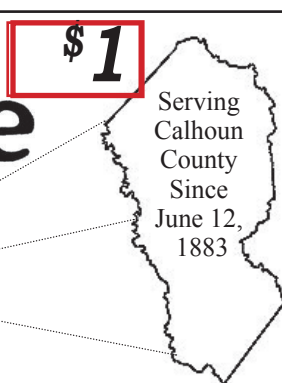




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Activity Bus Crashes on March 4th

By Shari Johnson



Shortly after 6 p.m. on the evening of March 4th, the Calhoun County School Activity Bus #5 left Calhoun Middle School traveling South on Route 16. It was reported that in the sweeping turn in front of Principal Jeremy Johnson’s home, and the next door home of Principal Gina Cano-Stump, that bus driver, Jeff Brannon, lost control. After hitting the ditch-line and possibly over correcting the bus flipped onto its side in the lawn of Steve and Portia Miller. Approximately 19 students were transported by ground to Minnie Hamilton, while one was life flighted by air evac. It was reported (but not known for certain) that no injuries were life threatening. Several broken bones were reported. Fire Departments from Grantsville, Arnoldsburg, Clover and Roane were on scene and multiple police agencies. Trooper Brian Young of the WV State Police is the lead investigating officer with Trooper Nathan Stepp from Roane County assisting. Sheriff Graham Knight and Deputy Jeff Hunt were on scene as well. Bus driver Jeff Brannon was arrested for Driving Under the influence.

LKVCS Students serve as Pages

By Brylee Rowe

LKVCS is proud to have sent three students to serve as pages in the WV House of Representatives. Along with many other students from different schools, they worked to assist the Representatives by delivering papers, getting them drinks, and anything else they needed help with. Along with the honor of helping the Representatives do what they do, they got to watch a session and see how they work.

The students say that it was quite different from what they expected, but they all enjoyed it and would definitely go again. “I have one statement to make,” Samuel Snider said. “Let me go again!”



Samuel Snider



Miah Wolford



Braidin Ferrell

WV House Candidate Leads County Officers on a Wild High Speed Chase

In a complaint filed on Thursday, March 7th, 2024, Sheriff Graham Knight stated that on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, at approximately 1500 hrs, Justin Henry Bordas did enter Grantsville Municipal Building located at 362 Main Street Suite 201, Grantsville WV. Mr. Bordas was loud and aggressive in nature while interacting with Grantsville head secretary Melissa Keener over a dispute about his utilities located at 45 Blackberry Lane Grantsville, WV. During the interaction Melissa Keener did observe a black in color pistol located on the right hand side of Mr. Bordas’ person. The firearm was on the outer portion of his waistband and in plain view.



On Wednesday, March 6, 2024 a background check obtained by The West Virginia State Police Troop 4 Dispatch on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 showed prior felony convictions and a felony drug conviction that was plead guilty to in 2010 in the State Of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bordas was therefore a felon in possession of a firearm due to all prior convictions and the length of imprisonment associated with the convictions.

On Thursday March 7, 2024 at approximately 8:26 a.m. Sheriff Knight entered The Grantsville Municipal Building, Justin Bordas then entered the building located at 362 Main Street, Grantsville. He observed Justin Bordas in possession of a black in color 1911 style pistol and observed the pistol to be in a black holster outside the waistband, with the firing mechanism locked to the rear position. Further observation Knight was able to visually see the space between the slide and frame of the firearm.

Graham stated that his previous experience as a firearms instructor and firearms sales manager made him very familiar with different types of firearms and the components of firearms. While Justin Bordas was standing in the front lobby area of the Grantsville Municipal Building, I advised him that he was under arrest and at that time Mr. Bordas began walking to the door repeatedly stating “I’m not under arrest” and “you can’t arrest me”. As Mr. Bordas left the building Knight followed him outside giving him loud verbal commands to stop” and that he was a prohibited person for possessing a firearm”.

Mr. Bordas then entered his vehicle as the Sheriff approached continuing to give loud verbal commands to “stop, you are under arrest” and “show me your hands”. Bordas then pulled out of a parking spot and maneuvered his Black Dodge Durango towards Sheriff Knight causing him to push himself away from it as he sped away. Chief Deputy J.B. Hunt arrived on scene in a patrol vehicle and attempted to initiate a traffic stop on Mr. Bordas as he fled.

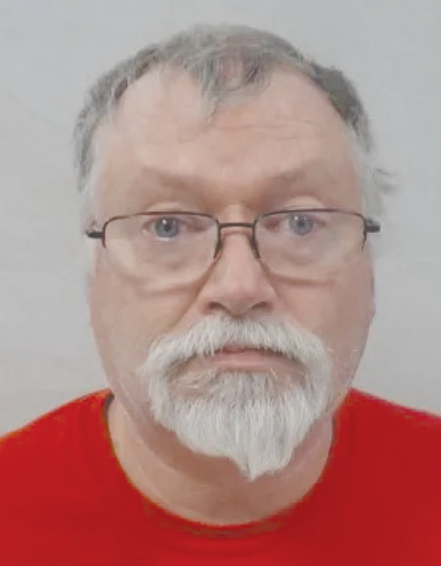
While running on foot to his patrol vehicle I heard radio traffic from Deputy Hunt that Mr. Bordas was failing to stop his vehicle and traveling south on route 16 approximately ninety miles per hour past The Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department. The posted speed limit in that immediate area is twenty-five miles per hour. Deputy Hunt advised me that he was slowing his response and letting Sheriff Knight in the lead of the pursuit at the top of Mt. Zion.

Sheriff Knight and Chief Deputy J.B. Hunt continued pursuit with speeds from seventy to ninety miles per hour driving recklessly and left of center in multiple turns. Cpl B.E. Young of The West Virginia State Police deployed spike strips on the vehicle driven by Mr. Bordas causing one rear tire to be deflated. The pursuit continued south on route 16 to Walker Road where Mr. Bordas exited his vehicle and fled on foot. Mr. Bordas ignored loud verbal commands as Cpl. Young and the Sheriff got to him, at which time Mr. Bordas struck Cpl. B.E. Young. There was a brief struggle to take Bordas to the Ground and place him in wrist restraints. All Events occurred within Calhoun County.

In an additional complaint filed on Thursday, March 7th, 2024 by Trooper Brian Young of the West Virginia State Police, he stated that he was officially assisting the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Department in the vehicular pursuit of a fleeing suspect, Justin Bordas.

Justin Bordas is being held in the WV Central Regional Jail having been charged with: Fleeing from an Officer (misdemeanor), Fleeing with Reckless Indifference (felony), Battery on an officer (misdemeanor), Obstructing an Officer (misdemeanor), Obstructing an Officer (misdemeanor), Prohibited Person with a firearm (misdemeanor). He is currently being held on a \$100,000 Cash or Surety Bond awaiting trial.

Brannon Facing Felony Charges in Relation to Bus Rollover



Following the March 4th tragic bus accident where several children were injured, Jeffrey Allen Brannon, age 54, was charged with 3 counts of Child Neglect with Serious Injury and DUI causing Serious Injury. He is currently being held on a \$250,000 cash or surety bond at the WV Central Regional Jail.

A criminal complaint says that when West Virginia State Police arrived on the scene Brannon was on the school bus yelling and aggressive. He was taken into custody and placed in the back of a cruiser.

The complaint goes on to say that the trooper could smell alcohol on

Brannon’s breath. A preliminary blood alcohol test showed a readout of .161%. A second test showed his blood alcohol level to be .127%.

State Police say three teens had serious injuries including one to a leg, one with a broken vertebrae and one with a head injury. The extent of the other injuries is not clear at this time. Brannon is due back in court on March 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Statement from Superintendent Michael Fitzwater



Shari Johson of Ridgeview News reached out to Michael Fitzwater, Superintendent of Schools for a statement on the current condition of the students involved in the Monday night accident on Route 16. The following statement was provided. As a continued effort to update the Calhoun County community regarding the bus accident that occurred on the evening of March 4th, here are the facts:

- 19 students were riding the bus.
- the students aged from ages 11-18.
- The bus was the evening activity bus leaving Calhoun County Middle High School.

