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### 2024 Lincoln Dinner was a Success

By Melissa West



The Lincoln Dinner saw several high profile office holders, candidates and running mates attended the Calhoun Republican Lincoln Day Dinner at the Arnoldsburg Community Park on Saturday evening, February 17th. Governor



Jim Justice spoke to a packed house at the annual event, holding a fireside chat in front of the park fireplace with Crystal Mersh.

The 175 attendees at the event were excited to hear from the Governor, Speaker of the House Roger Hanshaw and Secretary of State Mac Warner. All other candidates spent their time getting to know the other office holders and voters who attended the Election

Season kickoff for Primary 2024.

Although each speaker had varying platforms for which they addressed, common threads ran through that struck cords in the hearts of their constituents. Patriotism was high on the list with promises to support the men and women defending our nation. And speaking of men and women, promises to restore the values and teaching of two genders, and controlling the ability of the medical community and others who encourage the radical surgeries for gender reassignment of children. And of course creating a more attractive State for business and work on the economy were popular topics.

Gaylen Duskey (pictured on right), the lone Republican prior to the revitalization of the Party two years ago, was honored for his contribution to holding the party together when it seemed to be all but gone, and allowing for it's revival. Gaylen has had multiple health issues but was able to make last night's event.



Keynote Speaker was Roger Hanshaw, Speaker of the House



Guest Speaker Mac Warner, Secretary of State.



Roger and Loretta Propst with Gov. Jim Justice



### Graham Knight announces his candidacy for Calhoun Sheriff

I am Graham J. Knight, the son of Rose Knight and the late Gary Knight, retired English teacher and life resident of Calhoun County. I am running as a Republican Candidate for Sheriff of Calhoun County. I was born in Grantsville and raised in our wonderful community. My wife, Adrianna, and son Hendrix have called this county our home since our family's inception.

I have previous experience as a Deputy Sheriff in Calhoun County, Volunteer Firefighter and worked for our local Emergency Medical Services. Additionally, I served as a Corrections Officer for The Regional Jail Authority and Department Of Corrections where I learned important skills needed to work as a team to maintain safety and security. Most recently I worked for The Outdoor Store, LLC in Arnoldsburg. I was tasked with payroll, keeping inventory, managing transfers and deposits. Throughout my years managing the store, I had several employees under my direction. I learned how to manage money, maintain budgets and employee management skills.

In May of 2023 I was appointed as Sheriff of Calhoun County. Since my appointment, I have brought the Sheriff's Department from being disheveled by previous administrations to being functionally efficient. I have hired Calhoun County's first female Deputy Sheriff which will graduate from the Police Academy as a certified officer on May 10th, 2024. Additionally, I have hired two other deputies with more than 45 years law enforcement experience on top of a full-time home confinement officer/court bailiff. I have rebuilt trusting relationships with surrounding law enforcement and first responder agencies. Since acquiring a fully certified staff, I have been busy rectifying the deficiencies left by previous sheriffs, such as missing inventory, lack of law enforcement policies and procedures, and updating antiquated equipment to include two brand new cruisers.

I would sincerely be grateful for your vote to continue to be your Sheriff. Together we can make Calhoun a safer and more enjoyable place to live and raise our families. As I have sworn, I will forever do my best to uphold the Constitution and enforce the laws without fear or favor. Thank you for your continued support!

### Laura McGinnis announces candidacy for House of Delegates District 62

My name is Laura McGinnis, and I am running for the House of Delegates seat for District 62 (Calhoun, Clay, most of Gilmer Counties) with the Republican Party.

I am a professional horsewoman and am currently working as a 5th-year Stampin' Up demonstrator. I head up the card ministry at my church, and have been a vendor at the local Calhoun County Farmer's Market. I graduated from Indiana Christian University in Noblesville, IN in 1996.

I am seeking this position in response to the great amount of need within our communities, beginning with the need to be heard. My neighbors and I should not feel like we're not worth the time or energy of those we have selected to represent us in our local government, but many of us do. If you can 'hear' our tax dollars, you can very well open up your ears to hear our suggestions and complaints. Government overreach has been a steady force, robbing us of our income, our children's futures, and our hope. Many currently in the Capitol 'take the back way' when they know we're stepping forward, demanding answers and to be heard and seen. Many of us have missed work and spent money to attend House public hearings, while often, those who are being paid to hear us are too busy elsewhere than to take the time to listen, while words like "transparency" float around like a cruel joke.

I am not a politician. I just believe in the Constitution, and in the freedoms that it guarantees for ALL of us, when the government will simply DO ITS JOB and stop demanding more and more from us while offering less. I am volunteering to step up to the plate to work for you, and to give you back the power to live your life and succeed.

#notwokenought  
 --Republican Candidate for District 62 House Of Delegates, Laura McGinnis



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# OBITUARIES

Dora Kay Riggs, 67, of Big Springs, WV passed away February 10, 2024 at the Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg, WV.  
 Kay was born in Rochester, NY a daughter of the late Frederick and Dora Jones Newell.  
 Funeral services were held Feb. 16, 2024 at the Five Fork Church, 403 CR 10, Big Bend, WV 26136 with Pastor Kevin Church officiating.  
 Burial will follow at Newell Family Cemetery in Big Root, WV.  
 Arrangements have been entrusted to Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg.

## BETTY J. WRIGHT

Betty J. Wright, 93 of Glenville, WV; (Kanawha Drive Community) departed this earthly life in the early morning hours of Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at the WV Caring Hospice Center in Elkins, WV; following a brief illness.



She was born in Glenville, daughter of the late Ted and Alma (Sprouse) Greenleaf.  
 Betty is a graduate of Glenville High School, class of 1949 and a graduate of Glenville State Teachers College with a degree in education. Betty taught at Tanner High School, Normantown High School, Sand Fork High School and retired from Calhoun County High School in 1989.

Betty is a lifetime member of the Glenville First Baptist Church, member of the Kanawha Drive CEOs and Delta Kappa Gamma. In her spare time, Betty enjoyed bowling in the Central WV Bowling League, caring for her yard, staying active with her church, spending time with family and friends, and spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whenever possible.

On March 14, 1953 Betty was united in marriage to Willard L. "Hep" Wright Sr., who preceded her in death on May 8, 2011.

Surviving is a son, Willard L. Wright Jr., and wife Michele of Glenville, 4 grandchildren, Joseph Wright of Morgantown, WV; Andrea Rexroad and husband Frank of Heaters, WV; Trevor Wright of Glenville, and Sada Wright of La Vale, MD; and 2 great-grandchildren, Emily Grace Loftis and Briar Rexroad.

Also surviving are 2 siblings, Pat Clutter and husband Ken of Canton, OH; and Nancy Minney and husband Tom of Cox's Mills, WV; 2 sister-in-laws, Virginia Lydick of Glenville and Mary Greenleaf of Weston, WV; and a host of special neighbors, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Along with her husband and parents, Betty is preceded in death by 9 siblings, Larry Greenleaf, Fred Greenleaf, William "Bill" Greenleaf, Jack Greenleaf, Douglas Greenleaf, Joyce Minney, Wanda Boggs, Phyllis Starkey, and Mary Sue Roe.

A funeral service was held at the Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV; 26351 on February 17, 2024 with Pastor Kenny Fisher officiating. Burial will follow in the Meadow Lane Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the FBC Cancer Fund. Make checks to: FBC Cancer Fund, c/o Debbie Stalnaker, 5481 U.S. Highway 33E, Glenville, WV 26351. Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., is honored to assist the family of Betty J. Wright with traditional burial arrangements.

James Leroy "Jim" Langford, 74, of Arnoldsburg, WV, passed away on January 27, 2024, at Stonewall Jackson Hospital, Weston, WV, at 7:35 p.m., surrounded by family, due to an extended illness.

James was born in Gilmer County, WV, a son of the late Jeral Dean and Flora Jenkins Langford.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by son Aaron James Langford, step-son Christopher McVaney, two sisters Catherine Losh and Patricia Sprouse, and one brother Jack Jenkins.

James is survived by his wife Dianna (Luzader) Langford, two grandchildren Destiny and Aaron Langford of Arnoldsburg, WV, one step-daughter Kaitlin (Johnathan) Browning of Lincoln County, WV, two sisters Scarlett Lattea of Glenville, WV and Opal (Johnnie) Glasper of North Carolina, and several nieces and nephews that he loved.

James worked as a roofer and other various jobs in his lifetime. James loved to play with his grandchildren, eat candy work on vehicles, and listen to gospel music on the radio.

James' request for cremation has been honored. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, is honored to assist the Langford family with James' final arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.stumpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.stumpfuneralhomes.com)

## Order of the Eastern Star Meeting

Grantsville Chapter #73 will hold our monthly meeting next Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite dish. Special night of initiations!

## Community Yard Sale Event

March 1st

There will be a Community Yard Sale on March 1st at the Arnoldsburg Community Park Building.

There will be 4 to 5 local vendors set up with various items. The Yard Sale begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

# My Home Among the Hills



by Mellody Walburn

Well, this week certainly held a few surprises. After being so busy last week, I was ready for some quiet evenings at home. I promised myself I would stay after school if needed for a little bit each day so that I wouldn't have to bring school work home. I did so on Monday afternoon, not knowing Mother Nature was about to give me an unexpected day off.

