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Bus Driver Brannon faces new and additional charges and a \$750,000 cash only bond

By Shari Johnson



Jeffrey Allen Brannon appeared before Magistrate Lora Davis (pictured left) for a scheduled preliminary hearing in cases 24-M07F00004 charging DUI Causing Serious Bodily Injury and Child Neglect with Serious Bodily Injury. The charges were dismissed at the onset of the hearing with Brannon now facing the charges of 24-M07F-00007 The new charges as detailed in the criminal complaint filed

by Brian E. Young are: DUI Resulting in Serious Injury (3 counts); Gross Child Neglect Resulting in Risk of Death (16 counts) and Child Neglect Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (3 counts)

Brannon appeared with court appointed counsel Daniel Minardi of the Public Defenders Corporation, Prosecuting Attorney, Michael Hicks and surrounded by Deputy Hannah Stephen's, DNR Jonathan Holcomb, Trooper Brian Young, Deputy Jeff Hunt and DNR Charles Stephens. Security was tight at the courthouse with the front entrance requiring all courthouse visitors to step through the metal detector. It was an expected concern that families of the bus accident victims would attend the hearing with officers prepared for confrontations. However, only one victim and her mother appeared and sat quietly through the hearing directly across from Jeffrey Brannon.



With a delay in arrival, Ridgeview News had the time to speak with the victim and her mother, who came to face the bus driver and see what would happen with the hearing. The mother and daughter both set anxious, waiting more than thirty minutes for the jail transportation crew to deliver Brannon to the hearing. The mother said that March 4th was the worst day of her life as she heard from her sister that her daughter was in the accident and waited for her sister to arrive on scene and to find out how seriously her daughter was hurt. The 17 year old suffered injury to her arm and ankle, as well as the emotional side of the incident. Today was the first day she had been able to return to riding the bus to school.

Following the advisement of the new charges and penalties he would be facing, Jeffrey Brannon's bond was increased from the former \$200,000 to now \$750,000. Attorney Daniel Minardi informed Magistrate Davis that he would likely file a Preliminary Hearing Waiver allowing the case to be sent to Calhoun Circuit Court for further action.

If convicted of Child neglect resulting in injury Brannon will face a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$3,000 or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one nor more than ten years, or both for each offense.

If convicted of child neglect resulting in risk of serious bodily injury or death for each of the 16 counts, Brannon will face a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000 dollars or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one nor more than five years.

For the charge of driving under the influence of alcohol causing serious bodily injury Brannon faces imprisonment in a state correctional facility for not less than two nor more than 10 years and shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000 dollars and shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked by the the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles for a period of five years or a period of time conditioned on participation in the test and lock program.

Brannon is scheduled to appear for his preliminary hearing on March 21st unless his attorney waives his right to have a preliminary hearing heard in Magistrate Court.

At the time of printing, there is only one student injured in the bus crash still in the hospital. Please continue to pray for all the students and their families, our school system and our county.

Two CMHS Students Given the Distinguished West Virginian Award by Governor Jim Justice

By Shari Johnson



Although the tragedy of the Calhoun County School's bus accident continues to be foremost in the hearts and minds of it's citizens and the constant prayers for the victims, the incident gave rise to the opportunity to recognize the strength and heroism of two of the students on bus # 5.

Governor Jim Justice along with "Baby Dog" traveled to Calhoun Middle High School on Monday, March 11th for a two fold mission. The first was to recognize Charter Cottrell and Lauren Lovejoy for their quick actions in helping the students who were injured in last week's accident. Both Lauren and Charter, who were no doubt suffering their own issues from the accident, gave aid to those who were injured. For their selfless acts of caring for their classmates the two were awarded the "Distinguished West Virginian" Award that has only been given to a little greater than twenty people in the seven years that Governor Justice has been in office.

"There's no guarantees in life that things will be fair every day, we just have to pick ourselves up and keep going," were just a few of the many words of encouragement that Governor Jim Justice offered to the Students at Calhoun Middle High School as he spoke and presented the awards. Governor Justice's country boy charm likely resonated with the youth of Calhoun as he shared his experience of growing up in West Virginia to become the Governor of our great State.

In addition to the student awards, Governor Justice presented a check to the Calhoun County Board of Education for \$4,839,429.00 from the School Building Authority to renovate and restore security at Calhoun Middle High School.

The 2024 Track and Field Season Set New Records at First Meet

This year the team has a total of 9 student athletes, 7 were in attendance for the Don Williams Memorial Meet on March 16th at Roane County High School. Calhoun had 5 student athletes return this year, along with 4 high school freshman. This being said, 3 of 7 of the athletes that competed today have never participated in a track meet before.

Four Individuals participated in the girls 4x100 meter relay. They placed third. Not only did they place third, and bring home ribbons from their first meet of the season, they opened this season SETTING A NEW Calhoun High School 4x100 Meter Girls relay RECORD!!!. The individuals that ran this race were Abigail Waldron, Nyla Warner, Cassidy Frederick, and Jules Williams.

There were many other accomplishments achieved at this meet. Every student gave it all today. Not everyone brought home ribbons, but every one of those kids earned their spot in their respective events.



Picture courtesy of Clear Blue Skys Studio: Cassidy Fredrick, Abigail Waldron, Jules Williams and Nyla Warner beat the girls 4x1 school record by 1.84 in the first meet of Track and Field. Congratulations Girls!!!!!!

OBITUARIES

RICHARD EUGENE RADCLIFF "BONES"

Richard Eugene Radcliff "Bones, 54 of Grantsville, WV went to be with the Lord on the evening of March 8, 2024, at his residence. Richard is the beloved Son of Edna Radcliff, Father of 3 daughters whom he loved with all his heart, Rhiana Radcliff, Jade Radcliff, and Grace Farmer; and Brother to his 3 loving Sisters, Carolyn Prunty, Brenda Harris, and Penny Simpson.



Richard loved everyone he knew unconditionally, and that love was returned to him by his friends and community. He had a passion for music and loved to play the drums in a local band, Triple Threat.

Richard will be missed by all who love him. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

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!

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.

Creston Community Building Easter Dinner & Egg Hunt March 24th

CRESTON COMMUNITY BUILDING WILL HAVE EASTER DINNER AND EGG HUNT SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.

COVERED DISH DINNER WITH HAM AND DRINKS PROVIDED PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH.

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Rambling Prose

By Linda Crawford
The van picks me up for the appointments at Roane General – that's arranged at the time of the appointment scheduling. Sandy and Pam don't have to wrestle with my oxygen nor push me in a wheelchair. The first van trip the driver wheeled me in the chair all the way to the office where the doctor sees you. Trying to manage the oxygen from the wheelchair got funny. Really funny. It was like some giant with a head—mind of its own. People jumped up to help steer it. It really was good for a laugh but the next appointment the driver walked me to the doctor's office and managed the oxygen for me. Soon the drivers were dropping me off at the front door. It's easier to do what you can when you know the help is there if and when you need it. Icing on the cake was a hug from Sharon Chapman—neighbor from Pink Road.

