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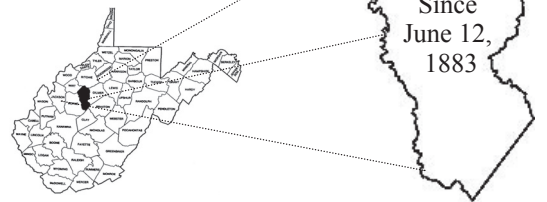
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WVTA Endorses Johnson for Prosecutor

The West Virginia Troopers Association recently announced their endorsement of Hannon Johnson for Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney. Jeff Chumley, WVTA President, noted that “Our association is impressed by (Mrs. Johnson’s) commitment to the well-being of West Virginia State Troopers and (her) commitment to Public Safety.”

Johnson has spent eighteen years of her twenty-two year career as a Prosecutor or an Assistant Prosecutor. From 2013 to 2020, she served as the elected Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney. During her career, she has worked with Troopers all around the State and has shown a great commitment to partnering with the law enforcement community to seek justice.

When asked about the endorsement, Johnson said: “I believe any successful prosecution should be a team effort between law enforcement and the Prosecutor. I am extremely honored and humbled that the WVTA has endorsed my campaign. I am proud to call our local Troopers colleagues and friends. With the vote of the community this fall, I am hopeful I can return to work in my home county and assist their efforts to keep our county safe.” Johnson is currently Assistant Prosecutor in neighboring Clay County.

The WVTA has not endorsed a candidate for Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney until now. Their Association works to advance the principles of proper law enforcement to protect the community and rights of all citizens and to support the continuing betterment of criminal justice in West Virginia.



Town of Grantsville held Regular Meeting April 1st-Water Increase and 1% sales tax

By Emma Howell

The Town of Grantsville Council Meeting was a packed house as the room filled with city and county residents who came to voice their opinions on the upcoming rate hike and City 1% sales tax addition. Mayor Robert Petrovsky and councilmembers, Emily Collins, Emilee Morgan, and Cheryl Sturms, with Recorder Judy Powell were in attendance.

First to speak with Citizens Concerns, Gaylord Ford protested his \$40 fee for setting up merchandise sales alongside the road in city limits stating that he should not pay for his sales spot if the City was going to continue letting others operate for free. The Mayor denied knowing anything about others operating; however council members and office staff noted they were aware of two sales people selling on a regular basis. The Mayor said that he would look into it and make sure it was fair across the board. Ford continued with a noise complaint for barking dogs in the area and the towns inability to enforce the noise ordinance. Mayor Petrovsky noted that they sent law enforcement out on several occasions but the dogs had stopped by the time the police appeared. Ford also mentioned that there was a dog on High street that was tied up but put people in fear, the Mayor said as long as it was on a leash there was nothing that could be done.

The conversation became further heated when discussing stray cats became part of the conversation. The issue with strays has gotten serious with residents complaining about property damage and the stench. WAG, the Welfare of Animals Group has attempted to assist the city with their spay and neutering of the animals, but the issues continue due to people feeding the strays and encouraging them to stay. The Mayor said there was little that could be done about this issue without a shelter or another method to get rid of the cats. Larry Whited suggested to the Mayor that he contact the WV Department of Agriculture for assistance.

Teresa Overton addressed the council for the need to appoint another councilmember to replace Councilwoman Kimberly Sweat, who stopped attending meetings months ago. Teresa informed the Mayor and council that she would be throwing her hat back into the ring once again to which the Mayor responded they weren’t going to appoint anyone at the present time and the municipal league had informed them they had no time constraints. Ms. Overton suggested that the council was dragging it’s feet and it was a little too obvious and unprofessional that the council did not feel the need to fill the position.

Questions about the City Service fee that was intended for the purpose paying for law enforcement. The Mayor informed everyone that the money was being used for street projects; being that there was no way they could currently hire due to the unavailability of qualified officers to apply. The Mayor was also questioned as to how many people were currently being paid out of the water funds to which the Mayor responded that currently three and 1/3 staff paid out of the water department funding.

Crystal Mersh addressed the council under concerned citizens telling the Mayor and Council that she had delivered a petition opposing the current 60% rate increase for water to the WV Public Service Commission with 205 signatures, more than the required 25% of the 375 residents. She stated that only three people in the city had refused to sign the petition and that the businesses were very concerned as to the effect this would have on them. There is a meeting being scheduled with the WV PSC, Charlotte Lane and businesses to share their concern for economic development and the damage a rate increase might due. Mrs. Mersh shared her concern that the Town was failing to understand the effect their previous 60% sewer increase, the current request of a 60% water increase and a 1% sales tax addition would have on the revitalization that was happening in Calhoun County. The offer to assist the Town in putting together a financial plan for sustainability was met with more resistance with Mrs. Mersh suggesting that the Mayor follow up on his offer to resign if he couldn’t get the job done.

