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Jeff Starcher Announces his Candidacy for Calhoun Sheriff

I am a lifelong resident of Calhoun County, and a graduate of Calhoun County High School. I began my law enforcement career 16 years ago with the Grantsville Police Department. I am a certified law enforcement officer graduating with the 136th Basic Class of the West Virginia State Police Academy. Being a certified officer gives me the advantage of professional police training which I can apply to both administrative and practical elements of the Sheriff's position.

I am certified and train in several areas and have achieved expertise level in multiple subject areas including leadership, management, and drug work. I have served in the highest administrative positions within several departments, most importantly, as a previous Sheriff of Calhoun County. I want to continue to improve and build on the efforts of our department. I have proven results during my last term as Sheriff including implementation of a broad coverage call schedule, a fully certified staff with updated vehicles and equipment, and a consistently balanced budget.

My administration lead an aggressive attack on the drug activity within our county which resulted in continuously increasing numbers of grand jury indictments for drug offenses and other felonies. Under my administration the Sheriff's Department was recognized as a primary responding agency, answering an unprecedented number of calls. I want to re-initiate this aggressive level of drug enforcement, continue focusing on areas of high criminal activity, continue to elevate the staffing of the department, prioritize proactive interventions, continue development of strong collaborations with fellow agencies to promote a strong community policing approach, work to secure grant funding to expand the department's resources without impacting the county's budget, and focus on education efforts for our youth.

I would appreciate your vote for Sheriff. I am committed to serving Calhoun County, making it a safer place for our citizens and continuing to restore confidence in our department. I would appreciate your vote and look forward to serving my home community and making a difference.

Ari White is running for County Commissioner

While I commend Commissioner Propst for his efforts to formalize the process by which our local government gives aid to worthy causes, the line of the needy that forms at each Commission meeting is symptomatic of a larger issue. It is a sickly community whose greatest remaining recourse is government, yet the erosion of the pillars of civil society, churches and fraternal orders, business and industry, have left us with little between the diffuse power of the family and the consolidated power of the government.

Early on as an entrepreneur, two of my mentors, each in their own way, taught me that small businesses (and non-profits, for that matter) thrive in the presence of larger entities. In their absence, they merely endure. An economy without large businesses is a symptom of a lack of trust. The old adage that small business is the backbone of our economy is wrong. Small businesses are the flesh and meat of an economy while the bones are large business. An economy absent anything larger is boneless and directionless.

An example of an economy dominated by small business is not the America of some better, bygone era, but Greece circa 2009 or some other corrupt nation. If you have no trust in the courts, the government, or any regulatory body, you will bring your business to somebody your own size with the thought, "If this goes wrong, I can take him!"

Restoring trust only goes so far in convincing a larger fish to help us expand our little pond. Those in a position of power, and, regrettably, the only such power remaining in this county is the government, must sell the idea of this county to larger businesses. We must sell them on the idea of coming here.

As far greater minds than my own have pointed out, there are only three activities that create wealth: agriculture, resource extraction, and manufacturing. Everything else just moves wealth around.

Agriculture is an honorable industry, but the wealth it creates is small and often inconsistent. For every farmer that has become wealthy, far more have tasted poverty.

Resource extraction creates wealth on a massive scale, yet on more local scales it is harder to see. As West Virginians well know, the wealth so created seldom benefits the places it is made.

Both agriculture and resource extraction are here. Manufacturing was never here in any large way, but it had more of a presence just a few decades ago.

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Maria Arnold: Candidate for Magistrate

My name is Maria Arnold, and I am a candidate for Calhoun County Magistrate, Division 1. I am a lifelong Calhoun resident and currently live on our farm in Mt. Zion with my husband Jason and our four children, Trista, Laney, Morgan, and Brier. I am a teacher at Arnoldsburg Elementary School. In addition, I serve as a board member for the Calhoun County Youth Livestock Program and Heartwood in the Hills. I am usually working in the kitchen for events associated with the Arnoldsburg Park and Molasses Festival. My commitment to community welfare is not just a campaign promise, but a reflection of my personal values and my enthusiasm for making our community a better place.



If elected magistrate, I promise to be fair and use sound judgment. Although I am an educator, I have always had a passion for criminal justice and law. I feel that my background as a teacher gives me many qualities that can be applied to the duties of a magistrate such as analytical thinking and conflict resolution. I use those skills daily by considering what is best for my students and coming up with the most appropriate solutions. I am a hard worker and a lifelong learner and promise to take those attributes into the courtroom. I bring a non-biased and fresh perspective as well as the ability to balance compassion and firmness.

I look forward to getting out in the community in the upcoming months to talk and listen to any concerns or suggestions anyone may have. Your support and vote would be greatly appreciated in the upcoming May 2024 election. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at mariamarnold90@gmail.com.

Town Council Meeting Held Feb. 5th

by Shari Johnson

A packed conference room in the City of Grantsville led to an over two hour discussion and somewhat contentious meeting between the Mayor, Council and Community without answers or accountability by the City Government.

Council members present were Emily (Robinson) Collins, Emilee Morgan, Linda Staton, Cheryl Sturm and Recorder Judy Powell. Councilwoman Kimberly Sweat did not attend.

Teresa Overton was the first to speak under Community Concerns at which time she addressed the council regarding their appointment of Emily (Robinson) Collins, requesting the minutes from the December 30th, 2023 unpublished meeting at which time Emily was appointed. The council denied such action as well as denied taking a vote, but the January 5th Regular council meeting told a different story when on that agenda was the swearing in of a new council member. At every attempt to request information regarding this matter Mayor Robert Petrovsky informed Teresa that had had sent the complaint filed against them to RaM Law of Charleston, and the City would not comment until they received RaM Law's advice, "good, bad or indifferent," the Mayor said.

The Mayor did say that there was no minutes at the December 30th meeting, because there wasn't a meeting. The Council just "met" unofficially. Teresa Overton quickly called their response out saying that the Mayor knew there was meeting and put the result (swearing in of an official) on the next Agenda.

Cheryl Sturm again reiterated that it was not an official meeting, no vote was ever taken but rather the council members meeting and expressing their concerns and recommendations about who should fill the vacant council position.

Mayor Petrovsky interjected again that the City would not answer questions because the matter was in the hands of RaM Law office.

Crystal Mersh spoke during this time as well informing the Council that they're failure to understand and comply with the Sunshine Act regarding Open Meeting Laws was going to come back on each council member personally.

Town Recorder Judy Powell spoke stating that as long as she had been working with City Government they'd had work sessions. And although she was not at this particular meeting she knew there was a discussion but did not know about a vote. At which point Ms. Overton called foul again, expressing great concern saying "We know there was a vote, and even if its a work meeting there has to be minutes and the council has to follow the rules."

The Mayor again said it was for the Attorney to determine if they had done anything wrong and they would not comment.

Ms. Overton expressed her concern with their secret meeting to choose Councilwoman Emily Robinson Collins, when there were two applicants, for which she (Teresa Overton) was the other. Why did they not want the public to know and why was her 35 years of business experience, Education, grant writing and community involvement not considered. Stating that she had more business experience than the years Emily had been alive.

This comment struck Emily Collins at which point she said that at the age of 29, she had worked very hard at her professional career and community service. "For me it doesn't always come down to Experience." To which Teresa responded "What it comes down to is that you were elected illegally," at which time the Mayor interjected that in 2012 it became the Council's responsibility to appoint an open position, that it was not an election." He still denied that there was a vote on the matter.

The council members substantiating his comment by saying they didn't

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OBITUARIES

Lorina Gay Hartshorn

Lorina Gay Hartshorn, 67, of Shock, WV; departed this earthly life surrounded by her loving family in the mid-afternoon Hours of Sunday, February 4, 2024 at her residence, following an extended illness.

She was born in Gassaway, WV; daughter of the late James and Lucy (Parsons) Wright.

Lorina was a member of the Shock Church of Christ, and was an amazing cook and took great pride in her job cooking at the Gilmer County Senior Center.

In her earlier years, Lorina was also a foster mother and loved those children as her own. She volunteered many hours at Normantown Elementary School where she touched many young lives. She spent many days baking with, reading to, and cuddling her grandbabies. Even when she didn't feel like it, she could be found cheering them on at their sporting events or other extra-curricular activities.

On June 1, 1976 Lorina was united in marriage to Colin Hartshorn, who survives at their home in Shock. Surviving are 4 children, Loretta Hartshorn of Shinnston, WV; Scott Hartshorn and wife Suzanne of Chloe, WV; Andrew Hartshorn and wife Sonja of Shock and Jay Hartshorn of Shock, and 2 siblings, Richard Wright and wife Brenda of Shock, and William "Bill" Wright and wife Angie of Fairmont, WV.

Also surviving are 5 Grandchildren who were the light of her life: Tyana Hartshorn, Landon Hartshorn, Raegan Hartshorn, Ryann Hartshorn, & Lincoln Hartshorn, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Along with her parents, Lorina is preceded in death by 2 half-brothers, Jerry and Donald Wright.

A funeral service was conducted at the Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV; 26351 at 1:00 PM; Friday, February 9, 2024 with Pastor Donnie Brown officiating. Burial will follow in the Collins Community Cemetery in Stumptown. Friends were received from 11:00 – 1:00 Friday at the mortuary in Glenville.