I will admit my heart started racing when my phone rang shortly before 5:00 am on Tuesday. Phones call at this time usually aren't good news, especially when you know it isn't supposed to snow. I knew we were supposed to get some rain, but I didn't think it was supposed to be enough to delay school. Yet that was exactly what the phone call told me. I reset my alarm and went back to sleep. I awoke at 7:00 and went downstairs knowing I could have a leisurely morning. The surprises kept coming though because around 7:30 I received another call telling me school was closed for the day.

I decided that I would put my unexpected day off to good use. First, I allowed myself some time to just rest and relax. I drank a couple of cups of coffee while I read a book I had checked out at the library the week before. It was a good story and kept my attention for a few hours. After lunch, I headed to my parents' house to deal with their recycling. We hadn't dealt with this task in a while, so there were lots of boxes to tear down. Dad helped me with the job, and we filled the whole back of his car. Then we took it to the recycling center.

Tuesday was also what we call Fat Tuesday. This is the day before Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading up to Easter. We have a tradition in my family that we have a pancake dinner on this evening. The Mlyneks have hosted for the past few years, and we have invited a number of our friends to join us. This year was no different. The food was delicious and the company even better.

Wednesday morning, I returned to school rested and ready to continue the week. The day went smoothly, and I stayed after once again to finish up a few tasks before heading home. I stopped in to see my parents and then headed home to read a bit before Bible Study.

Thursday was my last day with students. Friday was a professional learning day at school for the teachers, so the kids had a four-day weekend. The day flew by and soon I was on my way out the door. I had a teacher friend coming over so I hurried home to be there when she arrived.

I usually go in early on school mornings so I can make sure everything is ready for the day. I didn't need to do this on Friday, so I slept in a bit and arrived at school at 8:00. I was in meetings for most of the day but did manage to spend some time in my classroom. I took down my Valentines decorations and put up my St. Patrick's Day ones. I also got everything ready for Tuesday when I would return. Then I headed out to start my three-day weekend.

Friday night didn't turn out quite like I planned, but I did get to spend some time with the Barnhart Family, which is always fun. The snow started falling around 9:00 and was beautiful. I only wish it had fallen during the day when I could really sit and enjoy it.

I slept in on Saturday but made it to the Calhoun Middle High School in time to watch my friend Henry and some of my students play basketball. It felt good to be back in the building, and I even got to say hello to some of my past students who were there refereeing and helping out with the young athletes. After the game, Maricia and I took my sister Missy back to St. Mary's to meet her husband Dave. Then I headed home to curl up on my couch with a good book.

On Sunday, I went to church and then headed to a fundraiser at the LKCS. The soups were delicious, and once again I got to see some former students. It is hard to believe February is already half over. March and spring are right around the corner along with Day Saving Time. I wouldn't mind one more good snowfall, but I guess only time will tell.

## 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](http://www.wvtrappers.com)

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# This Week In Calhoun History



# This Week In West Virginia History

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The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

**1924, 100 YEARS AGO:** Aunt Jinny Lee's Old fashioned jelly roll like they make down in Virginy is a great favorite of mine. Here's the recipe I like best 'cause it has such a meltin' flavorful taste. Beat two eggs very light and add a half cup of sugar slowly, then put a half cup of sifted self-rising flour in and a teaspoon of vanilla flavoring or lemon extract. This mixture has to bake in a shallow pan about ten minutes and then the jelly is spread while it is still hot. It has to be rolled very quickly and then wrapped in a towel until it cools. Run the roll over a sugared board too. I can't resist makin' this every once in a while when Luella sends over a jar of her wonderful plum or cherry jelly.

A Nice Dish for Lunch. Mary Sue is a little bride who is just learning how to cook and the pretty child does get some good ideas sometimes. She even attempts to teach as old hand like me how to make things! Well she did show me a new way to fry apple fritters the other day and we had 'em for lunch.

They were delicious and this is the way she showed me: Sift a cup and a third of self-rising flour and gradually add two-thirds cups of milk and an egg well beaten. Make a smooth batter. Pare and core two medium sized apples cut into slices and sprinkle with powdered sugar and dip in batter. Drop into deep fat and fry until golden brown.

### Games and Goodies

"Sandman" is a jolly game and the kiddies love to play it. The way to play it is like this: Put several chairs in a circle and then give to the one who has been chosen as the Sandman a large cone filled with scraps and bits of tissue paper. Then one other is chosen to keep score. All of the children are seated and it is the duty of the Sandman to put them to sleep, one at a time. He stands in back of their chairs and sprinkles the tissue paper "sand" on their lids and all over their faces, meantime making funny remarks in order to make them laugh. But everyone who laughs or opens his eyes after the sand has touched them must pay a forfeit. The one who is keeping score marks "forfeit" every time anyone laughs. Be dure to choose the funniest person to be the Sandman so that there will be lots of forfeits.

**1949, 75 YEARS AGO: News From Here And There:** Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown of Parkersburg are announcing the arrival of their first child, a son born in a Parkersburg hospital Monday, Feb 21. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J Wease of Pleasant Hill are maternal grandparents, The baby has been named Michael Dale.

Ronnie Small son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack West of Five Forks was a patient in Boling Clinic first of this week.

Mrs. A. I. Word of Pleasant Hill is a patient in a Parkersburg hospital.

Miss Violet Cogar of Pleasant Hill was a patient in a Parkersburg hospital a few days last week, has been visiting the Willie Cogar family of Leaf Bank.

Misses Murdayne Lynch and Evadene Yoak, student nurses at the St. Joseph hospital in Parkersburg spent the week end with their parents on Leaf Bank and Pleasant Hill.

Miss Gwendolyn McCray of Brohard is staying at the Fannie Yoak home on Pleasant Hill, The roads are so bad down Leaning Creek the school bus can't run. Miss McCray is a senior in Calhoun high.

A revival meeting is in session at Cabot Station now. Rev. M.E. Burns, the pastor is in charge. Everyone is welcome.

On lasts Wednesday the following persons visited the Fannie Yoak's of Pleasant Hill. Miss Oleta Yoak Moundsville, Ralph Morris of Grantsville, Mrs. Everett Burns of Hog Knob, Mrs. Milt Wells and Mrs. Texie J. Burns of Pleasant Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnott Radabaugh of Parkersburg spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Radabaugh of Pleasant Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude V. Osborne of Cabot Station have been ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Henry Kight Jr., and daughters, Patty and Leota, of Pleasant Hill spent the week end with relatives in Spencer.

Mrs. Art Huffman and daughter, Edith, and Mr. and Mrs. Glendon B. Kight of Dunbar spent Saturday in Parkersburg.

**1974, 50 YEARS AGO: Knotts Memorial Methodist Church To Consecrate New Sanctuary:** February 24, eleven o'clock is the date for consecrating the new sanctuary of the Knotts Memorial United Methodist Church at Grantsville. The pastor, Rev. Gerald T. Daniel, will serve as liturgist and Rev. Basil A. Hensley, superintendent of the Weston District of the West Virginia Conference, will deliver the sermon and the act of consecration.

In ages past the pious servants of God have had their chosen places set apart to worship God. This Godly custom and purpose created a desire in the hearts of the faithful of God's family to build the Knotts Memorial Methodist Church in 1889. Grantsville was a very small town; however, here lived a people who loved God and requested a quarterly conference for the purpose of erecting a church building. The request was granted and the following trustees were named: J. M Hamilton, George Silcott, J.J. Mathew, Jesse Gainer, and the Absolom Knotts. Lot NO. 24 1/2 was purchased from Simon P. Stump for forty-five dollars. The deed was made in February 1889.

Work on the building began immediately. Absolom Knotts furnished, without cost, all the building materials and delivered it. For this reason it was only fitting that the church be named "The Knotts Memorial Methodist Church." Most of the labor was freely donated, One fairly large room was erected as the sanctuary. Thus building served as a place for divine worship, class meetings, Sunday School, and at times quarterly conferences. The church became a part of a large circuit which was made up from most all Methodist Churches in the county. Three of the earliest ministers were J.M. Peters, S.E. Simpson, and Hill Smith. In those days, five-hundred dollars was considered a large salary. Some still feel, "Lord! Keep the minister humble and we will keep him poor."

The church was built for a minimum amount of money. On dedication day, the largest amount of money was requested was ten dollars. Some of these responding were: Attorney Lynn, J.M. Hamilton; J.J. Mathew, Collin, Betts, Allen Hardman, a Thomas family, a Cook family, Jesse Gainer, and Absolom

Knotts. Others who contributed were not listed. The early church had forty-five members, all now dead, but their faith and loyalty lingers with some of those who still attend the church. These are interested in continuing the heritage for future generations. In , the church was remolded and Sunday School rooms were added as well as a kitchen and dining room for the purpose of fellowship and to congregate around the table as in Jesus' time. The basement used as a place to meet for worthy causes.

