restaurant kitchen.

On the non-construction front, we continue to work diligently on funding options at the state and federal levels. We are making reasonable progress and have a number of resources now supporting this effort. It takes time and a focused effort that in agile so that we can maximize the possibilities. Our hope is to find funding to both support start up operations and to pay back at least some of the bridge loan. We are learning a lot and once we are done, we will be able to help others make connections to grants and technical assistance to fund other projects.

We are also working diligently on our marketing and branding. There will be some announcements coming soon on that front. Branding is an important aspect and is critical to getting the word out across the state.

Teresa Jones Overton is working on the research for the K-12 private school which will focus on STEAM in a Christian environment. We are hoping to start with two small middle school classes this year, but we are still evaluating the requirements in order to be sure the timing works.

We complete and posted our 2024 objectives. Objectives are critical in driving progress in any arena. Our objectives are aggressive but so are we! lol

The team has moved into the new office. A very kind and generous group of folks surprised us with new flooring that is absolutely beautiful in the pictures. I cannot wait to see it all soon in person. The red and white office furniture was basically given to use by a gentlemen in DC who was thrilled to support our efforts. When folks hear what we are doing in Calhoun they are always interested, and so many want to help in some way. We are grateful.

I see the snow and cold weather is on the way. Be careful on the roads and stay warm my friends.

All mv very best,
Crystal

Recipe Corner

By Emma Howell

Apples for Betty by Betty Barclay

Apples are here again in plenty – one of the happy signs of winter. Nippy frosts outdoor, cozy fires inside and juicy apples always seem to go hand in hand.

It's a sure bet that no American desserts are more popular than those made with apples.

To prove it, here's a simplified recipe for Apple Brown Betty that's tops in taste and texture – and unbeatable for frosty weather popularity.

Flaky Brown Betty

- 3 large apples, pared, cored and thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- ¾ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 ½ cups wheat flakes
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Arrange apples in greased baking dish and sprinkle with lemon juice. Cream butter, add sugar gradually and cream together thoroughly. Add wheat flakes, cinnamon, and salt and mix well. Spread over apples.

Bake covered in moderate oven (350 F) 30 minutes; then remove cover and continue baking 15 minutes longer, or until apples are tender. Serve plain or with cream. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Vegetable Beef Soup

- 1 yellow onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 russet potato
- 1 29 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 ½ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 4 cups beef broth
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 12 ounces frozen vegetables (corn, carrots, green beans)
- Salt to taste

Dice the onion and mince the garlic. Add the onion and garlic to a soup pot along with the olive oil.

Sauté over medium heat until the onions are soft and translucent. Add the ground beef to the pot and continue to sauté until the ground beef is cooked through.

If using a higher fat content ground beef, you can drain the excess fat, if you prefer. While the beef is cooking, peel and dice the russet potato into ½ inch cubes.

Add cubed potatoes, diced tomatoes (with juices), Italian seasoning, pepper, beef broth and Worcestershire sauce to the pot. Stir to combine.

Turn the heat up to medium-high and allow the soup to come up to a boil. Once boiling, turn the heat down to medium-low and let the soup simmer for about 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are fork tender.

Add the frozen vegetables to the pot and allow the soup to come back to a simmer. Simmer vegetables in the soup for about five minutes.

Finally, taste the soup and add salt to help the flavors pop. Start with ½ teaspoon, if desired, and add ore until it reaches your desired lever.

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@calhouncronicle.com

Viet Nam Veterans

by Linda Crawford

There has been some peculiar Deja Vue in event this past year. Thank you, Sgt Maotz, for speaking out. And thank all Viet Nam veterans who were treated in a way no other group were treated.

The recent protests brought that to the surface of my mind. Our family was in Memphis.

When I was not at work, I was at the new Veterans hospital with my dad and brother. When Dad got a shot for pain, he would push a wheelchair in case he needed to sit and go see my brother.

All around were veterans old and young. A corridor where quadriplegics would race on their beds laughing, a young Indian named Drum who happily hoped he would walk again.

The background noise in my head was the demonstrations – protests especially by a celebrity. Put next door neighbor and a friend from work were the "Support system."