- The bus tipped off its side at approximately 5:50 p.m. on State Rt 16.
- EMS responded quickly, and evacuated students from the rear of the bus.
- 10 students were transported to Minnie Hamilton, zero students remain at this hospital.
- 8 Students were transported to Roane General; zero students remain at this hospital. One of those students was transported to CAMC General and are receiving the necessary care for injuries.
- Two students were flown to CAMC General, two students remain at this hospital.
- Law enforcement charged the bus operator, Jeffrey Allen Brannon, with multiple crimes. Questions related to Mr. Brannon’s criminal charges should be directed to law enforcement.
- Mr. Brannon will be subject to personnel action. We cannot provide additional information relative to personnel actions but assure the community that all applicable laws will be followed, and we are cooperating with the West Virginia Department of Education to ensure Mr. Brannon never again operate a school bus for Calhoun County or any school system.

We ask that you continue to keep our Calhoun County community in your thoughts and prayers, especially those who remain in the hospital. We will provide the community updates as information becomes available.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM "LARRY" FREED



William "Larry" Freed, 62 of Freed, WV, passed away March 1, 2024 at his residence.

He was born the son of the late Arzie William Freed and Retha June Wilson of Freed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Robert Earl "Bob" Freed.

He is survived by his soulmate and loving wife, Gina Lee Yancey Freed and children,

Jessica Le-Ann Freed of Vienna, WV, Kristy Noel Freed and fiancé, Scott Ellison of Parkersburg, WV, Tiffany Dawn Freed of Midland, MD, Christopher Wayne Gherke (Michelle) of Gypsy, WV, and Jessica Marie Hardesty (Dan) of Morgantown, WV; grandchildren, Danica Gherke, Zaiden Borrer, Amos Hardesty, Bethy Hardesty, Simeon Hardesty and Conor Nicholas; sisters, Vivian Dye (Denzil) of Mt. Zion, WV, Elaine Miller (Bernard) of Big Springs, WV and Donna Poling (Dick) of Mt. Zion, WV.

Larry was a graduate of Calhoun County High School, class of 1979, attended Glenville State College and was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corp Reserve with the Rank of E-5. He worked as a meat cutter and dept. manager for 40 years; 34 years in Parkersburg with the Foodland and Piggly Wiggly groups, then finished his career in Glenville with the good people of Waco Foods at Foodland.

Larry was a member of Brooksville Missionary Baptist Church, the Christian Motorcycle Association of Parkersburg and the NRA. He enjoyed spending time on the farm raising beef cattle with his wife and grandchildren by his side, hunting on the farm and fishing at the beach with his cousins, and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle with his wife, nephew and friends.

A celebration of life was held at 3pm Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Brooksville Baptist Church in Big Bend, WV. A visitation will take place from 2-3pm prior to the service. His ashes will be spread on his farm which has been in the family since 1865, and in the Freed Cemetery.

Cremation services were provided by Raiguel Funeral Home, Harrisville, WV.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Christian Motorcycle Association: P.O. Box 9 Hatfield, AR 71945 or Brooksville Baptist Church 6303 W. Little Kanawha Hwy Big Bend, WV 26136. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.McCulloughRaiguel.com.

Rambling Prose

By Linda Crawford

Hillsdale College has provided me with 20 more copies of the Constitution as well as several copies of Imprimis which covers the origin of the Transgender movement. The January Imprimis is on of all timely things, Immigration. One of the few people who were in my apartment during COVID, walking past a stack of copies of the Constitution at the door hundreds of times in the past four years finally asked for one. Like many other things including the Lord we reach out when we see the need. Actually Sandy and her sister Pam were the main ones behind me with a wheel chair and me in it a lot at first. It has taken help from a whole community when all I can do is as much as I can and just be very grateful.

A day or so has passed. Copies of the Imprimis on Immigration are on the way. Last Thursday, February 29, I had a wonderful trip to the doctor. I like Dr. Adkins a lot. The getting ready really wears me out but the weather was so pretty and the fact the next appointment is in a year (if no unforeseen need doesn't arise) really make it great. To be continued.....on March 20.

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

- Washington Irving

"Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve." - Earl Grollman

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.

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.

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 2024. 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!

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



March is really messing with me, and I have to say I don't like it one bit. Last weekend I packed up all of my winter decorations and brought out my spring ones. Mother Nature seemed to be on the same page as me.

Temperatures climbed into the 70's, and I left my coat inside when going out for recess duty. Fast forward to the weekend, and March changed its mind with a vengeance. Saturday was rain and wind and plummeting temperatures. On Sunday morning, I awoke to snow showers. As I sit to write this article, I have my fireplace going, am curled up under a warm blanket, and it is still snowing.

On top of this ever-fluctuating weather, we changed the clocks this weekend. I always find this process a bit painful. Now don't get me wrong, I have been looking forward to turning the clocks forward. I enjoy having daylight extend longer into the evenings, but I am not looking forward to waking up in the dark and having it still be dark when I drive to work. I know this will change in a few weeks, but that doesn't make it any easier in the meantime. I also know I am getting old because changing the clocks didn't use to affect my body and sleeping patterns at all. That is no longer the case. It will be a week or two until I am sleeping right and feeling like myself again. Getting old is no fun.

This past week didn't quite turn out the way I had expected. By this point, I expected to have the GSA writing assessment and a monitoring by the state behind me. Due to extenuating circumstances, neither of those events occurred. The writing assessment will take place this Tuesday and the monitoring will be rescheduled before the end of the year. The third nine weeks did end on Friday as planned, so I have been finalizing grades and getting ready for report cards to come out this week. It seems almost surreal that we are starting the fourth and final nine weeks of this school year. I am only three weeks from spring break and nine weeks from summer break.

School was closed on Tuesday, so I decided to make good use of the time. The weather was gloomy but warm, so I headed to my parents' house to work on a few projects there. I started with their back deck. They have a lovely backyard that overlooks the river. Their deck is large and has both a covered and uncovered section. We spend a great deal of time there when it is warm enough to be outside. During the winter months, Dad turns the deck into a bird sanctuary. He hangs up numerous bird feeders and even sprinkles birdseed on the deck itself.

He and Mom enjoy sitting in their recliners and watching the birds, but when spring comes, it is time for the humans to take it back.

I started by dragging my old Christmas tree off the deck. The birds have enjoyed it, but it is really dead now.

Then I started taking down all of the bird feeders and putting them in a box to take to the garage. Then I gathered up all of the boxes, bags, and suet containers that had accumulated and put them in the trash. I swept the deck a number of times before putting all of the deck furniture back into place. I even put the picnic table umbrella up so it would be ready for our first cookout. Once the deck was ship shape, I headed to my second project, the garage.

This is another space that has needed some attention for a while. We tend to store stuff there until we can deal with it, and I was determined to finally bring some order to the place. We always keep one side cleaned out for Dad's car, so I was focusing on the shelves in the back and the left-hand side of the garage. Dad lent a hand and Maricia joined us when she was done at work. By supertime, we had the place looking ship shape and prepped for a project we plan to start soon.

The rest of the week went smoothly, and Friday night found me on my way to the high school to attend a concert I had been looking forward to since I heard about it a few weeks ago. I was not disappointed. The Indiana Wesleyan University Wind Ensemble was fantastic. I could have listened to them play for hours. I was truly blessed by the music and testimonies that were shared.

This week is a busy one. In addition to school, I have Cookbook Club and an historical society meeting. I'll fill you in on both of those in next week's article.

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

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval.

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Games and Goodies: You'll have to have a lot of to play "Chair Change." When everyone is seated in a circle and each player is numbered from one upward they can then arrange themselves in irregular order and one of the players who is standing in the center, blindfolded can commence the game. He or she calls out nay two numbers and they players whose numbers that was called must jump up and exchange chairs. While they are changing the blindfolded one must try to tag one of them or to get to the vacant chair, The one who is tagged has to take the blindfold. Once the game is over serve the children some Homey Cookies.

