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Calhoun County Youth Basketball Tournament March 2nd.



K-1st Grade Players

Betty Gregory for Family Court Judge



Local attorney Betty Gregory is a candidate for Family Court Judge in Division One of the Fourth Circuit. A lifelong West Virginia resident, Betty Gregory has concentrated her legal practice on family matters. Her extensive experience has taken her across the state, including the Fourth Family Court Circuit, Division One. That includes Calhoun, Gilmer, Ritchie and Roane counties. A graduate of Clay County High School, Betty Gregory received her law degree from the Appalachian School of

Law in Grundy, Virginia.

Widely known for her integrity, compassion and fairness, Betty Gregory promises to bring her experience to the local bench. She will be campaigning throughout the circuit and asks for your vote on May 14.



Champions 2nd-3rd Grade Team Heiney: Pictured with Coach Heiney and Coach Allison is team members Haygen Houchin, Carly Osbone, Aerial Heiney, Adam Francis and Evertt Wright



4th-6th Grade Champions Team Church Members Tristan Rogers, Tyler Mayle, Mandy Johnson, Chandler Cottrell, Greyson Laughlin, Haley Nicholas, Aaron Langford and James Marks.



Second Place 2nd-3rd Grade Team Jarvis: Team Players Sophia Goodrich, Lydia Hill, Raelyn Arnold, Kyson Sampson, Paislee Jarvis, Braidyn Brannon, Raines Riddel and Axton White.



Second Place 4th-6th Grade Team Cunningham: Colbie wilson, Liam Yeager, Cruz Frymier, Payden Yeager, Silas Cunningham and Tori Cunningham. Back row Coach Cunningham and Coach Yeager



Third Place 2nd-3rd Grade Team Sampson: Front Row L to R: Brenton Slider, Henry Barnhart, Reese Dow, Savannah Sampson and Coach Sampson.



Third Place 4th-6th Grade Team Staples: L to R: Jack Snider, Isabella Staples, Temperance Caldwell, Brenlyn Barr, Same Snider, Mason Cunningham, Bentley Snodgrass and Keegan Sampson with Coaches Gainer and Staples.

OBITUARIES

The Calhoun Chronicle did not receive any obituaries prior to printing deadline

Sand Ridge Cemetary News

Submitted by Thelma Hall

Please send any donations to Crystal Conley 1926 Sand Ridge road Arnoldsburg, WV 25234.

The Church, Albert's Chapel is not involved with the Cemetary. They have never given any donations to help with the mowing of the cemetary.

If you have family or other loved ones buried there, please consider making a donation to the Sand Ridge Cemetary. Checks can be made payable to the Sand Ridge Cemetary.

The mowing of the Cemetary depends on your donations. The men can't mow for nothing. Your donations pay the men who mow the cemetary, charges \$200 per mowing. The cemetary is mowed every two weeks to keep it looking nice.

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

Broom.stick Cemetery located in Calhoun County is really in need of donations to keep the cemetary mowed and looking nice for 2024. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetary, 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 cemetary, 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.

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Rambling Prose

By Linda Crawford

Relying on my own memory led to a great error regarding the communist manifesto. It is said if you want to learn to identify counterfeit money, study real money—not counterfeit. So back to the Constitution and the First Amendment. “Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right to the people peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Having said that, I recently commented to a friend how calmly 300,000 people had gathered at the Capitol a few weeks before. The next day I had to correct that figure to 150,000 as well as correct saying “Ruth” when I meant “Esther” whose uncle had told her “Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” This is not about old age nor dementia. It’s about humanity. It’s hard to choose from the many example from my own life time. How bout one with the biggest audience?

The “control room” was about center of the planet. There were 200 cameras – (yes) 2000 mimic panel indications (lights), phones, radio and intercom. There were windows all along one side. To passersby it probably looked like we didn’t do much. Keeping an eye on stuff and listening don’t look like work. You alerted appropriate people to conditions they needed to know, answered questions as they came in. The “stop” and “start” buttons were deliberately recessed so they could not easily or accidentally be pressed. A third of the plant was covered by the panel I was watching. Somehow, someway, in turning in my chair from the desk normally behind me and reaching with my right hand for my pen on the floor, my elbow on the left went into the recessed “stop” button. Everyone heard a radio ask “What happened?” Everyone heard me say “I accidentally put my elbow in the “stop” button.” The silence was awfully loud. But the Maintenance Department gave the official stand clear and started it up again. C’est laVie! Tuesday was trying hard to be like a Monday when everything goes wrong yet turns out all right.

The phone rang – I do not answer names or numbers that I do not recognize. Everyone else knows that I’ll get to them eventually and don’t call me on Saturday – that’s the day my son and daughter-in-law call. Finally I did listen to the message “I was watching “Green Acres” and your name popped up un my mind???? They couldn’t remember what they had said on the message when I returned the call. When reminded it got worse or better “Well, you are always a real person” “ I Love Lucy” was my brain changer. Coming home from work suits and matching jewelry and high heels were exchanged for something and moccasins. “I Love Lucy” was a good brain washing while eating the evening meal. If you remember those shows and are starting to finish sentences for your friends, replacing words and names that get lost – you are a member of the “In” crowd. You are a real person.

An in home physical therapist was going to walk with my mother up the driveway. He asked that I follow behind with the wheelchair “in case”. That gave me a picture of helping people of any age actually. Be there to take up the slack not to take over. Some people really don’t like to be told what to do and they let you know it. Aging and any of the associated symptoms are common to l countries and cultures with or without professional diagnosis. Just as word of mouth has served in small communities new communication technology is serving to keep members of the world community informed. Few people have that wide an audience.

The newer technology seems to have enabled people to seek out their own information about everything from gas stoves to “gas lighting”. People can do their own homework and not rely on someone else’s rhetoric, opinion or slogans.

Somewhere there are e-mails or video/audio of what really has been said or done. Rush Limbaugh was the first in my experience to bring evidence forward that immediately refuted what was being provided by other news media. At the time he said he had people tracking the truth. It was the first in my experience to hear “mis-spoke” replace the word lie. It’s unlikely anyone will get all of it straight except God Himself.

On a lighter note COL is still up but the landlord brought us farm eggs. I have one less medication to pay for and since I already pay for more water than one person can use I don’t feel guilty any more. The water saver toilet that has to be flushed more than once; “Flush baby flush!” No more guilt about not being able to save all the water that runs till the hot water gets to the since or shower.

No more hesitations to run water during butter cold weather to insure things don’t freeze up.

It is good to see Gaylen Duskey doing as well as he is and that does encourage all of us. Its good too to have the convenience of not having to purchase another paper (and cost less too!) to read it.

Thank you for the extensive coverage and pictures of candidates in the up coming election. Sir Graham and Lady Adrianna Knight appear to have at least one endorsement in their lap. Hendrix will rule for awhile. A well worn phrase in society pages used to be “A good time was had by all.” That pretty well sums up the pictures for the Lincoln Dinner—they had a sparkle. Those who know my penchant for untimely naps still don’t know if I snore.

I heard on FBN radio that someone in Creston listens to FBN while driving their tractor. My neighbor to the east now has a huge American Flag flying in the garden in the yard. The fences are supporting blackberry or raspberry vines. There are two HUGE Anti-berry picker dogs on the premises. Just wait till you hear the latest tip on getting rid of insect pests – it sounds just awful!

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



I promised I would share with you about the events that went on at school last week, and I am a woman of my word. I have now successfully completed my first Dr. Seuss Week as an elementary teacher. Imagine themed dress up days, lots of Dr. Seuss books, guest readers, and lots of fun. Let me tell you all about it.

Monday was Green Eggs and Ham day. For our first dress up day, the assignment was to wear green. This was a relatively easy task since green is one of my favorite colors. I donned a green sweater and headed out for the day. I planned an activity to go with each book, so after we read about Sam I Am and his quest to get his friend to try green eggs and ham, the class divided into teams to identify the adverbs and prepositional phrases in the book. Each group created a poster, and these were hung in the hallway.

