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ROGER DALE PROPST - REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR 2-YEAR TERM, CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION



WHO AM I? I am Roger Propst and I reside on Phillips Run, Center District, approximately two miles from Grantsville. I have spent the greater part of my life in Calhoun County. I was born in Grantsville, WV in 1947 but my family moved to Parkersburg shortly afterward. Following my dad’s death when I was four years young, our mother, Edna Ferrell Propst, relocated to her home county, in the town of Grantsville where she raised me and my two brothers as a single mother. I am a graduate of Calhoun County High School, Class of 1965 and graduated from Glenville State College as it was known at that time with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education, and an Associate of Arts Degree in Business. While employed as Director of Support Services for Calhoun County Schools, I attended post graduate evening classes at West Virginia University, earning my Masters’ Degree in Administration in 1982.

I am married to the former Loretta Hathaway. We are the parents of Jennifer Lynn and Gregory Allen Propst who now make Heaven their home. I have a deep and abiding faith in my Savior, Jesus Christ. Without him, Loretta and I would not have survived the loss of our two children. We have five grandchildren and their partners and are blessed with thirteen great-grandchildren with the addition of baby boy Propst scheduled for arrival in April 2024. These images of our own children are a daily encouragement to Loretta and me in this life we now live.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR OUR COUNTY? I currently serve on the Commission, having been appointed by Commissioners Arthur and Helmick to fill the vacancy created by Commissioner Matt Walker relocating outside Calhoun County. I attended my first meeting in November 2023. The term will end with the November 2024 General Election. It has been a great honor for me to represent the county and take an active role with my fellow commissioners. In my brief time on the Commission, I have endeavored to bring complete transparency of commission actions to the citizens of Calhoun County, concentrating on strict adherence to the West Virginia Open Meetings Act. In addition, I have taken the lead in developing a policy for processing fund requests from outside not-for-profit corporations. The purpose of the policy is to ensure proper use of the citizens’ tax dollars with accountability by the organizations. This policy will be up for a vote at the next regular commission meeting in February. The County Commission’s primary role is to serve the citizens of Calhoun County, not the other way around. I respectfully seek your vote in the May 2024 Primary Election and can assure you I will serve our people with honesty and integrity.

Having been a resident of Calhoun County for seventy-six trips around the sun, I believe we have turned a corner as a county and are now laying the foundation for many exciting things to happen. I see the enthusiasm of our people and a can-do attitude that I have not seen since the boom years of life in Calhoun County. This is how we will confront obstacles, if not straight-out obstruction, in our quest to improve the economy, and lifestyles of our citizens. Calhoun County was recently listed by the State of West Virginia as third in registrations of new small businesses in the state. Who would of “think it”? Growth and increasing the tax base is the answer to the revitalization of our county.

I am excited and ready to dream higher and work harder to improve the lives of all of us “Houners.” Please join me on this journey, and with enthusiasm, grit, and perseverance that I know Calhouners have, we will move this county onward and upward.

Please call me at 304-354-6293(H), 1-304-373-6035(C) or email: rpropst@frontiernet.net if you have concerns or questions. Together we will make things better for all of us.

Emily Grace Anderson is collecting Socks for Shelters



Emily Grace Anderson, The reigning miss Parkersburg Homecoming Queen and Queen Flora LXI is collecting SOCKS FOR SHELTERS again this year.

Collection Date is February 1st through March 1st and donation drop off is at Calhoun Middle High School.

Socks are the number one requested items in homeless shelters.

Please help Emily in collecting socks of all sizes for those in need. The socks can be gently used or new.

CHRISTIAN ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR WV STATE GOVERNOR



(CHLOE, WV) – Kevin “KC” Christian of Chloe announced today that he will be running for the State Governor of West Virginia.

“I am proud to announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for State Governor,” said Christian. “It’s about time a regular person, who lives like most everybody in West Virginia lives, occupy the top executive leadership position. We keep electing lawyers, politicians, car salesmen, lobbyists, so-called business professionals, and political family dynasties, and not one of them has brought enough vision and leadership to turn this State around. Not even an inch. Instead, they tend to get richer, while we all get poorer and must work two or three jobs just to simultaneously feed our kids and keep them warm. It is time for change. It is time to elect a visionary, a disrupter. Someone with the integrity and guts to dismantle the corrupt alliance between big business and our representative government. I decided to run, because this year, when I looked for a candidate to support, I did not see a single maverick. I saw a group of generic candidates, mimicking each other, regurgitating party nonsense. You can just see them all standing in line, hands out, begging for their chance at power. Well, I don’t beg. I don’t kneel, and I sure don’t sell out my neighbors for personal wealth. I am not a politician, and if elected, I aim to eliminate politics from government like the cancer it has become. I am the only candidate with an actual plan to fully restore the citizens power within their own government.”

Christian is a native West Virginian, born and raised. He has served honorably as an Infantryman in the 82nd Airborne division, worked as an underground black hat coal miner, and has degrees in engineering and graduate business training. He has successfully directed business units for some of the globe’s largest corporations, and has built businesses from the ground up, here in West Virginia, and understands the challenges a regular person faces within the West Virginia economy. He understands how most of the time, the government is a hindrance to business success.

“West Virginia has experienced a slow and painful economic collapse for the last 70 years, and during that collapse, we have elected countless people, some were even good, talented, and well-meaning, to turn our economy around. Yet year after year, it only gets worse. I don’t think it’s the people at fault. I firmly believe that our system of representative government has been corrupted by big business interests, which ties the hands of any well-meaning person trying to make some positive change for the citizens of this great State. It is time to flip the tables, to run the money changers out of our sacred places. My agenda is very simple, I want to build a new, local, and organic free-market economy right here in West Virginia. We are going to make West Virginia a place where our kids can stay, thrive, and raise their families, like we were raised, the West Virginia way. To find out how, head over to KC4WV.org and check out my plans. They are bold, but I think bold is what it is going to take. You can play it safe and vote for the same old candidates, but don’t be crying on the Facebook when they just do the same old things and West Virginia keeps going downhill. Dare to be a Daniel, dare to be a Mountaineer. Dare to dream, with me, KC, the people’s champion for Governor in 2024.”



Re-Elect Rick Postalwait for Magistrate

I am Rick Postalwait and will be running for re-election as your Magistrate.

I have been serving you since 2001 and look forward to continuing serving our community.

As Magistrate, I spent 12 years as a member of the WV Supreme Court-Magistrate Training Committee. I served on the Magistrate Association Board as a representative for the 2nd District.

I continue working with the Supreme Court Administration and other agencies to improve the Magistrate Court System and better meet the needs of our Citizens.

I have practiced and will continue to practice an “Open Door Policy”. I believe elected officials have a responsibility to improve the community they serve.

As a Magistrate I have helped develop resources in Calhoun County to combat the substance abuse problems that plagues many communities throughout our state. Today Calhoun County has one of the top recovery rates in West Virginia.

Upon assuming the duties and responsibilities of this Office in 2001, I took the following Oath of Office: I, Richard Postalwait, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Magistrate of Calhoun County, West Virginia, to the best of my skill and judgment, so help me GOD.

Today, I am under that same pledge, and if Re-Elected will continue to faithfully discharge the duties of this Office to the best of my abilities and improve our County.

Vote for Professionalism, Vote for Experience, Vote for Knowledge. Re-Elect Rick Postalwait as your Magistrate. Together we make a difference!

OBITUARIES

MR THOMAS "HAROLD" MOREHEAD

Mr. Thomas "Harold" Morehead, passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Harold was the son of Cecil Harold "Bill" Morehead and Wonoka "Tommy" Goodnight Morehead. He served his country in the 7th Infantry Division of the US Army and was a proud veteran. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and often served as a local officer in the organization over the years. His life's work was in the oil field, which he truly loved. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and truly could have "lived off the land." He loved the Chicago Bears and rarely missed watching them play. Harold fought a courageous battle with Agent Orange exposure leading to kidney disease and over a decade of dialysis. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Morehead is survived by his only child Lora (Michael) Morehead and granddaughter Sara, along with several siblings in the region. Brenda (Vaughn) Richards, Ginger (Ivan) Richards, Debbie (Harold) Newsome, Marlene Sekelik, and Kevin Morehead. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, sisters Phyllis Groves and Kathleen Ferrell along with brothers Steve Goodnight and Woodrow Patterson. Harold touched the lives of many and will be missed tremendously, including the family of his longtime close friend Sue Lamp.

A special thanks to the Clarksburg VA Center and Fresenius- Braxton County Center for their long time care, and to the ER at WVU Medicine Bridgeport for their tireless efforts.

Arrangements will be handled by Stump's Funeral Home of Grantsville with burial, at a later date, at the Taylor Cemetery on Yellow Creek in Calhoun County.

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

EDGAR "ED" D. DUELLEY JR

Edgar "Ed" D. Duelley Jr., 85, of the Newberne Community in Gilmer County, WV, departed this life peacefully on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at his residence.