Recipe Corner

By Emma Howell

Bacon Ranch Foil Packet Potatoes

- 3 sheets of heavy-duty foil
- 10-12 baby red potatoes, thinly sliced
- 6 slices of cooked and crumbled bacon
- 1 packet ranch dressing mix
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons butter
- Sour cream for serving, if desired

1. Spray each sheet of foil with cooking spray. Top each piece with equal portions of potatoes, bacon, and ranch dressing mix. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add 1 tablespoon of butter to each serving. Wrap securely.

2. Grill for 20 to 30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve in foil, topped with sour cream if desired.

Apple Crisp Pizza

- Ingredients
- Pastry for single-crust pie (9 inches)
 - 2/3 cup sugar
 - 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon ground Cinnamon
 - 4 medium apples (like Gala, Fuji, Braeburn, Empire) peeled and diced into 1/4 inch pieces

- TOPPING:
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/4 cup salted butter, softened
- DRIZZLE:
- 1/2 cup caramel topping

- Instructions
- Instructions:
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 - Roll pastry to fit a 12 inch pizza pan; fold under edges to give the pizza a bit of a raised crust.

Combine sugar, flour and cinnamon in a medium bowl. Add peeled, diced apples and toss. Arrange the apples in a single layer over the pie crust to completely cover it.

For the topping: Combine the flour, brown sugar, oats, cinnamon, and butter in a bowl. Mix well. Sprinkle topping evenly over the apples.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until apples are tender. Remove from oven and immediately drizzle with caramel topping. Cut into pizza slices and serve warm with ice cream. Makes 12 servings.

If you have a recipe you are looking for, please feel free to let us know and we will do our best to find it for you. You can email your request to contact@calhounchronicle.com or mail to PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



This was one of those weeks where I met myself coming as I was going. Thankfully, the weather was lovely, so I didn't have to worry about coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. This also meant we were able to take the students outside for recess, which as I've said before is very important to an elementary school teacher's mental health.

The students need to run and play; plus, with all of the sickness going around, it felt good to soak up some sun and breathe in some fresh air.

I hit the ground running on Monday. I had quite a few students out sick, so this meant not only keeping track of the work of the students who were present but also organizing all of the makeup work for those students out sick. This was something I would deal with all week as the flu and strep has been hitting our students hard.

After school, I hurried home to eat and change my clothes before heading out again to pick up Maricia and head down to the Stump Hotel. The Shop Local event was happening Saturday, and we had some decorating left to do. Maricia is really good at that sort of thing, so I just do what she tells me. The new staircase in the lobby was what we were showcasing, but I thought our decorations turned out quite nicely too.

After school on Tuesday, I once again hurried home to change my clothes and eat some dinner before heading to the library for a board meeting. I am so proud of our little library and all the staff is doing to encourage people to read books, take part in outreach events, and to use our services. We have some exciting events coming up that I will share about in the near future.

By the time Wednesday rolled around, I was starting to drag a bit, but I could see the weekend on the horizon, so I drank some coffee and kept going. There was a PTO meeting after school, so I finished up some work around my classroom and then headed down to the cafeteria for the meeting. We went over our calendar for the next few months. The next big event is Dr. Suess Week, which happens at the end of February. I have already started brainstorming what I need to buy for the dress-up themes for each day. Thankfully, I made a trip to the Dollar Tree last weekend to buy classroom decorations for the upcoming holidays, so I just need to figure out my outfits. I have a few weeks to work it all out.

Thursday evening was the monthly historical society meeting, but it was also my mom's birthday and my parents' anniversary. I left school as quickly as I could, did another quick change, and then picked up some food at Gino's for dinner. I hung out with the family until Maricia and I had to head to the history museum for the meeting. The main topic on the agenda was making sure we were ready for Saturday. Everyone was looking forward to revealing our new exhibits and showing off our hard work.

Despite my busy week, I managed to get my lesson plans done and all of my paperwork ready for the next week before I left school on Friday. Maricia and Andy had gone into Parkersburg for appointments, so they brought home a real treat for dinner. We invited family and friends to meet us at the parents' house for Olive Garden salad, breadsticks, and chicken alfredo. We also had birthday cupcakes. My sister Missy and niece Hannah surprised my parents and arrived during the party for a short visit. A good time was had by all, and I climbed into bed tired but happy.

Sadly, the nice weather left us on Saturday. I awoke to a gray, rainy morning that did not encourage me to jump out of bed. Fortunately, I didn't need to be at the museum until 10, so I could have a lazy morning before donning my historical society t-shirt and heading into town. I grabbed a white mocha from Grinders before I settled in at the museum for the afternoon.

Sunday morning, I went to church and then had lunch with the family. I want to get this article finished so I can settle in and watch the Super Bowl. I actually know someone who is playing this year; he was a student of mine back in Ohio a long time ago. He's all grown up now and playing for the 49ers.

I am happy to say the upcoming week is a quiet one. I am looking forward to some evenings at home relaxing.

WV Trappers Association Event

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their annual Spring Fur Sale and Rendezvous March 1-3, 2024 at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road Glenville, WV.

Vendors will be present throughout the weekend. Consignment for finished fur, etc., begins at 9AM Friday, March 1st, and Saturday March 2nd beginning at 9AM.

No raw fur will be consigned. Demos throughout the weekend. Fur Auction will be Sunday, March 3rd at 1PM Board of Directors meeting will be Friday March 1st at 7PM.

Free Admission and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jeremiah Whitlatch 304-916-3329 or log onto www.wvtrappers.com

Letter From Editor

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

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

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

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval.

TRESSIE M. STURM

Tressie M. Sturm, of Ripley, formerly Arnoldsburg, passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 5, 2024, six days shy of her 98th birthday. Tressie was born a daughter of the late Elza and Ona (White) Wilson of rural Calhoun County. In addition to her parents and several brothers and sisters, she was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Cecil F. Sturm.

Tressie is survived by her children Ron (Connie) of Tucson, AZ, Larry (Lora) of Ripley and Sharon Wilt (Mike) of Ripley; six grandchildren Brent, Angie, Shelley, Kristen, Kelley and Kara. She is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren and two brothers, Roscoe Wilson of Hobe Sound, FL and Blain (Linda) Wilson of Norton, OH.

Tressie lived most of her life on a farm in Calhoun County where she enjoyed raising a large vegetable garden and canning produce, working on a variety of community improvement projects and producing beautiful handmade quilts.

A service to celebrate her life will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9th at Waybright Funeral Home, Ripley with Pastor Steven Hamrick officiating. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Sturm Family Cemetery at Mt. Zion in Calhoun County with a brief graveside service for friends and family.



WAG: Please Help with locating

Feral Cat Colonies

The Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) is asking Calhoun county residents to help us address a long-observed problem with our animal community - feral or community cats. If you feed a feral cat colony in your neighborhood, or know someone who does, please call Linda at 304-354-7506 or notify us via our email calhounwag@yahoo.com.

Our humane and effective Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program's volunteers will live trap the cats, take them to the vet to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, respiratory disease, worms, and fleas, and returned them to their outdoor home, at no cost to the colony's caretaker. The colony will be healthier and no longer producing unwanted kittens.

At four months old a female kitten can start breeding, and can have 2 or 3 litters per year. A mother cat nursing a litter of kittens goes back into heat when the kittens are only 3-4 weeks old. Removing cats from an area (i.e. catching and killing) is useless. When cats are removed from an area, then new, unsterilized cats move in to take advantage of available resources – and begin reproducing. This well-documented natural trend is known as the "vacuum effect."

Trap-Neuter-Return stops the breeding cycle and eliminates mating behaviors, such as yowling, spraying, roaming, and fighting. Trap-Neuter-Return also benefits public health because community cats are vaccinated against rabies.

We can only trap once a month, so please contact us soon if we can help with a colony. Thank you.

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: *Who's Who & What's What in Calhoun Hi School (By the Junior Girls)*

The revival meeting that has been in progress at the M. E. Church South., closed Saturday evening owing to the illness of Rev. Farmer's mother. The meeting was very successful. There were about thirty-two conversions.

The Presiding Elder Rev. Perkins, of Parkersburg, delivered a very interesting sermon Monday evening. A purse of fifty dollars was awarded to Rev. Mr. Hamric of the Baptist Church for his kindness in assisting with the meeting.

The river has opened up allowing the boats to resume their usual route. The mail is coming in regularly and the text books which have been so greatly needed have arrived at last.

The following program will be given by the Washington Irving Literary Society at the high school assembly hall February 14 at 3:00 P.M.

- Song by All.
- Devotional by Mr. Cooper.
- Inaugural Address by Harley McCoy.
- Minstrel Quartette consists of Robert Stump, Foster McKinney, Rome Ferguson and Clarence Starcher.
- Reading by Ruth Maze.
- Biog. Of Washington Irving by Harold Proudfoot.
- Vocal Trio is Hope Wilson, Dell Riggs and Mildred Knight.
- How Athletic Benefit the School by James Riddle.
- Musical Reading by Russell Fleming.
- Story by Edna Ferguson.
- Instrumental Duet by Clyde Riddle and Luella Stump.
- Critics Report by Susie Mathews.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: *Apple Farm News:* Mrs. Ella Stump of Philips Run who has been visiting her for several days, entertained with an all day quilting on Thursday Feb. 10 in the home of her son, S. L. Stump. The invited guests were neighbors of Mrs. Stump when she lived at Apple Farm.