In the eighty-five years of existence, the Knotts Memorial United Methodist Church is still a place where the gd news is preached and the people still worship the Divine Creator. The trustees; Walter E. Smith, chairman, Hobert Lynch, Ronald Layfield, George Lambiotte, Orville Kight, and Richard Stalnaker, have provided the leadership in making the house of God an attractive and beautiful place for worship. Lancaster Construction Company is builder of the new sanctuary.

Following is a list of the ministers who have served the church: Gerald T. Daniel, present pastor; W.H. Beal, B.F. King, E.B. Ware, C.S. Coberly, W.A. Hopson, G.H. Farmer, J.D. Stalnaker, O.E. Thorne, W.G. Nutter, D.C. Wilhelm, C.C. Jarvis, S. Paris Bell, J.Q. Guiger, O.E. Mercer, William Richards, B.M. Mitchell, WD. Winters, C.C. Perkins, Perry Rood, C.H. Backus, Mack Boggs, Noble Crew, Herman Ross, Manley Collins, Judge Layne, Harold Grandstaff, J.M. Peters, S.E. Simpson, Hill Smith, C.G. Worrell, E.W. Goff, and Sam Robinson.

A covered dish dinner will follow the consecration service.

**Feb. 22, 1927:** Longtime Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County. Douglass, a Democrat, was first elected commissioner in 1964. Reelected nine times, Douglass was the longest serving agricultural commissioner in the country.

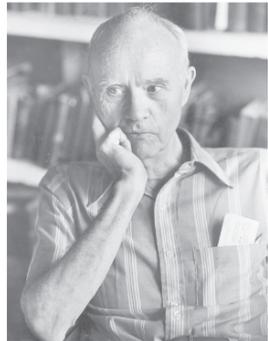


**Feb. 23, 1945:** Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jimaby neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.



**Feb. 25, 1903:** An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

**Feb. 25, 1911:** Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he ounded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.



**Feb. 27, 1871:** Summers County was established from segments of Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, and Monroe counties. The county was named after George W. Summers, one of West Virginia's founders.

**Feb. 27, 1871:** The West Virginia Legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

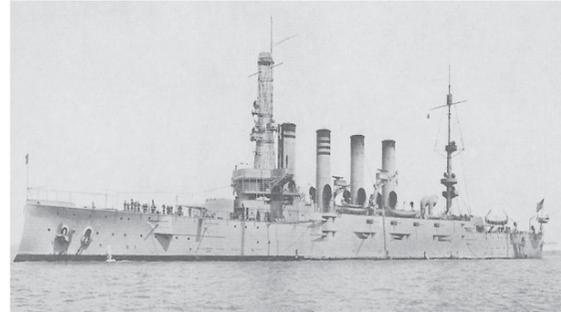
**Feb. 28, 1831:** Fayette County was formed by the General Assembly of Virginia from parts of Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier, and Logan counties. The county was named for the Marquis de Lafayette, the French military officer who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

**Feb. 22, 2018:** 33,000 schoolteachers and service personnel walked off the job over wages and health benefits. The strike drew national attention, and teachers in five other states organized work stoppages.



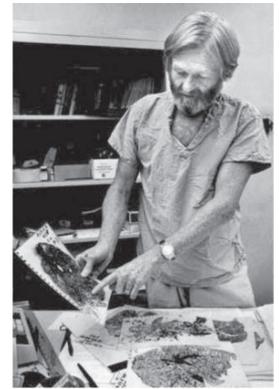
**Feb. 23, 1867:** Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam counties. The county was named for Abraham Lincoln.

**Feb. 23, 1905:** The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.



**Feb. 24, 1918:** Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

**Feb. 24, 1928:** Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.



**Feb. 26, 1869:** The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

**Feb. 26, 1972:** One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

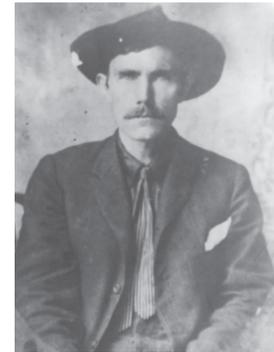


**Feb. 27, 1867:** Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school for the training of teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.



**Feb. 28, 1858:** McDowell County, the southernmost county in West Virginia, was created from part of Tazewell County, Virginia. The new county was named after James McDowell, a governor of Virginia.

**Feb. 28, 1875:** Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.



**Feb. 28, 1909:** Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone County, he still holds state high school and Marshall University rushing records.



## Calhoun Circuit Court Actions on Thursday, February 15th

By Shari Johnson

**JAMES KEITH HARDMAN:** James Hardman appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley in Case 24F2 with his attorney Calvin Honaker. Prosecuting Attorney Michael Hicks summarized that a plea agreement had been reached with the defendant in which Mr. Hardman will plea guilty to the charge of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, count 2 of the indictment will be dismissed and his possibility of a 1-5 year sentence, (yet to be determined), will run concurrent with his current sentence of 5 years and 91 days that he is serving for revocation for violation of terms of prior sentencing for the same charge of failure to register. Hardman's case is Continued for 2:30 p.m. April 18th, 2024 for sentencing

**JAMES PAUL HANLEY:** James Paul Hanley appeared with Attorney Daniel Minardi, 24F15 for a Pretrial conference relating to the charge of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. The case was continued until March 5th, 2024 for Pretrial.

**KRISTINA KIRKBRIDE:** In Case 24F14, Kristina Kirkbride appeared before Judge Ashley with her Attorney, Mark Plants. She entered a plea of not guilty to Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance and her case was continued until June 6th, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. Attorney Plants informed Judge Ashley that he did not believe this case would be tried. Bond was transferred from Calhoun Magistrate Court.

**CHARTER BADGETT:** In Case 23F19, State vs. Charter Badgett, being charged with Sexual Abuse by a Person in a Position of Trust to a Child and Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, Badgett appeared before Judge Anita Harold Ashley for Pretrial.

Prosecuting Attorney Michael Hicks called Trooper J.D. Richards to the stand to determine whether or not a Motion to Suppress information would be allowed during trial. Trooper Richards testified as to the procedures leading up to the arrest of Charter Badgett.

Through questioning, Trooper Richards stated that he had contacted Mr. Badgett in September of 2022, and that he visited the home of Mr. Badgett December 8th, 2022 on Oka Road. During that visit Badgett had willingly invited the officer into his home without objection. When Trooper Richards questioned him about the allegations of Sexual Abuse, Mr. Badgett denied the charge and was willing to take a polygraph the following day, December 9th, 2022.

Prosecutor Hicks asked "To your knowledge did the defendant make statements to another officer?" To which Trooper Richards Responded, "Yes."

Defense Attorney, Daniel Minardi, questioned Trooper Richards as to whether there was an interview on his person at all times, to which Richards confirmed. The attorney the asked if he had the camera running on a December 9th, 2022 interview with Mr. Badgett, which the Trooper stated that he did, but that nothing was recorded on the December 8th, 2022 interview. The Trooper also confirmed that the defendant had been mirandized during the December 9th conversation that he had with Mr. Badgett on that date.

On three occasions, Attorney Minardi asked Trooper Richards how many cases he had won and lost or the percentage of losses of cases. Prosecutor Hicks objected and Judge Ashley sustained the objection saying that it was neither relevant, nor was it a cross examination.

Prosecutor Hicks submitted State's exhibit A as evidence, which was the video from the body camera of Trooper Richards during his interview on December 9th, 2022 of Charter Badgett.

Cpl. M. Jarvis of the Brureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was brought in Trooper Richards to conduct a polygraph examination on Mr. Badgett on the 9th of December 2022. But prior to the polygraph exam the defendant made an incriminating statement that causes Cpl. Jarvis to call for Trooper Richards. Cpl. Jarvis had been conducting a pretest interview that determines the eligibility and questioning of a defendant. During that time Mr. Badgett had been mirandized and initialed the following statements:

### YOUR RIGHTS SECTION;

- Understanding his rights
- Right to remain silent
- Anything you say can be used against you
- Right to talk to an attorney
- Receiving a Court Appointed lawyer if you cannot afford one
- If you answer questions you have the right to stop at anytime.

He was advised he was not under arrest and free to leave at any time. He was explained as to what coercion was and confirmed that he was not being coerced.

The polygraph was not videoed, as it is illegal for such to occur, but during the pretest, Charter Badgett indicated that he had touched the victim over the clothes for sexual gratification. Once that statement was made, Cpl. Jarvis stopped the interview and disclosed to Trooper J.D. Richards what had been said. It was decided at that point for a statement to be taken, at which time Trooper Richards began recording with the knowledge of all involved. The 6-8 video was played before the court. Mr. Badgett was seen and heard describing what he had one to the young girl saying "I did not unbutton her pants or go inside her pants. He apologized and told the Trooper it was "just a came of being a dumbA\*\*." He said he asked the girl if she was going to tell anyone to which she replied no. He then made statements about his mental state and the possibility of having saying that there was a chance he was mentally impaired.