Ed was born in Gilmer County, WV a son of the late Edgar D. and Vergil Pearl (Harris) Duelley.

For 50 years, Ed worked in construction as a member of United Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners of America. He also served as a member of the Gilmer County Board of Education for 8 years.

Ed had a passion and love of farming. Over the years, he greatly enjoyed raising beef cattle with his family. He enjoyed gardening and just simply sitting in the swing on his front porch. Ed was also an accomplished auctioneer. On April 18, 1967, Ed held his first auction up until his last auction which was held on June 30, 2022. He operated the Duelley's Auction House in Ellenboro, WV from June 1967 until December 1985. In 1998, Ed placed 2nd in the State Bid Calling Competition at the WV State Fair and in 1999, he placed 3rd. He was a proud member of the WV Auctioneers Association, the WV Farm Bureau, the Burnt House IOOF Lodge, and the Newberne Community Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Audrey Jean (Cook) Duelley, who were united in marriage on August 10, 1957. His son, Jerry Duelley (Denise) of Harrisville, WV; daughter, Sherry (KimLee) Jenkins of Tanner, WV; his grandchildren, Jeromy Duelley (Carly) of Hedgessville, WV; Jeroed Duelley (Caitlin) of Burnt House, WV; JD Duelley (Amber) of Glenville, WV; Britney Beall of Tanner, WV; great grandchildren, Amos, Avarie, and Jansen, along with several loving step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. Ed also leaves behind his brother, Loren Duelley (Cathy) of Wellington, OH; his sister, Mary Virginia Sprouse of Grafton, OH, and his close friends Matt and Tiffany Montgomery and Cory Grogg-Ed's young buddy who he enjoyed trapping and cat fishing with.

In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his sisters, Lilly Gay Wilson, Flora Kathleen Merriman, Georgia "Maggie" Harold, Elvy May Yeager, and Betty Jo Maxwell and his brothers, Ray "Buck" Duelley, Fay Duelley, Cray Duelley, and Dorsey Scott Duelley.

Funeral services will be 11am, Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the Raiguel Funeral Home in Harrisville, WV with Pastors Kevin Eakle and Ed Balis officiating. Visitation will take place from 4pm-8pm on Friday, at the funeral home. In accordance with Ed's wishes he will be cremated following the services. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Ed's name to the Gilmer County FFA c/o Gilmer County High School, Attn: Nick Cox, 300 Pine Street, Glenville, WV, 26351.

Loris Bailey Jarvis

Loris Bailey Jarvis, 93, of Minnora WV, passed away Thursday evening, January 25, 2024, at WV Caring Hospice Care in Elkins, WV. She had been living with her son, Kenneth R. Bailey and his wife, Lorraine, for almost a year.



She was born in Minnora, WV, the daughter of Doddridge and Zenna R Bailey.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 44 years, Wheeler Bailey, who passed away in 1991, and her second husband of 5 years, Paris Bruce Jarvis, who passed away in 2003. In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her sister, Lorna (Bailey) Boggs (Jack), and her brothers, Encil Bailey (Nila), and Denzil Bailey (Alma).

Loris is survived by her son, Kenneth (Lorraine), 2 grandchildren, Brian Ray Bailey (Christy), and Amy Watkins Wade (Oras), and 4 great-grandchildren.

Loris was a member of Milo Church for many years. She was a teacher's aide and a cook for the Calhoun School District. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and belonged to the Eastern Star.

The family would like to thank WV Caring Hospice and their wonderful people who took great care of Loris, and Betty, Amy, Crissy, and Doug. We couldn't have done it without their help.

A graveside memorial will be held at a later date, per her request. Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, has been honored to assist Loris' family in honoring her final wishes. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

My Home Among the Hills



by Mellody Walburn

Well hello, February! Another month has arrived, and according to a number of famous groundhogs, spring is right around the corner. As much as I love winter, I will admit I was happy to see the sunshine again. January can be such a gray, gloomy month. It was nice to be able to get outside, especially for recess time. Have I ever mentioned that inside recess is not something I enjoy?

The ground is still pretty wet and soggy, but there is no rain in the forecast until Friday, so maybe everything will dry out this week. The warmer temperatures should help with that too. The thermostat is supposed to go all of the way up to the 60's this week. I know it won't last, but I'm okay with that too. I wouldn't mind one more good snow before we say goodbye to winter and hello to spring.

This nice weather meant a five-day work week. There were no delays or snow days this week. That hadn't happened in a while. It was good to get back into the rhythm and routine of life, but I will admit I was tired by Friday afternoon. In my defense, it was a busy week, both at school and home.

In addition to the regular routine at school, this was a week of meetings and a training. I stayed late most afternoons finishing up tasks I didn't get to during the day. I like to walk into my classroom in the morning with everything ready to go for the day. Sometimes this means putting in a few extra minutes after the students are gone for the day, but it's worth it for my piece of mind.

My evenings were full this week too. On Monday I went grocery shopping since I hadn't had time on the weekend. Then I picked Maricia up, and we went down and worked at the history museum for a bit. We are slowly crossing off all of the tasks we need to accomplish by this coming Saturday. We also returned on Thursday evening to focus our attention on the Stump Hotel. We were finally able to put all of the Christmas decorations in storage and begin to put the hotel back in order. This week we plan to focus on decorating and preparing for the Shop Local day on Saturday. Please come and visit both the museum and hotel. We have some exciting new exhibits, items for sale, and don't forget to share the love by adding your love note to the large heart in our window display.

I didn't linger too long at school on Friday. I had friends coming over for dinner and to celebrate February birthdays, and I needed to pick up the cake at Foodland. While I was there, I picked up a few other things and then headed to my parents' house to say hello before heading home. Once I had everything ready for the evening, I changed into some comfy clothes and read a book until my friends arrived. We haven't had the chance to get together in quite some time, so we enjoyed a quiet evening eating and talking.

I slept soundly on Friday night and awoke on Saturday morning ready to tackle all of the tasks I didn't get to last weekend because of our trip to Canton. I started my laundry and then began cleaning the downstairs. I swept and dusted every room and then cleaned the kitchen and bathroom. After switching the laundry, I headed upstairs to sweep and dust there as well. Is anyone else having issues with the Asian beetles that look like ladybugs? It seems like every time it warms up they come back to pester me. I must have swept up 20-30 of them. Then I cleaned the main bathroom and headed to the basement to finally deal with the recycling. I have needed to visit the recycling center for months, but the weather never seemed to cooperate. I had sorted it all earlier, so now it was only a matter of getting it loaded up and delivered. I was so glad to finally have that task completed.

I stopped by to see my parents on the way home and then finished my to-do list by folding and putting away my laundry and making my bed. After a hot shower, I crawled onto my couch, covered up with my favorite blanket, and watched a Hallmark mystery. I was in bed at 10 and asleep by 10:15. On Sunday I went to church, had lunch with the family, and then headed to Spencer to visit Walmart and the Dollar Tree. I have another busy week ahead that will give me plenty to talk about next week. Come see me this Saturday at the history museum and Stump Hotel. I promise you will enjoy yourselves and maybe learn a few things about Calhoun history.

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Wed., Feb. 14: broccoli soup, cheese salad, whole wheat bun, fruit.

Thurs., Feb. 15: bake steak, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Fri., Feb. 16: chicken tenders, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Mon., Feb. 12: pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, whole wheat roll, juice.

Tues., Feb. 13: spaghetti with meat sauce, stem vegetables, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Thurs., Feb. 15: bake steak, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Fri., Feb. 16: chicken tenders, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole wheat roll, 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/pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling CCCOA, 304-354-7017, to be placed on a list.

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

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval.

This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Big Root News

Rev. J. F. Bennett was visiting his daughter Mrs. Scott Hosey, last week. Henry Heiney was looking after business matters here last week. Alfred Simons was the guest of Mr. John Davis, Sunday. Troea Morrison and Dessell passed through here last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hosey and children were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Parker Sidney last Sunday. Miss June and Jessie Law were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Perry Dee, last Saturday. Clark Wilson was calling on C. F. Hosey last Thursday night. John Yoak passed through here last Sunday.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: Jesses Run News

Mrs. Ed Nicholson of Altizer is seriously ill in a Parkersburg hospital. Her son, Gale, of the U.S. Army has been called to come home due to her illness. Mr. and Mrs. Lora Griffin purchased the Rocksdale store from Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wagoner recently. Junior Whytsell spent Sunday night with Donald Craddock. Mr. and Mrs. ray Wagnor were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whytsell Sunday. Mrs. Winne Whytsell was visiting Mrs. Murel Price Friday. Don Price was called to his sister's home Sunday due to the death of her husband, Will Metz. Mrs. Alice Hicks had been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nicholson. She accompanied her mother to the hospital and returned to stay with her father.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: Library Appreciation Day Is Observed With Open House : Maxine Bush, left, Cynthia Rothschild, center, and Mary Umstead, right, are three of those who came out Sunday to show their support and appreciation for the county library.