The Mayor said that they did have conversations about the City needing resources and accused Mrs. Mersh of “wanting everyone to do for her, and suggested that her asking them to accept the lights had nothing to do with helping the infrastructure of the town and she asked them to fill her pool up, which they did; but she hadn’t presented anything that was good for the infrastructure of the city.” The Mayor appears to ignore the fact that The 1982 Foundation has invested Millions of dollars into their City through different projects, but rather chose to focus on Grantsville being one of the few towns in the state without a b&o tax or a sales tax and that people were willing to pay Parkersburg 6% more to shop in their city. “The water increase is much needed” and he suggested that Grantsville’s rates were no where near the comparison of outfits like WV American Water.

Consolidation of PSD’s was discussed. The Mayor reported the city had worked eight months on a proposal for consolidation, it was ignored by the county and state, costing alot of money for attorney fees; they will no longer invest their funds in that opportunity. The Mayor reported Chief Operator Craig Gherke was resigning in May leaving the town without a certified Operator. The Mayor feels the Town can get a waiver from the State of W.Va. to allow an uncertified operator to run the plant; he has passed his Class I and will take the Class II test. This operator does not have the required in plant hours to justify his licensing. The Mayor responded Operator Gherke was unclear on how many hours he would say that the operator had. Businessman and County Commission Candidate Eric Lupardus asked the Mayor if he would return to those negotiations if the County Cooperated under the current new leadership. The Mayor said that he would consider it. The meeting ended with the first reading of the 1% sales tax and bill payment.

Lauren Lovejoy is the Regional FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest Champion



Lauren Lovejoy competed on March 27th in the regional FFA Extemporaneous Speaking contest and walked away as the Central Region Champion!

Within this contest Lauren randomly drew a topic and had 30 minutes to construct a speech before presenting it to a panel of judges. She then went through a timed questioning period related to her speech content.

Lauren will advance to the state competition this summer. Congratulations Lauren!

The 27th Annual Melissa Oshoway Easter Egg Hunt held March 30th

By Melissa West



There was a few hundred Calhoun and surrounding county citizens who attended the annual Melissa Oshoway Memorial Egg Hunt held this year at the Calhoun County Park.

In all, about 6500 eggs were scattered across the park lawn, filled with a small prize, candy or a slip of paper for a bigger prize.

It took the children ages 0-12 about five minutes to collect all 6500 eggs in just under five minutes. Of the 6500 eggs about 500 had slips of paper to turn in for prizes such as bicycles, money, stuffed animals, a childs motorcycle, Easter baskets and more to dozens of children attending the event who found a prize egg. There were two age groups, 0-6 and 7-12 years of age with each group having 3,250 eggs to find.

This event is held by John and Sue Oshoway in memory of their daughter, Melissa Gayle Oshoway. Each year this event is held, John and Sue buy the eggs and gifts. Concessions were sold inside the Park Barn by the Calhoun Grief Support Group.

The children enjoyed seeing the Easter Bunny.

OBITUARIES

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

Big Bend Cemetery Donations

Report for 2023

Individuals sending donations in 2023 are the following: Roger & Deloris Rogers Estate \$1,000.00; Mark & Emma Walker and Beverly Smith \$200.00; Unknown \$150.00; Unknown \$120.00; Drusilla Exline & Bobby Bower, Roger L. Bassett, Lorena Rader McKown & Gene Rader, Mark & Janet Householder, Loui & Dotie Rader \$100.00; Money IN Box \$90.00; Millie Holbert Family \$61.00; Donna Newell, J. Kelly, N. Queen, N Toler \$50.00; Vernon & Kathy Walker, Jim & Marie Blair, Larry & Sue Swisher \$50.00; Sue Williams and Janet Walker \$25.00

Thank you to Mark Walker for hauling gravel to place on road. Thank you to all who donated and if we forgot anyone please forgive us.

Ronnie & Betty Walker

43 Glory Lane Munday, WV 26152 or call 304-354-7827

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.

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.

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.

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Rambling Prose

By Linda Crawford

As a Christian I am instructed to pray. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 "I exhort therefore, that first of all; supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. 2. For kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all Godliness and honesty. 3. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." Perhaps digging more deeply is 2 Chronicles 7:14. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then, will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Last night I got to hear the recording of the marine who was in Afghanistan when troops were being withdrawn. It speaks for itself. I also heard Senator Katie Britt which personally hit me. Ashamed to admit America is so changed with violence I as well as others discouraged David and Paty from coming this past summer. The last trip they made they toured the historic section of New York City.

After our visit they toured somewhere near Charleston to the tune of Paty's "Is it always this green?" There are tears of joy - we stood in the hotel lobby in a three way hug, each of them pulling me close when I sobbed. Finally David said in his calm voice "We could sit down." We ended up staying outside most of our time, even eating outside - remember, "Is it always this green?" She and I sat at one point knees to knees, hands in hands talking and weeping. We all laughed a lot too. He will call tomorrow - Saturday. He will ask about the weather and what flowers are up and critters. I will share about the insect deterrent that sounds so awful and he will laugh. But this morning I would rather close challenging you with this thought.

Are the more recent protection allowed to block roads to airports till passengers have to walk and maybe miss their flights exerting political power? They didn't seem violent - just blocking illegally.