When Prosecutor Hicks asked Cpl. Jarvis how he would characterize the interaction between Badgett, he said it a "Friendly and joking interaction." Hicks told Judge Ashley that he believe the State had met it's burden that the interview, statement and mirandizing in no way violated the defendant's rights and that he entered into it voluntarily. ttorney Minardi objected saying that it was clear that Badgett was confused and questioned if he could competently waive his rights and should have had an attorney present. Judge Ashley denied the motion to supress and the trial date of April 16th, 2024 was set. A Pretrial will be held on April 11th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

## Rambling Prose by Linda Crawford

Martin Luther King's mother could not know while pregnant nor when she gave birth what lay ahead for him. About ten years before he was assassinated he received a threatening call. God is the only person who knew, for He "made you and formed you in the womb" (Isaiah 44:2). At a critical time in our nation's history he held up a standard that people be judged by their character not on how they look. God himself declares He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him (Acts 10:35). We were under curfew immediately.

It seemed a great loss to an effort that had gone on for years. But his death seemed to underscore and memorialize not just his life but the effort of all those that led up to that moment. A big snow and freeze prevented out door programs but much was done by "zoom", and a traditional "Grizzlies" ball game somewhere.

The newer tradition of telling the story of my son's birth on his birthday was either foregone or postponed. We'll see. In closing the story last year (a phone visit) I comment soberly "I only had one regret." In my mind's eye they were looking at each other with wonder. As casually as they could they asked "What's that Mom?" "I still regret that when we stopped at Bo Jangles on the way to the hospital I didn't get something to eat." It was nearly 24 hours later when I first had something to eat.

## 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. 22:** hamburger, whole wheat bun, onion and mayo, ranch potatoes, banana pudding.

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

**Mon., Feb. 26:** chicken

patty, french fries, vegetables, fruit, whole wheat roll.

**Tues., Feb. 27:** pork bbq, bake beans, coleslaw, applesauce, whole wheat roll.

**Wed., Feb. 28:** chilli with meat and beans, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, fruit, whole wheat bread.

**Thurs., Feb. 29:** sausage gravy, potatoes,

apples, whole wheat biscuits.

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

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thurs., Feb. 22:** First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Calhoun Library Trivia Night at the CCCOA Building, 6:00 p.m.

Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m. Pool Tournament at the Country Kitchen, 7:30 p.m.

**Fri., Feb. 23:** Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

Paint Party at CMHS, Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Marriage Conference 2024, Brooksville Baptist

Church, 6:30 p.m.

**Sat., Feb. 24:** Marriage Conference 2024, Brooksville Baptist Church, 9:00 a.m.

Calhoun Football Basket Bingo, CMHS Commons Area, 5:00 p.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 7:00 p.m. JohnRichards playing at the country Kitchen, Big Otter, 9:00 p.m.

**Sun., Feb. 25:** Calhoun Youth Basketball Games, CMHS, with Pre-K- 1st Grade at noon

**Mon., Feb. 26:** Calhoun County high school softball tryouts will

begin Monday, February 26, 2024, 4-6pm

Order of the Eastern Star Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**Tues., Feb 27:** First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training 6 p.m. at Roane County Library Meeting Room in Spencer, WV

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

## Let's Talk with Aryeh White



At the most recent meeting of the Mount Zion PSD, the engineer we work with regularly on water system issues presented a preliminary analysis of the technical feasibility of a southerly expansion of our system. This step, and it is only an early step, towards such a project was the result of questions, discussions, and effort on the part of several people.

For my part, since shortly after I was appointed to the PSD board last year, I found myself confused by the location of the southern end of our system. It runs to the Upper West Fork Park, where it was needed to provide water to the Fire Department. That it was not continued a mile further into Chloe seemed strange. Stranger still was finding out that there had been funding for a bulk fill station near the Upper West Fork

Park but it had never been constructed because the land needed for it could not be secured. I began asking questions about what would be required for a modest extension of one to one and one-half miles into Chloe, where we would be more likely to secure a property for a bulk fill station.

On the part of my fellow PSD board member, Anita West, she filled me in on the background of the indefinitely stalled bulk fill station project and suggested possible extensions up Walker and Walnut Run Roads. Both those roads have dense groupings of potential customers and iron water.

On the part of Commissioner Arthur, he had already been in discussions with important figures in Charleston regarding an expansion of the Mount Zion PSD system five and one-half miles to the county line. On the part of Eric Lupardis, who is currently running for the other county commission seat being voted on in the next election, he made me aware of Commissioner Arthur's efforts and the interest in Charleston in seeing this project completed.

And the interest is quite warranted! With contamination incidents over the last decade, including the major ones on the Ohio River recently and on the Kanawha River a decade ago, there's quite a bit of interest in improving the resilience of water systems in this state. All three water systems in this county draw from a single plant in Grantsville that draws from a single source, the Little Kanawha River.

The Clay PSD recently secured funding to extend their system to the county line. If we meet them there, it creates the possibility of moving water between their system and the three systems in this county, both of which are currently islands with a single point of failure in the form of a single treatment plant drawing water from a single river.

Such a connection would be an emergency measure. Neither treatment plant has the capacity to fully supply the normal needs of both systems. In an emergency, with water restriction measures, it would greatly extend how long we could stretch our limited storage capacity.

I spoke with our engineer, asking him to look into the technical feasibility of such an expansion and whether our system would be capable of moving water in either direction on an emergency basis. He assured me that, with small modifications, we would be quite capable of moving water from Grantsville to Clay or vice versa.

He also informed me that the topography of the southern end of the county is unusually agreeable for an extension. Our extant pressure reducing valve at Millstone is at roughly the same elevation, about 910 feet, as the county line and there are no higher points between the two. Additionally, the most populated roads that branch off of that stretch of 16 stay below that elevation for much of their densely populated length. This means that such an expansion can be accomplished without the need for booster stations. Only a tank somewhere along the new stretch or near the end of the old stretch would be needed.

Our system has roughly ten customers per mile currently. Maintaining that average is key to preventing a price increase. Potential customers are greater than that density along 16 to the county line and along many stretches of roads off of that stretch of 16. How far we can go, how far we can get funding to go, will be determined more by who signs up than anything else.

The next steps to bringing water to this part of the county is circulating petitions to determine who wants to be on the system. There was no better time for securing funding for a project like this than last year. Next to then, there is no better time than now.

Soon the PSD and volunteers will be looking for signatures. We already know where it is technically feasible to supply water, soon we will also know where it is economically feasible.

Together we can bring water down the West Fork all the way to the county line. Together we can go up many small roads, following the West Fork's tributaries. Together we can have a bulk fill station convenient and centrally located for people in the southern end of the county. Together we can bring water to the southern end of the county. Together we can foster the conditions that will let opportunity flourish.

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## Calhoun Youth Basketball

### 2/17 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-6 vs. Team Jarvis-8

Team Sampson: Savannah Sampson and Henry Barnhart played but didn't score; Brenton scored 2 points and Reese Dow scored 4 points.

Team Jarvis: Raelyn Arnold, Sophia Goodrich, Paislie Jarvis, Braidyn Brannon and Axton White all played, but did not score; Kyson Sampson scored 2 points and Raines Riddel scored 6 points.



##### Team Sampson-2 vs. Team Heiney-24

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

Team Heiney: Aerial Heiney played but did not score; and Evert Wright scored 2 points; Carly Osborne and Adam Francis scored 4 points each and Haygen Houchin scored 14 points.



##### Team Jarvis-4 vs. Team Heiney-28

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

Team Heiney: Aerial Heiney and Evert Wright played but did not score; Carly Osborne scored 1 point; Adam Francis scored 6 points each and Haygen Houchin scored 21 points.



#### 4th-6th Grade

##### Team Church-20 vs. Team Helmick-0

Team Church: Allianna Hill, Chandler Cottrell, James Marks and Aaron Langford played but didn't score; Tyler Mayle and Grayson Laughlin scored 6 points each and Mandy Johnson scored 8 points.

Team Helmick: Judd Helmick, Cyrus Helmick, Mason Laughlin, Annie Nelson, Mark Plumby, Colton McCumbers, Sophia Bartless and Bryson Casner played but didn't score.



#### 4th-6th Grade

##### Team Reip-9 vs. Team Dow-20

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

Team Dow: Baeli Frum and Kyle Shook played but didn't score; Abram Dow scored 2 points; Payton Lamp, Brody Crislip and Cody Crislip scored 4 points each; and Jase Farley scored 6 points.



##### Team Staples-10 vs. Team Cunningham-22

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

Team Cunningham: Silas Cunningham, Payden Yeager and Liam Yeager played but didn't score; Colbie Wilson and Tori Cunningham scored 6 points each and Cruz Frymier scored 7 points.



##### Team Helmick-6 vs. Team Dow-7

Team Helmick: Judd Helmick, Annie Nelson, Colton McCumbers, Sophia Bartless and Bryson Casner played but didn't score; Cyrus Helmick, Mason Laughlin and Mark Plumby scored 2 points each.

Team Dow: Abram Dow, Baeli Frum, Brody Crislip and Kyle Shook played but didn't score; Payton Lamp and Koby Crislip scored 2 points each and Jase Farley scored 3 points.



##### Team Church-27 vs. Team Staples-8

Team Church: James Marks and Aaron Langford played but didn't score; Haley Nicholas and Chandler Cottrell scored 2 points each; Grayson Laughlin scored 7 points; Tyler Mayle and Mandy Johnson scored 8 points each.