Monday, March 4, my divide and conquer theory was ignored. By the time the "green thing" was pushed to the curb it was time for Mitch Morgan to come with Meals-on-Wheels. Somewhere in the conversation with Mitch something was said about the newspaper and Wednesday. My brain fast forwarded and I said "See you Thursday" as he left. It was about 3:30. The meal went in the fridge, the solid doors got closed and I headed for the back room where the oxygenator drowns out just about everything. Drifting off to sleep I was trying to honor God with my trust about a situation for which I knew no answer. When the many may sirens went by they were muffled by the insulation in this building and the oxygen machine. Our home is Memphis was on Shelby Drive, a main thoroughfare going East and West and sirens were common and unmuffled so—I slept. Knowing I don't have a TV and might not know, Sandy called from Spencer about the Wreck on Mt. Zion. Before we got off the phone I asked about the primaries "you know, he super Tuesday stuff." "Linda, this is Monday."

I called the prayer chains I know about and some who don't watch TV. Thank God we don't need to have it all straight or all the details in order to pray because He knows all about it. Add to that the Lord is always at the right hand of the Father praying for his children. We will be the wheelchair if needed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., March 21: 2:00 p.m.

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

CMHS Senior Girls Softball Team at home vs Braxton County, 5:00 p.m.

Mon., March 25: CMHS Senior Girls Softball Team at home vs Wirt County, 5:00 p.m.

Tues., March 26: 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.

CMHS Senior Girls Softball Team travels to Webster county High School, 5:00 p.m.

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

Fri., March 22: Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

CMHS Track travels to Doddridge County

Sat., March 23: WV Humanities Council History Alive presents Ruby Bradley, 2:00 p.m.

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

Sun., March 24: Easter Egg with Sheriff Graham Knight and Sergeant Williams, Courthouse in Grantsville, 1:30 p.m.

Easter Dinner & Egg Hunt at Creston Community Building,

Thurs., March 28: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CMHS Senior Girls Softball Team travels to Clay County High School, 5:00 p.m.

Wed., March 27: CMHS Senior Girls Softball Team travels to Ritchie County, 12:00 p.m.

Thurs., March 28: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CMHS Senior Girls Softball Team travels to Clay County High School, 5:00 p.m.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



This was one of those weeks where it felt like I was on the run constantly. Maybe I was more tired than usual because of the time change, or maybe it just felt that way because I was fighting a cold. Whatever it was, it made me long for spring break and some time to rest and relax. That's still two weeks away though, so I will just have to keep going for a while longer.

I woke up Sunday morning with sinus drainage and a headache. I blame it on the ever-changing weather and losing an hour of sleep. I ate a good breakfast, took my vitamins and an allergy pill, and threw in some extra vitamin C for good measure. I wasn't running a fever and there was no sign of infection, so life must go on. I went about my day and went to bed early, knowing it would be pitch dark when I got up for school on Monday.

Monday was a normal school day, but I was also preparing to give the writing portion of the WV GSA test on Tuesday. High school students do not take this test, so it had been a long time since I had administered it, 11 years to be exact. This is only one portion of the test; the rest of the testing takes place in May. My parents taught me to say nothing if you can't say something nice, so I will keep my opinion about standardized testing to myself. After school, I dropped by my parents' house for a quick visit and then headed home. I was still not feeling great and needed to come up with an idea for cookbook club on Tuesday evening.

It felt like the school day lasted forever on Tuesday. I am proud of how serious our students took the writing test. They worked on it for hours; some of them even into the afternoon and beyond. It was a long day for everyone, but it is over. For that, I am thankful. I still hadn't come up with an idea for the green themed cookbook club. As I was leaving school, I mentioned my predicament to a teacher friend, and she reminded me that salad was green, problem solved. I went directly to Foodland and purchased what I needed to make taco salad. Even with an all green theme, the food was delicious, and the company was fantastic. I really enjoy this group and look forward to our get togethers each month.

It was nice to be back to a normal school day on Wednesday, and the weather was awesome. Recess duty was actually enjoyable. It was warm and sunny, and everyone was glad to be outdoors. I was still battling my cold/allergies, but I seemed to be winning. After school, I stopped by my parents' house to check on Rascal. He had finally been groomed after looking like a sheepdog for a few weeks. He looks so much better, and I am sure he feels better too. If nothing else, he can finally see again, now that the hair has been trimmed around his eyes. After loving on Rascal, I headed home to get some schoolwork done before heading out again for Bible study at 7:00.

Thursday was another warm, sunny day. I tried to soak up as much sun as possible because I knew Friday was supposed to be rainy and gray. I stayed after school for a little while that afternoon to clean up my classroom a bit and start getting everything ready for next week. Most of my copies were made, and my lesson plans were about three-fourths of the way finished. I left the building knowing I could tie up any loose ends on Friday before I went home for the weekend. That evening I picked up Maricia, and we headed to the monthly meeting of the historical society. As spring approaches, we have some clean up days scheduled both in town and out at the village to prepare for some upcoming activities. It will be good to get back out to the village. I have missed it.

On Friday night, we met at my parents' house with some of our card group to eat pizza, build a puzzle, and just enjoy each other's company. It was a good way to unwind after a busy week. Saturday morning, the Mlyneks and I headed into Parkersburg so I could test drive a few new Jeeps. I think it is time to upgrade to a four door Jeep that I can transport more people in comfortably. After test driving three, I think I have found my new ride. I will keep you updated when there is more news to share.

Besides parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday evening, this is a much quieter week, thank heavens. I am two weeks out from spring break and counting down the days. I can't wait for a whole week of rest and reading.

Calhoun County Historical Society Monthly Meeting

The Calhoun County Historical Society held their monthly meeting at the History Center on Thursday, March 14th, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Bonar. The minutes and treasurer's reports were both read and approved. The society discussed and began to plan for some events coming up in the spring. Clean up days at both the Stump Hotel and Heritage Village were discussed. These will take place in April. The village will be in preparation for spring field trips and prom season. The village serves as a beautiful backdrop for prom pictures. Members will be on site in the afternoon prior to prom to open and man the buildings so that students and their families can take photos. The cost for this service and for use of the facilities will be \$5.00 per student. Members were reminded that dues can now be paid for the 2024 year. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 11th, at 6:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend as the society is always looking for new members.

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Another Engine For Cabot Station

Chief Engineer Ernest Wilson, of Cabot Station, was here a few hours Saturday, it being one of his few visits to Grantsville this winter. He informs us that a requisition has been sent in for another engine and pump for the same size and capacity as those now in his plant. It is expected that the engine will be shipped here shortly and that work will be begun on the construction of an addition to the plant to house it. This will furnish employment for several men, the work being done mostly by local laborers.

This will be the eighth engine of its kind to be installed in the local plant.