On Tuesday we read Fox in Socks. If you have never read this book, you are missing out. It is full of wonderful rhyming tongue twisters. I taught a short lesson on alliteration and assonance, and then the students worked on writing tongue twisters of their own. These were written on colorful notecards which I plan to hang up in the classroom. Students also designed and colored a sock of their own. These were hung on a clothesline in the hallway and were almost as colorful as the socks students wore to school that day. I pulled out my turkey socks which usually only get worn at Thanksgiving.

On Wednesday, we read Wacky Wednesday, of course. This was probably the craziest day of the week. Some of the teachers and students really went all out. Picture lots of different mismatched patterns, backward clothes, different shoes and socks, and even a pirate puppet and a spider hair-do thrown in for good measure. After we read the book, my students began writing a narrative of their own about what happened to them on a wacky Wednesday. This was perfect timing to review writing a narrative. It is one of the possible writing types for next week’s writing GSA test. Wacky Wednesday lived up to its name when the school day was cut short by an unexpected early dismissal due to heavy rain and flash flooding.

Thursday was One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish day. The halls were full of students and teachers sporting red and blue attire. I wore blue jeans, my red Calhoun sweatshirt, a blue turtleneck, red and blue socks, and my red tennis shoes. This was a fun day for me because some of my former high school students came to read to my fourth graders. They did a great job reading and then answering questions about high school. My students really enjoyed their visit and so did I.

We finished up the week with The Cat in the Hat. I’m sure you have already figured out that the theme for the day was to wear a hat. I pulled out the Kentucky Derby hat I had purchased to wear to a fundraising auction in Florida. It is a turquoise blue sunhat with a large sunflower on the brim. The hat is so pretty, and I rarely have an occasion to take it out of its box. It was fun to have a reason to wear it all day.

My sister Missy was in town visiting for the weekend, so I made my way to my parents’ house after school.

Missy knows my mom and I love ham loaf, so she brought some on this trip. We ate it for dinner on Friday night, and it was delicious. The Barnhart Family invited us to come up to their house for the evening, so after dinner, we headed over there. It was the perfect way to end the week.

I spent Saturday declaring winter officially over at my home among the hills. After I started the laundry and cleaned the bathrooms and kitchen, I began taking the candles out of the windows and putting them and all of my snowmen away. I also brought my spring decoration upstairs. I will gradually put them all out this week in preparation for St. Patrick’s Day and Easter.

Sunday was spent going to church, eating dinner with the family, grading papers, and writing this article. The week ahead is a busy one. My students and I will be tackling the writing portion of the West Virginia General Summative Assessment on Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday we will have guests from the state visiting the school, and Friday is the end of the third nine weeks. The days are flying by, and spring break is coming!

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

If you have family buried in the cemetary, 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.

Letter From Editor

Attention Readers:

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

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

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

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval.

This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Who's Who & What's What in Calhoun High School: In one of the announcements after school, Mr. Cooper warned us students that the dreadful disease known as Spring Fever was about to attack some of us. He also stated that in the last six weeks examinations something was lacking, and that that something was the determination to hold our grades high above par. Now that mid-year examinations are over and we have started on the Home Stretch we must not let our pace slacken nor our determination wane.

Many of us are looking forward to the baseball season. But if our grades fall, we may be only a looker on. If we expect to participate in athletics we must endeavor to excel in our studies. Let us now band ourselves together to hold good our motto. "Not on the heights but still climbing" and make C.H.S. a school noted for learning as well as athletics.

These sunny days you can hear echoes through the hills of C.H.S. "Gee I wish school were out earlier in the afternoon, so we could get on the outside for a few minutes each day". If it were only May we might look forward to a trip through the woods to gather wild flowers.

The greatest tragedy that has ever happened in C.H.S. was the death of old "Ben," Clyde Riddel's bird dog, Clyde says. "Ben wintered well, but spring got him." Several of the boys hiked to Spencer Friday evening to see the girl's basketball tournament.

The Washington Irving Literacy Society are practicing on a play which will be rendered in the Auditorium about the last of March.

The Tataphakan Club was entertained by Miss Eva Buck at the home of M.A.C. Board last Tuesday evening. A very pleasant evening was reported. Miss Dew was pleased to have Miss Perrie Jackson as her guest to dinner Sunday, March 2.

It is definitely understood that a spring term of school will be given, especially for the benefit of those who are going to take the elementary examinations. All who plan on entering the spring term should get in touch with Principal Cooper. Unless other arrangements are made the school will begin about April, 14, 1924.

We students are all willing to admit that Kathryn Witte should carry off the laurels in the Short Hand Department and that Harley McCoy in the Typewriting Department. They both do excellent work and have acquired great speed. But while we are handing out our laurels, Miss Dew informs us one is due to Corel Poling as being the best student in Chemistry and David Oles as Leading in English Three.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: Legion Auxiliary Holds Meeting: An interesting meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held in the Legion home Tuesday night with Mrs. Velma Kemper, president presiding.

Mrs. Verle Stewart, chairman of the Library shelves reported them nearing completion. The secretary reported all members are paid for the year 1949.

Final arrangements for the Legion birthday party March 18 were completed. A unanimous vote to sell one of the pianos and funds allowed for repairing and tuning the other. Get well cards were ordered with the Legion Auxiliary insignia to be sent to members who are ill or in the hospital. Donations of \$5.00 to Newton D. Baker hospital and Huntington hospital for cheer party. Also \$5.00 to the American Red Cross Calhoun chapter.

Those present were: Mesdames Velma Kemper, Nina Percy, Sue Ayers, Nannie Smith, Lenna Marshall, Effie Bickerstaff, Churl Scott, Eleanor Johnson, Genevieve Gainer, Louverne Powell, Verle Stewart, Pearl VanHorn, Grace Snider and Della Bennett.

Daniels Run News:

Mrs. Laura Nitz was Saturday night guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Maffet.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Starcher and Miss Justine Starcher of Barberton arrived here last Saturday to spend the week end with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Starcher.

Mrs. Mina Marks and two daughters, Mrs. Vina Harris and Myrtle, were Sunday guests of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marks.

Mrs. Opal Nitz went to Barberton Monday to enter a hospital.

H.M. Maffet was a business caller on Clyde Allen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Starcher were business visitors in Spencer Tuesday.

The revival meeting closed at the Stony Point church Tuesday night. Lots of souls were saved.

There will be a baptizing Sunday, March 13.

Roma Wood was in this vicinity Thursday.

Allen B. Starcher was in Spencer Friday.

Virgil and Verdis Marks were visiting their brother, Henry Marks, Friday.

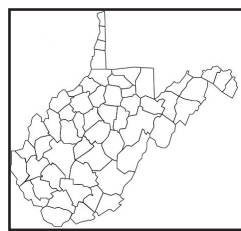
Mr. and Mrs. Dee Nitz were shopping in Spencer Friday.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: Seniors Choose Comedy For Class Play: "Grandma's Best Years" is to be presented in late April by the senior class at Calhoun high school. The play begins when Grandma Sims comes from the farm to visit her daughter, and finds a situation not to her liking. The daughter, Mrs. Abbott, is bringing three uppercrust friends home for the weekend. Grandma is determined to put a stop to all this and comes up with a brilliant scheme of inviting the family black sheep, Cousin Oscar, to Mrs. Abbott's weekend party. Thrills, spills, and lots of laughs follow. R.J. Virden, Jr., and Fred Barnes are faculty advisors, and Cindy Bush is student advisor. In the cast are Bob Vaughn, Kathy Jones, Shirley Starcher, Nina Carr, Lention Offutt, Charlotte Robinson, Barb Wilson, Barbara Hicks, Teresa Daniel, Richard Westfall, Joe Anderson, Martha Wilson, Shara Robinson, Kevin Church, Joe Morris and Toni Himes.

Knight Resigns As Calhoun Coach: Frank Knight, head football coach at Calhoun high school, has resigned his position, effective at the end of the current school term. In the past two years Knight has been football coach at Calhoun high the Red Devils have won nine, lost nine, and tied two games. A native of Paden City, Knight is a graduate of Salen college, and has coached at Rutland, Ohio, at Burnsville and at Tyler county, before coming to Calhoun. He is married to the former Connie Mathers and is father of three children, Brad, 10; Bentley, six, and Kristin, four.