--Library Appreciation Day was a statewide event held Sunday, Feb. 3 with the observance for

Calhoun county at the county public library. Open house was held from three to five o'clock with a number of county citizens calling to indicate their support of the library.

Billy B. Burke, a member of the House of Delegates, was a speaker for the open house. He told of the support at the state level for the library program. During the years he has been in the Legislature for amount given for the library program has gone from \$122,00 a year to \$1,036,900 a year. Federal finds are no longer being made available for support of libraries, and persons interested in library support are asking that state funds be used to continue with full funding. The county library is supported by county funds, but the state provides books and other services through Alpha Region.

Burke was introduced by Corel Poling, president of the Calhoun Board of Trustees.

Valentine decorations were used around the library, and the serving table was decorated in red and white. Punch, coffee and cookies were served to the guests.

Registering at the open house were Jo Ann Cain, Mary Cain, Mrs. Joy Kimble, Richard L. Casey, J. D. Michael, Mary Ann Barrows, Louise McDonald, Corel O. Poling, Pamela A. Morgan, Alma Fowler, Bille Ice, James M. Kingsbury, Edna Kingsbury, Eugene Kingsbury, Emily Stump, Monoka Burns, Dell Riggs, Velma Huffman, Marjorie H. Burke, Billy Burke, Andy Rothschild, Lettie Collins, Dorcas Cain, Georgie Stemple, Raymond Boggs, Ena Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Allen, Jack K. Wheaton, Jennifer Lee Umstead, Judy Umstead, Jane Umstead, Mary Umstead, Cyndie Rothschild, Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan, Jeannie Vaughan, Mrs. I. Von Yoak, Mrs. Ben Radabaugh, Mrs. Donald C. Bush, Ricky Ayers, Robin Ayers, Barbara Ayers, Tim Ayers, Lenore Beall, Mrs. John Doumont, Mrs. Robert Doumont, Eugene Dale, Dave and Ruth Fitz, Vanessa, Erika and Christopher Fitz, Faustine McCartney, Mrs. Marcelo Santiago, Evelyn S. Campbell, Debbie Campbell, David Campbell, Abby and Dennis Hodges, Rev. and Mrs. Carroll McCauley, Criss, Cheryl, Pam and Anita McCauley.

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Mon Power has contracted to maintain portions of its rights-of-way with an aerial saw consisting of approximately ten 24-inch rotary blades powered by a motor and suspended on a vertical boom beneath a helicopter. This maintenance method allows for the quick, safe, and efficient trimming of trees along our transmission lines. The aerial saw will be operating January through September 2024 in the following counties in West Virginia:

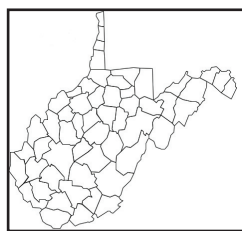
Calhoun, Gilmer and Roane Counties (TMU-308 Glenville-Goff Run 138kV Line)

Beginning at the Goff Run Substation off of US Rt's 33 and 119 east of Spencer West Virginia in Roane County. The line runs in a northeasterly direction crossing US Rt's 33 and 119, Old Golf Course Rd, CR 1/1 Steel Hollow, CR 16 Triplett Rd, CR 1/1 Egypt Ridge, and Steel Hollow Rd. The line then enters Calhoun County crossing the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River, CR 12 Altizer Rd, CR 9/7 Husk Ridge, CR 14 Rowles Run Rd, CR 3 Joker Ridge Rd, CR 35/12 Pine Creek Rd, the Little Kanawha River and SR 5 north of Grantsville, CR 16 N Calhoun Hwy, CR 35/17 Bull River Run, CR 35/18 Kimble Rd, CR 35/33 Laurel Creek, and CR 35/21 Wright Rd. The line then enters Gilmer County crossing SR 5, the Little Kanawha River, CR 15 Grass Run Rd, Cedar Creek, CR 17 Lower Cedar Creek Rd, Tower Dr, the Little Kanawha River, and SR 5, and then terminates at the Glenville Substation off of SR 5 north of Glenville West Virginia.

For more information about Mon Power's Transmission Aerial Saw Program, call 1-800-686-0022. When contacting, please alert our Representatives that your call is pertaining to our Transmission Aerial Saw Program.

This Week In West Virginia History

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

Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington.

For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the Herald-Dispatch.

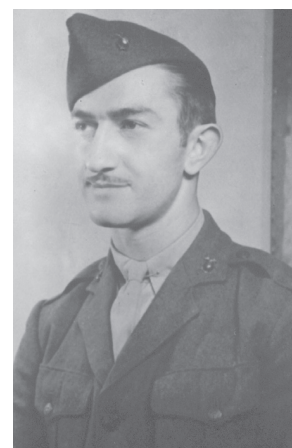
Feb. 8, 1915: Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany.

He emigrated with his family to the United States at age 11.

As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest, a Preston County artists colony.



Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled as a football halfback at South Charleston High School. Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him.



Feb. 9, 1843: Republican leader Nathan Goff Jr. was born in Clarksburg.

In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to A. B. Fleming.

Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day.

The case dragged on until 1890, when Fleming was determined to be the rightful winner.



Feb. 9, 1900: "Aunt Jennie" Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician, considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.



Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

Feb. 10, 1904: Jay Legg was shot and killed by his wife, Sarah Ann, in their home in Clay County. The trial, conviction, appeal and acquittal of Sarah Ann led to a popular West Virginia folk ballad, "The Murder of Jay Legg."

Feb. 10, 2010: Frederick Appleton "Fred" Schaus, West Virginia University basketball All-American, coach, and athletic director, died at age 84 in Morgantown. Schaus coached WVU, 1954-1960, to a 146-37 record, and lost by one point in the 1959 national championship game.



Feb. 11, 1903: Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in Morgantown. She produced an immense body of work in various styles and enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Music and Fine Arts in Charleston.

Feb. 11, 1904: Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.



Feb. 11, 1911: The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.



Feb. 11, 1923: Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that extorted money from other Italian immigrants.

Feb. 11, 1935: The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the homesteads were intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.



Feb. 11, 1949: Singer and pianist Ethel Caffie-Austin was born in Bluefield, and raised in Mount Hope. As "West Virginia's First Lady of Gospel," she has performed around the world, taught countless students, earned the Vandalia Award and founded the Black Sacred Music Festival. She was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame in 2020.



Feb. 12, 1867: Barboursville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature.

Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.

Feb. 12, 1899: Karl Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe disabilities. He never attended school but educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.



Feb. 13, 1800: Gen. John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole Wars as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913: Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after supporting union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.



Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. In 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Feb. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

Letter For Readers

Dear Citizens:

Last week there was a letter to the Editor questioning why a voter did not receive a new voter's card when they went on line and changed their political party. That voter received a letter indicating their party change and I have attached an example letter for reference. The author of the letter said they received confirmation from the WV Secretary of State's Office about their registration change, but in reality the letter came from the Calhoun County Clerk's office, as the WV Secretary of State's office does not change a voter's registration. If you look at your voter's card, your political party is NOT on your voter's card, but if a citizen comes in to our office and change their party and requests a new voter's card we are happy to print one for them.

If you are a new voter or move to our county from another county in WV and registered through GOVOTEWV.com, we are required to mail a 10 day card to verify that you live at the address you submitted. After the 10 day notice, we can mail you a voter's card. If you register to vote in our office and have proof of residency, we can provide you with a voter's card that day.

When a voter goes on line and changes their address or political party it is entered into the Statewide system. Each night the system forwards any changes to the county where the voter resides. The same thing occurs at DMV, the Secretary of State's office does not make changes, the local county clerk's office does.

The first thing we do every morning is check the online system to see if anyone has gone online and changed their voter registration or has gone to the DMV and either registered or changed their voter's registration.

Regarding the postcards that were questioned, I have attached a news release from WV Secretary of State Mac Warner regarding the post cards which are being sent from all 55 county clerks. This process is mandated by code. The WV Secretary of State's office runs a report checking the addresses of voters in our statewide voter's registration system against the National Change of Address (NCOA) database.

The generated list of voters with changes are then sent to the county clerk to mail out the postcards to allow a voter to either verify that their address is correct, that they have moved to another county in WV or have moved out of State. The letter stated: "I'm not saying the county clerk is deliberately singling one party over their addresses not being correct." I hope the WV Secretary of State's news release and my explanation clears up that statement - we mailed postcards to the voters flagged by the change of address database ONLY.

The letter also stated "I think it is time to have a closer look into what is going on in the County Clerk's Office." Well, please do! We're open from 8:00-4:00 every day - come in and ask any question you want, we don't want there to be any cloud of doubt over this 2024 election and my office which is what this letter was trying to accomplish.

If you have ANY questions regarding your voter information go to: GOVOTEWV.COM; email me at calhounclerk@gmail.com or call our office at (304) 354-6725 and we will be happy to assist you.