Cabot Station is now the second largest of the kind in the country being exceeded in horsepower and capacity only by the monster plant at Hastings, Wetzel County. Although the capacity of the local plant has been doubled since it was first installed in 1921, it will have to travel some to catch up with the Hastings plant. The latter has one engine that will develop more power than all those of the local plant combined.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: Legion Observes 32 nd Birthday

Victor Hamilton Post No. 82 of the American Legion celebrates their 31st birthday anniversary at the Legion home Friday night, March 18. A short business session of both the Legion and Auxiliary was held and the recorded speech of the National president's talk at Huntington state convention last year was heard.

Mrs. Velma Kemper, president of the Legion Auxiliary presented a three-tiered cake to commander L.C. Hamilton, Jr. A delicious luncheon was served cafeteria style, by members of the Auxiliary, a very informal and pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Doyle Elliott, C.C. Kingsbury and Stanley D'Orazio were selected as judges for the Easter hat parade at the April meeting.

Delegates to the Spring Conference to be held at Weston, April 3 were named as follows: Mesdames Verle Stewart, Nannie Smith and Nell Stiers. Alternates, Mesdames Norma Lee Stemple, Grace Snyder and Velma Kemper.

Those present were: L.C. Hamilton, Jr., W.O. Umstead, Ralph Morris, Lewis E. Smith, Carr Gunn, Lee Fogle, Forrest Gunn, Bernard Elliott, Mont Smith, Sam Tucker, Doyle Elliott, Morford Johnson, Andy Stemple, Stanley D'Orazio, Orville Kight, Ivan Gunn, Harold Marshall, Earl Ferrell, Audie Hathaway, Doug Moran, Gail Nutter, Jack Bickerstaff, C.C. Kingsbury and Harold Proudfoot.

Auxiliary members were Mesdames, Lillian Umstead, Effie Bickerstaff, Thelma Smith, Lenna Marshall, Eelanor Johnson, Minnie Elliott, Sue Ayers, Norma Lee Stemple, Hazel Kingsbury, Ethel McDonald, Grace Snyder, Grace Haught, Verle Stewart, Laura Gainer, Genevieve Gainer, Nell Stiers, Velma Kemper, Nina Percy, Nannie Smith and visitor, Mrs. Jeanie Smith.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: West Fork And Leading Creek Dams Rejected Again By Engineers: The Long-proposed West Fork and Leading Creek dams on tributaries of the Little Kanawha River has been shelved again by the Army Corps of Engineers, due to a change in cost-benefit ratios.

The West Fork and Leading Creek projects had been expected to be started after completion of the now underway Burnsville Lake. The plan for the two lakes was tentatively approved in February, 1973, pending final concurrence by the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA stated that storage for water quality control flow releases should not be included in wither project. Without the water quality control storage taken into consideration, the two dams were said to be economically unjustified.

A change in the cost-benefit ratio, raising the amount of property protected in relation to the cost of the reservoir, along with this decision that water quality control who have no economic benefit, caused postponement of any further consideration of the proposals at this time, with the exception of a study for a dry reservoir for West Fork. That proposal is to have further study this spring. Preliminary results, a Corps spokesman said, however, indicate that even the dry reservoir alternative, with a lower construction cost, will also be ruled infeasible.

Harold W. Beamer, chief of the Engineering Division of the Corps of Engineers, said that should the dry reservoir prove feasible, a public hearing would be held later in the year.

Latest inquiries about the two proposals were made by the Little Kanawha Resource Conservation and Development Project, with William B. Morrison, chairman of the steering committee. He cited the need for flood protection, plus the benefit of water based recreation in the area as reasons for interest in the two lakes.

The Burnsville Lake project is under construction now. Its main purpose is for flood control on the Little Kanawha. The decision on West Fork and Leading Creek lakes will evidently have no effect on the Burnsville Lake, according to Morrison. The three projects have been proposed, studied, surveyed, and discussed every since 1936.

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Wed., 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.

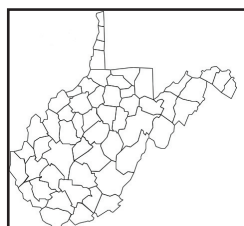
You may drive-by/pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling CCCOA, 304-354-7017, to be placed on a list.

WV State Treasury Office will conduct an Unclaimed Property Search at the Calhoun Committee On Aging on April 24th at 10 am

April 24th @ 10:00 am at the CCCOA the 'WV State Treasury Office will be conducting unclaimed asset searches for Calhoun and surrounding area residents, and helping process claims.

We will also have information available for SMART529 Education saving plan \$100 deposits for children under one year old, or under one year of being adoption.'

Please add this date to your calendar and stop in between 10am and Noon for assistance and information.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

March 21, 1914: The first West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon.

The event was sponsored by West Virginia Wesleyan College, which at the time had the state's largest and finest gymnasium.



March 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington. (pictured on left)



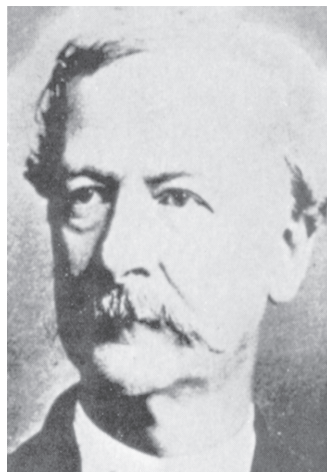
March 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia.

She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental Health.



March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed "Mudwall." (on right)



March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money. (pictured on right)

March 26, 1851: Upshur County was created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the county seat.

March 26, 1863: The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.



March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University) and rejected from joining the Tuskegee Airmen because she was a woman.



March 27, 1826: Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.



March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. Vance was instrumental in negotiating the Camp David Accord and the Panama Canal Treaty.

Op-Ed by Gaylen Duskey 304-354-7227

What is a hero?

According to vocabulary.com a hero is: Definitions of hero (noun) someone who fights for a cause. synonyms: champion, fighter, paladin (noun) a person distinguished by exceptional courage and nobility and strength.

“RAF pilots were the heroes of the Battle of Britain.” (noun) (classical mythology) a being of great strength and courage celebrated for bold exploits; often the offspring of a mortal and a god.

(noun) the principal character in a play or movie or novel or poem.

(noun) a large sandwich made of a long crusty roll split lengthwise and filled with meats and cheese (and tomato and onion and lettuce and condiments); different names are used in different sections of the United States.

None of these versions of hero really applies to two Calhoun students who became real life heroes recently when their actions went well above and beyond the action of normal.

The version of hero I ascribe to is when normal people put in abnormal circumstances perform extraordinarily.

And that’s exactly what two young Calhouners did when they were hit with abnormal circumstances.

Back on March 4, people were settling in for what was supposed to be an ordinary evening. Folks were cooking dinner and heading home. Some people, me included, had settled in to witness a contentious town council meeting here in Grantsville.

Our Mount Zion students were filing onto school buses to head home. All was normal. Moments later things were no longer normal. While heading south on West Virginia 16 the bus rounded a turn and ran into a ditch striking a culvert and, in an effort, to correct things the bus over corrected and rolled onto its side dumping the children from their seats injuring all – some slightly and some greatly. Two of the children on the bus then did extra ordinary things in extra ordinary circumstances.

Meanwhile the rest of the people were just finding out about the horrendous accident.