Student Teachers At Calhoun High:

Twelve student teachers from Glenville State College have been assigned to Calhoun high school during the present semester. Jeffrey Kutz, Joyce Paugh, Pamela Hardman, Robin Trickett, Pamela Greynolds, Robin White, Richard Richmond, Douglas Lee, Barbara Ellen Bailes, Michael Chaddock, Philip Reynolds and Earl Hawkins. Chaddock is teaching English under the supervision of Mary Umstead; Greynolds is assigned to music classes under supervision of Joe Wilt; Bailes, Health and physical education, under Jewell Siegrist; Hardman, English under Donald McCartney; Earl Hawkins, Donald Lee and Richard Richmond, health and physical education under Frank Knight; Kutz, social studies under Eloise Divers; Joyce Paugh, library science and social studies under James Murphy and Roy Virden; Robin White, social studies and special education under Robert Bonar and Sheldon Hinkley; Trickett, science and biology under Fred Barnes; Phillip Reynolds, social studies and special education, under Ron Blankenship and Sheldon Hinkley.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

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

March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.



March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor's office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.

March 8, 1926: An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.



March 8, 1963: The state colors of blue and "old gold" were adopted by the legislature.

March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham (on left) was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.



March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams



(1975-87), was a six-time All Pro, and played in one Super Bowl.

March 9, 1965: President Lyndon Johnson signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.

March 10, 1915: West Virginia's first Rotary International club was established in Wheeling.

March 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.



March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 12, 1835: Marshall County was created from part of Ohio County. It was named for John Marshall, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.



March 12, 1850: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.

March 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, Gray was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.



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., March 7: Italian sausage, kraut, potatoes, whole wheat cornbread, fruit.

Fri., March 8: fish, potatoes, whole wheat bun, corn, slaw, fruit.

Mon., March 11: rib sandwich with onions, potatoes, brussel sprouts,

fruit, whole wheat roll. **Tues., March 12:** cream chicken, whole wheat biscuit, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit.

Wed., March 13: hotdog with tomato sauce, baked beans, fruit, whole wheat bun, onions.

Thurs., March 14: baked steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Fri., March 15: hamnurger, lettuce/onion, mayo, tater tots, jell-o

with fruit, whole wheat bun.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., March 7: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spencer Farmers Market Annual Organizational Meeting, WVU Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.

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

Pool Tournament at the Country Kitchen, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., March 8: Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

Arnoldsburg Gun Show at the Arnoldsburg Community Building, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hunters Safety

Course, 6pm-9pm, Fork Park, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

March 9: Arnoldsburg Gun Show at the Arnoldsburg Community Building, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mon., March 11: County Commission Meeting, Little Courthouse in Courthouse at 9:00 a.m.

Hunters Safety Course, 9am-5pm at Minnie Hamilton Clinic, Arnoldsburg

Mix & Match Bingo at the Arnoldsburg Elementary School, doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Ruff Cutt, 7:00 p.m.

Sun., March 10: Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward 1 Hour Gospel Sing - The Facemiers, Upper West

Patrol, 413 High Street, Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m.

Spencer Farmer's Market Organizational Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Spencer Farmers Market Annual Organizational Meeting
WVU Roane County Extension Office (lower level of Roane Co. Library)
110 Parking Plaza, Spencer, WV
Call WVU-Roane County Extension Service at 304-927-0975 to pre-register or more information.

Free Pruning Training & Demonstration

Friday, March 15, 2024 at 1-4 PM
Free Pruning Training and Demonstration by WVU Extension & Extension Master Gardeners
Roane County Courthouse Lawn
Call WVU-Roane County Extension Service at 304-927-0975 by Friday, March 13 to pre-register.

Recipe Corner

By Emma Howell

The Best Taco Pasta

Ingredients

½ pound large shells pasta
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 pound ground beef
1 yellow onion (diced)
4 cloves garlic (minced)
2 tablespoons taco seasoning
½ teaspoon dried oregano
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
¾ cup water
1 ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
Garnish
Cheese
Crushed tortilla chips
Sour cream
Chopped parsley

Cook pasta according to box directions, drain and set aside. In the meantime, place a large skillet over medium-high heat and add oil. Once it starts sizzling add ground beef and brown well, breaking it with a spoon until no longer pink. Drain the fat. Add the onion and garlic, stir and cook for 1 minute. Add the taco seasoning, dried oregano, Worcestershire sauce, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper. Add ¾ cup water, stir and cook until water is gone. Add the pasta to the pan. Add the salsa and cheese. Stir to combine. Serve immediately.

Midnight Fudge Cake

Ingredients

For the Cake
1 box Ultimate Fudge brownie mix
1 box Triple chocolate cake mix

Ingredients required for both cake and brownies are listed on the back of the boxes.

1 Jar Hot Fudge topping

Instructions: Preparing the batters; for both use a separate medium bowl and prepare per instructions on the back of the box,

Creating the Marbled Cake, preheat oven at 350 F, grease two 9x13 pans with non-stick spray. Then proceed to layer by pouring half of the cake mix into each pan, then add half of the brownie mix into each pan. Swirl by gently swirling a knife through the mixture creating a marbled effect. Bake for 35 minutes or until done. Let the cakes cool for 20 minutes and then stack the cakes to make a large marble cake. Drizzle the hot fudge topping over the cake for a rich glossy finish. Can also serve with whipped cream on top.

Easter Eggs and Your Health

This time of year means egg hunts and coloring eggs for those with young children. The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department's Environmental Health section has a few tips so you can have fun and still be safe and healthy.

When you buy eggs from the grocery store, open the carton to make sure they are clean and not cracked. Store immediately when you get home in the refrigerator and make sure it is set at 41-degrees or below. Keep the eggs in their carton and use them within 3 weeks for best quality.

Cook your eggs to hard boiled by placing them directly from the refrigerator into a pot of already boiling water. Then lower the heat to a slow simmer and cook for 11 minutes. Remove them from the water and let them air dry for 5 minutes, then put back into the refrigerator. To make them easier to peel, chill in the refrigerator overnight, and then peel them under cool running water. Hard boiled eggs - in the shell or peeled - should be eaten within 7 days and stored in the refrigerator. Never leave cooked eggs out of the refrigerator for more than 2 hours.

When dyeing eggs, make sure to use a food-grade dye or food coloring. Make sure you and your children wash your hands before coloring the eggs, as before any kind of food preparation.

Use plastic eggs for egg hunts outdoors if you can. If you use hard-boiled ones, throw them away afterward - it is not recommended to eat them due to bacteria and viruses on the shells that can be transferred to the edible part of the egg.

MOVHD Announces March Clinics

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department announces every Friday in March clinics with a family practitioner will be held at their Parkersburg office. A family practitioner can do primary care appointments, such as children's physicals for Pre-K enrollment, adult and child sick visits, family immunizations and women's health.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 304-485-7374 ext. 110.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. It is located at 211 Sixth St. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information. Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook and @MOVHealthDept on Instagram and Twitter.

I want to hear from you!

To our loyal readers, please feel free to let us know what you think of the Chronicle. In order to make this paper what the readers desire, you need to let me know, otherwise how I change it?

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Thank You,
Melissa West,
Office Manager

Special Town Council Meeting Feb. 27th

By Shari Johnson

In a special Grantsville Town Council Meeting the Lamppost dilemma was finally put to rest.

The Town Council met on Tuesday, February 27th to discuss the proposal made by The 1982 Foundation that their organization would install and cover the maintenance on the solar lamp posts for the next 15 years.

In the opening of the meeting the council discussed the results of a survey for which they ask town residents their opinion on the installation of the lights. Out of nearly 300 surveys sent, 52 were returned. Of those 52, 26 were returned with a negative response. However, with the financial burden being taken off the Town by the 1982 Foundation, the matter was irrelevant.

The proposal put before the Town Council for vote was:

The 1982 Foundation would assume all costs related to installation of the lampposts

The 1982 Foundation would cover the costs of maintenance and repairs for first 15 years of use.

The placement of the lamp posts would be determined at the time of installation and open to discussion with Eric Cain being the liaison for the project.

Alice Holmes questioned if there would be any issues with permits needing to be done to which Mayor Petrovsky there would not.

Crystal Mersh informed the council that The Foundation wanted to get the issue of the lamp posts behind them and to work cooperatively as they moved forward.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Linda Staton to approve the project with a second by Councilwoman Emilee Morgan and all council was in favor.