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



##### Team Cunningham-15 vs. Team Reip-11

Team Cunningham: Payden Yeager and Liam Yeager played but didn't score; Silas Cunningham and Cruz Frymier scored 2 points each; Tori Cunningham scored 4 points and Colbie Wilson scored 7 points.

Team Reip: Kallah Reip, Kenlie Jarvis, Mercy Starcher, Karleigh Daugherty, Sadie McGlothlin and Audrey McCumbers played but didn't score; Addie Caudill scored 2 points; Mason Sampson scored 3 points and Parker Hoskins scored 6 points.



#### The Calhoun Chronicle Player of the Week for Feb 17th Games

2nd-3rd Grade: Adam Francis and Carly Osborne

4th-6th Grade: Colbie Wilson, Jase Farley and Cruz Frymier

## Congratulations Calhoun Varsity Wrestlers and Coaches!!

THREE RED DEVIL WRESTLERS QUALIFY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT  
By Robert Bonar

The Calhoun County wrestling team finished fifth out of sixteen team in last weekend's Region IV tournament held at Point Pleasant. Three Red Devil grapplers – Reese Schoolcraft (106 lbs.), Wyatt Nichols (150) and Haiden Staton (157) finished in the top four in their respective weight classes and qualified for the state wrestling tournament. For only the second time all season, Calhoun County entered a wrestler in all 14 weight classes.

**Team Results:** 1. Point Pleasant-306.0; 2. Ravenswood-196.5; 3. Williamstown-184.5; 4. Winfield-123.0; **5. Calhoun County-119.5;** 6. Chapmanville-101.5; 7. Sissonville-97.5; 8. Buffalo Putnam- 86.0; 9. Wirt County- 85.0; 10. Nitro-74.0; 11. Poca-68.5; 12. Wahama-58.0; 13. Man 33.0; 14. Mingo Central-26.0; 15. Logan-24.0 and 16. Tug Valley -0.0

**Individual Results:** 106 Reese Schoolcraft, 2-1 (2nd Place); 113 Lance Grogg, 0-2; 120 Christian Andreano, 0-2; 126 Noah Butler, 2-2; 132 Eli Bailey, 3-3 (6th Place); 138 Joe Nelson, 0-2; 144 Adam Hughes, 3-3 (6th Place); 150 Wyatt Nichols, 3-2 (4th Place); 157 Haiden Staton, 3-1 (3rd Place); 165 Jobe Loudin, 2-2; 175 Sam Elmore, 2-2 (5th Place); 190 Landon Sampson, 0-2; 215 Levi Stump, 4-2 (5th Place) and 285 Landon Richards, 0-2



106 Reese Schoolcraft- 2nd



150 Wyatt Nichols-4th



157 Haiden Staton-3rd



175 Sam Elmore-5th alternate



215 Levi Stump-5th alternate

## Shannon Johnson for Prosecutor donated over 100 water bottles to Youth Basketball Kids Feb. 17th

Shannon Johnson and her husband Jermey handed out water bottles to over 100 Calhoun Youth Basketball players. I always love watching the next generation of Calhoun athletes take shape. I'm so proud of all the players, coaches, volunteers, and parents for keeping sports alive in our community.



## Calhoun County Girls Basketball Preview: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Point Pleasant Big Blacks

By Max Preps Team Reports

The Calhoun Red Devils will head out on the road to take on the Point Pleasant Big Blacks at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The teams are rolling into the game with opposing streaks: Calhoun has struggled recently with five defeats in a row, while Point Pleasant will arrive with four straight victories.

Last Thursday, Calhoun lost to Tyler at home by a decisive 62-43 margin. Calhoun has struggled against Tyler recently, as their contest on Thursday was their third consecutive lost matchup.

Meanwhile, a well-balanced attack led Point Pleasant over Buffalo in every quarter on their way to victory on Monday. Point Pleasant was the clear victor by a 45-24 margin over Buffalo. The win was all the more spectacular given Point Pleasant's disadvantage in MaxPreps' West Virginia basketball rankings (they are ranked 396th, while Buffalo is ranked 63rd).

Calhoun's defeat was their eighth straight at home, which dropped their record down to 1-15. As for Point Pleasant, their victory bumped their record up to 12-9.

Calhoun came up short against Point Pleasant when the teams last played back in December of 2023, falling 42-33. A big factor in that loss was the dominant performance of Point Pleasant's McKenna Young, who dropped a double-double on 12 points and 12 rebounds. Now that Calhoun knows the damage she can cause, will they be able to stop her this time? Check MaxPreps.com after the match to find out.

## Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Point Pleasant Big Blacks

The Calhoun Red Devils's recent rough patch got a bit rougher on Wednesday after their eighth straight defeat. They were the victim of a tough 53-29 defeat at the hands of Point Pleasant. The loss was a bit of a surprise, as Calhoun came into the contest with a sizable advantage in MaxPreps' West Virginia basketball rankings (they are ranked 107th, while Point Pleasant is ranked 378th).

Point Pleasant was led to victory by Kendal Connolly and McKenna Young. Connolly almost dropped a double-double on 12 points and nine rebounds, while Young dropped a double-double on 12 points and ten rebounds. Young also posted two+ blocks for the first time this season. The team also got some help courtesy of Bella Tolliver, who scored three points along with three steals.

Calhoun's defeat was their fifth straight on the road, which dropped their record down to 1-18. As for Point Pleasant, the win (which was their fifth in a row) raised their record to 13-9.

Both teams will have to hit the road in their upcoming games. Calhoun will be staying on the road on Saturday to face off against Hannan on February 17th. As for Point Pleasant, they will square off against Nitro at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Nitro will roll in looking for their ninth straight victory, something Point Pleasant surely won't give up without a fight.

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## Calhoun JV Girls Basketball

Our middle school girls are moving on!!!!!! Final 4 here they come! They played Friday evening at the Braxton Armory. Time TBD.



## Calhoun Boys Basketball

### Recap: Red Devils vs. Hannan Wildcats

The Calhoun Red Devils scored the most points they've had all season to find success on Tuesday. They claimed a resounding 92-59 victory over Hannan on the road. Calhoun has made a habit of sweeping their opponents off the court, having now won six games by 31 points or more this season.

Calhoun was led to victory by Dylan Buckius and Landon Bennett. Buckius scored 25 points along with seven rebounds and six steals, while Bennett dropped a triple-double on 24 points, ten rebounds, and ten assists. Bennett has been hot recently, having posted 21 or more points the last six times he's played. Landon Church was another key contributor, scoring seven points along with five assists and four steals.

When it comes to explaining why Hannan lost, one person who can't be blamed is Eli Chapman. Despite the final result, he dropped a double-double on 26 points and 11 rebounds. Chapman continues to roll, besting his previous point total in each of the last three games he's played. The team also got some help courtesy of Philip Fugett, who scored 11 points along with three steals.

The victory (which was Calhoun's seventh in a row) raised their record to 11-7. Those good results were due in large part to their offensive performance across that stretch, as they averaged 68.9 points per game. As for Hannan, they have traveled a rocky road recently having lost seven of their last eight games, which put a noticeable dent in their 6-14 record this season.

Calhoun will take on Ritchie County at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Calhoun is coming into the match with four straight victories on the road, so Ritchie County is out to stop a squad with plenty of momentum. As for Hannan, they will face off against Meadow Bridge at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The matchup should be an exciting one, as these teams are closely ranked in West Virginia (Meadow Bridge is ranked 122nd, while Hannan is ranked 117th). Article generated by infoSenticence based on data entered on MaxPreps

Our High School varsity boys basketball team is a sight to see! They are 13-7 which ties the best record in 20 years (2004). We have 2 remaining home games left. They are on a 9 game winning streak. 10 is the school record, (1966).

If you do not have anything going on Monday night we host clay county at 5:45 jv, varsity to follow. This will be the last game of the season for JV.

Tuesday we host Hannan, which is our last home game of the regular season and will be a WHITE OUT and Senior Night. Come out and give your support to these great kids!!

Also, all student admission will be free for Tuesdays White-out/Senior Night game. Please let Jeremy and Shannon Johnson know that we appreciate their sponsorship of the students!

**Thank you Jeremy and Shannon Johnson for sponsoring our local kids admission fees into the Boys Basketball games**

**LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE**

**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

**LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --**

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.

**LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --**

The Calhoun County Commission will be accepting bids for a Courthouse Improvement project at the Calhoun County Courthouse located in Grantsville, WV, consisting of an upgrade to the HVAC system on the third floor of the courthouse.

Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Calhoun County's Courthouse in the County Clerk's office.

The scope of the work will consist of:

- Two new condenser units
- Six ceiling cassettes
- Two high wall cassettes in the stairwell
- All electrical work required
- Drains from the indoor units to existing drain outlets
- All required concrete hole cutting

There are no architectural plans or drawings.

The Calhoun County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Questions may be directed to Jean Simers, County Clerk, at 304-354-6725.

Published February 15, 2024

**Mobile Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Calhoun County**

Charleston, W.Va.— A state-federal Mobile Disaster Recovery Center will open at 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, at 80 Spring Run Rd. in Arnoldsburg to help West Virginia residents affected by the severe flooding that occurred Aug. 28-30, 2023.