The centerpiece of the dinner table was a large cake, beautifully decorated and bearing the inscription of "Happy Birthday Treacy" being the birthday of the younger Mrs. Stump, a gift from Mrs. Ella Stump.

Those enjoying the day were Mrs. Daisy Wilson, Mrs. Vena Poling, Mrs. Ora Gainer, Mrs. Delma Smith, Mrs. Erma Poling, Miss Mary Gainer, Mrs. Bessie Wilson, Mrs. Hilda Shock, Mrs. Georgia McCartney, Mrs. Lois Frame, Mrs. Gay Stump, Mrs. Treacy Stump and Mrs. Ella Stump.

Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Hugart W. Stump and Rubert W. Stump called to present their mother with lovely birthday gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Tona Ledson and son of Reedy were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Wilson were recently visiting Mr. and Mrs. Argle Hannah at Ellenboro.

Mrs. Dailey Wilson of Sandridge spent several days last week with Mary and Ora Gainer.

Orval Smith has been helping his sister Mrs. Clara Stout at Grantsville.

J. D. Wilson was a business visitor in Grantsville last week.

W. M. Mathews, who is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. Manda Bennett, was calling on friends on Sandridge Sunday.

Leonard Cain has been hauling his drilling materials to Ervin Stump Well No. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starcher were business visitors in Grantsville Saturday.

Henry and Johny Wilson of Canton, Ohio spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Wilson.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: *Calhoun County Nearly Running Out Of Gasoline:*

Calhoun county was just about out of gasoline last Saturday.

A telephone survey of many of the county's service stations showed that the supply was extremely low.

All four stations in Grantsville were out then, the arrival of a truck at Eddie's Texaco about 10 a.m., causing a flurry of activity at the pumps, and that truckload was gone in five hours.

While not every store and station in Calhoun was called in the survey, of those called only one, Kight's Grocery at Five Forks reported having any gasoline, and their tanks were being rapidly drained then by motorists trying to get a fill up before the last tank was empty.

Both Kerby's Mobil Station on Philips Run and Brannon's Exxon at Arnoldsburg reported being out, but both were hopeful of having shipments by the first of the week.

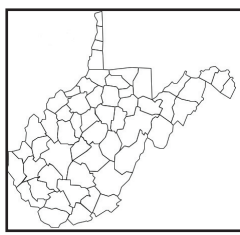
Calhoun Super-Service in Grantsville received all of their February allotments of gasoline on the first and it was sold out in three days, and no more expected until March 1. Bob's Exxon has been out for some time, and both Grantsville Gulf and Rt. 5 Gulf display "Out" signs.

At the same time, reports were coming in from adjoining counties that there was gasoline available, not at all stations, but while some stations were out, others still have a supply.

All of this prompted the editor of the Calhoun Chronicle to report conditions in Calhoun to Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., asking for an investigation of allotments. "Being on the fringe of a distribution area, it seems that Calhoun may be the last to get supplies," the Governor was told. The request to the Governor cited replies given in the survey, and asked "for investigation of our situation, and see that we have at least enough to keep our people going to work, and our emergency vehicles operating."

Mayor Chester Fluharty of Grantsville said that he was going to make an appeal through the Region V Regional Council, citing the need for gasoline for the fire department and for trash hauling. The town's trash truck was filled up Saturday, having enough for two days work. If necessary, the Mayor said, service could be curtailed for a few days, except to the hospital and restaurants. He was hopeful that more gasoline would be received this week. The fire department's vehicles were also full, but it was pointed out that the fire trucks can use a large quantity of gasoline if they must run their pumps. Persons living near gasoline stations report seeing many cars slow down as they approach the pumps, then speed up and drive on when the driver sees the "Out" sign.

Traffic was noticeably light with the first real snow storm of the winter keeping folks home except for getting to work or for urgent travel.



This Week In West Virginia History

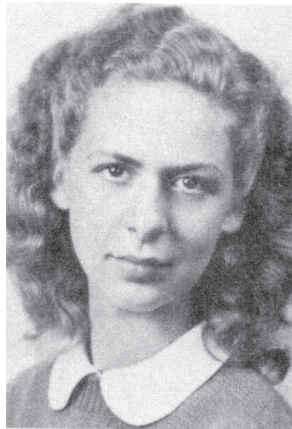
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Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.



Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.



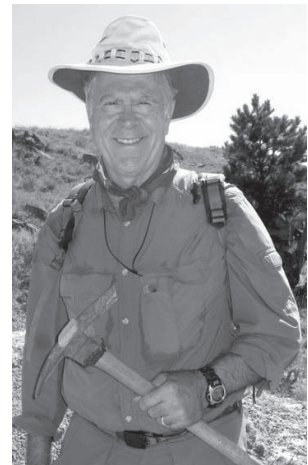
Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was succeeded by her son, James.



Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was born near Lizemores in Clay County. Brown, a re-spirited individual, gained notoriety as the "Clay County Wild Man" during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance, which included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.



Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. Hickam's second book, *Rocket Boys: A Memoir*, was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller.



Feb. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.



Feb. 16, 1917: The legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of Black TB patients. It was built at Denmark in Pocahontas County.



Feb. 16, 1951: Second Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle of Boone County died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.



Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Morgan of present-day Berkeley County was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201st Field Artillery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.



Feb. 20, 1875: The legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.



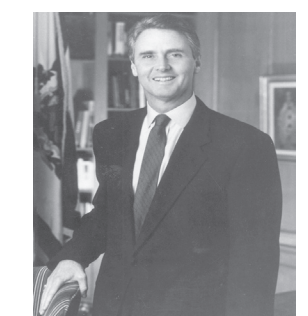
Feb. 20, 1995: The legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.



Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.

Feb. 21, 1940: Former Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. Caperton defeated Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.



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vote. Teresa Overton then said that she was told personally by Recorder Judy Powell that the council did vote. The Mayor spoke saying it was a nomination and the would again wait for legal counsel's advice.

Crystal Mersh told the Mayor "Not to conflate the two topics, the one issue being the violation of the Open Meeting Act and the other being the complaint. And if you need an attorney to tell you how to run your meetings, then you should have them at every meeting."

Crystal Mersh spoke second, addressing the council as a property owner in Grantsville and as the President of the 1982 Foundation. The nine million dollar Community Center is the only project in the state that is privately funded and she considered it her gift to the county and specifically to the Town of Grantsville. Communication with the Town has consistent, but varying to different degrees of cooperation. She informed the council that they (The 1982 Foundation) expected transparency and accountability from their city and county government because of the amount of money that her organization is investing into the area. She said that she was there in support of the community and would continue that support, hoping to also be able to support county and city government officials. She made it clear that there was no grudges or animosity toward the Council but she would determine, one the City's Attorney made their advice known, if she personally would file a complaint in Calhoun Circuit Court against the City officials.

Mayor Petrovsky moved on to discuss the apartment in the City building which was in need of a tenant. An employee of Stump Funeral Home had shown interest and had the recommendation of owner Neil Stump as being a person of good character. The Mayor requested the council to vote on the matter as to the amount of rent to be determined. The council determined that it would be \$550 monthly for the two bedroom apartment.

Madison Harris of the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council reported to the City Council that the Water and Sewer projects are completely funded but they needed to make sure the projects were still feasible after such a long period since the cost quotes. The funding of 2.5 million from the drinking water fund, 1.5 million from the Corp. of Engineers and 1 million IJDC.

Crystal Mersh asked Ms. If the federally funded projects were subject to the BABA act. The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requires that all iron and steel, construction materials, and manufactured products used in federally-funded infrastructure projects are produced in the United States. "Which is great" Mersh said, "but it causes the cost of projects to go substantially."

The long awaited Light Post Project was the next topic of discussion by Mayor Petrovsky who explained from his perspective when the project began and "casual conversations" that occurred but he believed it was not addressed in an official manner. Through their conversations they addressed solar or electric. Since day one he said his goal has been to determine what the Town's investment will be in the project and bring that information before the council. At the December City Council meeting, Crystal Mersh and Ed Casto, an electric expert attended to discuss the Light Project which the Mayor described as a conversation that "did not go well." Although Ridgeview News attended that meeting and that was not my take away. That being said the Mayor said that ended the discussion for some time until the Light Post was installed in front of The 1982 Foundation which once he seen, was concerned about the longevity of the product. He said he then requested paper work on the lights that had never been provided it. A Light task force committee was created and met and the mayor received and forwarded the light specs to Ed Casto who assured him that the Poly carbonate material was very sustainable, but the two year warranty was concerning. The Mayor disputed a social media comment that he had hijacked the meeting, but rather thinking the meeting went well and Teresa Overton agreed. He again noted his concern about what the City's cost of sustaining the lights would be.