Where I was at the town council meeting Shari Johnson of the Ridgeview news stood up and excused herself saying there had been a school bus accident on Mount Zion and she was going to have to leave. A hush fell over the town council meeting crowd, and I mumbled to Roger Propst who I was sitting beside “well that puts all this in perspective doesn’t it?” And it did.

Following that the meeting became much less contentious with people, frankly I think, just wanting to get everything over and to get the heck out of there. The meeting was no longer that important.

Meanwhile on the school bus panic reigned except for a couple of students who were performing extra ordinary things in extra ordinary circumstances.

One was freshman Charter Cottrell who was trying to get people safely out of the bus. The other was junior Lauren Lovejoy who was tending to the injured students who were unable to leave the bus going so far as literally taking the shirt off her back to use to quell the bleeding of others.

By definition in those minutes following the tragic bus accident both of those students became heroes and were justifiably honored by the state and the folks in Calhoun.

The two were rightfully presented Distinguished West Virginian Awards by Governor Jim Justice at an assembly before the school about a week later.

It was a well-deserved honor.

I have talked with both students through our basketball ties as Charter played varsity basketball for the Red Devils this year while Lauren was on the girls’ team.

My conversation with Charter was mostly me telling him not to hang on the rim when he dunked the basketball because the referees would give him a technical foul. That was joking advice I gave to all the shorter players as they sat in front of the scorer’s table getting ready to go into the game.

On the other hand, I talked with Lauren about her grandfather, who after some thought about the bus accident and things, was also a hero way back when. Lauren’s grandfather is Roger Chenoweth and when she told me that I said, “man he was ornery back then” and he was. Not malicious but ornery. There is a difference. After Lauren did her heroic things, I remembered back to a night up on the West Fork when I had been pulled over by a couple of cars who wanted to beat the hell out of one of the people in my car and hey were doing it as I stood there with a pistol being held under my nose. That’s when a car with Roger and a few other people showed up and Roger got out and was able to break up the fight.

In that instant he was a hero. And I was happy to see him.

Calhoun County superintendent of schools Michael Fitzwater has been thrown into the middle of the school bus accident and the surrounding controversy involved with it. Thus far he has done an admirable job of handling things despite this being his first year at the helm of the school system.

But this does not surprise me a bit because I knew him way back when when he did extra ordinary things in an extra ordinary circumstance.

He and his brother Ryan (Goob) were at a distant field cutting grass when his brother rolled a tractor over on himself causing serious if not fatal injuries.

That’s when Michael sprang into action running two or three miles to get help since this was the time before wall-to-wall cellphones. Personal contact was all there was and to have personal contact Michael had to run and get help.

Help arrived in time and Goob was rushed to a hospital in Charleston where they basically said not only would he probably not ever walk again he may not survive.

Michael’s heroism saved his brother no doubt but in the long run his brother Goob displayed great heroism too.

Not only did he survive he worked so very hard that at the Calhoun-Wirt football game in Grantsville Goob was able to walk onto the field as fans cheered and cried overcome with emotion.

It went on and Goob played some basketball on the Calhoun team that went to the state tournament and later played a little football at Glenville State as a long snapper showing another kind of courage and heroism. The willingness to keep fighting when all odds say it won’t matter.

We are lucky here in Calhoun and all central West Virginia that we have heroes among us. We had two such heroes on March 4, 2024, and I thank God we did. Until next time stay safe but don’t live life in a bottle.

Letter To The Editor

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to dogs. First and foremost not everyone in town has a dog or dogs. It is everyone;s right to have a dog or pets of their choice, however it is their responsibility to keep these dogs under control, by this I mean kept on a leach and most of all from barking 24/7.

Several of these dogs here in town bark 24/7. Those of you that do own a dog or dogs should be considerate of your neighbors and not let them bark. These dogs bark through the day while their owners are away from the house and some bark all night long.

I would never let my dog disturb you or anyone and it would be kept on a leash and it would not be allowed to bark and interrupt your livelyhood. I’m not writing this letter to hurt anyone’s feelings, its simply a letter to keep my sanity and enjoy my house, my yard and be able to get in and out of my car without being attacked by an unleashed and barking dog.

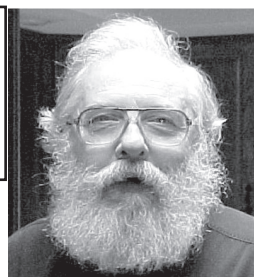
Thank You,

G. Ford

A concerned citizen of Grantsville

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

The Creston Community Easter Party will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 2 P. M. at the Creston Community Building.

Joe Echard passed away after an extended bout with cancer. When he was first diagnosed he noted that he had faced death & danger when in Viet Nam and he was prepared to fight once again. As he said, “I’ve seen worse.” He was retired from E. I. DuPont De Nemours & Co.

Spring continues in Creston with lots of fruit trees in bloom along with blood root, henbit and many other spring ephemerals. Also it was reported that ramps are up big enough to dig. Soon there will be new kittens as well.

Some new holes have appeared in the Little Kanawha River bridge at Creston. Those who had occasion to go down to the Mouth of the Elk reported that I-77 has “imperfections in the surface of the roadway”. With the ditching of the entirety of the Ann’s Run road local folks now hope that there will be an upgrade to the surface. It has been many years since any consequential attention was given. (maybe over two decades)

The buzzards have returned from the sunny south.

There will be a youth trout derby April 13 at the pond on the old Wirt County Poor Farm starting at 9 A. M. From Elizabeth one goes up Tucker’s Creek road a short distance.

The spring Creston ATV poker run will be April 27. Time to make sure that the chariot is road and mudhole ready.

Ralph Bandy gave a talk at the SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers) meeting at the Mouth of the Elk. A major survey is being conducted to locate sources of rare earth minerals and other valuable minerals like lithium. Oil field produced waters that he tested had no rare earths but there is lithium which is used in fancy meth labs and for cell phones, etc. Presently lithium is being recovered from mine waste at Mount Storm in Grant County. Brine from Marcellus wells in Lewis & Taylor counties have 125 ppm of the valuable highly reactive metal.

The big cupcake theft at Shade Tree was solved.

Pittsburgh based EQT has announced that the firm is “buying back” Equitrans Midstream which was/is its pipeline subsidiary and includes Mountain Valley Pipeline. One can then “sell” the natural gas to the subsidiary and avoid paying the market price and cheating royalty owners and taxing authorities such as county ad valorem taxes, state severance tax, etc. Who do our state government officials answer to?

Because of the historically low natural gas prices CNX, part of the John D. Rockefeller Standard Oil empire announced a cutback of 30 bcf/day of gas production and a slowdown of putting new wells on line. The current Henry Hub (Louisiana) price is \$1.65 with much lower prices locally “since we have a glut.”

HG Energy announced that certain wells in Lincoln, Kanawha, Putnam & Roane Counties were sold to Delta Helix Energy which appears to be owned by B. Douglas Haught from Smithville and the El-Rayess Family Trust from Tuxedo Park, New York. Speaking of HG which has funding from Quantum Capital Group has had a change in that Elliott Management, a part owner is to put an additional \$one half billion into the firm that has been drilling Marcellus wells.