Residents can get help with their disaster assistance applications, upload documents, and get questions answered about federal disaster assistance.

When residents arrive at 80 Spring Run Rd. in Arnoldsburg, they should look for the FEMA vehicle and staff set up under the pavilion. Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers are outside and exposed to weather. The sites will have some heaters and space for visitors to get warm, but they should be prepared to be outside for short periods of time as they get assistance.

The center is located at:

Calhoun County  
 80 Spring Run Rd., Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

Hours of operation:

Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Other recovery experts from the U.S. Small Business Administration are available at the Disaster Recovery Center to address additional needs.

The fastest and easiest way to apply is by visiting [disasterassistance.gov/](https://disasterassistance.gov/).

If it is not possible to visit the Disaster Recovery Center or to apply online, call 800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone line operates from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit [emd.wv.gov](https://emd.wv.gov), West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, [www.fema.gov/disaster/4756](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4756) and [www.facebook.com/FEMA](https://www.facebook.com/FEMA).

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters. FEMA Region 3's jurisdiction includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Follow us on X at [twitter.com/femaregion3](https://twitter.com/femaregion3) and on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/company/femaregion3](https://www.linkedin.com/company/femaregion3)

**Beef Quality Assurance Training planned for February 27**

Submitted by: Brandy Brabham, WVU Extension Agent—Roane County, 304-927-0975

There will be a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training held on Tuesday, February 27 at 6 p.m. at Roane County Library Meeting Room in Spencer, WV. This training is free and it does not matter what county you live in to participate in the training. The certification is good for three years. Dinner will be provided.

BQA is a national program that not only raises consumer confidence, but it provides producers with the tools to assure their cattle are going to provide a safe, wholesome product to consumers.

Producers will learn about how common-sense husbandry practices can also help them garner more dollars when marketing their cattle. BQA can also help expand marketing opportunities for beef producers, such as the Mountain State Ground Beef program of the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association.

BQA is considered a valuable tool for several reasons. This includes a commitment to food safety and quality, improving sale value of marketed beef cattle, as well as enhancing herd profitability through better management.

BQA does more than just help beef producers capture more value from their market cattle, it also reflects a positive public image and instills consumer confidence in the beef industry. When producers implement the best management practices of a BQA program, they assure their market steers, heifers, cows and bulls are the best they can be. Today, the stakes are even higher because the full beef supply chain is leveraging BQA to ensure commitment to food safety, animal welfare, and beef quality.

To register for this training or if you have any questions, please call the WVU-Roane County Extension office by Friday, February 23 before 4 PM at 304-927-0975 or email them at [roanecountyextension@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:roanecountyextension@mail.wvu.edu) to allow for planning of training manuals and dinner supplies.

**Holiday Hours for West Virginia Disaster Recovery Centers**

Charleston, W.Va. —Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in Calhoun and Kanawha counties in West Virginia will be open on Monday Feb. 19, 2024, to help West Virginia residents in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha counties impacted by the Aug. 28-30, 2023, flooding. The DRC at the Harrison County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday Feb. 20, 2024.

\*Survivors can visit any Disaster Recovery Center, regardless of the county they live in.

**Kanawha County**

Open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Belle Town Hall  
 1100 E. Dupont Ave. Belle, WV 25015  
 Hours of operation: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Kanawha County**

Open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Penn VA Coal Carbon Center  
 13905 MacCorkle Ave, Charleston, WV 25301  
 Hours of operation: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Calhoun County**

Open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 80 Spring Run Rd., Arnoldsburg, WV 25234  
 Hours of operation: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Harrison County**

Closed Monday Feb. 19, 2024  
 Reopening Tuesday Feb. 20, 2024  
 Harrison County Courthouse  
 301 W. Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301  
 Hours of operation: Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For hours and other details, check the FEMA app (under Disaster Resources, select Talk to FEMA in Person) or visit the FEMA DRC Locator for more details on DRCs open in West Virginia.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit [emd.wv.gov](https://emd.wv.gov), West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, [www.fema.gov/disaster/4756](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4756) and [www.facebook.com/FEMA](https://www.facebook.com/FEMA).

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

FEMA Region 3's jurisdiction includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/femaregion3](https://twitter.com/femaregion3) and on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/company/femaregion3](https://www.linkedin.com/company/femaregion3).

**EXTENSION**  
 AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH  
**6 P.M.**

ROANE COUNTY LIBRARY,  
 SPENCER

CALL ROANE COUNTY EXTENSION TO REGISTER 304-927-0975 OR VISIT: <https://bit.ly/3tO2qtB>

# 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.):

## CCCOA Club Music March 9th

Bluegrass, gospel and country music by Starling Holbert at the CCCOA Building in 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  
ntbevoj@gmail.com  
Voice of Joy - WVG 89.7 - wvgvradio.com - WVGL 91.1

## Country Kitchen Music & Events

LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD

Event Venue

ESTD 2023

# COUNTRY KITCHEN

304-286-5600

Exit 40  
1-79  
Big Otter, WV

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

Hours

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

BIKER'S WELCOME!!!!



## West Central Beekeeper's Association

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

## Tire Collection

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

## First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry

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



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

## Spay/Neuter

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

## Children's Crisis



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

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

## Emotion Helpline

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

## Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

## Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

## Liberty Hill Cemetery News

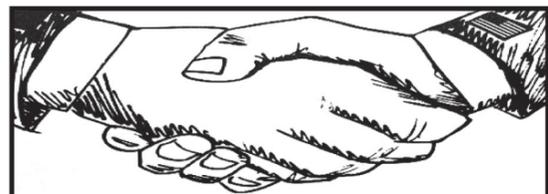
We need your donations to keep it looking neat. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, please donate. Donations can be mailed to Liberty Hill Cemetery, 3121 Lemuels Run Road, Mount Zion, WV 26151. Calhoun County Bank has been gracious to accept money in their drop box or donated at the banks.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

## Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

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

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery Needs Donations

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



## 12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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

## WIC Program

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

## Tobacco Quitline

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

## Prevent Suicide

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

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

24 hrs. a day  
7 days a week

**Crisis Hotline**  
**1-800-579-5844**

Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

## Lions Club Bingo

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

## Food Pantry

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

## Library Hours

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

This letter is to publicly acknowledge the members of the Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee for the many hours of planning, preparation, cleaning, and decorating for the 2nd Annual Lincoln Day Dinner. Last year there was an effort to recreate the meeting, meal, and fellowship of some forty years gone by and we had less than 100 in attendance. 2024 we surpassed our goal and had approximately 175 in attendance. We were honored to have a Fireside Chat with Governor Jim Justice and Crystal Mersh. Last year's Keynote, Secretary of State Mac Warner, spoke, followed by our Speaker of the House Roger Hanshaw as our Keynote. Many other State and local candidates attended the dinner and provided materials for the 2024 election. It was a pleasure to have the leaders take time from their busy schedules to spend an evening with our committee and our honored guests attending from Calhoun and surrounding counties.

Our prior Executive Chairman, Mr. Gaylen Duskey, was in attendance for a brief period; however, his health prevented him from remaining the entirety of the evening. Mr. Duskey was presented with a plaque designed by David Gerlach in recognition of his many years of service for Calhoun County. Gaylen, we do appreciate your holding the banner for all those years, much of which--alone.

To our committee who provided any efforts for this dinner, to our Chefs who served a delightful meal and to those students from Calhoun and Roane Schools who worked diligently and with polite demeanor served the dinner under the guidance of Calhoun Head Football Coach Jeff Goodrich.... "THANK YOU. EXCELLENT JOB!"

The bar has been set. The year is upon us for the most consequential election of our lifetime. We shall, we MUST... work with earnest to grow the Republican Party and the Conservative leadership necessary in our County, our State, and the United States of America.... if this great country is to recuperate and thrive as a Nation.

Everyday best wishes,  
Loretta M. Hathaway Propst  
Chairman  
Calhoun Co. Lincoln Day Dinner

**The Chafin Law Firm establishes scholarship for students challenged by the opioid epidemic**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - The Marshall University Foundation has announced the establishment of The Chafin Law Firm Scholarship, generously endowed by Truman and Letitia "Tish" Neese Chafin. Both have marketing degrees from Marshall, graduating in 1967 and 1986, respectively.

The Chafin Law Firm is a small, specialized practice in the heart of the West Virginia coalfields in Mingo County and has represented West Virginia counties seeking damages from drug manufacturers due to the opioid epidemic. The Chafins created this scholarship to support students whose families have been adversely affected by the opioid epidemic.

"We're honored to have represented the counties and cities in this terrible situation, particularly what's happened to southern West Virginia," said H. Truman Chafin, founder of The Chafin Law Firm. "We wanted to do anything we can do to help the community who helped us."

Truman Chafin served in the West Virginia State Senate from 1982 to 2014 and served as majority leader from 1998 to 2010. Truman Chafin founded the law firm after graduating from Michigan State University College of Law in the late 1970s.