Crystal Mersh spoken again to the audience saying that at the December meeting and through a conversation with Mr. Casto, he did not have a comparable product to those that she had found. The project has been funded with promissory community support to the tune of \$71,000. But Crystal said that the attitude she received from the Town felt less than cooperative. Regarding the warranty she had informed the Mayor that she would negotiate the warranty and it would be one of the last things done as was protocol for business. In her two week long search in Atlanta she discovered that there was only two street lamps that fit the criteria of vintage looking, solar, dark sky friendly that was commercial grade. This information was brought to the "task force committee" for the purpose of moving forward, not for reconsideration of the project all together. The Lamps, once purchased would stay in the ownership of The 1982 Foundation until such time as the project is finished and then the ownership would be turned over to the Town. Crystal requested a "Go or No Go" decision from the council at last nights meeting believing that five months was long enough to wait for a their response to the \$71,000 gift. A comment that had some accusations flying that she was bullying the city into a decision. For 5 months Crystal has tried to get the City to move. She is a busy, productive businesswoman who gets things done by holding peoples feet to the fire. There's a reason she's been successful. There is nothing wrong with expecting officials to act in a timely manner. She also expressed her disappointment that the city did not use this opportunity for matching funds and that they were not excited and on board with what was happening with the 1982 Foundation that is going to impact 10 counties around Calhoun, but Grantsville wanted to no part of. She finalized her conversation to the Council by once again requesting a decision. After more discussion Crystal offered and the City accepted another two weeks to provide her with an answer.

Another concern was then addressed regarding whether or not the lampposts were Dark Sky approved. The determination on that was unanimous thinking that the small amount of light put out by the lanterns could not interfere with the Calhoun County Park.

Roger Propst spoke on the placement of the lamps but first made comments toward the state of the economy and the fact that this is a beautification project that would help us compare to the beauty of other cities who invest time and money into their cities. These twelve foot polls are pleasing to everyone who has seen them, and pleasing to people contributing \$71,000 of their hard earned dollars to the project. Propst told the City Council that this it's time they accept the project funding and move forward. The Lanterns will be placed from the South end of town, to the end of the street at where Bodies was located. More in the traffic island and others across the bridge and toward the Community Center.

The Mayors response was he still had to consider the business side of the lamps and the Town would not have the money to do the up keep on the lanterns. My research this morning shows the cost of battery replacement in the lamps are currently \$27-\$49. The average life of those batteries is 5 years. The cost of replacing every battery on the high end would be \$3,479. Does it sound like good business to turn down a \$71,000 gift because it might cause the need of \$60.00 a month being put aside to create a replacement fund for those batteries.

The Mayor said that his responsibility since becoming Mayor was to build revenue for this town, and yet, his animosity toward the \$9 million dollar complex across the river begs to differ. A personal comment directed toward Teresa Overton did not get unnoticed by anyone at the meeting.

Ridgeview News brought up the fact that they returned a \$1,000 contribution made by Crystal Mersh because according to all council members they didn't want anyone controlling them. Evidently they don't want the citizens having any say either, because that money was given to the citizens not the council.

Another statement by the Mayor that did not go unnoticed was the comment that he had a "very nice house" that he wanted to be an example of what other people should strive for. How about you be an example of a Reputable government official that doesn't demand it's citizens live by the letter of the law while you make a mockery of it.

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What do we have to draw it back?

The natural resource we extract here is an input for every industry: energy. It is abundant here. The bottleneck in transport to bring natural gas out of the region can be to our benefit if we convince manufacturers to burn that gas here and truck finished products out of here. Even when the new pipelines go into service, we sit atop two formations that, taken together, would be the largest natural gas deposit in the world. New drilling will fill new pipeline, and we'll be back to having another bottleneck.

And labor? Every manufacturer who has experienced it can go on at length about the work ethic of those who grew up around farming. Such people are prized in the labor market and factories are located where these may be found. Even with so much land given over to waste, the work ethic and indomitable will of the farmer still shines through in the people of this county.

We must bring in wealth creation to save this county. We must provide opportunity to our children, or they will continue to leave to seek it elsewhere. We must sell the idea of this county to wealth creators to draw them here.

A thriving and diversified local economy will see far more than Calhoun Banks and Hope Gas helping local causes. They do a lot of good, but so few can only do so much. A thriving and diversified local economy will see little need for the needy to seek a solution in government when better and easier solutions can be found in the private sector.

The responsibility of the county government shouldn't be to help these non-profits, but to create an environment where they do not need government help. The responsibility of county government shouldn't be to draw in business, but in the absence of any other capable entity, it must.

But the true responsibility of local government is to see to public trust and public infrastructure, to foster fertile ground for opportunity to flourish.

If you'd like to discuss ways to bring opportunity to Calhoun County, please call (304) 404-3194 or email aryeh.l.white@gmail.com

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Thurs., 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 19: CENTER CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY!

Tues., Feb. 20: Chicken pasta, vegetables, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Wed., Feb. 21: fish, potatoes, bake beans,

whole wheat roll, juice.

Thurs., Feb. 22: hamburger, whole wheat bun, onion and mayo, ranch potatoes, banana pudding.

Fri., Feb. 23: cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, juice.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed., Feb. 14: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

CMHS Girls Basketball travels to Point Pleasant Senior/Middle School, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 15: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

CMHS Boys Basketball LKC Placement TBA

CMHS Girls Basketball vs. Williamstown, 7:00 p.m.

Pick Your Own Prize Bingo, Heritage Park Community Building, 6:00 p.m.

Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m

Fri., Feb. 16: Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 17: Calhoun Youth Basketball Games, CMHS, with Pre-K - 1st Grade at 9:00 a.m.

CMHS Boys Basketball LKC Night of Champions TBA Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 7:00 p.m.

Calhoun Republican Executive Committee Lincoln Dinner, Arnoldsburg Community Park, 5:00 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 19: CHS Boys Basketball vs. Clay County, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

CHS Boys Basketball Team vs. Hannan, 7:00 p.m.



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Calhoun Youth Basketball

2/11 Game Results

K-1st Grade

K-1st grade is instructional learning time. The kids are learning the aspects of playing basketball.



2nd and 3rd Grade

Team Sampson-1 vs. Team Heiney-32

Team Sampson: Savannah Sampson, Eli, Reese Dow and Henry Barnhart played but did not score and Brenton scored 1 point.

Team Heiney: Aerial Heiney and Carly Osborne played but did not score; Evert Wright and Adam Francis scored 2 points each and Haygen Houchin scored 28 points.

Team Jarvis-6 vs. Team Heiney-18

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

Team Heiney: Aerial Heiney and Evert Wright played but did not score; V Carly Osborne and Adam Francis scored 2 points each and Haygen Houchin scored 14 points.

Team Jarvis-4 vs. Team Sampson-8

Team Jarvis: Kyson Sampson, Raelyn Arnold, Lydia Hill, Sophia Goodrich, Paislie Jarvis, Axton White and Raines Ridde all played but did not score and Braidyn Brannon scored 4 points.

Team Sampson: Savannah Sampson, Henry Barnhart and Brenton played but did not score; Reese Dow scored 2 points and Eli scored 6 points.

4th-6th Grade

Team Cunningham-24 vs. Team Helmick-26

Team Cunningham: Silas Cunningham and Payden Yeager played but did not score; Cruz Frymier scored 3 points; Colbie Wilson scored 6 points; Liam Yeager scored 7 points and Tori Cunningham scored 8 points.

Team Helmick: Annie Nelson, Colton McCumbers, and Sophia Bartlett played but did not score; Mason Laughlin scored 5 points; Mark Plumby and Judd Helmick scored 6 points each and Cyrus Helmick scored 9 points.

Team Reip-10 vs. Team Staples-6

Team Reip: Kallah Reip, Kenlie Jarvis, Mercy Starcher, Karleigh Daugherty, Sadie McGlothlin and Audrey McCumbers played but didn't score; Parker Hoskins scored 2 points; Mason Sampson and Addie Caudill scored 4 points each.

Team Staples: Isabella Staples, Bentley Snodgrass, Mason Cunningham and Brenlyn Barr played but didn't score; Temperance Caldwell scored 2 points and Keegan Sampson scored 4 points.

Team Church-33 vs. Team Dow-11

Team Church: James Marks and Allianna Hill played but didn't score; Chandler Cottrell scored 2 points; Tristan Rogers scored 4 points; Aaron Langford scored 4 points; Mandy Johnson scored 8 points; Tyler Mayle and Grayson Laughlin scored 8 points each and Mandy Johnson scored 11 points.

Team Dow: Abram Dow, Baeli Frum, Brody Crislip and Kyle Shook played but didn't score; Koby Crislip and Jase Farley scored 2 points each and Payton Lamp scored 7 points.

Team Helmick-12 vs. Team Reip-7

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

Team Reip: Kallah Reip, Kenlie Jarvis, Mercy Starcher, Karleigh Daugherty, Sadie McGlothlin and Audrey McCumbers played but didn't score; Parker Hoskins scored 1 point; Addie Caudill scored 2 points; Mason Sampson 4 points.

Team Dow-9 vs. Team Staples-11

Team Dow: Payton Lamp, Abram Dow, Baeli Frum, Brody Crislip and Kyle Shook played but didn't score; Koby Crislip, scored 4 points and Jase Farly scored 5 points.

Team Staples: Isabella Staples and Temperance Caldwell played but did not score; Keegan Sampson and Bentley Snodgrass scored 1 point each; Mason Cunningham scored 3 points and Brenlyn Barr scored 6 points.

Team Cunningham-11 vs. Team Church-32

Team Cunningham: Silas Cunninham, Cruz Frymier and Payden Yeager played but didn't score; Colbie Wilson scored 2 points; Tori Cunningham scored 3 points and Liam Yeager scored 6 points.

Team Church: Chandler Cottrell, James Marks and Alliana Hill played but didn't score; Tristian Rogers scored 4 points; Mandy Johnson and Grayson Laughlin scored 8 points each and Tyler Mayle scored 12 points.