JEAN SIMERS, CLERK
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 363 MAIN ST
 GRANTSVILLE, WV 26147
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Date of Notice: February 1, 2024
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 Party: No Party Affiliation

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From The Office of
 WV Secretary of State
 Mac Warner

For Immediate Release:

January 18, 2024

Do you need to update your Voter Registration? Routine voter list maintenance continues in West Virginia

Charleston, W. Va. – Voter list maintenance has been a priority for the WV Secretary of State's Office since Secretary Mac Warner first took office in 2017. Warner is asking voters who may need to update their current voter registration or who haven't voted recently to check their status.

Working closely with all 55 county clerks, Warner says that his office provides the tools necessary to operate a uniform, non-partisan voter registration list maintenance process. Since 2017, Warner reports that over 400,000 deceased, duplicate, out-of-state, outdated, convicted felons, or otherwise ineligible registration files have been removed from the Statewide Voter Registration System. At the same time, more than 333,000 new voters have been registered to vote, which includes more than 100,000 high school students.

Over 109,000 instances of possible abandoned voter registrations in West Virginia have been identified recently by an updated address comparison with the United States Postal Service (USPS), the WV Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), or by official election mail that was returned as undeliverable. Of those, 88,000 addresses will soon, or already have, received an important confirmation postcard from their county clerk's office.

"West Virginia State Code and federal laws require election officials to send a postcard to each address of a voter who is identified as possibly abandoning their registration..," Warner said.

"These voters were identified when they provided a newer address to the USPS, DMV, or when official election mail was returned which indicated a voter may have moved. If the voter moved to another West Virginia county, we can help them update their registration. If they moved out of state, they are no longer eligible to vote and we encourage them to cancel their voter registration," Warner said.

County clerks have been sending postcard notifications to citizens identified as potentially abandoning their voter registration over the last several weeks. The postcard asks the voter to confirm that they are still a resident of the state and county at the address on their voter registration record.

Secretary Warner encourages every voter who receives the confirmation postcard to confirm that they still reside at the address on file or to update the address to keep their registration in "active" status. Voters can check and update their registration information online at ovr.sos.wv.gov, or by returning the pre-paid postage postcard to their county clerk.

Regular maintenance on voter registration lists is mandated by the National Voter Registration Act and West Virginia law. Voters who confirm their address by returning a postcard will remain "active."

Voters whose postcards are not returned, or are returned by the USPS as "undeliverable," will be categorized as "inactive." Voters who are "inactive" still remain eligible to vote in the next two federal election cycles. However, if a voter's registration address remains unconfirmed for the next two federal general elections after receipt of the confirmation notice, and the voter fails to vote in any state or local election during that time period, state law mandates that the registration be canceled.

"The law is in place to make sure voters on West Virginia's voter registration rolls are still residents of West Virginia at the address on file with their county clerk," Warner said. "Many times, we find that these voters moved and simply forgot to cancel or update their registration," Warner said.

For more information, please contact your county clerk or the WV Secretary of State's Office at (304) 558-6000.

Letter From Publisher

Dear Readers,

In last week's Edition of the Calhoun Chronicle dated February 1st, 2024, a letter to the Editor was printed that should not have been included. This letter unfairly criticized the County Clerk's office without any substantiated evidence. This action contradicts the principles of Mountain Media and the Calhoun Chronicle, which are rooted in community support. It is the role of your community newspaper to report in an unbiased and objective manner on the social and political events in the County. We also believe in the importance of individual opinions and offer a place on the Opinion page for readers to share their thoughts and ideas. This should be a mature place where respect for all is the rule. All submissions should be judged by this standard and any not adhering to it should not be published. In addition, this letter was not signed. All submissions must be signed. Last week we failed in this mission, and I offer my sincere apologies to the community. We will try to do better.

Michael Showell
 Publisher
 Calhoun Chronicle

SPECIAL EVENTS

<p>Thurs., Feb. 8: 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 LKC Placement at home. Pick Your Own Prize Bingo, Heritage Park Community Building, 6:00 p.m. Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5:50 p.m. Sat., Feb 10: Shop Local Event and Cordeilia's Birthday Event in Frantsville!!!! CMHS Performing Arts Dinner and a Show, CMHS -Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and Show at 6:00 p.m. Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 7:00 p.m. CHS Boys Basketball vs. Paden City, 7:00 p.m. Sun., Feb. 11: Calhoun Youth Basketball Games, CMHS, with Pre-K - 1st Grade at 12:30 p.m. Super Bowl Party, Country Kitchen, Big Otter Mon., Feb 12: CMHS Girls Basketball travels to Parkersburg Catholic, 7:00 p.m. Tues., Feb 13: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to</p>	<p>1 p.m. Save the Children Parent Child Group, FRN, 4:30 p.m. Calhoun Civil Air Patrol, 413 High Street, 6:00 p.m. Empowering Parents Workshop, CMHS, 4:30 p.m. Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m. CHS Boys Basketball travels to Hannan, 7:00 p.m. Wed., Feb. 14: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! CMHS Girls Basketball travels to Point Pleasant Senior/Middle School, 7:00 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 15: Empowering Parents Workshop, CMHS, 4:30 p.m.</p>
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Recipe Corner
 By Emma Howell

3 Meat Pizza Casserole

1 lb bow tie pasta
 1 lb mild pork sausage
 1 large onion, medium size chopped
 2 (26 ounce) jars spaghetti sauce
 1 lb cubed cooked ham
 1/2-1 lb of sliced pepperoni
 3 (8 ounce) bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
 6 tablespoons of grated parmesan cheese
 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
 1 teaspoon dried oregano

Directions

1. Cook pasta in boiling water until al dent é.
2. Cook sausage, garlic powder and oregano with onions until the juices run clear.
3. In a lightly greased 9x13x3 inch pan, pour a small amount of sauce to lightly coat bottom.
4. Layer ingredients in the order listed below.
5. 1st layer-1/3 of the pasta, 1/3 remaining sauce, 1 bag of mozzarella cheese, 2 Tablespoons parmesan cheese, sausage and onions.
6. 2nd layer-1/2 of the remaining pasta, 1/2 remaining sauce, 1 bag of mozzarella cheese, 2 Tablespoons parmesan cheese, ham.
7. 3rd layer-all remaining pasta, all remaining sauce, 1 bag of mozzarella cheese, 2 Tablespoons parmesan cheese, all the pepperoni(completely covering the entire top with pepperoni).
8. Bake at 375°F for 40 minutes.
9. Let sit for 5 minutes before serving.

Best Lemon Sheet Cake

Ingredients

1 Duncan Hines moist deluxe lemon cake mix
 1 c buttermilk
 1 3oz. lemon instant pudding mix (dry)

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4 cups confectioner's sugar
 1/3 cups bottled lemon juice
 3 Tbsp vegetable oil
 3 Tbsp water

Directions: 1 In large bowl, stir together dry cake mix and pudding mix. In another bowl, combine all wet ingredients and eggs that the cake mix calls for plus the buttermilk.(where your box reads the amount of water (1 1/3 cup usually), put in 1 cup water and 1/3 cup lemon juice to make the cake even more lemon tasting, if you like) Beat with mixer until blended. Add to dry mixture and beat until combined. Bake in a greased 9x13 baking pan in a preheated 350 degree oven for the time the cake mix box calls for...depending on your oven. It will require a couple minutes longer baking time than cake mix box calls for because of the extra moisture produced by the milk. Stick a toothpick in the center to check for doneness.

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2/4 Game Results

K-1st Grade

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2nd and 3rd Grade

Team Jarvis-7 vs. Team Heiney-6

Team Jarvis: Kyson Sampson, Raelyn Arnold, Lydia Hill, Sophia Goodrich, Braidyn Brannon and Axton White played but didn't score; Paislie Jarvis scored 3 points and Raines Riddel scored 4 points.

Team Heiney: Aerial Heiney and Carly Osborne played but did not score; Evert Wright scored 2 points and Adam Francis scored 4 points.



Team Sampson-7 vs. Team Heiney-8

Team Sampson: Eli played but did not score; Savannah Sampson and Reese Dow both scored 2 points and Brenton scored 3 points.

Team Heiney: Aerial Heiney and Carly Osborne played but did not score; Evert Wright scored 2 points and Adam Francis scored 6 points.



Team Jarvis-18 vs. Team Sampson-8

Team Jarvis: Kyson Sampson, Raelyn Arnold, Lydia Hill, Sophia Goodrich, Paislie Jarvis and Axton White all played, but did not score. and Braidyn Brannon scored 2 points and Raines Riddel scored 10 points.

Team Sampson: Savannah Sampson, Eli, Henry Barnhart, Reese Dow and Brenton played but did not score.



4th-6th Grade

Team Church-23 vs. Team Staples-16

Team Church: James Marks, and Allianna Hill played but didn't score; Mandy Johnson, Tristan Rogers, Chandler Cottrell, Haley Nicholas, and Aaron Langford scored 2 points each; Grayson Laughlin scored 4 points and Tyler Mayle scored 9 points.