Ingredients 1 cup sugar, 2 cup honey, 2 eggs, ½ tablespoons ginger, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, 2 cups self-rising flour or enough to roll. Beat eggs well, add sugar, honey, ginger, cinnamon and sifted self-rising flour. Roll thin, cut into cookie rounds and bake in moderate oven.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: Rural Students Play for PTA: Nine rural band students were presented at the PTA meeting Monday night by C.R. Yoho. These students are from several of the rural schools and played a fine selection of band music assisted by three of the town students. Dan Corbett, president presided over the business session which opened with the reading of the objects of the organization by Mrs. Mildred Stump. A report was given by Mrs. Don Witt on the sale of furniture polish.

A committee was appointed concerning the essay contest which is being held at both the grade and high schools. Three prizes will be given, first place is five dollars, second place is three dollars and third place is two dollars. The committee is composed of Mrs. Harry Holliday, Mrs. Charles Murray and Mrs. Grace Long.

It was voted not to have the next regular meeting but to attend the illustrated lecture on cancer by Dr. Ralph Frazier sponsored by the Eastern Star at the Court House on April 11. A nominating committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Dallas Kight, Mrs. Mildred Stump and Harry Holliday.

Mrs. B.A. Hensley invited all members to attend the workshop for parents and teachers to be held at the high school April 8 and 9.

Those present were Mrs. C.E. McMillon, Mrs. Eva Kerby, Mrs. Veda Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Don Witt, Mrs. Ben Radabaugh, Miss Elva Yoak, Mrs. Mildred Stump, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Stump, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holliday, Mrs. Dallas Kight, Mrs. Gifford Weaver, Mrs. L.E. Haynes, Paul Powell, Mrs. Elwin Wilson, Mrs. B.A. Hensley, Mrs. Grace Long, Kenneth Hall Russell Ayers, Mrs. L.L. Ball, Harold Proudfoot, Mrs. Leona Stump and Don Corbett.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: Volunteens Learn Health Care And Contribute Time To Hospital Work: The 1974 Junior Volunteens are busy at work at Calhoun General hospital, and the patients and staff are delighted, The newly organized group pf teenagers are volunteering their free time to join the staff in making sure patients receive the best of care. A number of the Volunteens are interested in continuing in health care occupations, and their work at the hospital gives them time in which to learn more about these occupations while during volunteer work.

- The organization got a late start in the 73-74 school year, but this group of twelve girls and a boy started off in full force. Two hours a week for five weeks is the usual training time for a volunteen, but the 1974 group was so enthusiastic and interested that they successfully completed their course in ten days. The classes took place at Calhoun General hospital, directed by Nancy Matheny, R.N. At the end of the course each member was skilled in taking vital signs, bed making, giving baths, and generally making patients more comfortable.

The Volunteens newly elected officers and members include: Nina Carr, president; Teresa Daniel, vice president; Stephen Ruck, secretary-treasurer; and Sue Stephenson, Charlotte Robinson, Nancy Rose, Peggy Ice, Cindy Edds, Carolyn Poling, Beverly Butler, Rena Fluharty, Debbie Kerby, and Neva Yoak, members, Nancy Matheny, sponsor.

"These energetic teenagers in their candy-stripped tops are a wonderful addition to Calhoun general, "according to W.L. Johnson, acting administrator," and the services they are performing should make each Calhoun countian proud of their youth"..."

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 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.

Mon., March 18: chicken patty with mayo, beets, broccoli, banana pudding, whole wheat bun.

Tues., March 19: chili with meat and beans, fruit salad, whole wheat

crackers, brownie.

Wed., March 20: salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Thurs., March 21: EASTER DINNER: ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple cake, whole wheat roll.

Fri., March 22: chicken and rice, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, fruit.

Mon., March 25: pinto beans with ham, kraut, apples, whole wheat cornbread, onions.

Tues., March 26: spaghetti and meat and tomato sauce, onion and pepper, vegetables, fruit,

whole wheat roll.

Wed., March 27: COOK'S CHOICE

Thurs., March 28: steam vegetable, chicken and whole wheat pasta, onions, fruit.

Fri., March 29: CLOSED

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

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

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

Fri., March 15: The Calhoun County Library presents Toddler Time 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.

Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Saturday, March 16th.

Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

Free Pruning & Demonstartion, Roane County Courthouse Lawn, 1:00 pm

Sat., March 16: Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Frank Conn & The Partners, 7:00 p.m.

2024 GSU Alumni Concert performance with the Putnam Family Band! Featuring John and Andrea Putnam along with children Caroline, Issac, and Andrew, this incredibly musical family will fill the auditorium with the sounds of classic bluegrass gospel. 7:00 PM-GSU Fine Arts Center Auditorium Saturday, March 16th.

Admission is free.

CMHS Junior Class Bingo Night, doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo is at 6:00 p.m. at CMHS.

Tues., March 19: 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.

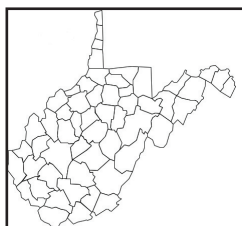
Calhoun Civil Air Patrol, 413 High Street, 6:00 p.m.

Republican Executive Committee Meeting at Grantsville Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

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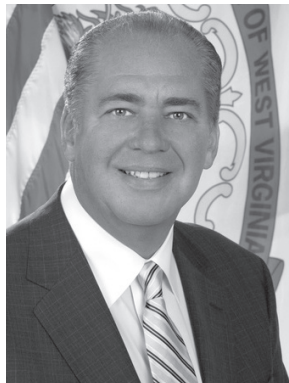


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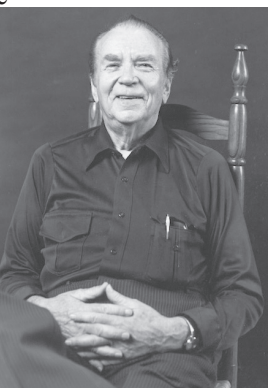


March 14, 1931: Noting the interest in the annual reunion of Carnifex Ferry battle veterans from the Civil War, the legislature created the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission.

March 15, 1882: Union leader Frank Keeney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. (pictured on right) Keeney, who went to work in the mines as a boy, became a rank-and-file leader during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912–13.



March 15, 1952: Governor Earl Ray Tomblin was born in Logan County. He was elected as a Democrat from Logan County to the House of Delegates in 1974, when he was only 22 years old and still a senior at West Virginia University. (pictured on left)



March 16, 1906: Country musician Buddy Starcher was born Oby Edgar Starcher near Ripley. In 1946, Starcher cut his first recordings on Four Star, including his best-known composition, "I'll Still Write Your Name in the Sand," which became a hit in 1949. (pictured on right)

March 17, 1837: Mercer County was created from parts of Giles and Tazewell counties and named for Hugh Mercer, a Revolutionary War general.

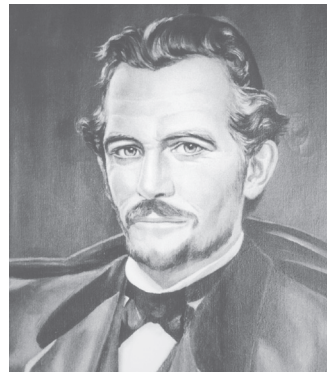


March 17, 1858: William Edwin Chilton was born in Coalsmouth, now St. Albans. A lawyer, U.S. senator and businessman, Chilton expanded Charleston's electric streetcar system and was publisher and editor of the Charleston Gazette. (pictured on left)

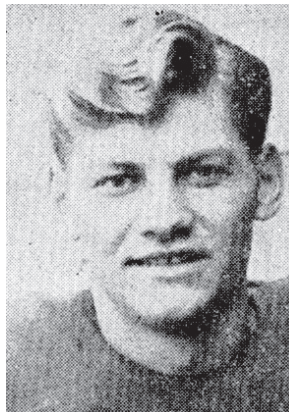
March 17, 1891: W.Va State University was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute by the legislature. It was one of 17 Black land-grant colleges established under the Second Morrill Act of 1890.