Calhoun Chronicles Player of the Week

The Calhoun Chronicle Player of the Week for 2nd-3rd Grade Jan. 27th Games was Haygen Houchin and for the 4th-6th Grade Games it was Tyler Mayle and Addie Caudill.

The Calhoun Chronicle Player of the Week for 2nd-3rd Grade Feb. 4th Games was Raines Riddel and Paislie Jarvis and for the 4th-6th Grade Games it was Keegan Sampson and Tori Cunningham

The Calhoun Chronicle Player of the Week for 2nd-3rd Grade Feb. 11 Games was Eli and Sophia Goodrich and for the 4th-6th Grade Games it was Grayson Laughlin and Mandy Johnson.

Congratulations to all players!

Calhoun County HS Boys Basketball

Preview: Calhoun Red Devils vs. South Harrison Hawks

By Team Reports

Calhoun is 2-8 against the Hawks since February of 2016 but they'll have a chance to close the gap a little bit on Wednesday. The Calhoun Red Devils will head out on the road to challenge the South Harrison Hawks at 7:30 p.m. Calhoun will be looking to extend their current four-game winning streak.

Even though Calhoun has not done well against the Panthers recently (they were 1-8 in their previous nine matchups), they didn't let the past get in their way on Monday. Calhoun took down the Panthers 49-35.

Landon Bennett continued his habit of posting crazy stat lines, scoring 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. The team also got some help courtesy of Dylan Buckius, who scored 15 points.

Meanwhile, South Harrison came into Saturday's game having lost eight straight, but that streak is now in the rearview. They walked away with a 60-53 victory over Tygarts Valley on Saturday. The victory was just what South Harrison needed coming off of a 61-29 defeat in their prior contest.

Calhoun now has a winning record of 8-7. South Harrison's record is now 3-13.

Everything came up roses for Calhoun against the Hawks in their previous meeting back in December of 2023 as the team secured a 63-19 victory. The rematch might be a little tougher for Calhoun since the team won't have the home-court advantage this time around. We'll see if the change in venue makes a difference.

Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. South Harrison Hawks

The Calhoun Red Devils had already won four in a row (a stretch where they outscored their opponents by an average of 24 points), and they went ahead and made it five on Wednesday. They managed a 59-54 victory over South Harrison. The score was all tied up 26-26 at the break, but Calhoun was the better team in the second half.

Leading Calhoun to victory were Dylan Buckius and Landon Bennett. Buckius scored 21 points along with three steals, while Bennett scored 21 points along with six rebounds. That makes it four consecutive games in which Bennett has scored at least a third of Calhoun's points. The team also got some help courtesy of Caden Jones, who scored five points along with six rebounds and two steals.

Calhoun pushed their record up to 9-7 with that win, which was their third straight on the road. As for South Harrison, they have traveled a rocky road recently having lost nine of their last ten matchups, which put a noticeable dent in their 3-14 record this season.

Calhoun will be playing in front of their home fans against Paden City at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Hopefully Calhoun focused on turnovers this week since the team gave up 15 on Wednesday. As for South Harrison, they will head out on the road to square off against Clay County at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The matchup should be an exciting one, as these teams are closely ranked in West Virginia (South Harrison is ranked 111th, while Clay County is ranked 117th).

Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Paden City Wildcats

The Calhoun Red Devils had already won five in a row (a stretch where they outscored their opponents by an average of 20.2 points), and they went ahead and made it six on Saturday. They really took it to Paden City for the full four quarters, racking up a 70-39 victory at home. Given Calhoun's advantage in MaxPreps' West Virginia basketball rankings (they are ranked 96th, while Paden City is ranked 846th), the result wasn't entirely unexpected.

Landon Bennett was his usual excellent self, scoring 25 points along with seven rebounds and five steals. That makes it five consecutive games in which he has scored at least a third of Calhoun's points. The team also got some help courtesy of Jacob Marks, who scored 15 points along with three steals.

Calhoun pushed their record up to 10-7 with that win, which was their third straight at home. They've been dominating during the matchups in that stretch too, as they've won by an average of 36.3 points. As for Paden City, they are on a four-game losing streak that has dropped them down to 2-14.

Both squads will have to hit the road in their upcoming games. Calhoun will square off against Hannan at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. As for Paden City, they will head out on the road to face off against Beallsville at 6:00 p.m. on Monday. Beallsville has been getting the ball to fall more lately as they've increased their point totals each of their last five games.

Calhoun County Girls Basketball

Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. South Harrison Hawks

By Team Reports

The Calhoun Red Devils's recent rough patch got a bit rougher on Thursday after their third straight loss. They fell to South Harrison 50-45. Calhoun has struggled against the Hawks recently, as their match on Thursday was their third consecutive lost matchup.

South Harrison's victory was a true team effort, with many players turning in solid performances. Perhaps the best among them was Hope Woods, who scored 16 points along with eight rebounds and four steals. The team also got some help courtesy of Halle Bland, who scored 14 points along with six rebounds and two steals.

Calhoun's loss was their seventh straight at home, which dropped their record down to 1-13. As for South Harrison, the win was the fifth in a row for them, bringing their record for this year to 9-7.

Calhoun will get a bit of extra time to process the loss as their next game is a ways off. They'll take on the Big Blacks at 7:00 p.m. on February 14th. As for South Harrison, they won't have much time to rest: their next contest is against the Titans at 7:00 p.m. on February 2nd. Gilmer County is currently enjoying a perfect season and no doubt want to keep things rolling.

Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Tyler Knights

The Calhoun Red Devils's recent rough patch got a bit rougher on Thursday after their fifth straight defeat. They took a 62-43 bruising from Tyler. Calhoun has not had much luck with Tyler recently, as the team's come up short the last two times they've met.

Tyler was led to victory by Ryland Henderson and Jules Lattea. Henderson scored 21 points along with three steals, while Lattea dropped a double-double on 12 points and 11 rebounds. As a matter of fact, that's the most points Henderson has scored all season. The team also got some help courtesy of Faith Lemasters, who scored seven points.

Calhoun's defeat was their eighth straight at home, which dropped their record down to 1-15. As for Tyler, the win makes it two in a row for them and bumps their season record up to 9-12.

Both squads will have to hit the road in their upcoming games. Calhoun will challenge Point Pleasant at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. As for Tyler, they will head out on the road to face off against Valley at 6:00 p.m. on Monday. Hopefully Tyler focused on turnovers this week since the team gave up 16 on Thursday.



106 Reese Schoolcraft, 2-1 (Second Place)



150 Wyatt Nichols, 2-1 (Second Place)



215 Levi Stump, 4-2 (Fourth Place)



157 Haiden Staton, 3-1 (Third Place)

The Red Devil HS Wrestling Team Placed 6th at LKC Tournament

By Robert Bonar

The Red Devils placed sixth in the 60th annual Little Kanawha Conference wrestling tournament held last weekend at Ritchie County High School. Reese Schoolcraft (2nd), Wyatt Nichols (2nd), Haiden Staton (3rd), and Levi Stump (4th).

This Friday and Saturday, the Red Devils will be at the Region IV Class AA/A tournament at Saint Marys High School.

Team Results

1.	Braxton County	175.0
2.	Ravenswood	152.5
3.	Roane County	152.0
4.	Williamstown	150.0
5.	Tyler Consolidated	113.0
6.	Calhoun County	104.0
7.	Clay County	94.0
8.	Wirt County	87.0
9.	South Harrison	77.0
10.	Wahama	74.0
11.	Doddridge County	63.0
12.	Saint Marys	28.0
13.	Ritchie County	25.0
14.	Gilmer County	0.0

Individual Results

106	Reese Schoolcraft, 2-1 (Second Place)
113	Lance Grogg, 0-2
120	Christian Andreano, 0-2
126	Noah Butler, 3-2
132	Eli Bailey, 1-2
138	Joe Nelson, 1-2
144	Adam Hughes, 2-2
150	Wyatt Nichols, 2-1 (Second Place)
157	Haiden Staton, 3-1 (Third Place)
165	Jobe Loudin, 0-2
175	Sam Elmore, 1-2
190	Landon Sampson, 2-2
215	Levi Stump, 4-2 (Fourth Place)

CALHOUN FOOTBALL



BASKET BINGO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH @ 5:00PM
CMHS COMMONS AREA
PRESALE TICKETS STARTING FEB. 3RD \$20.00
PURCHASING AT THE DOOR \$25.00

Grantsville Pickleball Club



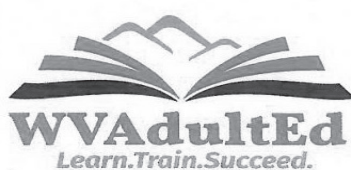
The Grantsville Pickleball Club is growing!

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.



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



West Virginia Adult Education is here to help!

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

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

Contact:



Calhoun-Gilmer Adult Learning Center
5260 East Kanawha Highway
Grantsville WV 26147
304 354-6151 Ext 106



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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

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia; Decedent Personal Representative Address Barbara Sue Cowling Cheryl 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, Clerk Calhoun County Commission

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §44-1-4(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows: Decedent Decedent's Address Date of Death Date of Affidavit 1. 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 1. 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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The Calhoun County Commission will be selling at public auction the following property: Lee District .22 acre Map 24 Parcel 59.4 Address: 11879 S Calhoun Highway, Millstone, West Virginia Monday, March 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. on the Courthouse Steps Property will be sold as is with no minimum bid. If you have questions, contact Craig Arthur, Commission President, ay (304) 991-0456.