Preschool & Kindergarten Enrollment Information

Calhoun County Universal Preschool now has enrollment packets available for parents to get children enrolled into Pre-K for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment packets may be picked up at Arnoldsburg Elementary, Pleasant Hill Elementary, or Calhoun County Board of Education during school hours.

The registration fairs are held to assist families in getting the necessary documentation for starting school. We will conduct developmental, hearing, vision, and dental screenings at the event.

All children who are 4 years old prior to July 1, 2024, are eligible to apply for enrollment to Pre-school.

All children who are 5 years old prior to July 1, 2024, are enrolled in Kindergarten.

Calhoun County Schools will be conducting Pre-Registration on the following dates at:

Friday, April 12 th , 2024, at Callhoun County Middle High School from 8am-2:30PM

Friday, April 19 th, 2024, at Callhoun County Middle High School from 8am- 12:30PM

Please call Sierra McCormick at 304-354-6022 ext. 402 or Jackie Allen at 304-655-8616 ext. 110 to schedule an appointment. If School is canceled, registration will be rescheduled for April 26 th at CCMHS maintaining scheduled appointment times.

All children applying for preschool must have the following documents prior to the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

-Certified Birth Certificate (Vital Statistics Certificate from Charleston only)

- Immunization Record
- Preventative Health Screen with dental check and hemoglobin test (available through your physician)

- Pre-K Universal Application
- Proof of Income (W2, 1040, or proof of Government Assistance)

Completed preschool packets are due by the date of the registration fairs.

Any child; birth to three, thought to have developmental delays, is also eligible to be screened for possible services. If you would like more information about this topic, please call Bonnie Sands at 304.354.7011 X 317 or email bonnie.sands@k12.wv.us.

MOVHD sets food handler classes, ServSafe class

and test dates

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department will hold its monthly Food Handler class Tuesday, March 19 at its Parkersburg office, 211 Sixth St. Classes are at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., each lasting about two hours. Classes cost \$10 and no appointment is required.

The deadline to register for the ServSafe class on March 26-27 has been extended to March 8.

There will be an Exam-Only ServSafe test date on April 24. In addition, registration is now open for a ServSafe class and exam on June 25-26. Registration and advance payment is required for the ServSafe class and/or test. Please call 304-420-1460 for more information and to reserve a spot for any of these classes and tests.

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Calhoun Youth Basketball K-1st Grade

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



Calhoun Youth All League Players 2nd-3rd Grade



Pictured L to R: Raines Riddel, Sophia Goodrich, Brenton Slider, Savannah Sampson, Haygen Houchin and Adam Francis

Calhoun Youth All League Players 4th-6th Grade



Pictured L to R: Parker Hoskins, Mark Plumby, Cyrus Helmick, Mandy Johnson, Tyler Mayle, Liam Yeager, Cruz Frymier, Jase Farley, Kyle Shook, Isabella Staples and Temperance Caldwell

Calhoun Youth Basketball

Game and Tournament Results March 2nd K-1st Grade



2nd-3rd Grade

Team Sampson-2 vs. Team Jarvis-6

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

Team Jarvis: Kyson Sampson, Lydia Hill, Paislee Jarvis and Axton White played but didn't score; Raines Riddel, Sophia Goodrich and Braidyn Brannon scored 2 points each.



Team Heiney-24 vs. Team Jarvis-5

Team Heiney: Aerial Heiney and Carly Osborne played but didn't score; Everett Wright and Adam Francis scored 2 points and Haygen Houchin scored 20 points.

Team Jarvis: Kyson Sampson, Lydia Hill, Sophia Goodrich, Paislee Jarvis and Axton White played but didn't score; Braidyn Brannon scored 2 points and Raines Riddel scored 3 points.



Calhoun Youth Basketball

Game and Tournament Results March 2nd 4th-6th Grade

Team Reip-21 vs. Team Dow-19

Team Reip: Kallah Reip, Kenlie Jarvis, Mercy Starcher, Karleigh Daugherty, Sadie McGlothlin and Audrey McCumbers played but didn't score; Mason Sampson scored 1 point; Addie Caudill scored 7 points and Parker Hoskins scored 13 points.

Team Dow: Payton Lamp, Baeli Frum and Kyle Shook played but didn't score; Abram Dow and Koby Crislip scored 2 points each; Jase Farley scored 6 points and Brody Crislip scored 9 points.



Team Helmick-13 vs. Team Staples-15

Team Helmick: Judd Helmick, Cyrus Helmick, Annie Nelson, Mark Plumby, Colton McCumbers and Bryson Casner played but didn't score; Sophia Bartless scored 2 points and Mason Laughlin scored 11 points.

Team Staples: Brenlyn Barr, Sam Snider and Jack Snider played but didn't score; Isabella Staples and Bentley Snodgrass scored 2 points each; Mason Cunningham scored 3 points; Keegan Sampson and Temperance Caldwell scored 4 points.



Calhoun Youth Basketball

Game and Tournament Results March 2nd 4th-6th Grade

Team Church-38 vs. Team Reip-18

Team Church: James Marks and Aaron Langford played but didn't score; Haley Nicholas scored 2 points; Grayson Laughlin and Chandler Cottrell scored 6 points each; Tristan Rogers scored 7 points; Tyler Mayle scored 8 points and Mandy Johnson scored 9 points.

Team Reip: Kallah Reip, Parker Hoskins, Kenlie Jarvis, Mercy Starcher and Karleigh daughterty played but didn't score; Sadie McGlothin scored 2 points; Addie Caudill scored 6 points and Mason Sampson scored 10 points.



Team Staples-15 vs. Team Cunningham-31

Team Staples: Isabella Staples, Brenlyn Barr, Sam Snider and Jack Snider played but didn't score; Mason Cunningham scored 1 point; Temperance Caldwell scored 2 points; Bentley Snodgrass scored 4 points and Keegan Sampson scored 8 points.

Team Cunningham: Silas Cunningham and Payden Yeager played but didn't score; Liam Yeager scored 1 point; Cruz Frymier scored 2 points; Colbie Wilson scored 13 points and Tori Cunningham scored 15 points.



Team Church-32 vs. Team Cunningham-18



Team Church: James Marks and Aaron Langford played but didn't score; Haley Nicholas, Mandy Johnson and Chandler Cottrell scored 2 points each; Tristan Rogers scored 3 points; Tyler Mayle scored 10 points and Grayson Laughlin scored 13 points.

Team Cunningham: Colbie Wilson and Payden Yeager played but didn't score; Silas Cunningham scored 2 points; Cruz Frymier scored 4 points; Tori Cunningham and Liam Yeager scored 6 points each

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Calhoun falls short of Wahama in the playoffs

Recap: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Wahama White Falcons

By Team Reports

It's hard to turn regular season success into postseason wins, a fact the Calhoun Red Devils can now relate to. They were beaten by the White Falcons 72-44 on Wednesday. Calhoun's loss signaled the end of their 11-game winning streak.

Calhoun's loss came despite strong showings from Dylan Buckius and Landon Bennett. Buckius scored 16 points along with seven rebounds and two steals, while Bennett scored 15 points along with eight rebounds and two steals. Bennett is on a roll when it comes to steals, as he's now grabbed two or more in the last seven games he's played.

Calhoun's defeat ended a six-game streak of away wins and brought them to 15-8. As for Wahama, they have been performing well recently as they've won four of their last five games, which provided a nice bump to their 17-6 record this season.

Calhoun does not have any more games scheduled as of now. Wahama also has no future games currently scheduled.

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WVSACA Statement on SB 813

Elected Officials,

The members of the WVSACA urge you to seek more information from medical professionals about athlete over usage before you run SB 813. To expand on the term 'over usage', the game totals for each WVSSAC sponsored activity has been set to protect the athlete. For example, we do not need to add more innings to a baseball pitchers arm, we do not need more weigh ins during a wrestling season, and we do not need more soccer matches. There must be time for the athletes to rest, have family/social time, and have time to focus on their academics.

The WVSSAC sets the game limit of each sport from the recommendations of the NFHS and state medical professionals.