Team Staples: Isabella Staples, Bentley Snodgrass and Jackson Snider played but didn't score; Mason Cunningham scored 2 points; Keegan Sampson scored 6 points and Temperance Caldwell scored 8 points.



4th-6th Grade

Team Dow-9 vs. Team Helmick-16

Team Dow: Payton Lamp, Abram Dow, Baeli Frum, Koby Crislip and Kyle Shook played but didn't score; played but didn't score; and Brody Crislip scored 9 points each;

Team Helmick: Annie Nelson, Colton McCumbers, Sophia Bartlett and Bryson Casner played but did not score; Mark Plumby scored 2 points; Cyrus Helmick scored 3 points; Mason Laughlin scored 4 points and Judd Helmick scored 7 points.



Team Reip-18 vs. Team Cunningham-23

Team Reip: Kallah Reip, Kenlie Jarvis, Mercy Starcher, Karleigh Daugherty, Sadie McGlothlin and Audrey McCumbers played but didn't score; Mason Sampson scored 4 points; Parker Hoskins scored 6 points and Addie Caudill scored 8 points.

Team Cunningham: Silas Cunningham and Payden Yeager played but did not score; Liam Yeager and Colbie Wilson scored 4 points; Cruz Frymier scored 7 points and Tori Cunningham scored 8 points.



Team Helmick-20 vs. Team Staples-12

Team Helmick: Judd Helmick, Annie Nelson, Colton McCumbers, Sophia Bartlett and Bryson Casner played but did not score; Mason Laughlin and Mark Plumby scored 6 points each; and Cyrus Helmick scored 8 points.

Team Staples: Isabella Staples, Bentley Snodgrass, Temperance Caldwell, and Jackson Snider played but didn't score; Mason Cunningham scored 2 points and Keegan Sampson; scored 10 points.



Team Dow-12 vs. Team Cunningham-13

Team Dow: Koby Crislip, Kyle Shook and Baeli Frum played but didnt score; Abram Dow and Payton Lamp scored 2 points each; and Brody Crislip scored 8 points each.

Team Cunningham: Colbie Wilson, Payden Yeager and Liam Yeager played but didn't score; Silas Cunninham scored 2 points; Cruz Frymier scored 5 points and Tori Cunningham scored 6 points.



Team Reip-12 vs. Team Church-33

Team Reip: Kallah Reip, Kenlie Jarvis, Mercy Starcher, Karleigh Daugherty, Sadie McGlothlin and Audrey McCumbers played but didn't score; Mason Sampson scored 3 points; Addie Caudill scored 4 points and Parker Hoskins scored 5 points.

Team Church: Tristan Rogers, James Marks, Allianna Hill and Haley Nicholas played but didn't score; Chandler Cottrell scored 2 points; Aaron Langford scored 4 points; Mandy Johnson scored 8 points; Grayson Laughlin scored 9 points and Tyler Mayle scored 10 points.



Calhoun County HS Boys Basketball Recap: Landon Bennett breaks Record for Most Steals



Landon Bennett, a senior at CMHS broke the record for most steals in a single game against Doddridge Co on Jan 23 was presented with the game ball at the game against Valley Wetzel.

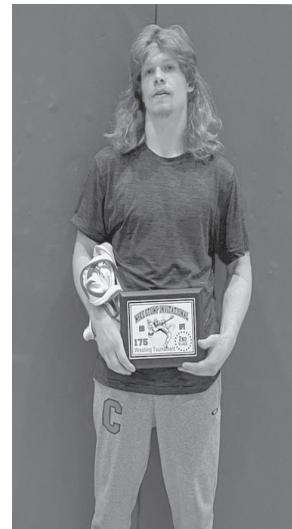
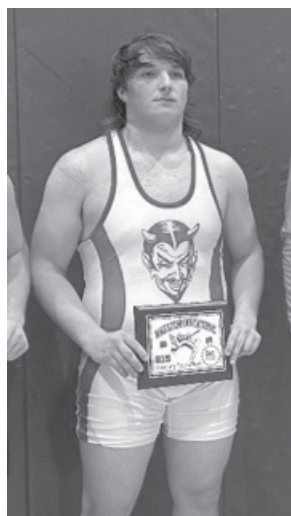
On top of being presented the game ball tonight he came just 2 shots shy of breaking the 3 point record currently held by Danny Bunch.

Even with the added pressure Bennett played an amazing game scoring 36 points.

Calhoun topped Valley 87-50. Our Red Devils will be back in action Monday at Clay County High School

The Red Devil Wrestling Placed 2nd in the Mike Stump Invitational

The Mike Stump Invitational, held at Calhoun Middle/High School. The team finished 2nd overall and the following Wrestlers placed: Reese Schoolcraft-Champion!, Adam Hughes-3rd, Wyatt Nichols-2nd, Haiden Staton-Champion!, Jobe Loudin-5th, Sam Elmore-2nd, and Levi Stump- 2nd



Next Saturday, February 10, 2024, they will travel to Ritchie County for the LKC Conference tournament.

Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Valley Lumberjacks

The Calhoun Red Devils scored the most points they've had all season to find success on Friday. They blew past Valley 87-50 at home. The win was nothing new for Calhoun as they're now sitting on three straight.

Calhoun had a senior duo take command as Landon Bennett went 10 for 18 from beyond the arc en route to 36 points and 1 assist and Dylan Buckius scored 23 points along with three steals. As a matter of fact, that's the most points Bennett has scored all season. Another player making a difference was Tyler Whited, who scored eight points along with two steals.

The victory got Calhoun back to even at 7-7. As for Valley, they dropped their record down to 3-9 with that defeat, which was their fourth straight on the road.

Both squads will have to hit the road in their upcoming games. Calhoun will face off against the Panthers at 7:00 p.m. on Monday. Clay County is coming into the matchup on a four-game losing streak. As for Valley, they will head out on the road to square off against the Redskins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Clay County Panthers

By Team Reports

Even though the Calhoun Red Devils have not done well against the Clay County Panthers recently (they were 1-8 in their previous nine matchups), they didn't let the past get in their way on Monday. Calhoun enjoyed a cozy 49-35 victory over the Panthers. The win was nothing new for Calhoun as they're now sitting on four straight.

It was another big night for Landon Bennett, who scored 21 points along with six steals and five rebounds. That makes it three consecutive games in which he has scored at least a third of Calhoun's points. Another player making a difference was Dylan Buckius, who scored 15 points.

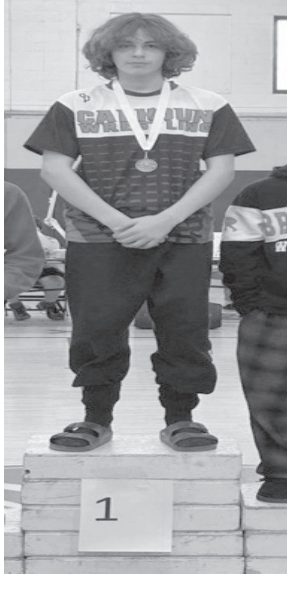
Calhoun now has a winning record of 8-7. As for Clay County, their loss dropped their record down to 2-11.

Both teams will have to hit the road in their upcoming games. Calhoun will take on the Hawks at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The matchup should be an exciting one, as these teams are closely ranked in West Virginia (South Harrison is ranked 111th, while the Red Devils are ranked 101st). As for Clay County, they won't have much time to rest: their next contest is against the Titans at 7:45 p.m. on February 6th.

The Middle School Wrestling Team competed at the CWVAC Conference Tournament

The Middle School Wrestling team travelled to Spencer today to compete in the CWVAC Conference Tournament. All 7 wrestlers came home with hardware! The team finished 4th out of 8 teams. Individual Wins as follows: Zac Smith- 86 3rd, Colin Grogg-102 4th, Wattson Nichols-110 Champion!, Tucker Sampson-123 Champion!, Ezra Anderson-128 2nd, Nic Butler-155 Champion!, and Sam Bailey-171 3rd

Congrats to our 8th graders on the clean sweep! Way to finish your 8th grade season on top!





Grantsville Pickleball Club

The Grantsville Pickleball Club is growing!