Naomi Toler who carries most of the Creston mail has been vacationing at the beach. Since the river has been up it was obvious that she did not choose Munday beach, a local favorite. Her sub, like Naomi before her, started out with getting a flat tire on the Richardsonville Road.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil is \$80.04/bbl. with condensate fetching \$62.04/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$71.04 & medium \$80.04/bbl.

Recipe Corner

By Emma Howell

Savory Mushroom Beef Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 finely chopped onion
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 8 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1 can (10.75 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ¼ dried thyme
- ¼ teaspoon dried rosemary
- ¼ teaspoon dried parsley
- 4 cups cooked egg noodles
- Fresh parsley for garnish (optional)

Directions: Preheat your oven to 350 F. In a large skillet, brown the ground beef over medium-high heat. Drain any excess fat. Add the chopped onion, minced garlic, and sliced mushrooms are tender, and the onions are translucent. Stir in the condensed cream of mushroom soup, sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, milk, salt, black pepper, paprika, dried thyme, dried rosemary and dried parsley. Mix well and let it simmer for a few minutes. In a large mixing bowl, combine the cooked egg noodles with the beef and mushroom mixture. Transfer everything to a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Cover with aluminum and bake for 25 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for an additional 10 minutes or until the casserole is bubbly and the top is golden brown. Garnish and serve.

Grandma’s Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon of baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- Half a cup of margarine
- 1 cup milk

Directions: Preheat the oven to 425 F. In a large bowl, mix together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Chop the margarine until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Stir the milk gradually so that the dough folds off the side of the bowl. Turn it over on a floured surface and knead 15-20 times. Roll or roll dough to 1 inch thick. Cut the biscuit with a large piece or a cup of juice dipped in flour. Do again until dough runs out. Discard in excess flour, and place the biscuits on an ungreased baking tray. Bake for 13 -15 minutes in a preheated oven, or until the edges begin to turn brown.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Immunization Record
- Preventative Health Screen with dental check and hemoglobin test (available through your physician)
- Pre-K Universal Application
- Proof of Income (W2, 1040, or proof of Government Assistance)

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

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

Bluegrass Jam April 6th

Rick Falls & Bruce Jones will hold their 1st Annual Bluegrass Jam on April 6th at the Calhoun County Park Barn 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Come on out and enjoy an evening of great music.

Calhoun Youth Livestock Program

Events

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.

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

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

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval.

To our loyal readers, please feel free to let us know what you think of the Chronicle. In order to make this paper what the readers desire, you need to let me know, otherwise how I change it? To nominate someone for Citizen of the week, please let us know. The Calhoun Chronicle, PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email them to the newspaper at contact@calhounchronicle.com

PSC Urges Consumers to Fix Household Leaks

CHARLESTON, WV – A simple household leak can cost you a lot of money. Most are simple to fix once you locate them, but leaks can be sneaky. The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is participating in Fix a Leak Week, March 18-24 by encouraging everyone to be vigilant in finding and repairing leaks in household plumbing fixtures.

"American homes waste more than a trillion gallons of water every year," said Charlotte R. Lane, Chairman of the Public Service Commission. "The average home loses almost 10,000 gallons of water per year to simple leaks. That is the amount of water it takes to wash 300 loads of laundry. The money you will save on your water bills will more than pay for the small cost of fixing these leaks."

To help save water, the Commission offers the following tips:

-Look at your water bill. If a family of four uses more than 12,000 gallons per month, you could have a serious leak. Turn off all water, then read the meter at the beginning and end of two hours. If the meter changes, you likely have a leak.

-Monitor possible toilet leaks. Squeeze a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If you see color in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. Worn flappers often cause silent toilet leaks, but they are inexpensive and easy to install.

If your faucet drips, tighten connections and replace the aerator with a WaterSense labeled model to save water without a noticeable difference in flow.

Leaky showerheads caused by a loose connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem can usually be fixed by wrapping the pipe stem with pipe tape.

For more information, log on to the Public Service Commission website at www.psc.state.wv.us and click on "Lower Your Water Bill." Fix a Leak Week is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WaterSense. You can find detailed instructions for finding and fixing leaks at www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week.

Easter Egg Hunt with Sheriff

Graham Knight & WVSP Sergeant

Williams March 24th

Co-sponsored by Tina Persinger and the Calhoun Family Support Center.

We are excited to partner and co sponsored with Sheriff Graham Knight and Sergeant William!

Lots of eggs will be hidden and The Easter Bunny told me there just might be a few with cash prizes!!!

Come join us and encourage your child to meet a cop Easter Egg with Sheriff Graham Knight and Sergeant Williams, Courthouse in Grantsville, 1:30 p.m.

Meet the candidate/open discussion.

Graham Knight on March 23rd

You are invited to attend Meet the Sheriff candidate/open discussion on Saturday, March 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Arnoldsburg Community Building.

My goal is for anyone in our community to interact with me, ask questions, or talk about concerns within our community. I want the public to be informed and aware of upcoming changes and goals.

I did extend an invite to my opponent to have the same opportunities. All questions from the public within reason will be answered

Save The Children Program

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Please reach out to Suzanne Allen, ECC, at Arnoldsburg Elementary School at (304) 655-8616, Michele Hipp, ECC, at Pleasant Hill Elementary at (304) 354-6022, or Debra Smith, KRA, at either of these schools.

"Reminder: Parent-Child Group Tuesday at Calhoun Family Support Center from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, Friday at Arnoldsburg Elementary School 1 to 3. Open to all families in Calhoun County with children under 5. See you there!"

Calhoun Republican Executive Committee

If you are a Republican and interested in what is happening in the County, please join us at the Grantsville Firehall every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

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Color Run/Walk

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Time: 4:00pm sign in 5:00pm run begins

Location: CCMHS

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SPRING SPORTS UNDERWAY AT CCHS Calhoun County School Board Meeting held

By Robert Bonar

March 11th

By Emma Howell

Calhoun County's track team initiated its spring sports schedule last Saturday in Spencer by competing in the Don Williams Memorial at County Stadium. The Red Devils were one of eight teams participating in the meet, the others being Clay County, Gilmer County, Herbert Hoover, Ravenswood, Wirt County, Wood County Christian, and the host Roane County.

The boys team (Kristian Fredrick and Gabe Waldron) scored two points and finished sixth. Fredrick scored both of Calhoun's points by placing eighth in the Shot Put (distance 23'3") and ninth in the Discus Throw (51'2").

The girls team (Kassidy Fredrick, Gabi Smith, Abigail Waldron, Nyla Warner, and Jules Williams) scored eight points and finished eighth. Waldron scored two of the team's points with a seventh place finish in the 100 Meter Dash (15.10 seconds), while the 4x100 Meter Relay team (Fredrick, Waldron, Warner and Williams) picked up the remaining points by finishing third in that event with a time of 1 minute and 2.82 seconds. The track team will be in action again this Friday, March 22, at Doddridge County.