March 17, 1912: Athlete Joe Stydahar was born in Pennsylvania. A star in football and basketball at WVU, he was the first-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the first NFL draft of college players in 1936. (pictured on lrfy)



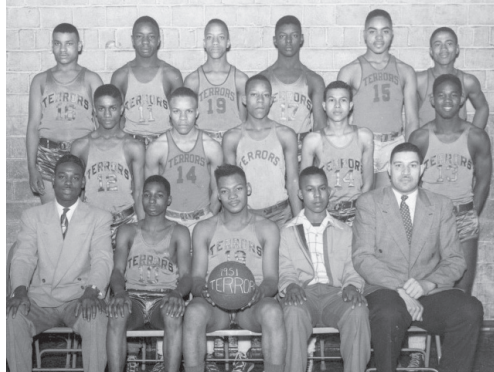
March 18, 1820: William Stevenson was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, but later moved to Wood County in western Virginia. In 1868, he was elected the third governor of West Virginia.



March 18, 1922: Athlete Frank "Gunner" Gatski was born in Farmington. Gatski played 11 years for the Cleveland Browns (1946–56) and one for the Detroit Lions (1957). He played in 10 championship games, eight on the winning side. (pictured on left)



March 18, 1950: Actor Brad Dourif was born in Huntington. He is best known for his portrayal of offbeat characters, including Billy Bibbitt in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest and Grima Wormtongue in Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings trilogy. (pictured above on right)



March 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West Virginia's 24 Black high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union (WVAU) state basketball tournament. Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.

March 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacksville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County while it was being sealed. Drainage pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.

March 20, 1849: Businessman James Kay was born in Scotland. He constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor.

March 20, 1897: Musician Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck style, he helped instill a blues strain into modern country music and was influential among coalfield musicians.

March 20, 1936: Recurring storms led to major flooding on the Potomac River, hitting record levels in Harpers Ferry. The Ohio River at Parkersburg reached 10 feet above flood stage.

Op-Ed by Gaylen Duskey 304-354-7227**Tulsi Gabbard!!!**

Tulsi Gabbard??? Tulsi Gabbard is my choice for President Donald Trump's vice-presidential pick. I think she would be a great choice and that's despite all the negatives the democrats, mainstream media, deep staters and RINOs (Republican In Name Only) will dig up to besmirch her name should President Trump pick her.

Of course, President Trump is not going to consult with me before choosing a vice president nor will the national, state or even the local Republican Executive Committee. But it doesn't matter since she is my choice. There are dozens of good people who could join President Trump on the Republican ticket. There are people like Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, Florida Rep. Byron Donalds, South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, biotech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy and South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott.

Any of those people would be a good choice and all would be a much better choice than Kamala Harris. Just about anybody would be a better pick than Harris down to and including me. But if I don't want to run for mayor here in Grantsville, I sure don't want to run for vice president. On the other hand, however, is Gabbard.

She would be a great choice despite what people will dig up as her faults. First, she used to be a democrat. As a matter of fact she was a democratic congressman from Hawaii. But she dropped out of the party to become independent.

Secondly, she is a Hindu. But that should not matter since we have elected non-Protestants to office before including John F. Kennedy a Catholic as president and several Muslims to congress. As a society we still have a certain religious bias, but we are becoming tolerant enough as a society to accept people of different religions.

Third, she had liberal leanings. So what when I was younger I was a liberal democrat. You couldn't call me that anymore. Not even close. People change.

What convinced me that Gabbard has changed was what she said on her decision to leave the democrat party. When she announced she was leaving the democrat party on October 12, 2022, Gabbard said: "I can no longer remain in today's Democratic Party that is now under the complete control of an elitist cabal of warmongers driven by cowardly wokeness, who divide us by racializing every issue and stoke anti-white racism, actively work to undermine our God-given freedoms, are hostile to people of faith and spirituality, demonize the police and protect criminals at the expense of law-abiding Americans, believe in open borders, weaponize the national security state to go after political opponents, and above all, dragging us ever closer to nuclear war." By golly she gets it. And that is enough for me.

Speaking at the CPAC meeting a few days ago she showed her support for President Trump and her disdain for the liberal left democrat party: "Today we see the democrat elite leaders say, with great concern in their voice, that if the American people elect Donald Trump again, they warn us, he will destroy our democracy.

"They say he will be the dictator-in-chief, that if he's elected it will be the last election this country sees. It's laughable. This is so crazy, it's laughable. They're justifying their actions by telling themselves that they need to destroy our democracy in order to save it. It's lunacy and it's the mindset and mentality of dictators. They are waging a multi-front battle and they will stop at nothing until they're successful." I think I have heard somebody else say that before. Who was it? Oh, that's right me. And President Trump. How does Gabbard view the President? She said in the CPAC speech:

"I've had the chance to meet with him and speak with him at length, and I've seen firsthand his heartfelt interactions with friends of mine, veterans, and I've seen how he has touched their hearts and moved them to tears as he expressed his appreciation for their service and their sacrifice. No cameras, no crowds. Just that heartfelt conveyance of appreciation.

"I've gotten a sense for what motivates him and it's got nothing to do with what the Washington establishment is accusing him of. This is a man who's a fighter, his strength and resilience can only come from one place. His ability to endure this much can only come from one place, a sincere love and concern for the future of our country and his care for the American people." Both she and President Trump are what we need now – somebody who loves our country. And they do.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE: I got my water bill from the Town of Grantsville and I, as I have heard other people say, was rather shocked. Why? Well, it said I used 17,000 gallons of water. I feared I had a terrible leak. But I didn't. The needle wasn't moving on my meter so there was no leak. I called the town and asked if they had estimated before and was just catching up and, yes, they had when we had the big snow a while back and that was understandable. But 17,000 gallons? They said they would look into I and get back with me. I trust they will. Right now the town is asking for rate increases and there may be great reasons for the higher rates. I have not looked into it.

But if they do raise the rates, I hope they can do it incrementally unlike the all-at-once rate increase of the sewer rates. My biggest complaint with the town is they have not planted any Ginkgo trees like they had said after they cut the two 100-year-old Ginkgo trees on Main Street down. That is still a mistake and not planting replacement Ginkgo trees only compounds it.

QUICK SPORTS: Congratulations to the Gilmer County High School girls basketball team and any other area teams that have reached the state tournament. Way to go!!!

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

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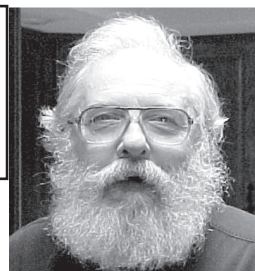
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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

On Saturday it rained and on Sunday morning there were some snow flakes. The river came up and the USDA's (United States Dept. of Agriculture) multiflora rose is growing. Julia Joyce's daffodils are at their best, Jerry Poling's peach tree is in bloom and along the roads colt's foot is in bloom. The amphibians have been singing their little hearts out and the other evening they were a welcome relief to the hopped up senile fellow who shouted at his perceived enemies such as folks who live in rural areas.

It was noted the other day that there were no practicing lawyers in Grantsville. However, there will be many seasoned attorneys there bringing suit against the Calhoun County Board of Education, board members and employees over the recent school bus wreck that has students still in the hospital in bad conditions. No Creston children were on the bus although at least one had Creston connections. The driver blew 0.161 it was said.

Tom Mowrey continues to improve as he only has therapy two days a week instead of three.

The Wirt road crew has been working on the Ann's Run road.

Someone took one cupcake out of a package of two at Shade Tree one day last week.

Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Marks & Thomas were calling at the Creston Space Dock.

Connie Mollohan & Ricky Tucker had an unfortunate "meet up" at Burning Springs. Both chariots were demolished.

The Creston Community Easter party is March 24. (Palm Sunday).

A local fellow got a call from a national polling outfit that asked all sorts of rather confusing questions so it was hard to determine just what was being asked. There were questions about "open primaries" and "global warming".

The Columbia Gas building on MacCorkle Avenue in Charleston was sold to a Point Pleasant man for \$14 million. The company which is part of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Trust is to build a new building in downtown Charleston.