The West Virginia Schools Coaches Association is deeply concerned about how this bill will affect team chemistry and the hardships placed on coaching staffs. We can't have players picking and choosing when they show up for practices and / or games. This is not a virtue that we should be teaching our athletes.

The dangerous word used today "EXPOSURE" is major lie to scare parents and athletes. It usually leads to someone making money off the parents and athletes. I have many friends that coach in the college setting. They frequently let people know that if you are good enough, we will find you!

We cannot afford to have a major rule change like this one on top of the transfer portal. We already have a great problem with finding teachers that will coach in our schools. We do not seek to take away parent decision making, we do seek to have order, and follow the rules of the NFHS and the Board of Control.

Yours in Education,

Wesley Eddy

Executive Director of the WVSACA

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Calhoun High School Wrestling News

By Robert Bonar

Calhoun County High School wrapped up the 2024 wrestling season last weekend in Huntington as four wrestlers participated in the annual State Wrestling Tournament at Mountain Health Arena. The team tied for 38th overall in the combined AA/A class, and tied for 13th among Class A schools.

Reese Schoolcraft (106 pounds) and Wyatt Nichols (150 pounds) each won one of their bouts during the tournament. Haiden Staton (157 pounds) and Levi Stump (215 pounds) also represented the Red Devils.

Complete results for all wrestlers will be printed in next week's issue.

Grantsville Pickleball Club

The Grantsville Pickleball Club is growing!

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

The best part is there are people there of all ages, abilities, and athleticism.

There are even some who come to just watch and socialize. Equipment is provided for newcomers

to give the sport a try.

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Calhoun County Board of Education will be holding a public hearing for Levy Rates for FY24-25 on Monday, March 11, 2024 to determine Levy Rates and again on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to Lay the Levy at the Calhoun County Board of Education Central Office.

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLES DAVID MOSS, an heir at law
to the Estate of Ettie Knotts.

PLAINTIFF, Civil Action No. 23-C-23

VS.
SADIE ARNOLD, REVIE GIBSON,
MARIE ARNOLD, SCOTT KNOTTS,
CECIL KNOTTS, BERNARD KNOTTS,
OPAL COTTRELL, JEAN VINCENT and
JUANITA SIERS, heirs at law
to the Estate of Ettie Knotts, And any Unknown
heirs to the Estate of Ettie Knotts
DEFENDANTS.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled civil action is litigation involving a partition lawsuit of oil and gas interests known as the following:

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2. The Property Parcel No. 2 is known as 13 Walnut 8/15 INT CNG 35208 O C Knotts #8574 and was owned by Ettie Knotts by virtue of that Last Will and Testament of Ettie Knotts recorded in Calhoun County Will Book 10 at page 4.
3. The Property Parcel No. 3 is known as 154 W F 8/15 INY #39119-39119A C Knotts #8596 and was owned by Ettie Knotts by virtue of that Last Will and Testament of Ettie Knotts recorded in Calhoun County Will Book 10 at page 4.
4. The Property Parcel No. 4 is known as R'LTy CC KNOTTS 8620 M ROSS and was owned by Ettie Knotts by virtue of that Last Will and Testament of Ettie Knotts recorded in Calhoun County Will Book 10 at page 4.

Sadie Arnold, Revie Gibson, Marie Arnold, Scott Knotts, Bernard Knotts, Opal Cottrell, Jean Vincent and Juanita Siers, heirs at law to the Estate of Ettie Knotts, and any Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Ettie Knotts are the Defendants, but their whereabouts are unknown to counsel and the Plaintiff.

It is hereby Ordered that Sadie Arnold, Revie Gibson, Marie Arnold, Scott Knotts, Cecil Knotts, Bernard Knotts, Opal Cottrell, Jean Vincent and Juanita Siers, heirs at law to the Estate of Ettie Knotts, and any Unknown heirs to the Estate of Ettie Knotts contact Timothy J. LaFon at 1219 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, WV 25301 or (304) 343-4440.

Answer must be mailed to Timothy J. LaFon, Ciccarello, Del Guidice & LaFon, 1219 Virginia Street, East, Suite 100, Charleston, West Virginia 25301 and with the Calhoun County Clerk's office within twenty (20) days of Publication.

/s/ Sheila Garretson
Clerk of the Court

1982 Foundation Construction Update

Pool Complex

With the Pool opening slated for Memorial weekend, the final walk through will be completed this week as well as the pump house and the slab in front of the bath house will be completed. The fence is due in next week and install will begin shortly thereafter. The design for the entrance from the parking lot is underway as well as the fix for the walking track that will need to be completed once the other work is complete. The Foundation has decided not to do the connector between the two concrete slabs, keeping the grass there at least for this season and see how it goes. Final grading is complete around the pool and ready for seed and mulch.

Jason Cunningham is now accepting applications for life guards. Interviews are being scheduled this week. If someone is interested in applying they may request the application by emailing: Jason@the1982foundation.org, Whitley@the1982foundation.org or Teresa@the1982foundation.org.

Other projects being addressed is the search, which will begin soon, for the Tiki Hut food truck, placing the pool furnishings and ordering Baja loungers.

New Construction at Avalon

The final bids are being awaited from contractors for the new construction foundation. The steel has been ordered and once the foundation is in, the building will go up quickly. Behind the new construction and the main building the Foundation will be installing a retaining wall with that work being completed in the next couple of weeks.

Main Building

Past Respects has been awarded the historical work on the masonry, doors and entries and windows. It has been determined that the windows can be saved due to the availability of craftsmen who specialize in this work, maintaining the architectural integrity of the building.

Inside, underground plumbing is complete with the exception of the teaching kitchen. Plumbing continues on the 3rd floor with three cast iron bathtubs in and three more to go. Hardway has two crews working there...one framing on the upper floors and one framing the floors on the bottom floor.

Ram Jack has completed the installation of the 14 helical support columns for the elevator and the restaurant area. Faith Construction from Elizabeth came out and did an estimate for the roofing. HVAC ducting is being built off site by Wood.

The 1982 Foundation is in the midst of grant season with the applications being made for a number of grants from both federal and state agencies with the hopes still of funding one third of the construction and most of the start up expense from grants. This leaves one third coming from tax credits and one third from private donations. Support has been received from WV Grants which is an ARC funded collaboration that supports grant research, technical support and writing. There is much appreciation for all of the local and state organizations that have provided The 1982 Foundation with letters of support and engagement.

Whitley Cottrell is preparing for the Spring Fling and is sourcing arts and crafts vendors, donations for the FCJ Youth Turkey Hunt, and folks who can help with children's activities and other events. The Recovery Zone will be hosting their 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off. Please contact Aaron Spaur or Whitley Cottrell for a registration form.

Teresa Jones Overton is working on the research for the private K-12 school and other community engagement activities. On May 9 the Foundation will be hosting an event to share the project and progress with elected officials and community leaders from our neighboring counties and anyone else who is interested. Many counties have reached out and requested to come to this special event. It is also believed that Governor Justice will be coming for a tour this Spring as well.

Crystal added, "It is going to be a tremendously busy year. Keep on bringing that local economy in. Keep starting new businesses. Keep shopping locally. Support Make it Shine sponsored by Cabot Recycling Station and Lisa D'Ann Cooper to make it a record breaking clean up year. Come out and volunteer. Watch for Sweat Equity projects such as painting and brush removal soon. Grit. Grind. Grace. God. Your friend, Crystal

WV spring fire season, burning restrictions return 3/1

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The start of West Virginia's annual spring fire season on Friday, March 1 marks the return of burning restrictions.

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m. "Since January 1 we have responded to 95 fires that have burned approximately 389.1 acres," said State Forester Jeremy Jones, WV DOF. Statewide burning restrictions will remain in effect until the close of the spring fire season on May 31. The Division of Forestry has issued burning guidelines on its website at wvforestry.com/fire-laws.

Regulations include: -All fires must have a safety strip; The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide; -Fire must be attended until completely extinguished; Only vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and yard clippings are permitted to be burnt; -Spark-throwing machinery such as power shovels or sawmills operating on land subject to fire must contain an adequate spark arrestor; and Inflammable waste disposal areas must annually remove all grass, brush, debris, and other inflammable material adjacent to disposal areas to provide adequate protection, preventing the escape of fire to adjacent lands. "Our fire laws protect one of West Virginia's most valuable resources: our forests," Jones said. "We urge everyone who decides to burn anything outside to be completely familiar with the guidelines available on our website. During the spring months it doesn't take long for our fuels to dry out and fires to escape easily." Commercial burning during prohibited periods requires a permit, which are issued by local WVD OF offices. A permit is required for each commercial burning site. Any person or company who causes a fire on any grass or forest land must reimburse the state for costs to suppress the fire. Fines for forest fires caused by negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000 with an additional civil penalty of \$200.