Dad died of cancer. My brother eventually made it back to Calhoun County where mom took care of him with the support of neighbors and community in both Roane and Calhoun County. He was home. As years went by similar stories have accumulated.

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Calhoun County Boys Basketball Calhoun falls to Parkersburg Catholic

Submitted by Max Prep

On Tuesday, Jan 9, 2024, the Calhoun Varsity Boys Basketball team lost their game against Parkersburg Catholic High School by a score of 50-67.

<u>JAN. 19</u>	AT PADEN CITY	7:00 PM
<u>JAN. 23</u>	AT DODDRIDGE COUNTY	7:00 PM
<u>JAN. 26</u>	VS VAN	7:00 PM
<u>JAN. 31</u>	AT GILMER COUNTY	7:00 PM
<u>FEB. 2</u>	VS VALLEY WETZEL	7:00 PM
<u>FEB. 5</u>	AT CLAY COUNTY	7:00 PM
<u>FEB. 7</u>	AT SOUTH HARRISON	7:00 PM
<u>FEB. 10</u>	VS PADEN CITY	7:00 PM
<u>FEB. 13</u>	AT HANNAN	7:00 PM
<u>FEB. 15</u>	LKC PLACEMENT GAME	TBA
<u>FEB. 17</u>	LKC NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS	TBA
<u>FEB. 19</u>	VS CLAY COUNTY	7:00 PM
<u>FEB. 20</u>	VS HANNAN	7:00 PM

Calhoun falls to Braxton County Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Braxton County Eagles

Submitted by Max Prep

The Calhoun Red Devils pushed their score all the way to 58 on Friday, but even that wasn't enough to win. They fell 67-58 to Braxton County. Calhoun has not had much luck with Braxton County recently, as the team's come up short the last five times they've met.

When it comes to explaining why Calhoun lost, one person who can't be blamed is Landon Bennett. Despite the final result, he scored 29 points along with eight rebounds and six steals. As a matter of fact, that's the most points Bennett has scored all season. The team also got some help courtesy of Caden Jones, who scored six points along with 11 rebounds.

Calhoun has been struggling recently, as they've lost four of their last five games, which put a noticeable dent in their 4-6 record this season. As for Braxton County, their win ended a four-game drought on the road dating back to last season and puts them at 1-6.

Calhoun will challenge Paden City at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Paden City is still on the hunt for that elusive first 'W'. As for Braxton County, they will look to defend their home court on Monday against Webster County at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully Webster County focused on turnovers this week since the team gave up ten last Thursday.

Calhoun County Girls Basketball

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	

BRAXTON COUNTY INVITATIONAL

By Robert Bonar

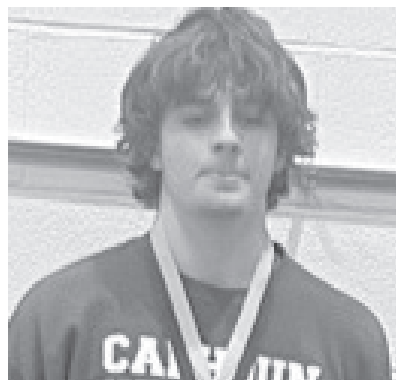
Last Saturday, Calhoun County High School's wrestling team participated in the Braxton County Invitational held at the Armory.

The Red Devils tied for 14th place in a 23-team field. Haiden Staton earned 5th place honors and Sam Elmore came in 6th.

This Saturday, the Red Devils will travel to Williamstown to participate in the Bob Zide Rumble.

Team Results

Place	Team	Score
1.	Point Pleasant	267.50
2.	Keyser	224.00
3.	Berkeley Springs	189.00
4.	Greenbrier West	185.50
5.	Braxton County	162.00
6.	Herbert Hoover	159.00
7.	Ravenswood	152.50
8.	East Hardy	112.00
9.	Wirt County	102.00
10.	Shady Spring	101.00
11.	Sissonsville	95.50
12.	Nicholas County	71.00
13.	Petersburg	61.00
14.	Calhoun County	59.00
	Moorefield	59.00
16.	Philip Barbour	42.00
17.	Lincoln	33.00
18.	Webster County	28.00
19.	Hurricane	27.00
20.	Grafton	17.50
21.	Richwood	17.00
22.	Elkins	14.00
	South Charleston	14.00