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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 bidders@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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TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE: The following rates and charges are hereby fixed, determined and established for municipal water services provided to all customers of the Town of Grantsville's Municipal Water Treatment Plant and Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill PSD water sales, commencing upon the effective date as hereinafter provided, and in accordance with the following Rates and Schedules: RULES AND REGULATIONS 1. Rules and Regulations for the Government of Water Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect, and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission. SECTION 1 - TARIFF (Effective 45 Days After Enactment) APPLICABILITY Applicable in the entire territory or area served. AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial customers and sale for resale service. RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL RATES First 2,000 gallons used per month \$19.39 per 1000 gallons Next 3,000 gallons used per month \$18.14 per 1000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons used per month \$13.82 per 1000 gallons *** An sixty (60%) percent increase from the existing rate(s). MINIMUM CUSTOMER CHARGE 5/8 inch meter \$29.09 per month 3/4 inch meter \$43.64 per month 1 inch meter \$72.73 per month 1-1/2 inch meter \$145.45 per month 2 inch meter \$232.72 per month 3 inch meter \$465.44 per month 4 inch meter \$727.25 per month No bill will be rendered for less than the following amount \$29.09 DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY The above schedule is net. On all current usage billing not paid in full within twenty (20) days, after the billing date, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment is not interest and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate. TAP FEE The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant: A tap fee of \$300.00 will be charged to customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system. SECURITY DEPOSIT Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class or fifty (\$50.00), whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions. CONNECTION FEE The connection fee shall be 500.00 for each new water service line one inch and smaller, and shall include the tap of the main line, the service line from the main to the property line or curb stop, and the meter installation, including the meter pit or vault. The connection fee for service larger than one inch shall be the actual cost of the installation, and shall include the tap of the main, the service line from the main to the property line, and the meter installation, including the meter pit or vault. Upon receipt of an application for a service connection larger than one inch, the utility will provide an estimate of actual cost, which amount must be deposited by the applicant in advance of installation. Upon completion of the installation, a final settlement of the actual installation cost will be prepared and submitted for payment to the applicant. The amount of payment due will be reduced by the amount of the advance deposit. In the event of an excess in the amount deposited over the actual installation cost, the amount of excess will be promptly refunded to the applicant. DISCONNECTION FEE If any bill is not paid within sixty (60) days after the due date, water service to the customer will be discontinued. Water will not be restored until past due water bills have been paid in full and all accrued penalties plus a reconnection charge have been paid. RECONNECTION FEE There shall be a \$30.00 reconnection charge for re-established service. RESALE SERVICE RATE \$8.59 per 1,000 gallons per month. LEAK ADJUSTMENT RATE An incremental charge of \$1.46 per 1,000 gallons per month shall be charged for all water billed in excess of the customer's historic usage for a water leak that is determined by the Public Service Commission to be eligible for an adjustment of the water service charge. READ METER AT CUSTOMER REQUEST Customer shall remit an amount equal to the estimated cost incurred, but not less than \$25.00. RETURNED CHECK RATE If a check is returned by the bank for any reason, the bank's charge to the utility shall be the utility's charge to the customer for such a bad check, but such charge to customers shall not exceed \$30.00. SECTION 2 - TARIFF EFFECTIVE DATE The rates, charges and penalties provided herein shall become effective as provided herein, or as soon thereafter as the same may be approved by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia. SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any clause, provision or section hereof shall be held void or unenforceable by the West Virginia Public Service Commission or any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date hereof, all ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflicts, hereby repealed, and to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provisions of prior ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect. SECTION 4 - STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING Upon introduction hereof, the Town shall cause to be published a copy of this Ordinance once a week for two (2) successive weeks within a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days, with at least six (6) days between each publication, in the Calhoun Chronicle, a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Grantsville, and said notice shall state that the Ordinance has been introduced, and that any person interested may appear before Council on March 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., which date is not less than ten (10) days after the date of the first publication of the Ordinance and notice, and present any comment or protest thereto, following which hearing, Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper. Copies of this Ordinance shall be available to the public for inspection at the office of the Town Recorder, of Grantsville, West Virginia. First Reading: February 5, 2024 Second Reading And Public Hearing: March 4, 2024 TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE, a municipal corporation Mayor: Robert Petrovsk Recorder: Judy Powell

WV Natural Resources Commission to meet February 25

Public may attend meeting at Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center in Alum Creek ALUM CREEK, W.Va. — The West Virginia Natural Resources Commission will meet on February 25 at 1 p.m. at the Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center in Alum Creek. The meeting is open to the public and those who attend in person will have an opportunity to make comments. Meeting Agenda Call to Order - 1:00 P.M. Introductions West Virginia State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation Award Presentations Review, correct and approve the minutes of the October 29, 2023, and December 14, 2023, meetings of the Natural Resources Commission Public comments 2024 Legislative Update Summary of the 2023-2024 Big Game Harvest Figures Proposed 2024-2025 Big Game Hunting Regulations Proposed 2025-2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Proposed 2025 Fishing Regulations Discussion on date, location and agenda topics for upcoming meetings of the Natural Resources Commission Adjourn

Attention: Retired Calhoun School Personnel

The West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees (WVARSE) is in the process of helping inactive chapters become active again. This goal may be achieved in the following manner: (1) Contact WVARSE President Charmel Radcliff at 304-684-2133 or Executive Director William Milam at 304-610-0192 for assistance in reorganizing your county's inactive chapter. (2) Attend meetings and join neighboring county chapters. The Gilmer County Association of Retired School Employees is inviting retired Calhoun school employees to attend our 11:30 a.m. luncheon meeting on March 19 at the Gilmer County Senior Center. If you wish to discuss this issue, please call 304-462-7256. Sharon Moyers President of Gilmer County Association of Retired School Employees 304-462-7256

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.):

Lions Club Music March 9th

Bluegrass, gospel and country music by Starling Holbert at the Grantsville Lions Club Building (behind the Senior Center, Grantsville) on Saturday, March 9th 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



BINGO NIGHT

\$20 FOR 20 GAMES

Saturday, March 16th

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM / BINGO STARTS AT 6:00PM

LOCATION: CALHOUN MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL

HOSTED BY: THE JUNIOR CLASS
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD PROM AND CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION

Contact Holly Wilson at
holly.wilson@k12.wv.us
to be added to the early bird list.

New Testament Baptist Church

The BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.: John 14:6

WE ARE ALL SINNERS.

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

WE WERE SENT A SAVIOR

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

WE CAN SIMPLY CONFESS & CALL

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

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

THE REASON HE CAME...

HE CAME FOR ONE REASON....YOU.

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

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

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

Pastor Jim Lough - Assistant Pastor Nick Randolph

ntbcvoj@gmail.com

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

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

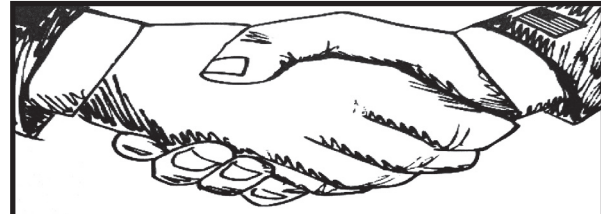
We need your donations to keep it looking neat. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, please donate. Donations can be mailed to Liberty Hill Cemetery, 3121 Lemuels Run Road, Mount Zion, WV 26151. Calhoun County Bank has been gracious to accept money in their drop box or donated at the banks.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

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Lions Club Bingo

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

Food Pantry

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

Library Hours

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

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Check Conditions

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

Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

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 _____

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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

Roger Goff is sick with the pneumonia fever. Various diseases are active in the area including strep throat.

Ellen Hedge is home and getting around with a back brace & a walker.

Debbie Griffin got a good report from her medical team.

The tree cutting crew is working now in the Burning Springs neighborhood & they actually did cut down the tall dead tree near the lodge hall. However, elsewhere only limbs on dead trees were trimmed leaving the remainder to fall and block the road, often at night. Some things are important while others are of no consequence to the big \$\$ men.

Creston continues to have warm weather with the Easter flowers now up and hairy bittercress in bloom. Also, there have been turkeys gobbling and some have been wetting some lines down at the old ferry landing at the mouth of the West Fork.

At least one local resident got a call from a polling concern asking about various candidates for governor. The recording talked about Mr. Capito. Was hard to tell who one was "supposed to support" but they did trash the car dealer.

The Carter bank has started foreclosure action on the governor who owes at least \$1.5 billion. At the recent Republican gathering down at the Mouth of the Elk one fellow noted that if he went to the US Senate to handle the Manchin affairs, he would be solvent within just months. Big Jim is backed by Mitch McConnell who is deep state, works with Chuck U. Shumer and wants all the illegal aliens to come here and vote. We are told "everybody in W. Va. loves Big Jim".

Speaking of the invasion of illegal aliens into the nation it was recently reported that 3 Ex presidents, all members of the uniparty are involved in one of the NGOs (non government organizations) bringing in the illegal aliens. The taxpayers are funding the NGOs who facilitate the invasion.

Marilyn Herron, wife of Hie Lee Herron, age 83, passed away. She was laid to rest just down the road from her home in the Cooper Cemetery.