The Red Devils' baseball and softball teams were scheduled to begin play this week. The baseball team has five games scheduled: Monday, March 18 against Wirt County and the following day against South Harrison. The team will host Braxton County on Thursday before hitting the road for two consecutive days, traveling to Wahama on Friday and Ritchie County on Saturday.

The softball team has three games slated this week: The season opener at Mount Zion against South Harrison on Tuesday, March 19, at Roane County on Wednesday and back home against Braxton County on Thursday.

Coaches for the Red Devils' spring sports teams are Melinda Fitzwater (track), Josh Johnson (baseball) and Argil Jones (softball).

CMHS Senior Softball Schedule

MARCH GAMES

03/19/25 5:00 p.m. Home vs South Harrison
 03/20/24 5:00 p.m. Away vs Roane County
 03/21/24 5:00 p.m. Home vs. Braxton County
 03/25/24 5:00 p.m. vs Wirt County
 03/26/24 5:00 p.m. Away vs Webster County High School
 03/27/24 12:00 p.m. Away vs Ritchie County
 03/28/24 5:00 p.m. Away vs. Clay County High School

APRIL GAMES

04/02/24 5:00 p.m. Home vs. Gilmer County
 04/09/24 5:30 p.m. Away vs. Doddridge County
 04/09/24 7:30 p.m. Away vs. Doddridge County
 04/10/24 5:00 p.m. Home vs. Roane County
 04/11/24 5:00 p.m. Away vs. South Harrison
 04/12/24 Away vs. Wirt County
 04/15/24 5:00 p.m. Away vs. Gilmer County
 04/16/24 5:00 p.m. Away vs. Braxton County
 04/18/24 5:00 p.m. Home vs. Webster county High School
 04/22/24 5:30 p.m. Home vs. Ritchie County
 04/23/24 4:30 p.m. Home vs. Clay County High School
 04/25/24 TBDPM Away LKC Placement Game
 04/26/24 TBDPM Away LKC Placement Game

Please come out and support our team!!!

27th Annual Melissa Oshoway Easter Egg Hunt

The 27th annual Melissa Oshoway 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 Oshoway in memory of their daughter, Melissa Gayle Oshoway. 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.



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.

CMHS Senior Track Schedule

03/03/24 Away at Doddridge County
 03/30/24 Away at Roane County
 04/09/24 Away at Roane County
 04/12/24 Away at Ritchie County
 04/19/24 Away at Doddridge County
 04/26/24 Away at Laidley Field
 05/08/24 Away at Laidley Field

Most events begin at 11:00 a.m on weekends and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Please come out and support our team!

BASKETBALL

Alumni Games

Fundraiser for Athletic Department

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

Alumni Player Registration:

\$40

(This includes Jersey)

Text Name and Shirt size to

(304)481-6729

by 3/15/24

ADMISSION \$7

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Calhoun-Gilmer



Career Center

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- College/Technical Education Prep
- Job searching
- Basic Computer Skills
- Interview skills & Job Readiness
- Computer Literacy

The hours are Monday and Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Also, on the 1st Saturday of the month, we will be partnering with West Virginia WorkForce having a résumé writing class from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. Call for an appointment.

We specialize in preparing our clients for West Virginia's New High School Equivalency exam, the HiSET. Call today and you might have the opportunity to study at home!

Ken Cedar Instructor
 5260 East Little Kanawha Hwy
 Grantsville, WV 26417

Work 304-354-6151 Ex: 106
 Cell 304-532-0912
 Email kcedar@k12.wv.us



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(Cert. No. 071749 Armstrong Land Management)
 To: RHI LLC, ROBERT HATFIELD, JAMES E HILL, OLIVE E CAMPBELL, LOIS I HILL, CLIF-FORD 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.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 00033 55503001
 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 Nonentered Lands of Calhoun County, State of West Virginia

**Please return this letter and payments to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division
 1900 Kanawha Blvd East,
 Building 1, Room W-118
 Charleston, West Virginia 25305
 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (Beech Valley United Methodist Church)

Notice is hereby given that Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after March 28, 2024 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to the Trustees of Beech Valley United Methodist Church, all of their right, title and interest in and to that certain lot or parcel of real estate situate, lying and being in Center District, Calhoun County, West Virginia, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone at the North-East corner of the lot surveyed and running S. 62 W., nearly parallel with the boundaries of the public road, 20 rods to a gum, near the public road; thence S. 16 E. 8 poles to a stone near the creek; thence N. 80 E. 20 poles to a stone and Willow pointers; thence N. 14 1/2 W. 8 poles to a stone and the place of beginning, containing one (1) acre.

And being the same property conveyed from John S. Withers etals, to W.G. Cuttingham etals, Trustees for the Methodist Episcopal Church by Deed dated March 27th, 1892 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia in Deed Book 48, at Page 123, reference to which is hereby made.

Said Beech Valley United Methodist Church was declared closed effective on January 4, 2024 by a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dated the 13th days of March, 2024.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 By: Robert N. File, Chancellor
 130 Main Street
 Beckley, West Virginia
 (304) 253-3358

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 see 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.

Sand Ridge Cemetary News

Submitted by Thelma Hall

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

The Church, Albert's Chapel is not involved with the Cemetary. They have never given any donations to help with the mowing of the cemetary. If you have family or other loved ones buried there, please consider making a donation to the Sand Ridge Cemetary.

Checks can be made payable to the Sand Ridge Cemetary. The mowing of the Cemetary depends on your donations. The men can't mow for nothing.

Your donations pay the men who mow the cemetary, charges \$200 per mowing. The cemetary is mowed every two weeks to keep it looking nice. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Mt. Zion Cemetery Report for 2023

Submitted by Anita West

Those donating to the Mt. Zion Cemetery in 2023 included: \$25.00 each from Dick Poling Loretta Godfrey, Bonel Zakarian, Michael Ferrell and Janet Davis.

Charles Linderman donated \$30.00
 Mike Propst donated \$40.00
 Clarke Wilson, Chet Dowell, Chip Westfall, Judy Jarvis, Alice Falls, Robyn Johnson, Roger Smith, Dixie Sturm, Jim/Martha Johnson, Earl/Becky Hall, Hersman Family and John/Kathy Wood each donated \$50.00.

Jim Bland, Gieve Eagle, Carmel Goodrich, Dixie Brown, Janet Hersman Suddock, Larry Hersman, Terry Hersman, Irene Lynch, Phyllis Malona and Sandy Weaver each donated \$100.00.

James & Lorene Hathaway donated \$125.00
 Barbara Hathaway donated \$150.00
 Mark/Linda Shock, Raymond Baker, Steve Satterfield (CCMC LLC) and Martha Haymaker each donated \$200.00.

Kathryn Sayre donated \$300.00
 Richard Delaney donated \$400.00
 Christine Pfund donated \$500.00
 Raymond James Estate by James Gregg donated \$ 2,000.00

Interest: \$71.18
 Expenditures:
 Mowing: \$(5,400.00)
 Trash: \$ (130.26)
 Donations should be mailed to me at the address below.
 Anita West
 171 Orchard Lane
 Mt. Zion, WV 2615
 Phone: 304-655-8625 or Cell: 304-531-8215

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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.