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

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



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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2021-S-00000028 - Calhoun County - WILLIAM OR TRACY HAKES)

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

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 11 PARCEL 005 004

You will take notice that WILLIAM OR TRACY HAKES, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000028, 4.3 AC FEE, located in SHERMAN, which was returned delinquent in the name of MORRIS JAMES J, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after March 23, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 22, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 22, 2024.	\$ 126.73
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 22, 2024.	\$ 21.71
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 22, 2024.	\$ 693.56
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 22, 2024.	\$ 95.92
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Starcher, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.	\$ 937.92
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before March 22, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division
1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

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
Barbara Sue Cowling	Cherryl McKown	15 Bee Fork Rd., Arnoldsburg, WV 25234
Donna Gean Logan	Andra M. Milhoan	345 Scottsdale Dr., Willmington, NC 28411

February 7, 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 **April 8, 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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**Calhoun County Board of Education
Public Hearing
Regarding the 2024-25 School Calendar**

The first of two public hearings regarding the 2024-25 School Calendar for Calhoun County Schools will be held Monday, February 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Calhoun Board of Education office. The second public hearing regarding the 2024-25 School Calendar for Calhoun County Schools will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Calhoun Board of Education office.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASED VALUATION OF PROPERTY

At the meeting of the Calhoun County Commission held on February 1, 2024, the Commission voted unanimously to meet February 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Little Courtroom of the Calhoun County Courthouse to increase the assessed valuation of all classes of managed timberland \$120 per acre in all districts of Calhoun County. The meeting is open to the public for comments and suggestions.

Craig Arthur
Calhoun County Commission
Class II Legal

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Williamson Shriver Architects Project
2023-016

The Administrative Council for Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, Grantsville, WV will receive bids for **Welding Classroom & Culinary Classroom Renovations at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center** until **1:30 p.m.**, local prevailing time on **February 29, 2024**, at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, Grantsville, WV, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference, for General Construction, has been scheduled for the **15th day of February 2024 at 11:30 a.m.**, at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. A site visit will be conducted following the meeting.

The contract documents are available only from the architect's electronic distribution system. Login credentials will be sent to all prospective contractors and subcontractors after the request is made to biddocs@wsgarch.com. Addenda will be only distributed electronically from the Architects electronic distribution system to bidders registered in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Each Bidder must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue prior to the time and date for Receipt of Bids in order for his Bid to be considered. Each Bidder's registration certificate number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

All bidders are required to be licensed to perform work in the State prior to submitting a bid for this project as required by Chapter 21, Article 11, of the Code of West Virginia. Each Bidder's Contractor license number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

A satisfactory bid bond furnished by a solvent surety company authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia, in an amount equal to five (5%) of the total amount of bid, payable to the Mingo County Board of Education, shall be submitted with each Bid.

Each (The) successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and the fee for same shall be included in their bid.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least thirty (30) days.

The Administrative Council for Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, Grantsville, WV reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The Administrative Council for Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center
Bryan Sterns, Director

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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
I. James Maxwell Davis	15111 Concord Drive Woodbridge, VA 22193	December 18, 2020	December 7, 2023

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
I. Gloria Helen Davis	15111 Concord Drive Woodbridge, VA 22193	Spouse	February 7, 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 PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 14th day of June 2022, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 2/09/2024 at 10 AM:

**2015 GMC SIERRA 4 DR
VIN#3GTU2VEC9FG161589**

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale. Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville WV 26147 Terms of sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale. Calhoun County Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 430 Grantsville, WV 26147 304-354-6116

2-1-1 For Information

West Virginians can utilize the 2-1-1 program, operated by United Way of W.Va. important now than ever, as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

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'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. "This program is more



Minnie Hamilton Health System is pleased to announce we are joining Donate Life WV and the Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) in efforts to save and heal lives through organ, tissue and cornea donation. We have also joined with other National Partners (national associations and advocacy groups in the healthcare sector), regional and local donation organizations, and their hospital partners to educate hospital communities on the importance of signing up to be a donor. The campaign, which has helped to register more than 419,000 people to state registries, aim to add more donor designations by April 30, 2024 with the help of our hospital and community.

Every 10 minutes a new person is added to the national organ transplant waiting list that is now over 110,000 people whose lives depend on an organ transplant. This week, more than 150 of them will die because not enough organs are available. While thousands of others whose lives would benefit from the gift of eye and tissue donation continue to wait and hope.

As a first step in our hospital's commitment to this important campaign, we urge you to join us in registering your own generous decision to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor. To learn more about donation and to sign up as a future donor in West Virginia's registry, please visit donatelifewv.org. You may also visit the Donate Life America registry by visiting www.donatelife.net. By taking a few minutes to register, you ensure that your desire to give this gift is officially recorded. You may someday be able to give the priceless gifts of life, sight, and mobility to another.

XO MARRIAGE CONFERENCE 2024

LOVE ON CLOUD NINE!

BROOKSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 6:30 – 9:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 9:30 – NOON

COUPLES AGE 45 AND UNDER

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 4TH TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRAWING ALL EXPENSE OVERNIGHT STAY AT WINGATE HOTEL, PARKERSBURG, WV AND DINNER.

CALL 304-588-7462 OR
FACEBOOK MESSAGENER JOYCE WILLIAMS TO REGISTER

At the XO 2024 conference, we want you to take a step back from the everyday chaos and fast-paced routines. Take this time to be together and find peace with one another on CloudNine.

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.):

Hey Kids You're Invited to Cordiella's

2nd Birthday Party

10 FEBRUARY 2024

At 01:00 Pm
358 Main Street
Grantsville, WV

West Central Beekeeper's Association

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

Tire Collection

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

First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry

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



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

Spay/Neuter

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

Children's Crisis



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

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

Emotion Helpline

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

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Liberty Hill Cemetery News

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

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Needs Donations

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

12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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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!

24 hrs. a day
7 days a week

Crisis Hotline

1-800-579-5844

Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

Lions Club Bingo

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

Food Pantry

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

Library Hours

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Check Conditions

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

West Virginia Poison Center,

1-800-222-1222

Call with your questions.

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association

Contact Information

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Class Year _____

Country Kitchen Music & Events

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD

Event Venue

ESTD 2023

COUNTRY KITCHEN

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

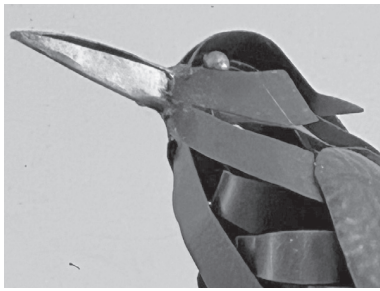
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988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rare Old Bird

By Deirdre Purdy

Congress Could Fix Border Security and Immigration Right Now.

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

Jerry Duskey, age 71, of Burning Springs was killed in a car wreck on Elizabeth hill. He was buried Sunday in the Wright cemetery. In his younger years he worked for the WEVA Oil company. He is survived by his wife, Billie Jean. and two sons & grandchildren.

Ellen Hedge is said to be on the mend and may get to come home after breaking some back bones.

Old Brer Whistle Pig announced that it would be an early spring and Creston is having balmy [for February] weather. Speaking of ground hogs there is on up at the state game farm at French Creek that is a prognosticator. The USDA has given the state and the game farm just 60 days to build another fence around the property or be shut down. Of course, with bidding rules and such it would be impossible to build another fence in just 60 days. Needless to say, the swamp critters hold W. Va. citizens in very low regard. If the game farm is closed perhaps the animals could be placed in the White House fence; it is said to be secure.

Tom Mowrey got to "come home" and is staying with Jenny. However, he now has an infected elbow after a fall.

The comely Kim Mowrey has been having medical problems.

The folks at Shade Tree noted that one of their favorites will no longer be available as a box (as they buy it) went from \$50 to \$90. Obviously, inflation is with us to stay. Some folks love hot cocoa complete with floating marshmallows (at least some did before they became diabetic). Such will be more expensive now as the price of cocoa rose to \$4,961/ton, the highest ever.

The tree cutting crew lopped off the side of evergreen trees in folks' front yard and left other trees looking like the area was populated by morons who would allow such. Of course, in 1933 during "the great leap forward" all control of the highway system was transferred to the Mouth of the Elk where all the "smart people" live. If all this nonsense had any impact on road maintenance there might be some argument but there is none. If it were so all the big trees where the "wizards" live would be cut down to protect the black top. In a county just to the north there were so many wood chips in the ditch that a contractor had to be called in with a Gradall to clean out the ditch so water could flow.

Ever since the Nuremburg trials (Nazi experiments on Jews and others) there is international laws concerning "informed consent" and such also exists in US law. Now there is a big push to pooh pooh such as "old fashioned" and "outdated" as now, don't you know, the "smart ones" know best. Are they planning on spraying us with untested medicines, sterilants and such? Dr. Fauci's wife, who was the head of the "ethics" department where he was employed wrote lots of papers about modifying informed consent.

Royal Dutch Shell announced that their ethane cracker will not be completely on line for another year and the facility cost \$14 billion. Presently most of the ethane produced locally goes to distant states and nations to make finished products. Obviously that is of no concern to the "leaders" down at the Mouth of the Elk. No quick bucks for promoting real businesses that would make the state prosper.

The ruling party announced a freeze on building new LNG (liquefied natural gas) export facilities to "prevent global warming". It was recently reported that in 2023 the most coal ever burned in a year happened. Some years back coal was banned for heating and cooking and in the US and western Europe coal fired power plants and factories have been closed "to save the earth". Could it be that coal burned in Russia, Indonesia, India and China causes the earth to cool? Or is the truth really that none of this had any impact and temperature and weather are controlled by the sun.