Tish Chafin received her law degree from West Virginia University College of Law and began working at the firm shortly afterward. She was appointed to Marshall's Board of Governors by then-Governor Bob Wise in 2005 and served two terms. She also previously served as president of the West Virginia State Bar Association from 2010-2011.

Truman Chafin said the decision to establish the scholarship was an easy one, as the older you get, the more important you realize the importance of giving.

"That's where your real happiness is, to give and not receive," Truman Chafin said. "We wanted to be able to help someone who is really talented and has the grades and give them the gift that keeps on giving, which is education."

Amy Saunders, managing director for Marshall's Center of Excellence for Recovery, said the scholarship will have a positive impact. The Center of Excellence for Recovery aims to increase the well-being of West Virginians through behavioral health, education, prevention, outreach, recovery and applied research initiatives.

"We are grateful for the Chafins' generosity for creating this funding for our students from Mingo County," Saunders said. "Many West Virginia youth and families have been affected by opioids and other substance use disorders. This funding will allow us to assist a student who has already worked very hard to overcome challenges in their family and community to provide support to reach their academic dream."

The scholarship recipient shall be a full-time student and has financial need per the standards of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. First preference is to a student from Mingo County, West Virginia.

The award shall be renewable up to four years, or eight semesters, if the recipient maintains good academic standing of 2.0 GPA or higher. The director of the Center of Excellence and Recovery shall select the recipient and renew the award in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

For information regarding the Chafin Law Firm Scholarship, please contact Marshall University's Office of Student Financial Assistance at 304-696-3162. To learn more about The Chafin Law Firm, visit [www.thechafinlawfirm.com](http://www.thechafinlawfirm.com).

**Is there such a thing as a Jinx?**

By Gaylen Duskey 304-354-7227

Jinx: /jɪŋks/: noun

1. a person or thing that brings bad luck: "one was never to wish luck to someone going hunting or fishing, as it was seen as a jinx"

That, according to the dictionary, is the definition of the word jinx. But is there such things as a jinx? The answer is there is no definitive answer. But some people think there might be and even the Andy Griffith Show dedicated an episode to someone feeling they were a jinx.

In that episode, which was broadcast originally in 1962, a synopsis from the IMBD (Internet Movie Database) says after losing a game of checkers to Floyd the barber, Barney accuses Henry Bennett, who was looking over his shoulder, of being a jinx. Soon, everyone seems to be accusing him of being responsible for some accident or problem. Andy thinks it's all nonsense and, to prove his point, asks Henry to join him and Barney in their boat at the annual fishing derby. Andy and Barney have always won the opening day prize for the most fish caught, so Andy is confident this will dispel any myths about Henry. It doesn't quite go as planned when the boat springs a leak and sinks.

An unhappy Henry announces that he's leaving town, but Andy decides the time has come to make Henry know how much he is appreciated by his fellow citizens and arranges for Henry to win the door prize at the local fundraiser. Even that doesn't quite go as planned when Henry, instead of drawing the winning number out of the hat, draws the slip with the hat size on it.

Still the townspeople give the gift to Henry to show they like him and they do not consider him a jinx.

It's a feel-good moment but I am not so sure I am not a jinx to the Calhoun boys basketball team. After I took a header into the driveway I was physically unable to keep the scorebook for the Red Devils and while I have been away Calhoun has been going great guns with a nine-game winning streak which makes me halfway afraid to return since any Calhoun loss could be laid right at me feet. I can just imagine Barney Fife saying to the basketball team: "Inkem binkem notamus rex, protect us all from the man with the hex" as I pull the hat size out of the hat.

Geez. By the time this is published I believe Calhoun will have won 11 straight games and have a record of 15 wins. I feel I should stay away so as not to jinx them. Yet I would like to go to senior night to thank this year's senior class for all the memories. So here goes: "Inkem binkem notamus rex, protect us all from the man with the hex."

EXTREMELY HONORED: I was extremely honored Saturday night for something I did that did not seem like I was doing. The Calhoun Republican Executive Committee honored me for being the Chairman of that committee for several years when basically there was no committee. I just was there giving the county a Republican presence. But that was about it since my get up and go had basically moved away. Frankly I felt like a failure and tried to get somebody, anybody to take over the chairmanship from me. I was able to get Michael Fitzwater to take the chairmanship from me and he did a great job revitalizing the committee but he had to give it up when he was given greater work responsibility. That's when Roger Propst assumed the chairmanship and has wrought wonders. How big of a wonder? Calhoun now has more registered Republicans than democrats. A miracle? No. A wise thing? Locally the parties are remarkably the same, with both wanting good jobs, good schools, and a hope for a good future. But nationally there is a difference a big and unfortunate distance and difference where one offers American values and America first and the other doing virtually everything to put America last and the globalists first.

I had a good time at the GOP Lincoln Day Dinner although I did not get to stay too long since I was feeling a bit rough. I got to meet a lot of old friends from the Republican Party and surprisingly they still remembered me. I got to stall with the Warner Brothers - Kris and Mac - and Mitch Carmichael and Kent Leonhardt and Roger Hanshaw and Mike Stewart.

I talked with Kent about us working on a tire way back when and I spoke with Mike about how I resigned as chairman at a state meeting and how he told me he wanted me to stay and Roger about how we were talking at a Calhoun-Clay football game and how I told him that I thought he should run for the House of Delegates and that I would support him completely. He did run and he did win and now he is Speaker of the House.

And I also got to talk with Governor Jim Justice. Did we talk about politics? A little. We agreed that the GOP would sweep the House, Senate, and Presidency along with the state.

But mostly we talked about basketball and mutual friends. When I went to Glenville State two good friends of mine were Jackie Joe Robinson and Marion Gordon. They were roommates and lived next to me when I stayed in the dormitory for one year. I asked him about Marion since Marion was his (Governor Justice) assistant coach at Greenbrier East. Then we talked a little basketball and I said I was an average player, Marion was a good player but Jackie Joe was a great player.

He said he bet I held my own but I related the story of a pickup game we played. "Jackie Joe blocked my shot with his elbow," I said. "He was that much higher than I was. And to top it off he was dribbling the ball and I was guarding him and he elbowed me in the nose." We both laughed. While I really like Jim Justice the governor and think he is doing a good job I really, really like Jim Justice the coach and that's the guy I'd like to spend my time with.

One thing I was asked repeatedly was "how do you choose who to vote for?" The answer is simple I vote for whoever I feel would do the best job. We are fortunate in Calhoun to have mostly good candidates for our open positions. I know as I look at the GOP candidates I am pleased by the people the party has attracted for the most part and should they win the primary I would support almost every one of them.

So your choice is to find who would best do the job - since technically they are your employee - and vote for them. I want to especially thank Crystal Mersch for making me go to the dinner. I had a wonderful time and I also got to meet her husband, George. He's a nice guy and I really like him.

Thank you Crystal for getting me out of my shell a bit. Until next time stay safe but don't live our life in a bubble.

**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,

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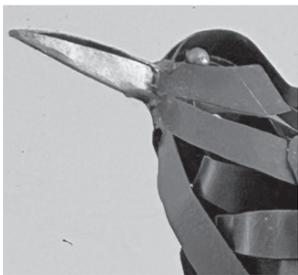
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- \*\*Thursdays 2/15, 2/29:

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

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## Rare Old Bird

By Deirdre Purdy

### Trump MAGA vs. Western Democracy

The MAGA Republicans are playing a dangerous political game that threatens America's place in the world and the precarious balance of world power. In thrall to Donald Trump, they refuse to appropriate \$60 billion to aid Ukraine's defense.

If Ukraine falls, it would be a huge self-imposed strategic defeat for the US. We would risk a larger and costlier war in Europe. Our ability to deter other conflicts would be diminished. We would normalize the atrocities of Russian aggression, war crimes and autocracy. No country would trust us to be their ally.

Article 5 of NATO's founding treaty commits all allies to help any member who comes under attack.

Last weekend at a campaign rally, Donald Trump recounted a conversation. This, Trump claimed, was the president of "a big country" who asked, "Sir, if we don't pay and we're attacked by Russia, will you protect us?"

For Trump everything is transactional. You pay to play. So of course, his answer was, "You didn't pay? . . . No, I would not protect you. In fact, I would encourage them to do whatever the hell they want."

A US presidential candidate encouraging Russia to "do whatever the hell they want" to our allies is a terrifying escalation in Trump's kowtowing to Putin and disdaining our allies while calling losing "winning" and appeasement "peace."

Trump repeatedly boasts he would end the Ukraine war in 24 hours. No details are available, but the obvious Trumpian solution would be to give Putin everything he now holds in Ukraine.

He overlooks Putin's stated goal to take all of Ukraine back into Russia. For Putin, Ukraine is just a runaway slave, like a runaway slave, that needs to be returned to its master. Putin intends to eliminate Ukraine.

Reconstituting Russia and then the Soviet Union drives the war. It is Putin's nativist Russian ideology, his worship of Great Russia fighting the western beast.

Putin explained that to Tucker Carlson, who remained clueless. If Trump gives Putin part of Ukraine, he will say thank you and take the rest. Would there then be peace? NATO members bordering Russia don't think so. Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are now erecting joint fortifications against Russia.