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

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

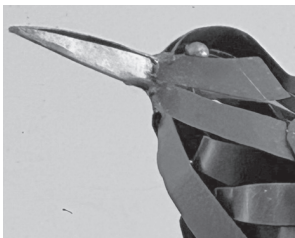
The potential water extension from the Park to the Clay County line will be discussed. Engineers will be available to answer any questions you may have. A new petition will be circulated. Your exact address is needed to sign the petition. This is your chance to get the details if you are interested in 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.

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

PUBLIC NOTICE TO VOTERS

Absentee Voting Applications will be accepted in the Calhoun County Clerk's office for the Primary Election until May 8, 2024. Anyone needing an application can go to GOVOTEWV.COM or call the clerk's office at 304-354-6725 and will be glad to mail you an application.

Jean Simers, Clerk
 Calhoun County



Rare Old Bird

By Deirdre Purdy

Katie Britt wasn't talking to you.

Senator Katie Britt, Alabama Republican, gave her soap operatic rendition of the State of the Union rebuttal to laughter, cringing, and mockery. She lit up social media: "She's whispering so her maid won't find out she's in the kitchen." "She forgot to say 'and that's why my doctor prescribed Xybrelda.'" Britt parodied herself. Scarlett Johansson, funny as she was in the SNL cold open, needed only to imitate. Except for Johansson's hand-on-brow moment, Britt's delivery that careened from joy to sorrow to terror could not be topped. Even Johansson failed to match Britt creepy-smiling through it all. That's a beauty pageant smile that would-be queens are taught: have a vocabulary of smiles, big and small, but always keep the corners of your lips turned up. (Google "how to learn to fake smile.") Britt didn't quite have the lesson down; her smiles never reached her eyes.

Fellow Alabama senator Tommy Tuberville explained, "She was picked as a housewife, not just a senator." Tuberville was a football coach. Britt was the Chief of Staff to Richard Shelby, the Senator whose seat she won after he retired. Before that, she was the President and CEO of the Business Council of Alabama. She is also the first female Senator in Alabama's history and the youngest woman ever elected as a U.S. Senator. The Republicans took that accomplished woman, put her in a kitchen, coached her in histrionics, infantilized her, and offered her as the face of Republican women. She submitted.

If Katie Britt perplexed you, you weren't her real audience. That was supposed to be American women, the ones Trump and Tuberville believe will share their excitement over the model housewife with her modest diamond cross, her \$10,000 Sub-Zero fridge, and her southern lady anguish over the state of the union. Katie Britt played to the director for whom all the MAGA women pols now constantly perform. Marjorie Taylor Greene, Lauren Boebert, Nancy Mace, Elise Stefanik, and Katie Britt, all seek Donald Trump's gaze and his approval.

So was Britt a success? Did Trump love it? "She was compassionate and caring, specially about women's issues." Oh, dear, maybe not.

Trump should have loved the performance because Britt adopted his best trick: just play to your audience. Tell them what they want to hear. Listen to his riff at any rally. "Let Russia do whatever the hell it wants." The audience laughs and cheers. Mocking a disabled reporter, playing Joe Biden too old to find his way off the stage, and then quoting Hitler in the same tone of voice. It's all just playacting. The lies are just jokes. Until you read the transcript.

Britt played American carnage at the kitchen table. A "nation in retreat," "fentanyl poisoning," "horrific murder," "brutal murder," "nightmare," "rape," "sex trafficking," and Chinese communists brainwashing your children. Like so many of Trump's bits, the most bizarre portion of Britt's creepy SOTU rebuttal was a total invention. She blamed President Biden's border policies for a oman whom the cartels sex trafficked from the age of 12. The woman was raped every day, a mattress on the floor, men sent in "over and over again for hours on hours." Britt enunciated the details, but whispered so the children wouldn't hear.

A true story, but about a pimp, not drug cartels, in Mexico, not the United States, in 2004 to 2008 while George W. Bush was president, not Joe Biden, told to a congressional delegation by a woman Katie Britt never met personally. Taking one step further back - Democrats offer asylum to such victims. Republicans, like Katie Britt, would prevent her from crossing our border. There was one particularly hypocritical hiccup: Britt acted terrified at Putin's aggression, which seems to be happening because Joe Biden abandoned our allies, related by Senator Katie Britt who just voted against aid for Ukraine. Towards the end of the scene, Britt found an honestly chilling topic that should get all moms' attention - TikTok - controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, "conquering the minds of the next generation." Something should be done. In fact, this week, the US House passed a bill that says TikTok is a "foreign adversary controlled application." and must be sold to an American company.

TikTok wouldn't be shut down, but Chinese communist control would end. President Biden supports it. Sadly for the little lady who's hitched her star to Donald Trump, last week Trump met with hedge fund manager Jeff Yass who has a \$33 billion stake in Tik Tok. Trump needs money. Money from Russia, money from China. Suddenly Trump opposes the sale of TikTok that will only help "Facebook and Zuckerschmuck" If you perform for Trump, he will inevitably turn on you and let you down. It's an ugly old unfunny joke told by powerful men who "just need a housewife" that women's place is in the kitchen, barefoot and pregnant. I really wish Senator Katie Britt had stood at a podium and given a serious Republican woman's rebuttal the Biden State of the Union - if she has one.

In 2022, the Supreme Court did as Trump promised when he appointed three conservative justices to overturn Roe v Wade, stripping women of their right to control their own bodies. Abortion, bodily autonomy, and reproductive rights didn't get a mention at Katie's kitchen table, but in real kitchens they do. Women's rights didn't make the script because if the sex-trafficked woman got pregnant, Republicans would require her to carry the child. Most women don't think that story ends well. America is not a play, a game, a performance, a shtick or reality TV.

Vote for Joe Biden for President and give him a Democratic House and Senate to restore women's rights.

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 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



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

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.



American Red Cross Give Blood or Plasma

redcross.org
304-340-3650

Your donation could save a life!

New Testament Baptist Church

The BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

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

WE ARE ALL SINNERS.

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

WE WERE SENT A SAVIOR

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

WE CAN SIMPLY CONFESS & CALL

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

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

THE REASON HE CAME...

HE CAME FOR ONE REASON....YOU.

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

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

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

Pastor Jim Lough - Assistant Pastor Nick Randolph

ntbevoj@gmail.com

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

Country Kitchen Music & Events

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.

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.

Bluegrass Jam April 6th

Rick Falls & Bruce Jones will hold their 1st Annual Bluegrass Jam on April 6th at the Calhoun County Park Barn 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Come on out and enjoy an evening of great music.

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.

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 Next class is April 5, 2024, 6pm-9pm and April 6, 2024, 9am-5pm at Glenville Fire Department

2-1-1 For Information

West Virginians can utilize the 2-1-1 program, operated by United Way of W.Va.

It connects callers with health and human services resources through trained certified specialists, to learn about specific programs, intake requirements, eligibility, operation hours and more.