157 Haiden Staton, 3-2 (5th Place)

Individual Results

Wght	Wrestler, Record
106	Reese Schoolcraft, 2-2
113	Lance Grogg, 0-2
120	Christian Andreano, 0-2
126	Noah Butler, 2-2
138	Joe Nelson, 0-2
	Eli Bailey, 1-2
144	Adam Hughes, 2-2
157	Haiden Staton, 3-2 (5th Place)
165	Jobe Loudin, 0-2
175	Sam Elmore, 3-3 (6th Place)
215	Levi Stump, 2-2



175 Sam Elmore, 3-3 (6th Place)



Hawkins & Lawson played at the Diamond Youth All American Bowl

Submitted by Lisa Hawkins

I wanted to congratulate Landon Hawkins and Wyatt Lawson, both are sixth grade student at CMHS. Landon and Wyatt were recently selected to attend the all American Bowl in Myrtle Beach, SC for the Diamond Sports Football Conference. This was held during December 26-31, 2023. Diamond Sports is a nationally recognized organization that is followed by professional scouts.

Landon and Wyatt played for the Calhoun Youth Football A-Team during the fall of 2023.

Along with three other players who were selected

to play in the All Star game for their division. Following the All-Star game, Landon and Wyatt joined the WV Tribe travel team based in Charleston, WV.

Landon and Wyatt, along with three other players were invited by Diamond Sports to attend the All-American game in Myrtle Beach, SC. There were two sixth grade teams with 60 players from across the US. The selections were made by scouts from videos submitted during the 2023 season.

Landon and Wyatt were recently drafted for the D1 Savage Spring Game in Virginia Beach, VA. If they do well at ath game, then they could be drafted for the East vs West All-American game in Arizona 2025. We are very proud of these two players and wish them the best of luck in the future.



Calhoun Youth Basketball Schedule

Jan. 20th

K-1st Grade

K-1st grade will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday games and 12:30 pm on Sunday game days. Please refer to the schedule below.



2nd and 3rd Grade

Date	Time	White Jersey	vs.	Red Jersey
1/20	10:30 am	Team Jarvis		Team Heiney
	11:20 am	Team Heiney		Team Sampson
	12:10 pm	Team Sampson		Team Jarvis

4th-6th Grade

Date	Time	White Jersey	vs.	Red Jersey
1/20	10:30 am	Team Helmick		Team Reip
	11:20 am	Team Church		Team Cunningham
	12:10 pm	Team Dow		Team Staples
	1:00 pm	Team Helmick		Team Church
	1:50 pm	Team Reip		Team Dow
	1:50 pm (MS)	Team Cunningham		Team Staples

Glenville State University Boxing Presents


"War in the Waco VIII" on January 20th

Glenville State University Boxing is set to ignite the Waco Center with an electrifying evening of boxing on January 20th. Titled "War in the Waco VIII," this event promises to deliver a thrilling showcase of talent, determination, and sportsmanship as fighters from Glenville State University step into the ring to showcase their skills. Date: January 20th Time: 5:00 pm est Location: Waco Center, Glenville State University

Glenville State University Boxing has consistently been a beacon of excellence, and "War in the Waco VIII" is poised to raise the bar even higher. The event will feature a series of intense bouts, showcasing the dedication and hard work of the university's boxing team. With a commitment to fostering both physical and mental discipline, Glenville State University Boxing aims to inspire and entertain the audience.

"We are thrilled to bring 'War in the Waco VIII' to our community," said Duane Chapman, Head Boxing Coach at Glenville State University Boxing. "This event is not just about sport; it's about camaraderie, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence. Our fighters have trained tirelessly, and we're excited to see them showcase their skills in the ring."