Op-Ed by Areyah White

In 44 Years, There May Be No Children in Calhoun County.

We all know that Calhoun County has lost more than half its population since its peak in 1948, but there is a more insidious and troubling decline in this county's demographics: children.

Since 1930, children as a percentage of county population has fallen in every ten-year census. Even the few times the county population has grown, the share of that population made up of children has fallen.

This is not the same as the population decline of the county, with a slow decline punctuated by fits and starts of rapid decline and the rare decade of small growth. It is a steady, grinding decline averaging -3.45% per decade since 1930. More than 47% of our county's population was children in 1930. Today children are a little over 16% of the county population.

If we do not act now and act decisively, many of us will live to see the day there are no children in this county. The regression is quite linear, and if the trend continues, the 95% confidence intervals indicate that the county population will be 0% children some year between 2057 and 2082!

In all likelihood, the state will consolidate this county with a neighboring county or the federal government will turn us into a wildlife refuge much like ANWR years before we completely run out of children. Regardless of how the destruction of this county occurs, one thing is clear: there is a demographic expiration date on this county and it is closer than anyone should find comfortable.

The alarming closeness of this demographic cliff is not shared by the rest of the state. West Virginia as a whole has seen an average decline of children as a percent of population at a far lower rate of -2.44% per decade. Roane County has seen -2.48% per decade. In 2020, children made up 20.11% of West Virginia's population and 21.20% of Roane County's, both only slightly behind the 21.82% of the United States as a whole. These numbers are in stark contrast to Calhoun County's 16.23%. More to the point, their regressions are far less linear and point vaguely at the possibility of population collapse at the turn of the next century instead of a mere 44 years hence.

What is causing this loss of our future? A lack of opportunity is causing the young, productive, and fertile to leave the county.

The population drop-off by age after Houners turn 18 is precipitous. The 20-24 age bracket is the smallest 5-year cohort in this county below the age of 80, followed closely by 30-34 and 25-29. People the correct age to have children are not staying in the county and are not coming back in significant numbers until they are in their 50s, at the earliest.

The children of Calhoun County are returning to retire, not to work. Their children are being raised with no connection to the county and no reason to return.

There are just over a thousand children in the county now. We have a few hundred more out of the county who are college age, regardless of whether they are attending college. These would be the parents of the next generation in this county...if we can convince them to return or remain.

If we cannot, if we fail to bring the sort of good paying jobs to this county that they can build their lives around, they will have children elsewhere who will grow up never knowing these hills, their roots planted in some other soil, lost to our clay. They leave, we grow old and die, and Calhoun County will be no more.

Calhoun County will never be a metropolis. It will never be a major population center.

But, if we work together, if we bring opportunity to these hills, we can halt our decline. If we stop the decline Calhoun County can remain Calhoun County, and I think that is enough.

The Demographic Decline of Calhoun County

	2020	2010	2000	1990	1980	1970	1960	1950	1940	1930
County Population	6229	7588	7582	7885	8250	7046	7948	10259	12455	10866
% Change Population	-17.91%	0.08%	-3.84%	-4.42%	17.09%	-11.35%	-22.53%	-17.63%	14.62%	
Child Population	1011	1523	1648	2288	2688†	2623†	*	4365	5498	5135
Children as % of Population	16.23%	20.07%	21.74%	29.02%	32.58%	37.23%		42.55%	44.14%	47.26%
Change in % of Children as % of Pop.	-3.84%	-1.66%	-7.28%	-3.56%	-4.65%	-2.66%‡	-2.66%‡	-1.59%	-3.11%	

Source: US Census Bureau Decennial Census Data

* No age data was published for political subdivisions with a population of less than 250,000 in the 1960 Census.

† Includes all individuals 19 and younger because no data for population numbers below 18 were published in the 1970 or 1980 Censuses.

‡ Calculated by dividing the change over two decades by two to give a per-decade percent.

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The Annual Cinderella Project - Saturday, March 9 th

Area high school senior proms will be taking place throughout the area in the coming weeks. Finding that special dress for a young woman's big night doesn't have to break the bank. And the solution is right here in the area.

The Cinderella Project is a community outreach program that provides teen women with an affordable way to attend their high school prom. This year it will be held Saturday, March 9 th at 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at all three of West Virginia Caring's Resale Shops; Bellview, Burnsville and Reedsville, WV. There are new and gently used prom and formal wear, dresses, shoes, and handbags are \$5.00 each. with everything you need to make your prom night special.

Donations for dresses and accessories are needed to ensure there is a full inventory of all sizes and kinds of party attire available. Donations can be dropped off at the Resale Shops and the local WV Caring offices.

The Resale Shops are open Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact Brittany Dixon at 304-864-4010, email her at bdixon@wvcaring.org or find us on Facebook.

Since 1983, West Virginia Caring, a 501 (c) (3), non-profit an advanced illness provider, has been dedicated to improve care for those facing life-limiting illness through direct support of patients and their families while providing advocacy, outreach, education and expertise in grief support to the entire community. WV Caring serves the following twelve counties: Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzel. WV Caring is one of a few not for profit, stand-alone hospices serving North Central West Virginia.

Marshall to present 'Born of Rebellion' traveling exhibit

Contact: Contact: Jean Hardiman , Senior Writer/Editor, 304-696-6397 HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Marshall University's Drinko Library is presenting a traveling art exhibit that explores the origins of the Mountain State.

Born of Rebellion: West Virginia Statehood and the Civil War is on display through March 18 during library hours and is the new flagship history exhibit from the West Virginia Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the creators of the West Virginia Encyclopedia.

"This is a complete revitalization of an exhibit the Council first released in 2005, and toured again during the Sesquicentennial," said Kyle Warmack, program officer for the Humanities Council. "The original was fantastic but focused narrowly on the legal question of statehood. This time, we widen the lens to include a kaleidoscope of West Virginia perspectives. 2024 is the 50th anniversary of the Council's founding, so it felt appropriate to return all the way to the state's roots."

One way to do that was by digging into the stories of individuals around the state, he said. The exhibit's section titles are drawn from the diary of Upshur County teenager Sirene Bunten, who was only 16 when West Virginia achieved statehood in 1863.

"The original diary is part of West Virginia Wesleyan College's collections," Warmack said. "Experiencing this history feels different when reading the inner observations of a young girl who loses two brothers to the war."

Other quotes and experiences were drawn from the recollections of soldiers and civilians across the state.

Born of Rebellion was made possible with funding from American Water and the NEH's "A More Perfect Union" initiative, as well as support from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. For more information, contact Kacy Lovelace, or visit www.marshall.edu/library. Full tour information can be found at wvhumanities.org.

Calhoun County Library News & Events

Toddler Time

The Calhoun County Library presents Toddler Time on March 15, 2024 located at 250 Mill Street Grantsville, WV 26147. Story Time will be at 11:00 a.m. and Craft time will be at 11:30 a.m.

Library Trivia

Library Trivia will be held March 21, 2024 at the CCCOA Building at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Round 1-Music, Round 2-Picture Riddles, Round 3-March, Round 4-TV, Round 5-Jeopardy-ish, and Round 6-Movies.

Calhoun County Library Presents WV Humanities Council History Alive! Ruby Bradley

Join us on March 23, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. for a presentation on Ruby Bradley.

Calhoun Youth Livestock Program Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- 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.

Pioneer Shooting Club at Glenville State University Donates \$1000 to First Baptist Church Cancer Fund

Submitted by Quentin Murphy, Glenville State University Public Relations & Marketing, (304) 462-4115

Glenville, West Virginia - The Pioneer Shooting Club at Glenville State University proudly announced today their donation of \$1000 to the First Baptist Church Cancer Fund in Glenville. This generous contribution stems from the proceeds raised during last Fall's Breast Cancer Awareness Art Auction hosted by the club.