The Calhoun County Lincoln Day dinner will be Saturday, February 17 at the Arnoldsburg Community Building. Tickets are now \$30.00.

Sgt. Jim Blankenship's daughter Kay works for My Eye Doctor in Parkersburg. She noted that her mother Nancy was not doing well and was staying with Kathy & her husband in Clarksburg.

TransCanada, fka Columbia Gas Transmission, fka United Fuel Gas Company, fka United States Natural Gas Company, part of the John D. Rockefeller Standard Oil empire, announced that the company would build a new headquarters building in downtown Charleston and that 450 men would be hired to staff the facility. Presently the firm has a substantial building on MacCorkle Avenue, across the river.

For those who plan ahead such as those who need to schedule time off from gainful employment, the first Creston ATV poler run is set for April 27 and the Easter Party is scheduled for March 24.

The ruling party has announced new ESG rules for agriculture that reflect the programs presently wrecking havoc with farming in Europe with big increases in the price of diesel, propane, fertilizer, seed & other items needed to farm. It was noted that the price of cheese would have to rise 78%, beef 70%, rice 56%, chicken 39% and eggs 36%. The one world people want us to eat insects.

If implemented the new methane leak rules would shut down 34% of the gas wells in the nation. All this to "protect the planet". For some reason the venting and flaring of methane (natural gas) in oil producing 3rd world countries is perfectly fine. It was noted that last year set a record for the amount of coal that was burned world wide & in January a record was set for the amount of natural gas that was burned. The Henry Hub price of natural gas dipped to \$1.92/MMBTU.

Recently it was learned that the folks promoting the banning of gas cook stoves, heating stoves, furnaces, lights, etc was Billionaire Bloomberg and the nitwits currently running the Rockefeller enterprise.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil rose to \$75.84/bbl. with condensate (drip) fetching \$57.84/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$66.84 and medium \$75.84/bbl.

Save the Children Parent-Child

Discover an exciting opportunity for children and families in Calhoun County with Save the Children! Join our weekly Parent Child Groups, featuring the engaging "Freckles and Friends Kindergarten Readiness Group," designed to set the foundation for your child's academic and social success.

Key Highlights:

- Academic and Social Success: This group lays the groundwork for your child's success in kindergarten, focusing on language and literacy skills, problem solving, math skills, social-emotional competencies, and fostering a positive attitude towards learning.

- Free Early Childhood Education Services: Available to children aged 3 through 5, accompanied by valuable support for parents or caregivers.

-Monthly Parent Workshop: Enhance your parenting skills and stay involved in your child's educational journey.

Join our Weekly In-person Groups:

- Tuesdays: Calhoun FRN 4:30-6:30 P.M.**

- **Thursdays 2/15, 2/29:

-Fridays 2/9, 2/23: Arnoldsburg Elementary 1:00- 3:00.P.M.**

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!

Calhoun Youth Livestock Program Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional Important Dates

• February 1st - State Fair Market Steer and Heifer Tag Order Due

• April 15th - State Fair Market Sheep, Goats and Hog Tag Order Due

• Friday, September 20-21st.- Calhoun County 4-H and FFA Youth Livestock Show and Sale,

Down but Not Out: Duskey's Encouraging Words

By Gaylen Duskey

Sometimes you don't know how blessed you are until something bad happens to you. Then you get to see things in a new light. A light you perhaps hadn't seen before. Or thought about.

I know it happened to me.

I did not feel blessed while I was lying on the ground in pain trying to get up with the rain pelting down on me while trying to figure out what was broken and what wasn't.

My head hurt since I had broken my fall with my head crashing into the gravel. My shoulder hurt. My hip, amazingly, did not but it had a huge knot on it.

But this is not about what was damaged and what wasn't. It's about what happened afterward.

While I was battered and bruised, I had people step up to take care of me physically and mentally. They let me know it was all right I was not doing anything for them and that is one of the top fears of my depressive swings.

It always has been what have I done to earn your love?

If I wasn't producing, then I did not deserve affection.

Yes, I am clinically depressed, and it is very real even if I know about it and it hasn't been discussed in a governmental meeting.

And, no, I am not ashamed of it. It is just part of who I am having what drove me at work and elsewhere despite have a very laid-back B personality.

My family physically took care of me with food and forced me to move my right shoulder even though it hurt like the very devil. It still hurts but not as bad as it did, and I can thank them for that.

And I had other friends who let me know I was appreciated and wanted even though I had nothing to offer them to earn that. It truly was a remarkable feeling.

I even was excused from my basketball bookkeeping duties since one eyelid was/is swollen to the point it is hard to see out of. But they (the Calhoun High School boys' team) may not want me back since they are 6-1 with me gone. Maybe, just maybe, I have been jinxing them.

I hope I am not, but should I take a chance? I mean they are playing so well now ...

I need to offer congratulations to an area team that is absolutely doing great. I mean the Gilmer County girls team which is, of this writing, 20-0 and the current LKC champion.

That leaves the Titans with one big goal and that is winning the state Class A title. Since this does not appear to be Calhoun's year, I hope the Titans pull it off. The biggest obstacle to Gilmer's quest probably will be defending state champion Cameron and its massively talented center Ashlynn Van Tassel and twins Emilee and Ashlee Dobbs.

The two teams have a bit of history with Cameron beating Gilmer 53-50 in the championship game in 2022.

FEELING SORRY FOR THE BUFFOON: I feel sorry for Joe Biden. I really do. I watched his press conference after an investigation into some illegal things he was doing decided against prosecution because, basically, he (Biden) was not up to it because of his lack of mental acuity.

His handlers trotted him out and it was sad to see him struggling to gain any sense of what he was trying to say. How could people who supposedly loved him and supported him do this to him?

Maybe that's because the national democrat party will do, say, or destroy anything to maintain power and Biden is one thing they are willing to destroy.

Frankly I think the democrats are hoping to find someone to replace Biden at the top of the ticket who is not named Kamala Harris because she is a bigger trainwreck than he is.

The name I hear most is Michelle Obama, but I don't think so. I think if the democrats run an Obama for president, it will be Barack Obama. But why do that since he is already the one pulling the strings on the puppet president Joe Biden.

Frankly the best thing, the very best thing for Trump to win the White House and the Republicans to take the House and Senate by huge margins and to hold on to them for a long time.

AND IN WEST VIRGINIA: Statewide it's going to be interesting, but it will be a Republican sweep. The interesting part is which Republican is going to survive the primary and win the general election.

The most hotly contested statewide race is the GOP gubernatorial primary where four very good candidates – Mac Warner, Patrick Morrissey, Moore Capito and Chris Miller – and a couple of other guys including one from Calhoun County. But those other guys won't get many more votes than me and I am not on the ballot.

The interesting thing about the race for governor is that the businessman – Miller – is making enough noise that the hidden money is buying television ads attacking him.

Frankly I feel any of the four major GOP candidates will make a good governor, but I would love to see Miller win it because he is NOT a politician. It worked quite well when we elected Donald Trump. It should work at the state level too.

Stay tuned.

AND LOCALLY: The good folks governing the Town of Grantsville took something that ought to have been very easy and turned it into 10 miles of bad road by not following the law.

It was a simple task – name a replacement council member for one who resigned.

Basically, the law says you call a public meeting, discuss the candidates, make the recommendation, and then vote on it. There may be some hurtful feelings and disagreements but, in the end, it is the end. Period.

Instead, the governing folks held a secret non-meeting meeting and unofficially (since it was not an official meeting) decided who they wanted and made their choice.

At the next regularly scheduled meeting the governing folks decided it was time to swear in the new council member.

Oops!!! You can't do it that way and some concerned citizens called them on it and good golly didn't that turn into a big brouhaha?

Yep. And it spilled over into other things like the lamppost project that got 71 pledges of \$1,000 apiece to buy lampposts for the streets of Grantsville.

The governing body of the town and some merchants are speaking out against it.


That is a big mistake.

Why?

Because (1) the installation and maintenance of these lampposts is not as financially burdensome as some say and (2) 71 different people or entities are willing to put their money where their mouths are and for the town to kill the project would offend 71 folks (entities) greatly.

When you have that many folks (entities) wanting to help you you simply say thank you and then just shut up and let them do it.

Until next time stay safe but don't live your life in a bubble.

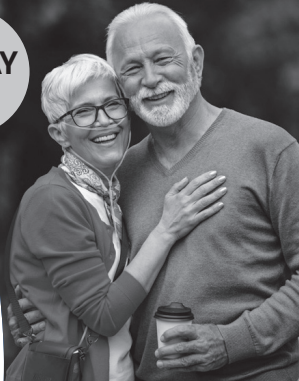


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Calhoun County Library Event

**West Virginia Humanities Council
History Alive! Press Release
COLONEL RUBY BRADLEY**



Colonel Ruby G. Bradley (1907-2002), WWII and Korean War Army Nurse, will be portrayed by Becky Park of Charleston at 2:00 on March 23rd at Calhoun County Library. The presentation is part of the History Alive! program of the West Virginia Humanities Council.

When Bradley retired from the U.S. Army in 1963 she was the most decorated woman in American military history. A native of Spencer, West Virginia, Bradley was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines in 1941 and was a POW until 1945. She continued her work as

a nurse in the prison camp. She was named Chief Nurse for the Eighth Army in 1951 and supervised over 500 nurses in Korea. Bradley attained the rank of Colonel in 1958.