“United Way of W.Va. provides an important service to West Virginians by helping users navigate the vast number of resources available to aid with healthcare issues, food shortages, mental health questions and more,” said Sen. Joe Manchin.

“This program is more

important now than ever, as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic.”

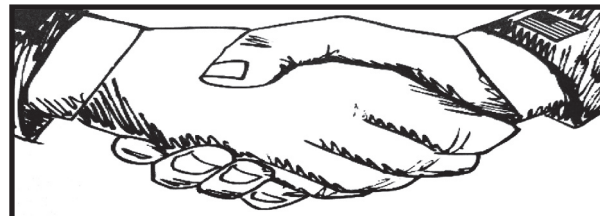
“United Way's new 2-1-1 will make information on a wide variety of local support services more accessible,” said UW of Central W.Va. president Margaret O'Neal.

“Whether it's information for locating a health clinic, finding child care programs, or getting housing assistance, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, go-to resource for individuals and families.”

To utilize these resources, West Virginians can call 2-1-1, text your zip code to 898-211, visit www.wv211.org/contact, or call 1-833-848-9905.

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 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 _____

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SHPO Day of Service and Remembrance Grants Applications Now Available

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Applications are now available for Day of Service and Remembrance Grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH).

This funding is designated to recognize and assist in the preservation of local and family cemeteries in West Virginia. Eligible projects include nominating cemeteries to the National Register of Historic Places, workshops and clean up days, interpretation, and rehabilitation.

The deadline for receipt of applications submitted through our on-line portal (GoApply) is April 15, 2024.

This funding is available from Volunteer West Virginia as part of their Sept. 11, 2024, Day of Service and Remembrance Grant program, and has been designated to recognize and assist the preservation or stabilization of local and family cemeteries, which may contain interments of veterans and persons from underrepresented communities.

The program provides a minimum grant of \$1,000 to the maximum of \$10,000 and requires a dollar-to-dollar match by the applicant. Applicants may be state or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, private citizens, religious organizations, educational institutions, or Certified Local Governments.

A complete program description, with guidelines and application, and access to the GoApply application portal is available at: <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/> or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for SHPO, at (304) 558-0240 or Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov.

The Department of Arts, Culture and History is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

11 Arts Grant Programs Available for Application to Artists, Arts Organizations

CHARLESTON, WV – Applications are now open for 11 arts grants through the West Virginia Commission on the Arts of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

These grant programs are available for application by artists, local governments, and not-for-profit organizations with an arts-related mission. Funding for these programs is made possible by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, West Virginia State Legislature, and Volunteer West Virginia.

The deadline for submission through the State Arts Office's online grants portal, GOapply, is Monday, April 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. A description of each available grant is listed below.

Arts in Education - Arts Exposure Projects grant provides support for schools and nonprofit organizations, as well as individual artists and artist collectives, to present professional performing, literary, and visual artists to students in grades K-12.

Arts in Education – School-Based and Out-of-School-Based Projects grant provides support to schools and nonprofit organizations for curriculum-based, hands-on projects that involve K-12 students and teachers in the arts during daily instruction or outside of regular school hours.

Community Arts Project Support grant provides support for nonprofit organizations and local governments to provide arts programming in all disciplines to the public. Categories include presenting artists, performing artists, visual arts, media arts and folk and traditional arts.

Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning grant provides support for individual artists, schools, local governments, and nonprofit organizations to carry out projects that teach a new skill in the arts to a group of adults.

Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources grant provides support for building and renovation projects at arts facilities and history museums.

Living Traditions: Folk Art – Project Support for Artists grant provides support for individual artists to improve their skills in an area specifically related to folk and traditional arts.

Living Traditions: Folk Arts - Organizations grant provides support to schools, governments, and nonprofit organizations to host workshops, activities, or training in the folk and traditional arts.

Professional Development for Artists grant provides support for individual artists to expand or improve their work or share their expertise with others.

Public Art – September 11 Day of Service grant provides support for visual two- and three-dimensional public art projects that honor local veterans, engage community volunteers, and are celebrated on Sept. 11, 2024. Funding for this program is provided by Volunteer West Virginia

STEAM Power WV grant provides support to schools and non-profit organizations for projects that integrate the arts with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines for K-12 students. Funding for this program is provided by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

Youth Engagement through Public Art grant provides support to schools, local governments, and 501(c)3 organizations for public art projects that engage local youth in the planning and/or implementation of the project.

Access to the grants portal GOapply and sample grant applications, including eligible project expenses and evaluation criteria, are available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>. Contact the State Arts Office staff at (304) 558-0240 with any questions.

WV Humanities Council Presents History Alive! Events

Come see history come alive at the Calhoun County Library on Saturday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. to learn about the life of Ruby Bradley.

Also, on April 6th at 3:00 p.m. join us for the portrayal of Walt Disney, the motion picture animation & entertainment pioneer.

These Historical Characterization programs provide audiences with the opportunity to question those who have shaped our history.

Lite refreshments will be served. Please contact the library with any questions you may have.

Free disaster legal services available

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — If you were affected during the Aug. 28-30, 2023, storms and have questions about legal

issues such as repair contracts, working with contractors, replacing wills and other legal documents, you might be

eligible to get free legal counseling from a group of West Virginia lawyers who have volunteered limited legal help.

Disaster Legal Services provides legal assistance to low-income individuals in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison and

Kanawha counties who, prior to or because of the disaster, have little recourse to legal services as a consequence

of a major disaster.

A partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the American Bar Association Young

Lawyers Division, and Legal Aid of West Virginia provides eligible callers access to a legal hotline, 866-255-4370.

Survivors can call the hotline during the following times:

- Monday (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
- Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
- Friday (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Survivors can also apply online at any time at: <https://legalaiddwv.org/get-help/apply-for-help/>

Local legal aid providers might help you with:

- Assistance with FEMA and other government benefits available
- Assistance with life, medical, and property insurance claims
- Free disaster legal services available

Learn more at fema.gov

- Help with home repair contracts and contractors

- Replacement of wills and other important legal documents lost or destroyed in the disaster

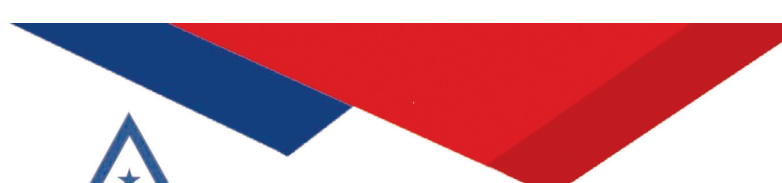
- Consumer protection issues such as price-gouging and avoiding contractor scams in the rebuilding process

- Counseling on mortgage-foreclosure problems

- Counseling on landlord-tenant problems

There are some limitations on disaster legal services. For instance, if a case might produce a fee, or where attorneys are paid as part of a court settlement, you'll be referred to a local lawyer.

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters. FEMA Region 3's jurisdiction includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/femaregion3 and on LinkedIn at linkedin.com/company/femaregion3



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