In addition to the development of the Utica & Marcellus shales in West Virginia, Ohio & Pennsylvania (such is banned in New York state) there is activity in the Permian basin in Texas & New Mexico. Lease sales have been held up in New Mexico until the legislature can raise the royalty from 20% to 25% as it is in Texas. New Mexico Land Commissioner Garcia Richard noted that the state would miss out on \$billions in income and investment returns over the lifetime of future leases if royalties stay capped at 20%. Recently, Ohio leased over 20,000 acres for 12.5% and W. Va. Senate president Baldy Blair had laws passed to keep W. Va. royalties low to benefit "his clients", who, of course, do not live in West Virginia. All these areas have world class oil & gas formations & West Virginia is in the middle of the largest oil & gas field on the planet. In the sands of Araby the royalty is 50% or more.

After March 15 one can apply to WGOP.ORG for paperwork to be a delegate at the National Convention in Milwaukee.

Some of the invasive black buzzards were seen below Creston. Time for Sure Shot Jones & Dead Eye Dick to do their civic duty – shoot, shovel & shut up.

The Henry Hub price of natural gas was \$1.80/MMBTU and as a result EQT, the largest producer announced that gas production would be reduced 1bcf/day [billion cubic feet]. Other large operators indicated cutbacks as well and another firm indicated that future drilling would be directed towards liquids, not dry gas. The nation's economic woes obviously impact all aspects of the economy and the ruling junta's push for moving manufacturing to their communist Chinese friends is "a killer".

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude slipped to \$77.01/bbl. with condensate fetching \$59.01/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$68.01 & medium \$77.01/bbl

Recipe Corner

By Emma Howell

Slow Cooker Pinto Beans and Ham

1 lb dried pinto beans, sorted and washed
5 cups water
1 large onion, chopped
8 ounces cooked ham, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
½ cup chopped green pepper
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon dried oregano

Cover beans with water and soak overnight, drain. Place beans in a 5 to 6 quart slow cooker/Crock Pot with water and remaining ingredients. Cover cooker and cook on low setting for 9-10 hours, or until beans are soft and done.

Hot Water Cornbread

1 cup fine ground cornmeal (yellow or white)
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ cup plus 2-4 Tablespoons boiling water (may need more or less)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

In a medium bowl, whisk cornmeal and salt. Heat some water (about 1 cup, you wont use it all) in a kettle until boiling, (water MUST be boiling to soften the cornmeal properly).

Stir in enough boiling water to form a soft dough that can hold its shape. Be sure to stir after each addition of water to see where you're at. (I usually need about ½ cup plus 2 or 4 tablespoons more.

Once I add in ½ cup. I start adding the remaining water by the tablespoon while stirring, It's so easy to add TOO much water so be careful or you'll have to start over.) Once you have a soft dough, stir in melted butter. Let dough rest for about 5-10 minutes.

Meanwhile, add about a ¼ inch of canola oil to a cast-iron skillet and heat to about 375 F. When the oil is hot, shape the cornmeal mixture into patties (I make them about ½ inch thick) and place them into the hot oil. (I find it easier to lay the patty on the end of a rubber spatula and then slide them off into the oil) Let them fry for about 2-3 minutes or until the underside is golden and then flip and let the other side brown.

Cooking time will vary based on the thickness and temperature of the oil so keep an eye on them. Remove from oil using a slotted spoon and place on the prepared tray to drain.

Enjoy hot or room temperature with a savory meal or as a snack with flavored butter or jam.

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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.

The Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation Celebrates 20 Years of Charitable Giving

The Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation (LKACF) has reached a significant milestone, celebrating 20 years of charitable giving to support the needs of the area. Created by local civic-minded citizens in 2004 to serve Wirt and Calhoun counties, the LKACF service area later expanded to include Gilmer County. Over the years, the LKACF, a 501c3 nonprofit, has helped concerned residents create endowments that support a variety of charitable needs, including providing scholarships for area youth and grants for other area nonprofits.

An endowment managed by the LKACF is a fund that is invested to provide long-term support for a particular nonprofit organization or cause in perpetuity. A portion of the fund is made available, annually, in the form of grants and scholarships, while the remaining assets are retained in the fund to provide for growth over time.

The LKACF is a regional affiliate of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF). Through its affiliate relationship, the LKACF's Advisory Board can focus on developing and deploying resources for the unique needs of the area, while gaining administrative support and trusted investment services from the PACF. The PACF was founded in 1963 and provides grantmaking and philanthropic services for 11 local counties. The PACF's charitable giving expertise and positive state-wide reputation has been instrumental in the growth of the LKACF's capacity.

What started as a single grantmaking fund in 2004 has now grown to a collection of 18 named funds dedicated to the betterment of Calhoun, Gilmer, and Wirt counties. Since 2007, the LKACF has awarded nearly \$350,000 in grants and scholarships throughout its three-county service area, including recent grants to support the Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Grantsville, and Two Runs Community Association.

These grants and scholarships were made possible thanks to the generous and continuous support of the community and the Foundation's donors. Gifts to the LKACF are tax-deductible and can be directed to support one of its 18 named funds or to create your own named fund.

Two decades ago, a group of concerned residents took action that led to the formation of the LKACF.

Since then, many people from throughout the region have worked tirelessly to build upon their effort. The LKACF is proud to celebrate 20 years of service for the Calhoun, Gilmer, and Wirt communities and looks forward to continuing to improve the lives of those who call our region home.

The LKACF is planning a summer anniversary celebration to provide an opportunity for the public to meet its Advisory Board, celebrate the work of the LKACF, hear from recent grantees, and share suggestions on community needs. For additional information about the LKACF or its summer anniversary celebration, please contact the PACF's Senior Development and Stewardship Officer, Julie Posey, at 304-428-4438 or visit www.pacfvv.com/lccf.

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.

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.

Boy Scout Camp Kootaga will celebrate 102nd Summer Camp in 2024

Boy Scout Camp Kootaga in Walker, WV, will celebrate his 102nd consecutive summer camp season this year. Camp Kootaga is in the top 25 of the oldest continuous Scout Camps in the nation.

Coming to Camp this year is a new Climbing Tower. On Wednesday March 6, the footprint for the new climbing tower has officially been marked. Special thanks to Pickering Associates and Jeff and Bryce for their assistance in making this happen. Tower materials are due on-site late March with construction to start soon thereafter to be ready for the 2024 summer camp. Phase 2 of this project will take place in 2025 with adding zip lines to the new climbing tower.

Hand jams, under clings, smears. Terms that may not make sense to your average Scout but familiar to Scouts who took the climbing merit badge at Camp Kootaga last summer. Numerous Scout took advantage of Camp Kootaga's natural rock face to learn the basic skills for climbing and rappelling. They learned about different types of rope, how to properly belay climbers and stepping off a 45-foot cliff backwards is not for the faint of heart.

But don't despair if you missed out last year because we are adding to the program for this year. A new tower and bouldering grotto will be finished and available. Both structures will allow Scouts to practice basic climbing moves and work on balance before putting their skills to the test on the natural rock. The new features will also provide opportunities for any camper to "hit the wall" throughout the week during open climbs and rappels without hiking up to Wind Caves.

To be part of these new adventures at Camp Kootaga, go to www.buckskin.org and get your Unit registered for summer camp 2024. Summer staff camp applications are also available on the Buckskin website. All units, districts and councils are welcome!

Camp Kootaga is open 24/7 for great camping and hiking. Follow Camp Kootaga on Facebook and Instagram.

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

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

Calhoun, Clay, Nicholas and Roane Counties (TMU-306 Goff Run-Linden Road 138kV Line, Linden Road-Powell Mountain 138kV Line)

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

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For more information see Mrs Stump or email gcanostump@k12.wv.us.