Bradley is one of the many available character presentations offered through the West Virginia Humanities Council's History Alive! program as a means of exploring history by interacting with noteworthy historical figures. These programs provide audiences with the opportunity to question those who have shaped our history.

Historical characterization is the vehicle for this program. Humanities scholars have carefully researched a variety of sources about the figures they portray such as journals, letters, official documents, speeches, autobiographies and research by other scholars in developing their presentation.

This program is available to interested nonprofit groups such as libraries, museums, and historical societies. For more information call the West Virginia Humanities Council at 346-8500 or visit the website: www.wvhumanities.org

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council is supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

WVU Roane County Extension seeking AmeriCorps members for Energy Express summer program

Energy Express, West Virginia University Extension's award-winning literacy program, is returning this summer to bring reading and nutrition education to children across West Virginia.

The program is currently seeking individuals to serve as community coordinators and mentors for sites in Roane County at Geary, Spencer and Walton.

AmeriCorps members are needed to serve as community coordinators and caring mentors for children in the program. Members will serve for six weeks during the summer, from June 17 to July 26 for the Energy Express program, plus additional time for training and set up before the program begins. Training will be on June 5 and 6 in Morgantown, and the week of June 10 to 14 will give members and volunteers time to set up, plan and meet children before the program begins.

It takes a community to make Energy Express a beneficial part of children's summers. Youths, AmeriCorps members and other volunteers work together with site supervisors to create a meaningful experience for children entering first through sixth grade—particularly in rural and low-income communities.

Along with providing a rewarding personal experience, AmeriCorps members earn an education award, living allowance and service hours. College students who serve as mentors are eligible to receive a \$1,459.26 educational award, \$3,726 living allowance and 300 service hours.

Mentors who participate in Energy Express also gain leadership skills and personal growth, as well as create meaningful relationships within your community.

To be eligible to serve as an AmeriCorps volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old before June 5, 2024. Applications are available now and will stay open until all positions are filled. Contact the WVU Roane County Extension office at 304-927-0975 or roaneountyextension@mail.wvu.edu or stop by the office located in the lower level of the Roane County Library in Spencer for any further information or questions.

Interested applicants can sign up <https://extension.wvu.edu/youth-family/youth-education/energy-express/get-involved>. For more information about the program in general, visit energyexpress.wvu.edu.

If you want to learn about WVU Extension, visit extension.wvu.edu or follow @WVUExtension on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram.

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CONTACT: Brandy Brabham, WVU Extension – Roane County
304-927-0975 or Brandy.brabham@mail.wvu.edu

The Kootaga District Buckskin Council News

PARKERSBURG — The Kootaga District, Buckskin Council, Scouts BSA, held its annual volunteer awards dinner on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells. Christopher Burk, Kootaga District Commissioner was MC and dinner chair.

The dinner, hosted by Pack 86 and Troop 86, recognized volunteers and their commitment to Scouting. Patrick Shook hand crafted all the dinner awards.

The Eagle Class of 2023 was recognized by Patrick Shook. Shook presented each Eagle Scout with a handcrafted plaque he made.

Come join Scouting in the Kootaga District. Got to www.beascout.org to find a unit in your area. Or, call the Scout Office at 422.4507 for more information. Follow the Kootaga District on Facebook.

The Kootaga District serves Scouts and volunteers in the following counties: Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, and Calhoun counties in West Virginia and the communities of Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolville in Ohio.



Pictured: L - R Stephanie Shepard (T20G) Scouts BSA Spirit Award; Greg Cappadona (T86) Shorty Matheny Granite Award; Jerome Phillips (T12B) Tex Adams Scouting Skills Award; Jackson Simmons (T12B) 2023 Eagle Scout; Christopher Burk (District Commissioner) Davis Anderson Award; Cameron Shore (T86) 2023 Eagle Scout; Alan Campbell (T20B) Charlie Akers Scouting Pride Award; William Tomlinson (T86) 2023 Eagle Scout. Not pictured Michael Floyd (P20) Cub Scout Spirit Award; Kirk Venderlic (T20B) Scouts BSA Rookie of the Year.

Calhoun County Math Field Day 2024: Celebrating Our Bright Minds!

Calhoun County students recently participated in Math Field Day, where our young math enthusiasts showcased their problem-solving prowess. Let's give a round of applause to these talented students who conquered numbers, equations, and mathematical challenges with gusto!

Students will travel to WVUP on March 18th to compete in the Regional Math Field Day, with students from Pleasants, Wood, Tyler, Jackson, Ritchie, Wirt, and Roane County Schools.

4th Grade Team: Mason Sampson -AES, Kenlie Jarvis -AES, Audry McCumbers -AES and Alternate: Jaselyn Adams -AES

5th Grade Team: Koby Crislip -CCMHS, Evan Griffin -CCMHS, Chandler Cottrell -CCMHS, and Alternate: Parker Hoskins - CCMHS

6th Grade Team: Ellie Hall -CCMHS, Payton Quick -CCMHS, Reagon Morgan -CCMHS and Alternate: Emma Frail - CCMHS

7th Grade Team: Brodyn Rowe LKVCS, Jace Lemon - CCMHS, Trevor Mayle - CCMHS and Alternate: - Sam Bailey- CCMHS

8th Grade Team: Evan Burch - CCMHS, Lucien Springston - CCMHS, Jasmyne Tingler- CCMHS and Alternate: Bret Richards- CCMHS

CCMHS 10-12th grade team: Devin King, Maggie Mitchell, Logan Walls, Faith McClain, Owen Taylor, Trenton Nelson, Whitney Nettles, Tyler Whited, Lee Capps and Lindsey Nettles

WIC CLINIC INFORMATION

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 WIC Clinic is located at 300 Mill Street, Grantsville and is open every Wednesday in February from 8:00AM-4:00PM. Please call the office if you have an appointment or a question about your benefits.

NOTICE TO MON POWER CUSTOMERS WITH RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS THEIR PROPERTY

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, Clay, Nicholas and Roane Counties (TMU-306 Goff Run-Linden Road 138kV Line, Linden Road-Powell Mountain 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 southeasterly direction crossing near CR 5/14 Daniels Run, CR 40 Slate Rd, CR 36/1, CR 48/3 Kaufman Rd, CR 48/2 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 Muddley 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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO SPEND AN EXCITING EVENING HELPING OUR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS GET TO WASHINGTON, DC.

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING PAINT PARTY

Date: February 23, 2024

Time: Doors open at 5 pm, class begins at 6 pm

Cost: \$30 per person, \$15 due on February 15 to reserve your spot.

All supplies will be provided with Step by Step Instruction.

Concessions will be available for purchase.

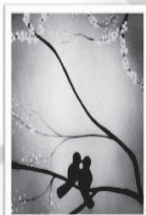
Please register by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page or typing in the web address.

If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the sponsors: Samantha Jarvis (sjarvis@k12.wv.us), Holly Wilson (hollywilson@k12.wv.us), Melissa Jarvis (melissa.jarvis@k12.wv.us) or Sallie Stewart (salliestewart@k12.wv.us)

Reserve your spot early, 50% of fees (\$15) is due February 15, 2024 to ensure enough supplies are available.

Checks should be made payable to CMHS with DC Trip written in the memo. If you want to use PayPal (jarvis.melissa@wvhsd.com) or Cashapp (\$mJarvis) you can send it to Melissa Jarvis.

Paint Party Registration



Example of the painting

<https://forms.office.com/r/nhCkRyCgU>

Awards Day at LKVCS continued from last week

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.



Brodyn Rowe
Top Grammar
Gold Honor Roll



Kylunn Keith
Top Grammar
Silver Honor Roll



Madison Wilson
Top Keyboarding



Madison Cunningham
Top Biology
Student of the Term



Isaac Kinder
Top Biology



Kathryn Carper
Top History
Gold Honor Roll



Kendra Davis
Top American Sign
Language
Silver Honor Roll



Olivia Fitzwater
Top History
Silver Honor Roll



Jared Mason
Top Bible



Ashlynn Ritchie
Top Ritichie
Gold Honor Roll



Cyrena Wilson
Top Bible



Brylee Rowe
Top Public Speaking
Gold Honor Roll

Grantsville Post Office Valentines Day Winner

Our winner for the Valentine's Day drawing was Alice Falls. She received a Bouquet of Flowers from Minnich's Florist,

A Stuffed Teddy Bear, a box of Chocolates, coffee cup filled with chocolate candies, a LOVE plaque, and a Sheet of Love Stamps.

Thank you all for participating in our drawing, and for letting the Grantsville Post Office take care of all your mailing needs.

We appreciate each and every one of you.

Denise Pollock-PM and staff



Animal Tails: Adoptable Animals in Calhoun County

By Melissa West

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

Beautiful Sky

Beautiful purebred Husky

Rescue needed. Will consider local adopter. Application required.

Adopt Missy

URGENT

Missy needs our help

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

Who dumps starving puppies in a ditch? A lot of people.

These two siblings were found in a ditch as puppies. (Sister above, Brother below)

They are now approx 1.5 years old. Spayed and neutered.

They live outside and receive very little to no attention.

They're lonely and need loving homes.

Unsure of mix. Very loving.

Hope for Hope

Sister

Ditch Dogs

Before

Brother