It has now made national news that "a clerical error by a third party vendor" fouled up the valuations of new Marcellus & Utica wells costing some W. Va counties \$millions in ad valorem taxes. The tax department sent out tax increase letters that have no \$ figures only that "more than 10% and \$1000". Questions were asked and FOIAs were sent but the state tax men said, "that is none of your business; bug out, you are to pay, not ask nasty questions." It was reported that Ritchie County was hit for \$4 million and Tyler for \$15 million. The county boards of Equalization & Review apparently are not allowed to intervene. After all, counties are so old fashioned say the elites.

The main stream media are not talking about it but in Europe there are major demonstrations by farmers fighting against the "green weenies" who want to stop agriculture. When Al Gore Jr. was vice president he said we should shut down US agriculture and get all our food from 3rd world countries. Perhaps the elites in Paris, Berlin, London and Washington D. C. might choose to eat factory raised insects & "fake meat" but Creston folks are into real meat, gsme, fish, potatoes, vegetables & fruit. The "ecocide" folks can go take tours of places where there is real famine and maybe stay there.

Not so long back there was a sale of some storage fields down in the deep south for an arm's length transaction. Folks wanted to know how this related to the value of storage fields in W. Va. where the usual rent is \$1/acre/year [not adjusted for inflation]. Apparently West Virginia has 533 bcf [billion cubic feet] of gas storage so there are numbers to work with. Some now want storage for CO2 and for ethane and other gas liquids. Be careful what you sign.

Nowhere in the US Constitution does it say where the federal government can tell you how to cook your food or what kind of buggy, wagon or automobile one can operate but until someone sends the jack booted thugs packing we are being told we must drive EVs. Now tax dollars are being doled out for EV charging stations. Under the rules Martha's Vineyard was declared "low income" so a taxpayer funded charger could be installed for the benefit of the plutocrats that live and vacation there. Makes one feel warm and fuzzy, doesn't it. Martha's Vineyard is the enclave that went ballistic when some illegal aliens were sent there.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude fell to \$71.28/bbl. with condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet, fetching \$53.28/bbl. Marcellus & Utica light was \$62.28 and medium \$71.28/bbl. Henry Hub natural gas was \$2.08/MMBTU.

Trump says NO. "I Alone Can Fix It."

Last October, President Biden asked Congress for nearly \$106 billion for Ukraine, Israel and US border security. Mike Johnson, MAGA Republican leader in the House, refused Biden's request without major changes in border security.

Money for Ukraine has now run out and, by some reports, the tide of war is turning toward Putin. MAGA Republicans do not care. (Putin puppets.)

Senators of both parties do care. They have negotiated an agreement with the White House on a major border security and immigration bill. Sane Republicans see that President Biden must compromise on immigration because the Ukraine situation is so urgent and dire.

Biden also knows that the situation on the southern border really does need to be fixed. Congress has failed to act on immigration reform for 20 years.

The text of the bipartisan bill is not yet available, but lead Republican negotiator, Senator Lankford of Oklahoma says, "This bill focuses on getting to zero illegal crossings a day."

The bipartisan bill would give the President emergency authority to shut down the border when it becomes overwhelmed. "And if given that authority, I would use it the day I sign the bill into law," Biden said.

Along with money for border agents, judges, asylum officers, and fentanyl inspection machines, the bill reportedly would deploy the National Guard to construct double- and triple-level fencing in high frequency border crossing areas.

Build the Wall!

To be blunt, the bill gives the Republicans everything they have asked for. Republicans who want to govern say Yes. Trump says NO, "As the leader of our party, there is zero chance I will support this horrible open borders betrayal of America." (He hasn't seen it yet.)

Trump threatens Republican lawmakers who support any deal. The party backs down. What does Trump have on these people?

Trump's opposition is totally political. Any border deal "is a gift to the Radical Left Democrats."

"They need it politically," Trump said. Yes, but so does he. Trump needs trouble on the southern border so racist, xenophobic immigration fear ("They're poisoning the blood of our country.") will be his big election issue. Trump says he alone can "fix" the border. Family separation. Kids in cages.

Massive immigrant roundup, concentration camps and deportations. "The day of my inauguration, we will begin the largest domestic deportation operation in history."

What Trump and the MAGA right fear most of all is a system that might function better without resorting to the maximally cruel and extreme restrictions they see as the only acceptable "final solution."

While ordering Congress to say NO to fixing the border, Trump is cheering for Texas to stand up to the federal government and urging on the secessionist rhetoric of Republican governors.

Since last fall, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has used the armed Texas National Guard to "fortify" the Mexican border, stringing 29 miles of razor wire along the border and in the Rio Grande to prevent immigrants from reaching the US through Texas.

Abbot's fortification of the Mexican border proclaims Texas' sovereignty - its right to defend itself against what he insists on calling an "invasion." ("Invasions" involve armed force for conquest or plunder. It's just a lot of poor people.)

The Texas national guard blocked federal Border Patrol agents from reaching the border to rescue maimed and bloodied immigrants. A woman and two children drowned after the Texas National Guard prevented federal agents from reaching them.

The US Supreme Court ruled that the federal government, not Texas, has authority over the border and ordered Texas to allow federal agents to remove the razor wire.

The decision was 5 to 4. (Are the four most conservative justices prepared to undo the Supremacy Clause?)

Despite what the Supreme Court said about who's in charge at the border, last week 25 Republican governors signed a joint statement of solidarity with Governor Abbott, writing "the Biden administration has abdicated its constitutional compact duties to the states." This is civil war talk, language famously last used by South Carolina in its 1860 Declaration of Secession.

Trump supports the governors against the federal government, calling on "all willing States to deploy their guards to Texas to prevent the entry of illegals, and to remove them back across the border."

In recent days, Trump has predicted a 100% chance of a terrorist incident in the US this year, and it sure looks like he's now provoking one. Insurrection, the Sequel.

A bloody incident on the southern border is just what Trump needs to distract from his sexual assault and defamation verdict, imminent loss of his New York business organization, 91 felony counts, mental confusion, controlled-substance distribution in the Trump White House, and Nikki Haley trolling him.

Americans desperately need to fix border security and our immigration system. Congress could do it right now.

Only Trump and his MAGA servants are stopping them. We are all being held hostage by Donald Trump's desperate need to be elected and Get Out of Jail Free.

In November, Vote Blue for sanity and reason and an end to the constant chaos Donald Trump foments because "he alone can fix it." That might be his biggest lie. Congress has just proved it can fix the border situation. The truth is "he alone can prevent it." He must be stopped.

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For more information, reach out to Debra Smith, KRA, at d.smith@k12.wv.us or call P.H.E (304) 354-6022 Ext 450 / A.E.S (304) 655-8616 Ext 510. Empower your child's future with Save the Children!

PACF Seeks Scholarship Applicants and West Virginia Residents Impacted by the Severe Storms August 28-30, 2023, Can Apply for FEMA Assistance Now

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates (PACF) is encouraging high school seniors and college students to apply for scholarships offered through the Foundation. Last year, the OPACF awarded 300 scholarships totaling \$513,769. These scholarship awards are made possible by many generous donors who've established scholarship funds with the Foundation to help our local students fulfill their educational goals.

With over 150 scholarship funds available through a single consolidated application, this is a unique and easy opportunity for high school seniors and current college students to discover their eligibility for multiple scholarships. The application process is simple, convenient, and entirely online at www.pacfwv.com/scholarships/apply. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2024.

Most scholarships offered through the Foundation are restricted to residents of the PACF & service area which includes Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood in West Virginia, and Washington County in Ohio. There are some scholarships available from the PACF, however, that do accept applications from students outside of the 11-county service region. One such example is the newest PACF scholarship, the General Federation of Women & Clubs (GFWC) - West Virginia Scholarship Fund, which is offered state-wide.

"Many PACF scholarships require students to demonstrate a financial need. In the past, we have always asked students to supply their Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). There is a lot of concern this year about the Department of Education's new FAFSA process.

Students and families have experienced technology issues and significant delays in receiving their FAFSA results," said Jennifer Randolph, Scholarships and Communications Officer for PACF.

To ensure that students are not discouraged from applying for scholarships, the PACF is now providing the option to complete the Federal Student Aid Estimator tool at www.studentaid.gov and upload those results in their application.

"We will continue to monitor the FAFSA timeline and communicate any additional actions needed," Randolph said. We want to assure parents, students, and donors that we are taking proactive steps to be flexible and provide assistance to those who need it. We understand the importance of supporting students and are committed to making the scholarship application process as stress-free as possible."

For additional information, please contact the PACF's Scholarships and Communication Officer, Jennifer Randolph, at 304-428-4438 or jennifer.randolph@pacfwv.com.