Calhoun School Board Meeting Student Recognitions March 11th

By Melissa West, Pictures by Emma Howell

Calhoun Board of Education held their regular board meeting on March 11th and had the following student recognitions pictured below. Not all
Middle School Wrestlers: Zachariah Smith – 86# 3rd Place CWVAC Tournament; Colin Grogg – 102# 4th Place CWVAC Tournament; Wattson Nichols – 110# Champion CWVAC Tournament; Tucker Sampson – 123# Champion CWVAC Tournament and 4th Place LKC Tournament; Ezra Anderson – 128# 2nd Place CWVAC Tournament, 2nd Place LKC Tournament and WV Youth Association Tournament State Champion; Nicolis Butler – 155# Champion CWVAC Tournament, Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler LKC Tournament; Sam Bailey - 171# 3rd Place CWVAC Tournament and Keegan Sampson – 2nd Place LKC Tournament

High School Wrestlers: Reese Schoolcraft – 106# 2nd Place LKC, 2nd Place Regionals, State Qualifier; Wyatt Nichols – 150# 2nd Place LKC, 4th Place Regionals, State Qualifier; Haiden Staton – 157# 3rd Place LKC, 3rd Place Regionals, State Qualifier; Levi Stump – 215# 4th Place LKC, 5th Place Regionals; Sam Elmore – 175# 5th Place Regionals; Adam Hughes – 144# 6th Place Regionals and Eli Bailey – 132# 6th Place Regionals



Sam Bailey - 171# 3rd Place CWVAC Tournament with Board Member Jimmy Gregory



Nicolis Butler – 155# Champion CWVAC Tournament, Champion & Most Outstanding Wrestler LKC Tournament with Board Member Jimmy Gregory



Ezra Anderson – 128# 2nd Place CWVAC Tournament, 2nd Place LKC Tournament and WV Youth Association Tournament State Champion and Board Member Jimmy Gregory



Wattson Nichols – 110# Champion CWVAC Tournament with Board Member Mitchell Morgan



Colin Grogg – 102# 4th Place CWVAC Tournament and Board Member Mitchell Morgan



Zachariah Smith – 86# 3rd Place CWVAC Tournament and Board Member Mitchell Morgan



Pictured on left: Calhoun High School Wrestler, Wyatt Nichols – 150# 2nd Place LKC, 4th Place Regionals, State Qualifier

Calhoun High School Wrestling News

By Robert Bonar

FINAL 2024 WRESTLING RECORDS

Wrestler	Wgt.	W	L	Pins	Points
Reese Schoolcraft	106	33	7	22	178
Lance Grogg	113	6	19	2	23
Christian Andreano	120	8	21	5	9.5
Noah Butler	126	18	21	16	50
Eli Bailey	132	12	16	10	32
Joe Nelson	138	15	19	15	34
Chase Schoolcraft	138	1	4	1	0
Adam Hughes	144	19	20	18	66
Wyatt Nichols	150	33	9	20	156
Haiden Staton	157	30	9	24	183.5
Jobe Loudin	165	14	19	7	34
Sam Elmore	175	26	14	22	114
Landon Sampson	190	7	23	4	18
Levi Stump	215	27	16	18	99
Landon Richards	285	9	11	8	23
Troy Collins	285	2	6	0	0

Team (Forfeits) 0 14 0 0

TEAM RECORD

Dual Record: 4-4

Tournament Record: 69-41-1

State Tournament: Tied for 38th out of 46 teams in AA/A; tied for 13th out of 18 Class A schools

Registration Open for 24 Little League Baseball Season

Little League Baseball is currently accepting registration for the 2024 Season. Parents/Guardians can enroll their children by emailing nikkiboatright@gmail.com

Calhoun County Little League Registration Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____ Cell: _____
 Birthdate: _____ Gender: _____
 School Attending: _____
 Parent/Guardian: _____
 Medical Information
 Emergency Contact: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Relationship to Player: _____

Major League – 3rd-6th Grades – 9-12 year old – Fee - \$45

Minor League – 1st-3rd Grades – 6-8 year old – Fee \$45

\$40.00 each additional child in household for Major & Minor TBall – PreK -Kindergarten – 4-6 year old FEE \$30

\$25.00 for each additional child in household for TBall Only

Shirt Size _____
 Pants Size _____
 Hat Size: Youth or Adult _____
 Previous Team _____

EES WILL BE COLLECTED AT FIRST PRACTICE – DO NOT RETURN CHECK OR CASH WITH THIS FORM.

INFORMATION ABOVE CAN BE EMAILED TO: NIKKIBOATRIGH@GMAIL.COM

Grantsville Pickleball Club

The Grantsville Pickleball Club is growing! We play on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00, weather permitting and are averaging 12-15 players.

The best part is there are people there of all ages, abilities, and athleticism. There are even some who come to just watch and socialize. Equipment is provided for newcomers to give the sport a try.

Come on out and watch everyone play if you are not sure what the game is all about. A fun time will be had by all who come out to play. Everyone is welcome!

Come join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for some fun, fellowship, and physical fitness. We have found our Winter Season Home in the NYA Building.



BASKETBALL

Alumni Games

Fundraiser for Athletic Department

MARCH 30	LOCATION CMHS	TIME GIRLS-6:00PM BOYS-7:30PM
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ADMISSION \$7

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Alumni Player Registration: \$40
 (This includes Jersey)
 Text Name and Shirt size to
 (304)481-6729
 by 3/15/24

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE IS SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated December 23, 2014, executed by Borrower(s), Perry Hall, to WFG Lenders Title Servicing, LLC, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Book 168, at Page 500. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 161 Cow Lane, Arnoldsburg, WV 25234. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated August 16, 2023, of record in the Office in Book 188, Page 252. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Calhoun County in Grantsville, West Virginia, on the following date:

4th day of April, 2024 at 11:45 a.m.

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATE ON THE WATERS OF THE WEST FORK OF THE LITTLE KANAWHA RIVER, IN LEE DISTRICT CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE SET AT THE SOUTHERLY EDGE OF A 20 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY, SAID PIPE BEARS S 83 DEGREES 16' 33" E, 501.44 FEET FROM A 15 INCH HICKORY ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE WEST FORK RIVER; THENCE WITH SAID 20 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY, N 66 DEGREES 39' 26" E, 208.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE SET AT THE SOUTHERLY EDGE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY, SAID PIPE BEARS S 45 DEGREES 18' 40" W, 541.55 FEET FROM A FENCE CORNER AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF CALHOUN COUNTY ROUTE 18, A 40 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE LEAVING SAID 20 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY, S 30 DEGREES 18' 46" E, 208.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, SET. THENCE S 66 DEGREES 39' 26" W, 208.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, SET THENCE N 30 DEGREES 18' 46" W, 208.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING NINETY NINE ONE HUNDREDTHS (0.99) OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AS SURVEYED BY BRACKENRICH AND SKIDMORE, INC., OF SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA, IN MAY or 1977, AND AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

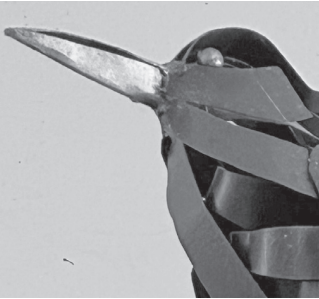
Being the same property conveyed to Perry Hall by the Deed dated June 6, 1978 and recorded in Deed Book 131 at Page 491 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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Rare Old Bird

By Deirdre Purdy

Christian Nationalism Hits the IVF Wall
 Christian nationalist Republicans, led by House Speaker Mike Johnson under the thrall of Donald Trump, plan to impose their version of Christianity on America.

What that will look like just came into focus in Alabama where its Supreme Court decided 8-1 that frozen embryos were "little children" with full personhood rights who could not be damaged or destroyed without incurring criminal liability.

The Alabama IVF (in vitro fertilization) ruling has all the trappings of a legal decision – citations to cases and statutes – but it is an almost purely religious document, not a legal opinion.

The Court's analysis begins by assuming the conclusion: "All parties and every member of this court agrees" that the life of "an unborn child . . . begins at fertilization" and that an unborn child is a "person." Thus, a frozen embryo is a child with full personhood rights. QED. The remainder of the opinion does nothing but illogically squeeze the foregone conclusion under the Alabama Wrongful Death Act. Chief Judge Tom Parker's concurrence proclaims the religious underpinnings. The Alabama Constitution recognizes "the sanctity of unborn life," which is the text

Parker takes for his sermon/concurrence. He quotes Thomas Aquinas, John Calvin, and the Bible to show that "even before birth, all human beings bear the image of God, and their lives cannot be destroyed without effacing his glory." Human life, Parker preaches, "cannot be wrongfully destroyed without incurring the wrath of a holy God, who views the destruction of His image as an affront to Himself."