Breast Cancer Awareness has been a cause close to the hearts of many within the Glenville community, and the Pioneer Shooting Club saw an opportunity to make a meaningful impact through their annual event. The Breast Cancer Awareness Art Auction, held in October 2023, gathered support from across campus and beyond, drawing attention to the importance of early detection and treatment.

The donation was formally presented to representatives from the First Baptist Church Cancer Fund during a ceremony at Glenville State University, attended by members of the Pioneer Shooting Club, university officials, and community leaders. The event served as a testament to the power of collaboration and community support in addressing important issues such as breast cancer awareness and research.

The Pioneer Shooting Club at Glenville State University remains committed to giving back to the community and looks forward to continuing their support for important causes in the future.



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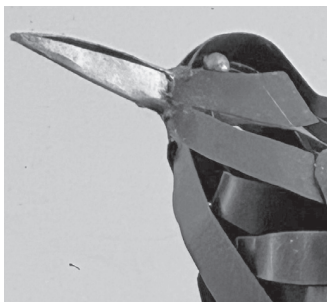


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Rare Old Bird

By Deirdre Purdy

The Golden Sneakers Grifter

My articles are published in our weekly county newspaper. A local critic has objected to only one word - "grifter."

How can you call Trump a grifter, the gentleman asked, when he's the only president ever to leave office worth less than he had when he came in?

His premise is not strictly true. Harry Truman entered the presidency as a poor man and left the White House with only his army pension of \$1350 a year.

The question, though, is how can I call Donald Trump a "grifter?" Let me count the ways.

A grifter is a con man, a fraudster, a huckster, a snake oil salesman, and a swindler. He steals by tricking people into parting with their money for worthless goods or promises.

Grifters are so confident in what they are selling that listeners do not doubt their expertise and guidance. Grifters are not ashamed of lying and show no empathy for their victims. To a grifter, victims are losers, suckers, rubes and dupes. If the con is exposed, grifters double down.

Before he was a politician, Donald Trump was a playboy, a bankrupt businessman and a character on reality TV. Doonesbury endlessly satirized Playboy Donald, Trump's ghost-written book, "The Art of the Deal," created Trump the powerful negotiator, a tycoon, an image that too many voters (marks) believe to this day.

Unlike what the book says, Trump managed to bankrupt three Atlantic City casinos in the early 1990s. He lied to regulators about the high interest rates he had to pay to buy the casinos, which ultimately led to a fourth bankruptcy.

In the end, stock and bondholders lost more than \$1.5 billion, while Trump himself took away millions. At the same time, he was notorious for not paying local contractors and suppliers, many of whom went out of business.

The businessman was on the ropes when "The Apprentice" turned Donald Trump, the disgraced huckster who trashed Atlantic City, into a titan of industry.

Falling ratings led next to "The Celebrity Apprentice," a more circus-like show, where Trump played a philanthropist while contestants raised money for charities.

Trump put his name on the show's donations to charities, but never personally paid a single donation from his own pocket. You may say, well, that's just business and that's just reality TV. So, let's get to the undeniable gifts, adjudicated by courts to be fraud.

Trump formed The Donald Trump Foundation as a "charity" to distribute profits from "The Art of the Deal" to other charities. The Foundation took in \$6 million that Trump said he was raising for vets. The Foundation distributed no funds to any veterans ever.

Instead, the Foundation spent its money settling Trump's personal and business legal disputes and supporting Trump's political campaign.

The Foundation was dissolved by the New York Attorney General after admitting fraud. The remaining money was divided among actual charities.

Trump University (not a real university) ran an alleged real estate training program. Two federal class action lawsuits accused TU of being a "massive scam" that defrauded its students. Trump settled for \$25 million.

Stop the Steal Scam. Trump's lies about fraud in the 2020 election are the basis for one of his larger scams. Trump raised over \$250 million for Stop the Steal, "an election defense fund," almost entirely from small donors. It's actually a Trump campaign finance and ongoing email solicitation operation.

The Check-Box Scams. During the 2020 election, Trump fundraising emails contained a small pre-checked box hidden in the fine print that made every donation a continuing donation. Later, the campaign added another pre-checked box that automatically doubled every donation. The campaign was forced to issue more than 530,000 refunds worth \$64.3 million to donors complaining of fraud.

Fraudulent Value of the Trump Organization. Last week, the Supreme Court of New York found that Trump and his adult sons submitted "blatantly false financial data" to lenders "resulting in fraudulent financial statements." At trial, defendants "simply denied reality." (If the con is exposed, grifters double down.) "Their complete lack of contrition and remorse borders on the pathological," the court said.

The total of Trump's ill-gotten gains through the Trump Organization fraud were \$355 million, which must be repaid with \$100 million in pre-judgment interest.

Time to roll out a new product.

If you've read this far and Trump's still your candidate, be sure to send \$399 for a pair of cheap gold sneakers (available on Temu for \$19.61), shipping in July (he hasn't really ordered them yet), but hurry, because the Russians are pre-ordering at \$5000 a pair (campaign contributions).

Under the rule of law, gifts tend to get found out and punished. Being a dictator would be so much easier. Dictators require belief and dictatorship allows theft without end. Look at Putin, worth an estimated \$200 billion, who controls the courts and can jail and murder his critics. Trump is a great admirer.

If, instead, you want an honest candidate who's working for America and Americans, please vote for Joe Biden.

Gov. Justice issues statement on negotiations with federal Department of Education

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Saturday, March 2, 2024--CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice issued the following statement today regarding ongoing negotiations between his office and the federal Department of Education concerning COVID-19 funding sent directly from the federal government to county school boards and higher education institutions.

"Let me be very clear on this issue: there is no \$465 million 'clawback' on the table, and there is no allegation that my office, the Legislature, or our education system misspent or mishandled any COVID-19 funds.

"Our negotiations with the federal Department of Education are focused solely on COVID-19 funds sent directly from the Federal government to county school boards and higher education institutions and the rules that were enacted after the money was spent.

"My office has been in direct negotiation with the federal Department of Education, and we expect a positive resolution very soon.

"The sole issue raised in the federal rules is whether West Virginia's spending on education rose enough in proportion to the state's overall spending. Over the last few years, our economy has done an outstanding job of recovering from the pandemic and growing surplus after surplus. I joined the Legislature in targeting these surpluses on improving our roads and infrastructure, sending needed resources to our then-DHHR and jails around the state, and on trying to diversify our economy by investing in economic development projects bringing thousands of jobs into West Virginia. Over the same time, we also increased our spending on our classrooms and gave our teachers much-deserved pay raises. The federal rules, however, focus on percentages. They penalize West Virginia for its economic success and investing in roads, infrastructure, and bringing good-paying jobs to West Virginians, despite our increased investment in our schools.

"The federal Department of Education raised the same issue last year, and we were able to satisfy them by showing we were making additional investments in pay raises for teachers and service personnel, and with funding to our School Building Authority. Last year we met with Legislative leadership and advised them of the issue and our work to satisfy the federal Department of Education's rules. This year, we have done the same by continuing to advise the Legislature, and I expect the result to be no different. Our investments in education speak for themselves with pay raise after pay raise, getting more aides into classrooms, and investments into school construction and rehabilitation projects. Our investments will continue this year with my proposals for another historic 5% pay raise and an unprecedented \$150 million to our School Building Authority.

"I have strongly urged the Legislature to pass my budget with these items included. I believe our efforts will be successful in discussions with the federal DOE and that no money will need to be returned by the county boards of education and higher education institutions to the federal government. It's my strong belief that we should spend this money on investments in education at home, rather than letting the federal government take money from our county schools and colleges and universities.

"This issue started several years ago, under a prior State Superintendent who failed to adequately address the issue and failed to tell the State Board of Education. When Superintendent Blatt was appointed, she brought the issue to my attention, and my Chief of Staff and others have been working directly with the federal DOE to negotiate a solution.

"Again, I'm confident that we will reach a positive resolution quickly, and I call on the Legislature to act swiftly on my proposed budget, including the historic pay raise for educators and the unprecedented funding for our School Building Authority. This isn't just about meeting federal expectations; it's about our ongoing commitment to improving education for all West Virginians."