The evening promises an adrenaline-packed atmosphere, with each bout meticulously matched to provide fans with an unforgettable experience. From rookies eager to make a name for themselves to seasoned fighters seeking to solidify their legacies, "War in the Waco VIII" will feature a diverse array of talent. Admission for "War in the Waco VIII" is FREE! Do not miss this opportunity to witness the raw power and precision of Glenville State University's boxing team. Join us at the Waco Center on January 20th for an evening that promises to be a knockout success.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
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. Temple, TX 76502	June 14, 2021	November 17, 2023
2. Charles Edward Frederick	3111 Candle Pond Lane 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. Star, ID 83669	Sister	January 3, 2024
2. Dianne Frederick	3111 Candle Pond Lane 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 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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PUBLIC NOTICE BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION 2024

The Calhoun County Commission shall meet on the following dates and times as the Board of Review and Equalization. We ask that if you are planning on attending any of the meetings listed below to call either the County Clerk's Office (354-6725) or the Assessor's Office (354-6958).

FEBRUARY 1, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Managed Timberland
FEBRUARY 7, 2024	4:00 p.m.	
FEBRUARY 12, 2024	11:00 a.m.	Oil and Gas
FEBRUARY 15, 2024	9:00 a.m.	
FEBRUARY 20, 2024	3:00 p.m.	
FEBRUARY 23, 2024	3:00 p.m.	Action of Timberland

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The **SECOND HALF OF THE 2023** taxes are now due for payment. A **DISCOUNT** of 2-1/2% will be given on the **SECOND HALF OF 2022** taxes during the month of **FEBRUARY**. The **SECOND HALF** will be for net amount during the month of March. Interest at the rate 9% per annum (.0075 per mo) will be charged after April 1, 2024. **INTEREST** is now being charged on unpaid **FIRST HALF 2022** taxes which became due and payable July 15, 2023. **ALL 2023 TAXES** not paid **BEFORE** May 1, 2024, will be considered **DELINQUENT**. **PAY NOW AND GET YOUR DISCOUNT ON THE SECOND HALF OF 2022 TAXES**

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The Grantsville Pickleball Club is growing!
We play on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00, weather permitting and are averaging 12-15 players.
The best part is there are people there of all ages, abilities, and athleticism. There are even some who come to just watch and socialize. Equipment is provided for newcomers to give the sport a try.
Come on out and watch everyone play if you are not sure what the game is all about. A fun time will be had by all who come out to play. Everyone is welcome!
Come join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for some fun, fellowship, and physical fitness. We have found our Winter Season Home in the NYA Building.

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,

VALENTINES ELIMINATION DINNER
Italian Buffet, Salad, Dessert, and Drink

All proceeds assist with maintenance, repairs and cost for the Calhoun County Youth Livestock Program and Property.

Chance to Win **\$500 Cash** EVERY 25TH TICKET DRAWN WINS \$25 CASH

Arnoldsburg Community Building
February 9, 2024
Doors Open: 5:30 | Dinner Begins: 6:00 | Price \$25 Ticket and Meal Included
CONTACT ANY LIVESTOCK MEMBER FOR TICKETS

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. 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"

West Central Beekeeper's Association

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

Tire Collection

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

First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry

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



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

Spay/Neuter

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee. It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens. For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville. The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

Children's Crisis



The Children's Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities. The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or by chat at www.help4wv.com/ccl.

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

Emotion Helpline

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

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Liberty Hill Cemetery News

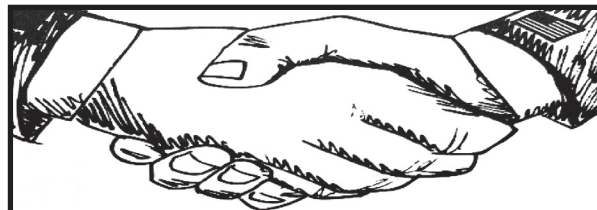
We need your donations to keep it looking neat. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, please donate. Donations can be mailed to Liberty Hill Cemetery, 3121 Lemuels Run Road, Mount Zion, WV 26151. Calhoun County Bank has been gracious to accept money in their drop box or donated at the banks.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

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Needs Donations

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



12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

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

WIC Program

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

Tobacco Quitline

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

Prevent Suicide

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

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

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7 days a week

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Food Pantry

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

Library Hours

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Check Conditions

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

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

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association

Contact Information

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

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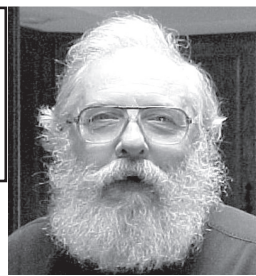