The Alabama IVF ruling is a theocratic pronouncement, an autocratic fiat based on the Christian Bible, not on law. It displays to America the type of laws and legal rulings we will see if Christian nationalists gain power, as they have in several states, including West Virginia.

Theocracy is an authoritarian system that imposes arbitrary and cruel rules on the personal and private parts of people's lives (unlike Jesus). The right exhibits a disturbing fascination with people's intimate concerns – gender choices, sex acts, contraception, childbearing. There can be no live-and-let-live because in the Christian nationalists' world view, everyone who does not believe as they do is morally wrong, even evil. Political opponents become existential enemies.

There are no religious autocracies in the world where women have equal rights. The Christian right wants an American social order where women are second class citizens. Women are not mentioned in the Alabama ruling, except as uteruses.

When laws are interpreted using Christian doctrine, there can be no separation of Church and State because the Church is the State. A foundation of our democracy is destroyed. The Constitution loses its power to protect minorities (atheists, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists) from the tyranny of the majority – even if Christian nationalists were the majority – and they are not. The Alabama IVF decision reveals two big problems for the theocratic right-wing moralists' planned takeover: 1 - their views are absurd and 2 – a majority of Americans oppose their theological conclusions.

IVF requires that more embryos be created than are needed. Some do not develop, some exhibit genetic problems, and some are not needed once a viable pregnancy results. The unused embryos are discarded or maintained in a "cryogenic nursery." Once one accepts that human life begins at fertilization and that, as 12 states have already legislated, unborn children have full personhood rights, the IVF ruling is logically inescapable.

Logical arguments can be proven false if their premises lead to an absurd conclusion – reductio ad absurdum. The Alabama IVF argument that a child is created at the moment of fertilization and unborn children have full personhood rights leads to the absurd conclusion that IVF cannot proceed because embryos are destroyed.

How do we know that the conclusion "IVF cannot proceed if embryos are destroyed" is absurd? Because Republicans now say so. Republicans are in a frenzy because, once again, they find themselves on the wrong side of national popular opinion about reproductive rights. Public support for IVF is overwhelming. Even 83% of evangelical Christians support it, despite their purported belief that life begins at conception. Only Catholic doctrine is consistent – Catholics teaching rejects IVF.

Speaking for most Republican politicians, Nikki Haley contradicts herself: "Embryos are babies" and "I completely support IVF." IVF must proceed, Republican politicians now say, for the couples for whom IVF was the last hope to have children. (Somehow IVF is a couple's problem, while abortion is a "women's issue," although both unavoidably require a sperm donor.)

Republicans' feigned horror at the IVF ruling would be laughable if it weren't so disgustingly hypocritical because their proposed Life at Conception Act, which they seek to impose nationally, has 125 Republican co-sponsors and no carve-out for IVF.

Alabama legislators are rushing to pass a bill that says "Embryos are not children," which is correct as a matter of fact. (John Oliver explained that embryos and children cannot be the same because you can freeze an embryo, but you can't freeze a child.) This legislative "fix" however, reopens the huge question the right thought they had foreclosed – the timing of their abortion bans.

The IVF decision also clearly reveals that Roe was a wall protecting not just abortion rights, but all of women's (and men's) reproductive rights. The Dobbs decision tore down that wall so that Republican-led states can now legislate not just against abortion, but against all reproductive freedom - contraception (IUDs prevent embryos from implanting), morning-after pills, IVF and any "unnatural" practices, like surrogacy.

The IVF decision brings Republican's Christian nationalism and anti-woman agenda back to the forefront of the 2024 election up and down the ballot. If you reject theocracy and believe that citizens' religious beliefs should be as private as their sex lives, neither dictated by the State, vote Biden for president and vote Blue for every other office. The IVF decision shows we must reject the Christian mullahs' attempt to rule our country and our lives - NOW.

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Tariff Form No. 12
 (Tariff Rule 23.1 et seq.)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY NON-LRR MUNI UTILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Grantsville, public utility, has adopted by ordinance on March 4, 2024 a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing sewer service to approximately 375 customers at Grantsville in the County of Calhoun.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective April 18, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$302,080 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 60%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	INCREASE (%)
Residential	\$ 15.01	60%
Commercial	\$ 83.66	60%
Resale	\$ 8,266.14	60%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the utility.

Town City Building
 362 Main St.
 Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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(Cert. No. 071749 Armstrong Land Management)

To: RHI LLC, ROBERT HATFIELD, JAMES E HILL, OLIVE E CAMPBELL, LOIS I HILL, CLIFFORD PRICE, DOUGLAS NICHOLS, KOREN MARIE HOSKINSON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

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You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071749, located in WASHINGTON District, 16/720 36 RUSH RUN OGM which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILL FRANK ET ALS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 5/13/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 5/13/2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 5/13/2024.	\$	237.59
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 5/13/2024.	\$	0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 5/13/2024.	\$	1544.08
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 5/13/2024.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff of Calhoun County.	\$	1781.67

You may redeem at any time before 5/13/2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand 3/7/2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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 1900 Kanawha Blvd East,
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 Charleston, West Virginia 25305
 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

A town hall meeting will be held at the Upper West Fork Park April 27 at 12:00 noon.

The potential water extension from the Park to the Clay County line will be discussed. Engineers will be available to answer any questions you may have. A new petition will be circulated. Your exact address is needed to sign the petition. This is your chance to get the details if you are interested in signing up for water. It could and most likely will include Walker, Walnut, Oka, Little White Oak and possibly Nicut. If you are interested, please come to this town hall meeting April 27 at the park.

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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.): March 16: Frank Conn & The Partners; March 23: Dixie Highway; March 30: Retro Country.

April 6: Stephanie and the Band of Brothers; April 7: Gospel Sing – Family Ties Trio 2:00-4:00; April 13: Ruff Cut; April 20: Frank Conn & The Partners; April 27: Dixie Highway

May 4: Sincerely Country; May 5: The Putnam Family Gospel Sing 3:00-5:00 p.m.; May 11: Ruff Cut; May 18: Frank Conn & The Partners; May 25: Dixie Highway

June 1: Closed – Wood Festival; June 8: Ruff Cut; June 15: Stephanie and the Band of Brothers

CCCOA Club Music April 13th

Bluegrass, gospel and country music by Starling Holbert at the CCCOA Building in Grantsville on Saturday, April 13th 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

WAG: Please Help with locating

Feral Cat Colonies

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

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

At four months old a female kitten can start breeding, and can have 2 or 3 litters per year. A mother cat nursing a litter of kittens goes back into heat when the kittens are only 3-4 weeks old. Removing cats from an area (i.e. catching and killing) is useless. When cats are removed from an area, then new, unsterilized cats move in to take advantage of available resources – and begin reproducing. This well-documented natural trend is known as the "vacuum effect." Trap-Neuter-Return stops the breeding cycle and eliminates mating behaviors, such as yowling, spraying, roaming, and fighting. Trap-Neuter-Return also benefits public health because community cats are vaccinated against rabies. We can only trap once a month, so please contact us soon if we can help with a colony.

Thank you.

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:

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Smithville, WV 26178

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ntbevoj@gmail.com
Voice of Joy - WVG 89.7 - wvgvradio.com - WVGL 91.1

Country Kitchen Music & Events

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

Thursday Nights Pool
Tournament

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.

Grantsville Conservatory of Music

and Fine Arts

Event Schedule located in the lower level of Alice's Attic

Karate is every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:45 p.m. the cost is \$7.00 per class or pay by the month for \$40.

Line Dancing is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the class is \$7.00.