Scholarship Available for Law School Students

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates (PACF) is accepting scholarship applications for the Wood County Bar Association Memorial Scholarship.

To be eligible an applicant must be attending an accredited law school in the United States and have a connection to Wood, Jackson, Ritchie, Wirt, or Pleasants counties in WV or Washington County, OH. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2024.

Recipients are selected by an independent scholarship advisory committee. The scholarship can be applied toward tuition, books, or other education related costs.

To apply, visit PACF's website, www.pacfwv.com/scholarships, to access the PACF's Consolidated Scholarship Application. For additional information, please contact the PACF's Scholarships and Communications Officer, Jennifer Randolph, at 304-428-4438 or Jennifer.randolph@pacfwv.com.

Scholarship Available for Medical School Students

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates (PACF) is accepting scholarship applications for the S. William and Martha R. Goff Permanent Educational Fund.

To be eligible an applicant must have attended high school in Wood County, WV (at least two years) and must be entering or currently in medical school. Selection is based on merit and need. The application deadline to apply is March 1, 2024.

Recipients are selected by an independent scholarship advisory committee. The scholarship can be applied toward tuition, books, or other education related costs.

To apply, visit the PACF's website, www.pacfwv.com/scholarships, to access the PACF's Consolidated Scholarship Application. For additional information, please contact the PACF's Scholarships and Communications Officer, Jennifer Randolph, at 304-428-4438 or Jennifer.randolph@pacfwv.com.

Scholarships Available for Vocational & Technical Students

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates (PACF) announces the availability of vocational/technical scholarships for students from throughout the Foundation's service area of Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood counties in West Virginia, and Washington County, Ohio. The PACF manages more than 190 scholarship funds.

Through the PACF's Consolidated Scholarship Application, students can apply to all eligible scholarships with just one application. To access the Foundation's scholarship applications, visit www.pacfwv.com/scholarships.

The application deadline is March 1, 2024. For additional information, please contact PACF's Scholarships and Communications Officer, Jennifer Randolph, at 304-428-4438.



CHARLESTON, W.Va. Did you have damage from the severe storms that impacted Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha counties August 28-30, 2023? You may be eligible for help from FEMA.

If you have homeowners or renters insurance, you should file a claim as soon as possible with your insurance agent. By law, FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. But if your policy does not cover all your damage-related expenses, you may be eligible for federal assistance from FEMA.

The fastest way to apply is through DisasterAssistance.gov. You can also apply through the FEMA mobile app or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use a video relay service, captioned telephone service, or other communication services, please provide FEMA the specific number assigned for that service.

When you apply for assistance, have the following information readily available:

A current phone number where you can be contacted.
Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying.

Individuals with a 911 address should use it when registering for assistance.

Your Social Security number, if available
A general list of damage and losses
If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name
West Virginia Residents Impacted by the Severe Storms August 28-30, 2023, Can Apply for FEMA Assistance Now.

Disaster assistance may include financial help with temporary lodging and home repairs along with other programs to assist families recovering from effects of the event.

For the latest information, visit fema.gov/disaster/4756.

Lions Club Music Feb. 10th

Bluegrass, gospel and country music by Starling Holbert at the Grantsville Lions Club Building (behind the Senior Center, Grantsville) on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up at the door. Concessions and 50/50 drawing available. Everyone is welcome. Come out and enjoy the evening. For more information, call 304-354-6085

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Beginning at the Goff Run Substation off of US Rt's 33 and 119 east of Spencer West Virginia in Roane County. The line runs in a southeasterly direction crossing near CR 5/14 Daniels Run, CR 40 Slate Rd, CR 36/1, CR 48/3 Kaufman Rd, CR 48 Otto Rd, CR 48/2 Chambers Fork, CR 50/5 Clover Rd, CR 50 Keffer Hill, and CR 2/5 Linden Rd where the line taps into the Linden Road Substation. The line continues in a southeast direction crossing CR 27 Linden Bright Rd, and continues into Calhoun County near CR 20/8 Sang Run Rd, crossing CR 20/9 Big Run Rd, CR 1/5, Beech Fork, White Oak Rd, CR 17/2, and CR 28 Mud Fork Rd. The line then enters into Clay County crossing CR 38/1 W Fork Rd, CR 38 Clinic Dr, SR 16, Interstate 79 and Big Otter Creek, CR 19 Ossia Rd, Deadfall Run Rd, CR 16/2 Otterlick Rd, James Dunfield Rd, SR 4 Duck Rd, the Elk River, CR 11 Widen Ridge Rd, CR 11/4 Lantz Rd, Rock Camp Rd, CR 15/2 Swandale Rd, CR 52 Rush Camp, Buffalo Creek, and CR 15/4 Taylor Fork Rd. The line then enters Nicholas County and runs along Turkey Creek, crossing CR 19/26 Spruce Run Rd and US Rt 19, terminating at the Powell Mountain Substation off CR 19/41 Hookersville Rd north of Muddlety West Virginia.

For more information about Mon Power's Transmission Aerial Saw Program, call 1-800-686-0022. When contacting, please alert our Representatives that your call is pertaining to our Transmission Aerial Saw Program.



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Awards Day at LKVCS

By Brylee Rowe

LKVCS is buzzing with excitement after having the awards ceremony for the 2nd 9 weeks. Everyone always looks forward to having it because it reminds them of their hard work and dedication to learning. Awards were given for citizenship as well as academic achievement, which encourages the kids to be kind as well as work hard.



Caroline Williams
Top Phonics



Owen Starcher
Top Math
Silver Honor Roll



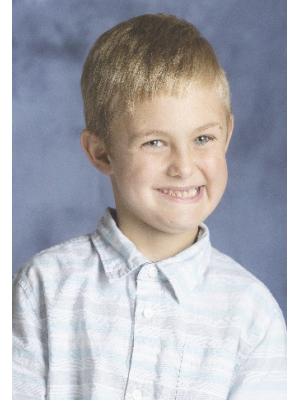
Caroline Walker
Top Phonics
Gold Honor Roll



Alexis Blair
Top Math
Silver Honor Roll
Student of the Term



Alex Bracewell
Top P.E.
Most Improved in
Phonics
Gold Honor Roll



Braden Brown
Top P.E.
Top Warrior



Landon Fitzwater
Top Reading
Gold Honor Roll



Payton Smith
Most Improved in
Phonics
Silver Honor Roll



Archer Starcher
Top Spelling
Gold Honor Roll



Henry Barnhart
Top Penmanship
Silver Honor Roll



Brently Barr
Top Reading
Top Spelling
Gold Honor Roll



Laken Bracewell
Most Improved in
Reading



Eli Houchin
Top Reading
Top Science



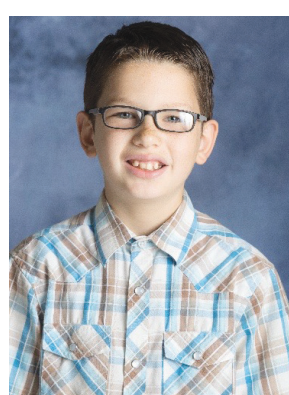
MacKenzie McCumbers
Top Warrior



Brooklynn Stewart
Top P.E.
Citizenship



Harper Walker
Top History
Top Penmanship
Top Math
Silver Honor Roll



Landon Barr
Top History
Top Penmanship



Starleena Marks
Top Penmanship



Jackson Snider
Top P.E.
Top Math
Student of the Term
Bronze Honor Roll



Vada Barnhart
Top P.E.
Silver Honor Roll



Jayci Barr
Silver Honor Roll



Eli Kinder
Silver Honor Roll
Top Warrior Award



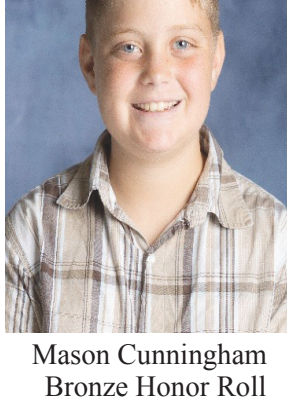
Aubry Richards
Most Improved 5th
Grader



Mikenna Wease
Top 5th Grader
Gold Honor Roll



Clara Barnhart
Student of the Term
Bronze Honor Roll



Mason Cunningham
Bronze Honor Roll



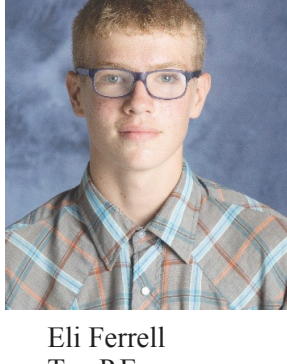
Braiden Ferrell
Top P.E.



Miah Wolford
Most Improved 6th
Grader



Kloe Cobbett
Top P.E.
Top Bible
Student of the Term
Bronze Honor Roll



Eli Ferrell
Top P.E.

Due to the limited space available, the remaining Award Winners will be in next weeks Newspaper! Congratulations to all Students!!!

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