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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



West Virginia Weekly Gas Price Update

Average gasoline prices in West Virginia are unchanged in the last week, averaging \$2.87/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,154 stations in West Virginia. Prices in West Virginia are 14.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 34.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 2.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.89 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in West Virginia was priced at \$2.44/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.59/g, a difference of \$1.15/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.44/g while the highest was \$3.59/g, a difference of \$1.15/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.04/g today. The national average is down 1.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 23.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in West Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

- January 15, 2023: \$3.21/g (U.S. Average: \$3.28/g)
- January 15, 2022: \$3.16/g (U.S. Average: \$3.30/g)
- January 15, 2021: \$2.36/g (U.S. Average: \$2.39/g)
- January 15, 2020: \$2.56/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g)
- January 15, 2019: \$2.25/g (U.S. Average: \$2.24/g)
- January 15, 2018: \$2.55/g (U.S. Average: \$2.53/g)
- January 15, 2017: \$2.38/g (U.S. Average: \$2.34/g)
- January 15, 2016: \$1.90/g (U.S. Average: \$1.92/g)
- January 15, 2015: \$2.22/g (U.S. Average: \$2.07/g)
- January 15, 2014: \$3.35/g (U.S. Average: \$3.30/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Pittsburgh- \$3.39/g, down 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.41/g.
- Charleston- \$2.89/g, down 2.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.91/g.
- Virginia- \$2.91/g, down 1.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.93/g.

"Last week was a bit of a mixed bag for gasoline prices, with prices increasing early on but falling again in recent days as the situation in the Red Sea continues to drive market volatility," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While last week saw the U.S. attacking Houthi militants engaged in attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, oil prices jumped, but then promptly fell as economic concerns with weak demand sapped the upward move after the U.S. and allies attacked Houthi rebels. Gasoline inventories also saw another large rise, putting some downward pressure on gas prices, and leaving an opportunity for the national average to potentially briefly fall below \$3 per gallon. We'll have to see if the stars finally align for such a move."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

Contact: Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis
pdehaan@gasbuddy.com or call 773-644-1427

Glennville State University Boxing Presents "War in the Waco VIII" on January 20th

Glennville State University Boxing is set to ignite the Waco Center with an electrifying evening of boxing on January 20th. Titled "War in the Waco VIII," this event promises to deliver a thrilling showcase of talent, determination, and sportsmanship as fighters from Glennville State University step into the ring to showcase their skills.

Date: January 20th Time: 5:00 pm est Location: Waco Center, Glennville State University

Glennville State University Boxing has consistently been a beacon of excellence, and "War in the Waco VIII" is poised to raise the bar even higher. The event will feature a series of intense bouts, showcasing the dedication and hard work of the university's boxing team. With a commitment to fostering both physical and mental discipline, Glennville State University Boxing aims to inspire and entertain the audience.

"We are thrilled to bring 'War in the Waco VIII' to our community," said Duane Chapman, Head Boxing Coach at Glennville State University Boxing. "This event is not just about sport; it's about camaraderie, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence. Our fighters have trained tirelessly, and we're excited to see them showcase their skills in the ring."

The evening promises an adrenaline-packed atmosphere, with each bout meticulously matched to provide fans with an unforgettable experience. From rookies eager to make a name for themselves to seasoned fighters seeking to solidify their legacies, "War in the Waco VIII" will feature a diverse array of talent.

Admission for "War in the Waco VIII" is FREE! Do not miss this opportunity to witness the raw power and precision of Glennville State University's boxing team. Join us at the Waco Center on January 20th for an evening that promises to be a knockout success.

Calhoun Library has New Books Available

!! New Books Available !!