Anxiety is high in NATO member Poland, which was controlled by Russia, partitioned by Russia, and eliminated by Russia - all in different eras over the last 600 years. Ukraine is a hot war on Poland's border and if Russia takes Ukraine, Poland fears it is next.

Russia has trashed international law through armed invasion of Ukraine. In the zone of Ukraine that Russia now controls, it has massacred civilians, its soldier's rape and torture while Ukrainian children are forcibly abducted, and prisoners of war are tortured and mutilated.

The International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant for Vladimir Putin for war crimes. Trump encourages Putin "to do whatever the hell he wants." Even if it were about money, the US is getting a great deal. Almost 90% of the money appropriated for Ukraine aid is spent in the US. On 117 production lines in at least 31 states and 71 cities, American workers are producing major weapons systems for Ukraine.

Meanwhile it's Ukrainian soldiers who are fighting and dying for western freedom and democracy - not Americans.

If we don't support Ukraine now, American soldiers could be fighting Russian, Chinese, Iranian, or N. Korean aggression. And our oceans don't protect us anymore.

President Biden has demonstrated American strength in pulling together the coalition supporting Ukraine's defense against the Russian invasion.

This week, the Senate passed a bill with \$60 billion for Ukraine defense. Trump has told his MAGAs in the House to kill it.

## Recipe Corner

By Emma Howell

### BEST EVER LIGHT AND FLUFFY DINNER ROLLS

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups hot tap water
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup softened butter or vegetable shortening (I used margarine today)

Sift together two cups of the flour with the sugar, and stir in the yeast. With mixer at low speed, blend shortening or butter into the flour mixture. Add the hot water (the hottest it comes from your tap, all at once, with mixer running. Add the egg, and continue mixing.

Add in the remaining two cups flour to make a soft dough.

(At this point, I changed my mixer beaters for dough hooks and let the mixer knead the dough for about ten minutes and then put it into an oiled bowl to rise.)

### OR YOU CAN DO IT THIS WAY.

Knead lightly on a floured board and shape into a ball. Put into an oiled bowl, cover with a towel, and allow to rise in a warm spot until doubled, about two hours. Punch dough down. At this point it can either be refrigerated or shaped in rolls or loaves and allowed to rise a second time until doubled. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven until barely brown. May be frozen after baking and reheated to serve.

### Individual Chicken Pot Pies!!

#### Chicken Mixture

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground thyme
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 oz)

#### Baking Mixture

- 1/2 cup Original Bisquick® mix
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs

Heat oven to 375°F

First, start with Bisquick baking mix, milk and eggs. Combine and start with a little less than a tablespoon in each greased muffin cup or use muffin liner.

Next add your filling. Add about 1/4 cup of the mixture to each cup.

Finally, top it off with one more tablespoon of the Bisquick® mixture.

Bake for 25-30 minutes then pop them out of the pan.

# DONOR RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT

**My name is Tanya Marie Cunningham and I am a liver transplant survivor. My story started when I was seventeen. I had a lot of issues that couldn't be diagnosed until my doctor decided that my liver was the problem. At eighteen I was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver with no known cause. I was given a life expectancy of five years without a transplant. In 2000 I was diagnosed with an obstruction in my bowel resulting in a bowel reduction with a colostomy bag. Later that year the bag was removed and things returned to normal. I still needed a transplant though and a few years later I had the veins in my throat and stomach rupture and everyone thought I was dying. With excellent care from the doctors in Pittsburgh and a lot of prayers I pulled through. After that, my health deteriorated rapidly with me being hospitalized at Minnie Hamilton and Pittsburgh on different occasions. Finally, we went to the hospital to see if I qualified for a transplant and on the morning of my appointment I was unresponsive and admitted immediately. I was at the top of the list. While I was technically in a coma for about a week, a liver became available. As family waited we discovered that I wasn't a match so back to square one. A couple of days later they called my family back in with a match. It was touch and go and I actually died for the second time on the table but the doctor brought me back and a few short weeks later I was home and healthy. Since then I have adopted three children and actually had a miracle baby boy at forty-two years old. I have coached cheerleading, watched my daughter win countless titles and trophies, volunteered on several committees and have been married to my husband for almost twenty-nine years. I have a full and happy life and none of it would be possible without my donor. We have never met the family but we owe them so very much. Please consider being an organ donor because you never know what you may mean to someone's husband, wife, daughter, son, father or mother. Thank you.**



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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.melissaf@qohio.com](mailto:jarvis.melissaf@qohio.com)) or Cashapp (@smfjarvis) you can send it to Melissa Jarvis.

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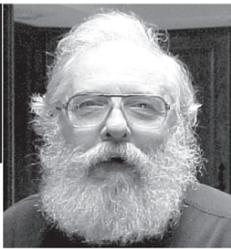
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# Creston News

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

The Creston area received snow Friday evening. By Sunday a lot of it was gone.

Roger Goff has not yet whipped the pneumonia fever but is better. Tom Mowrey is now much better and is at his home.

Ellen Hedge ended up back in the hospital. Each time she had PT she felt worse, Then it was discovered that, in addition to the back fractures, she had a fracture in her hip.

A fellow who was dining at Shade Tree recalled that when he was a little boy they would go to Cap Boice's service station in Creston to get gasoline. Cap had a hand pump that worked back and forth and put the gasoline in a glass container that was marked and held 10 gallons. Then the gasoline flowed out of the container into the tank on the automobile. He noted that he was amazed at how all that worked. Speaking of Shade Tree, their St. Valentine's Day special was a great success and they ran out of steak.

The Wirt road crew was ditching on the Little Creek road. One needs to be careful now as the ditch is deep. Also someone dropped off a track hoe beside the Little Creek bridge.

The 811 people were in Creston and marked gas lines along W. Va. 5 and the Richardsonville Road as well as something on the Little Creek road at the junction of the Ann's Run road.

Apparently someone in Building 5 reads the Creston news as the potholes [imperfections in the surface of the roadway] on I-77 are being fixed. More likely someone lost a tire on their luxury vehicle and demanded action.

An outfit called Tenaska is leasing 80,000 acres of "pore space" in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia for CO2 sequestration. It is said that the rental will be \$50/acre/year but folks need to read "the fine print" very carefully. Such wells exist now in other parts of the nation but none have yet to be permitted in the entire EPA region that includes W. Va. Meanwhile North Dakota, Wyoming, Texas & Louisiana have now obtained primacy over the EPA for such wells in their territories & W. Va. plans to join them. It was noted that to do this would cost \$billions and that it took Louisiana five years and they had access to plenty of men who had the requisite qualifications to qualify & comply. It was noted that this is a \$909 billion scam. Money talks.

Some Creston folks were among the nearly 200 folks who flocked to Arnoldsburg for the Calhoun County Lincoln Day dinner. The food was great and everyone had a good time. Jim Justice was there and admitted that, yes, Larry Puccio works for him. Puccio is a lifetime buddy of Broadway Joe Manchin and has minded Manchin's business affairs for decades. Mac Warner who is running for governor noted that Larry Puccio also works for governor candidate Moore Capito. One might say it is all one big arrangement, just different names when necessary or convenient - Speaking of that Moore Capito's mother who is a US Senator voted against W. Va. and joined with Chuck U. Shumer and Mitch McConnell to send more money to Ukraine even though the army there is now almost wiped out.

The governor held off the foreclosure of one of his prize assets as it turns out there are additional creditors with liens. The new one is JP Morgan Chase who is owed circa \$192 million. The sale may happen in April.

The W. Va. Trappers Association annual spring fur sale & rendezvous will be March 1 through March 3 at the Recreation Center (the old Poor Farm) at Glenville. Only finished fur will be accepted. For details call Jeremiah at 304-916-3329.

The tin mill [cans] that operates in Weirton is to shut down throwing 950 men out of work. Seems that the deep state folks want cans made in foreign nations & we all know why.

Antero announced that the firm is now producing 3.4 bcf/day of natural gas & 193,000 bbl./day of natural gas liquids. EQT announced that the firm produces 5.52 bcf/day of natural gas and that if the price stays low the firm will shut in production. The NYMEX price for natural gas dropped to \$1.58/MMBTU. Bcf means billion cubic feet equivalent.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$78.19/bbl. while condensate fetched \$60.19/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light brought \$69.19 and medium \$78.19/bbl. It can be noted that the price of gasoline has taken a significant jump.

## More Pictures of the 2024 Lincoln Dinner



Derrick Evans, Congressional Candidate with Melissa West



Chefs for the evening: Dennis Spaur, Robin Mersh, Shana Spaur and Natasha McCumbers -- The food was fabulous!!!!



Pictured with Gov. Jim Justice is the Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee L to R: Steve Boggs, Chairperson Shari Johnson, Gov. Jim Justice, Melissa West, Vice Chairman, Treasurer Teresa Overton and Frank Jones. Back Row: Graham Knight and Eric Lupardus.



Calhoun resident David Gerlach presented Gov. Jim Justice with a table he had made.



Calhoun resident Emma Howell with Gov. Jim Justice.



Adrianna and Sheriff Graham Knight with Gov. Jim Justice