From The Office of WV Secretary of State Mac Warner

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February 29, 2024

Some ballots will also include municipal elections; Warner says that WV's May 14 Primary Election will include a total of 1,789 federal, state, and county candidates

Charleston, W. Va. – WV Secretary of State Mac Warner has confirmed that a total of 1,789 candidates registered with his office and the county clerks' offices throughout the state to participate in West Virginia's Primary Election scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 14th.

January 27 was the last day for an individual to file as a candidate for the Republican and Democratic Party nominations. February 13 was the last day to withdraw and for executive committees to appoint candidates for the Primary to positions where no candidate filed. February 28 was the last day for executive committees to appoint candidates for the General Election due to no candidate filing.

A total of 504 national, congressional, statewide, and judicial candidates (other than magistrate), and the Greater Huntington Parks and Recreation Board filed with the WV Secretary of State's Office. That list of candidates can be found HERE.

In addition, a total of 1,285 county-level candidates filed to run in the Primary Election with their local county clerk. Those positions include the offices of county commission, sheriff, assessor, magistrate, board of education, and surveyor. In addition, some municipal elections will be also held concurrently with the statewide elections administered by the counties. Lists of those candidates are maintained by each county clerk.

Board of education and judicial candidates run in non-partisan elections. Except for a circuit judge who does not receive at least 30 percent of the vote, non-partisan candidates will be elected in the Primary Election. Following an amendment to the law last year, and for the first time in West Virginia history, circuit judge candidates who do not receive at least 30 percent of the vote will run in a runoff election in the General Election. That runoff will be between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the Primary Election.

"Candidates for public office offer themselves to the voters to fill very important federal, state, county, and local positions," said Secretary of State Mac Warner. "I congratulate all of the candidates seeking to serve the public and I thank them for their personal and professional commitments to participate in our election process."

Warner said that his office works with all 55 county clerks to ensure that the election process is fair, safe, and transparent. Warner said that his office has and will continue to aggressively pursue and investigate claims of fraud. Voter confidence in the integrity of West Virginia's election process is critical to ensuring an effective government.

Candidates and political action committees have been provided with the updated 2024 Running for Office Guide that outlines the roles and responsibilities of candidates, committees, county clerks, and the Secretary of State's Office. The Guide is not a replacement for the West Virginia Code but provides a convenient summary of the provisions.

West Virginia offers registered voters more ways to cast a ballot than any other state in the Nation, including through technology available to deployed military, overseas citizens, voters living with certain disabilities, and first responders called away for emergency services on the eve of an election.

To learn more about the upcoming May 14 Primary Election, including voter registration and other deadlines, visit the WV Secretary of State's secure elections landing page at GoVoteWV.com.

TWO-DAY ONLINE AUCTION

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LKVCS Spelling Bee Winner

By Brylee Rowe

Please join us in celebrating these three who have officially moved on in the next round of the WVCEA spelling bee competing next week at the state level with multiple other Christian schools.

Congratulations you three!!! God surely has blessed us with children who have a wealth of knowledge.



Brylee Rowe



Jared Mason



Ashlynn Ritchie

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

Spring like weather continues in the Creston area with thunderstorms, high water and more spring flowers. Soon ramps will be up. Likewise spring activities are in full swing as well. Wilma Mowrey is having some work done on her home and Barb Wright has been doing some inside painting. Flower buds are swelling and the frogs have been singing for the enjoyment of local folks who love the spring sounds.

Gov. Jim Justice's financial woes continue to make the news as he was ordered to turn over his helicopter to pay debts to Russian & Indiana creditors. His big backer for being US Senator, Uniparty boss Mitch McConnell said he was stepping down from his leadership position which will be a loss for Ukraine & the war run by the US State Department. Because of McConnell's Chinese business connections, he like the Biden family, have gone easy on China's involvement in the fentanyl war against American youth.

Next week the government mandated fast time starts so folks' biological clocks will, once again, have to be reset.

Some Creston folks have been going to the Friday Lenton lunches at the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Elizabeth. This Friday March 8 will feature clam chowder.

It was learned that the EPA's new rules for gas fired power plants (shutting them down) have been delayed until after the election so that the rules changes will not be used as an election issue. However, the ruling junta has come out with new rules for washing machines and clothes dryers. One might wonder how anyone in the government ever got the authority to tell folks how they can spend their own money and what one can purchase or choose not to buy. Apparently, wash boards and clothes lines are still legal. Up in Canada new legislation was introduced that would fine a person \$500,000 for talking positively about oil & gas and if the person worked for an oil company (as a well tender, roustabout, pipe liner, etc.) the fine would go to \$1 million with prison time.

Speaking of going to the slammer, a reporter for Blaze TV who covered the January 6 activities has been arrested for, apparently showing something that people were not supposed to see.

The State Road biggie was pulled over at 11 PM on I-64 after attending a big convention. He was driving his state road buggy but was not charged and someone else drove him home.

As best one can tell the wizards meeting down at the Mouth of the Elk have done nothing to get fertilizer plants on line in West Virginia in spite of a supply of cheap natural gas. It might be noted that the Iran based Houti rebels recently sunk a boatload of fertilizer in the Red Sea. Seems now that under the golden dome the worry is that about \$1/2 billion of COVID funds might have been wrongly spent and might have to be repaid.

While no one locally was impacted the tin mill in Weirton that employs 950 men is shutting down because the compromised Biden family allowed communist Chinese factories to force the plant out of business. 'We are for the working people, dontcha know?' One can see that the \$millions in bribes paid off for China but were devastating to West Virginia. Manchin and his buddy big Jim were allegedly too busy to do anything about it.

A new study of 99 million folks who took the vaccines found a substantial increase (sometime 4 x) in other diseases, especially heart related problems in 18 to 24 year old folks. Dr. Peter McCullough has been outspoken about this but if he lived in certain European nations he could be sent to prison for speaking truth to power.

A local fellow had to go over in Ohio on business and went via Point Pleasant. It was observed that the tree cutting crew had "done a number" on the trees that were in the park as one goes into town on W. Va. Route 2. Coming back across the Ohio River the exit from Rt. 35 on to Route 2 north apparently is an "abandoned road" judging from the number of imperfections in the surface of the roadway. Going up the Ohio River on the W. Va. side is "an experience". Rough road signs are for real. If one had a loaded truck one would likely, at best, break a spring or tear off a shock.

A Creston resident got a call from one of those polling outfits. The very sweet lady had problems with big words like Cabell, Raleigh & Kanawha. She was frustrated when the local fellow told her he had not seen any of the TV ads for or against Chris Miller who, apparently, is running for governor. It was hard to tell which candidate she was promoting but she asked "what kind of republican are you?"

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$78.97/bbl. with condensate fetching \$60.97/bbl. while Marcellus & Utica light brought \$69.97 and medium \$78.97/bbl. The Henry Hub price of natural gas was \$1.84 (it had been lower). The DTI (Dominion or Mother Hope) price was !.323 and TCO (Columbia Gas/TransCanada) was \$1.640/MMBTU. Y grade natural gas liquids brought \$28.859/bbl. Speaking on natural gas liquids, that is ethane, propane, the butanes, pentanes, etc. One big Marcellus driller now is sending out leases that do not make provision for the payment of royalties on NGLs. Instead there is a fictional price "based on BTU". "Baldy Blair and Eric Tarr's forced pooling bill allows for legal theft of West Virginia's resources. Tar & feathers anyone?"

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Nestled deep in the hills of Calhoun County in the lower level of the Grantsville Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts (GCMAFA) is hidden one of W.Va.'s sweetest treasures.

On most Friday nights you'll find a group of musician's gathered there for the local Friday night jam. This is a time when people can pour their hearts out through music and singing and forget the cares and concerns of daily life. People who don't play music go just to relax and visit with each other and enjoy good, homestyle food and family atmosphere that Alice and staff have to offer. (see pictures below on right)

The GCMAFA offers teaching in the mountain musical instruments, taught with skill and love. (below is Alice and Bonnie)

Because of her sincere interest in the area, Alice Holmes is offering her services as the next Commissioner of Calhoun County hoping to bring her sense of values into the heart of not just Grantsville, but the entire county.

Thank You,
Mrs. Hazel Collins
Werther
Calhoun County