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| ADULT FICTION:
The Paris House-keeper by: Renee Ryan | by: Katherine Faulkner | by: Nikki Grimes |
| The Couple in the Photo by: Helen Cooper; | NON-FICTION
Science Comics: Frogs by: Liz Prince | Dim Sum Palace by: X.Fang |
| The Second Chance Year by: Melissa Wiesner | INSPIRATIONAL
Amish Love Letters | Eclipse by: Andy Rash |
| Ward D by: Freida McFadden | LARGE PRINT
Liar's Key by: Carla Neggers | My Cat Does Ballet by: Robert Heidbreder |
| The Perfect Son by: Freida McFadden | J U V E N I L E
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Public Service Commission Chairman Lane's Column

How to file a comment

I want you to know that here at the Public Service Commission, we suffer through the same concerns that many of you do about the cost of

gasoline, water and power bills, groceries, and every other budget item. The Commission wants to hear your concerns, and we take your comments very seriously.

We have simple means for you to express your thoughts. You can mail comments to us at 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV 25301. But the easiest way is to simply use your computer.

Take a look at our website at www.psc.state.wv.us. Look in the yellow field to the left of the pictures of the commissioners. Under the first section, titled "Inside the PSC," you will see a highlighted section that says "Submit a Comment." Click on that. The next screen offers an easy way to submit one of two types of comments.

The first is a general comment or suggestion. Click on that and it will open a form. It looks busy, but it is fairly simple. At the bottom is a place for you to type in your comments and a submit button. The information will be directed through our internal system and will reach the proper people who are concerned with your issues.

This site also has a second button. This can be used if you are interested in a formal case already before the Commission. Because this involves a specific case, we require that you be properly identified as a legitimate person.

Again, we want your comments, but we want to ensure that those comments come from a person with an interest in the case.

Fill out this form and add your comments, then we will verify who you are. Once we complete the verification process, your comments will be added as an activity in the formal case process. We won't include crude or crank remarks, but welcome legitimate comments in any case.

So, here are two different ways you can get involved in the process and explain your position on issues before the Commission.

We cannot guarantee your complains will be fully satisfied, but you can know that your words will be heard by the Commission.

We look forward to hearing from you. We have tried to make this process as simple as possible for your convenience.

We hope you'll give it a try.



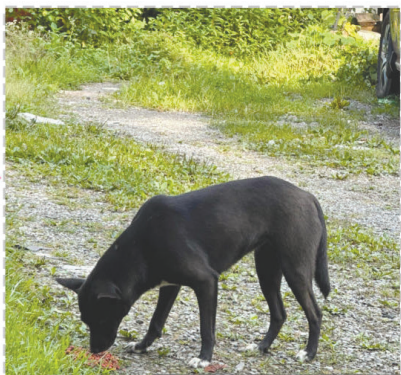
Animal Tails: Stories of Adoptable Animals in Calhoun County LOOKING FOR LOCAL ADOPTERS/RESCUERS

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. These 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.



Hope
for
Hope



Hope has been a stray most of her life. She's approx 2.5 years old. Approx 40 lbs. Great with other dogs. Sweet, timid demeanor. Needs adoption ASAP. She is an Australian Kelpie mix after "This is Hope" and before "She is approximately 2.5 years of age."



Before



Brother



Sister

Ditch
Dogs



Who dumps starving puppies in a ditch? A lot of people. These two siblings were found in a ditch as puppies. They are now approx 1.5 years old. Spayed and neutered. They live outside and receive very little to no attention. They're lonely and need loving homes. Unsure of mix. Very loving.

Black dogs are the most overlooked dogs in shelters and are frequently euthanized.

Please help our local dogs find a forever home!!!!!!

Adopt Missy

URGENT

Missy needs our help

Missy has lived her entire life on a chain in the mud, rain, heat, cold and snow. She needs our help. She's a Norwegian Elkhound mix. Approx one and a half, 25 lbs. , spayed. Very gentle and loving. Please consider adding Missy to your family. This is an urgent situation.

ADOPT ME

Max the
Magnificent

Max was found as a stray. He is approx 10 lbs.

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Trivia Night

January 18, 2024
6pm @ CCCOA Senior Center
Teams of up to 6 people

6 Rounds of
Decades Trivia

Refreshments will be served.
Please let us know if you plan to attend. Check our Facebook page for updates!

Calhoun County
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2024

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DINNER

FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024
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\$30.00 AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST
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Don't Miss This Event!

Evening Meal: Green salad with goat cheese and pecans, Beef Bourgiunon, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate Souffle, Iced Tea and Coffee