Jam Night: Bring an instrument or come to listen. Donation of \$3.00. It is held the 1st and 4th Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Starting in March there will be a Writer's Group the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

DNR Hunter's Safety Course Dates

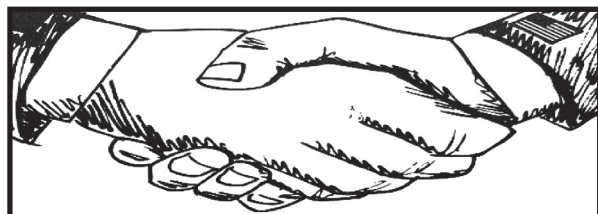
ATTENTION HUNTERS

THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTION AND VOLUNTEER HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS WILL SPONSOR A FREE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE. STUDENTS 12 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. To Register for any of the classes offered, visit www.register-ed.com

1. March 8, 2024, 6pm-9pm and March 9, 2024, 9am-5pm at Minnie Hamilton Clinic, Arnoldsburg
2. March 15, 2024, 5pm-9pm and March 16, 2024, 9am-3pm Spencer Fire Department
- 3, April 5, 2024, 6pm-9pm and April 6, 2024, 9am-5pm at Glenville Fire Department

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

City Attorney Reads Findings of Complaint Filed Against the City of Grantsville

By Shari Johnson

The Town Council for the City of Grantsville met on Monday, March 4th, 2024 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Under citizens concerns, resident Gaylen Duskey stated that he had gotten a water bill for 17,000 gallons in usage. The meter is currently showing a leak and he requested the City's help on location. Mayor Robert Petrovsky agreed to send staff out the following day to see if the leak could be located.

Resident Teresa Overton addressed the Town Council regarding smoking that has been happening in front of the City Building. She asked the council if they were aware of the Clean Indoor Air Regulations adopted by 31 of the 55 Counties in West Virginia for which Calhoun is listed as one such County. In that regulation it prohibits smoking within 15 feet of the entrance of a public building. Teresa's mother, who suffers from COPD, was forced to walk out into the street to avoid smokers in front of the City office. The Mayor agreed that they would take care of the matter.

Crystal Mersh invited the Town Council to join the 1982 Foundation at their May 9th, 2024 gathering of people from surrounding counties who will tour the Avalon Campus and receive information on how the funding came into place for the multiple business campus. The event will take place at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Mersh also asked the council if they discussed, at any point during the month, the financial statements of the City which would allow them to have a clear understanding of the financial status of the Town in conjunction with their budget.

Council woman Emily Collins stated that they received a financial statement in their meeting packets but that it had not been made available to the public. There was some confusion with the Mayor and council as to whether or not this was available when Mrs. Mersh had requested all financials for the city. She was given a copy of a general ledger but no profit and loss statement or month financial statement.

Regarding the appointment of Emily (Robinson) Collins, the City Attorney, John Williams read verbatim the correspondence sent to the Town of Grantsville with his firms findings. This reading can be seen on the Facebook Live feed of the meeting on the Ridgeview News site.

Williams firm was hired by the Town of Grantsville to give their legal opinion on the alleged illegal appointment of Emily (Robinson) Collins to the Town Council. In a complaint filed by Crystal Mersh, the Town Council had met on December 30th, 2023 for a work session and had appeared to have voted at that meeting to appoint Emily to the Town Council to replace the vacant seat of William Villers.

That work session had not been advertised, as would have been required for a Town Council meeting of any kind where action was being taken. In addition it was also cited that the Monday, January 2nd, 2024 regular council meeting had illegally appointed and sworn in Emily Collins when the agenda had only a swearing in of the Councilwoman, no mention of a vote being taken.

According to Attorney Williams, the act was within the legal jurisdiction of the Town because it would fall under the appointment of a council member being discussed. At the January 2nd meeting, a vote was taken to appoint Emily Robinson Collins with three council members voting for her and 1 abstaining. Emily Robinson Collins was sworn in as the newest council member.

A second question was raised as to the legality of Emily Collins appointment when it was discovered that she was not registered as a legal voter for the Town of Grantsville in the office of the Calhoun County Clerk when she was appointed. Attorney Williams determined that this did not matter because of the language stating the council-member had to be running for election, not being appointed.

Williams concluded that the open meeting act did not give the public access to every single meeting of the city and that an appointment of a council-member was not an election and did not violate the law requiring a council member to be registered to vote, only that they had to reside within the city limits, which Mrs. Collins did.

Attorney Williams then excused himself from the meeting and the Mayor returned to the next item on the agenda.

Crystal Mersh asked the Mayor if they were going to take action on what the Attorney had said, at which point the council members determined that action should be taken. Mrs. Mersh ask the council to follow the law in the future with regard to open meetings and the Mayor responded on their behalf saying, "I think all these council members have been through the wringer in the last several weeks, extra caution will be taken care moving forward, which is a good thing."

Retired Florida Attorney, Larry Justham, who practiced law in Florida for 44 years and served as the City Attorney for Fort Myers, questioned Attorney Williams findings on multiple points, citing that the Attorney had left out pertinent language to the case and ignored other matters of the law.

Justham suggested that Williams had stated incorrectly that there was a difference between an appointment of a council member and an election. "If the legislature intended the code to apply to only elections they would not have said event or activity,"

It was at this point in the meeting that Ridgeview News left to cover the School bus accident and was no longer at the city council meeting. Following my exit it is understood that the council voted to accept their attorney's recommendation.

A topic of discussion after Ridgeview's departure was the current rate increase on City Water. The second reading of the suggested rate increase of 60% for both the retail and wholesale rates was supposed to occur, but it was said that the Mayor made a decision to forgo the actual reading.

The retail rate would apply to the customer's in Grantsville that buy directly from the City. The wholesale rates would apply to Mt. Zion PSD and Pleasant Hill PSD who buy water from Grantsville to resell to their own customer base.

If 25% of the Customers file a petition with the PSC, the PSC will investigate if the rate increase is justified and act according.

*Jurisdiction of the Commission may be triggered by receipt of a petition signed by not less than 25 % of the customers served by a non-locally rate regulated municipally operated utility.

For more information click here: <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/complaints/ConsumerComplaintProcedures.htm>

27th Annual Melissa Oshway Easter Egg Hunt

The 27th annual Melissa Oshway Memorial Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 12:00 noon at THE CALHOUN COUNTY PARK. The Easter egg hunt is for children ages 0-12 years old.

This event is sponsored each year by John and Sue Oshway in memory of their daughter, Melissa Gayle Oshway. There are over 6500 eggs, 3,250 for each egg group.

6,000 of the eggs will have a small prize or a piece of candy inside it but over 500 of the eggs will have a slip of paper telling you what prize you have won. Bring that piece of paper to one of the volunteers to collect your prize.

John and Sue buy these eggs and gifts each year. The gifts include bicycles, money, stuffed animals, a child's motorcycle, Easter baskets and lots more prizes. This event is not just for Calhoun County residents, any child is welcome to participate.

If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, they would gladly welcome your help. The Easter Bunny will be joining this event. The Calhoun County Grief Support Group will be selling concessions.

Macfarlan Community Church Easter Events

Egg Hunt & Community Dinner March 23rd

Easter Egg Hunt & Community Dinner at Macfarlan Community Church Sat., March 23rd Easter Egg Hunt 5 pm Community Dinner 6 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Macfarlan Community Church 7919 Staunton Tpke, Macfarlan, WV.

Good Friday & Communion March 29th

Good Friday Service & Communion at Macfarlan Community Church on Fri., March 29th 7 pm Everyone is welcome! Macfarlan Community Church 7919 Staunton Tpke, Macfarlan, WV.

Easter Day Services March 31st

Sun, March 31st Sunrise Service 630 am followed by Breakfast; Easter Service & Children's Church at 10 am. Macfarlan Community Church, 7919 Staunton Tpke, Macfarlan, WV.



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"I am T.J. Drake and am thrilled to have returned to my home county to be with my family and friends and to practice law. I grew up in Frametown, Braxton County, and graduated from Braxton County High School and Glenville State College. I am a 2000 graduate of the West Virginia University College of Law and obtained a Master of Religion Degree from Kentucky Christian University in 2022, and my Christian faith is vital to my approach in my professional life. I have extensive experience practicing personal injury, wrongful death, and criminal law. Additionally, I worked as counsel for the West Virginia House of Delegates and as Assistant Director for Contracts at Appalachian State University."



"I look forward to the privilege of serving my community."

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I made some good decisions. First, I exercise regularly and eat healthy. Secondly I was diligent while seeking the expert cardiac care here at WVU Medicine Camden Clark. Their cardiac team is right here, they are nationally recognized, award-winning, and they saved my life."

-Candace Jones, Vienna, WV



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