They same question for the same kind of protests in Memphis, blocking the Memphis/Arkansas bridge for two hours and forty-five minutes. The bridge was at capacity because the Arkansas end had no idea what was going on. That same bridge had buckled a couple of years ago. Who is benefiting from all the violence and lawlessness? Prayers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., April 4: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

Fri., April 5 Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

Alice's Attic Music Jam, 6:00 p.m.

Sat., April 6: Make It Shine Event County Wide

Rick Falls and Bruce Jones 1st Annual Bluegrass Jam, Calhoun County Park Barn, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Tues., April 9: 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.

Senior Girls Softball travels to Doddridge

County 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

CMHS Track Team travels to Roane County Calhoun Civil Air Patrol, 413 High Street, 6:00 p.m.

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

Wed., April 10: CMHS Senior Girls Softball Team hosts Roane County, 5:00 p.m.

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

CMHS Senior Girls Softball Team travels to South Harrison, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Fri., April 12: CMHS Track travels to Ritchie County

Sat., April 13: 1982 Annual Spring Fling and Youth Turkey Hunt 9:00 a.m.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Well, it was a long week, but spring break has finally arrived. I am truly looking forward to just being Mellody this week. Miss Walburn is tired both physically and mentally and needs some time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate. In years past, I have packed this time with road trips and activities but not this year. My calendar is clear, and that sounds perfect to me. Mother Nature must want me to stay in too because the weather for this week is downright gross. The forecast is calling for rain, storms, snow showers, and sleet. There is even a chance for flooding. Even the weather is telling me to stay home and take it easy.

Home is a place I haven't spent much time lately. It seems like I have been constantly on the go the last few weeks. There have been activities happening at both school and home. These have all been completed, and I now have some breathing room. Besides a haircut, my calendar is basically clear this week. I have kept it that way on purpose. I plan to wake up each day and make my plan as I go.

Let me run you through last week, and you will see why I long to be footloose and fancy free. Those of you who read my column often know that I live by my calendars. I have one on my phone, one on my refrigerator, and one on my desk at school. I used to have one in my purse, but Maricia made fun of me, so I started using the calendar app on my phone.

Monday was actually the quietest day at school. I appreciated that because the rest of the week was downright hectic. I wanted to leave school on Friday as prepared as possible so I didn't need to even think about school while on my break. This meant staying on top of things all week. I needed to use every minute of my planning time to make this happen. Besides a little grading I didn't get to, I managed to accomplish my objective. After school, I headed home to change my clothes and head to the church. For the second year, we were hosting a Seder dinner for our church family. We spent Monday evening putting up tables and chairs and then setting them with the place settings and other decorations.

Tuesday was a busy day at school. The morning began with an Easter breakfast for the students and families. This was followed by an awards ceremony for students who made the principal's list and honor roll. Awardswere also presented to students who participated in the science and social studies fairs and the Young Writers competition. Finally, the Golden Flip Flops and Tennis Shoes were presented to the second graders who scored the highest on their West Virginia state test. We were supposed to have an egg hunt in the afternoon, but this was postponed until later in the week because of rain.

On Wednesday, Pleasant Hill was visited by the state department as part of our special education monitoring. I wasn't chosen to be interviewed, but I did have a visitor observe my classroom for about 20 minutes. Everything seemed to go well, and I was glad to check that event off of my list. Our Krispy Kreme fundraiser ended on Wednesday, so my planning period was spent helping count the money raised and the doughnuts ordered. We reached our goal and now have raised enough money to pay for the 4th grade field trip to Kennywood.

Thursday morning, we took the 3rd and 4th grade on a field trip to the middle high school to take part in an activity sponsored by the Clay Center. The students spent time in a mobile science lab learning about all kinds of science topics. They also learned more about our planets and the upcoming solar eclipse and received a pair of special viewing glasses for this upcoming event. We returned to school in time for lunch and recess and later in the day finally had our Easter egg hunt. After school, I hurried home to bake two batches of chocolate chip cookies and then headed down to spend some time with family that had arrived for Easter.

Student Interest Day took place on Friday, and was a great success. A good time was had by all, and the presenters all did a great job! I raced home after school to get ready for the Seder dinner which also went well.

Saturday was spent with family and friends going to a softball game, shopping, eating, and playing games.

Sunday was church and more family time. I am going to bed tonight tired but happy. Let Spring Break begin.

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.

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

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Aunt Jinny Lee's Plantation Recipes: Can you keep a secret? Secret Tag is played the same as regular tag 'cept that you can't tell who's "it" until he is touched. After the players have been counted, count the same number of sticks and throw them in a box with one specially marked. Then have all of the kiddies draw a stick out of the box without looking or showing it to the others. The one who draws the marked stick is "it" and he tries quietly to touch another player. Each player, of course not knowing who is "it" tries to keep away from all of the others and the one who is "it" will try to tag another as quietly as possible so that he in turn will not be known.

What Is The Prettiest Fruit? Why cherries of course! Plump little cherries growing with ruby color, aren't they just the prettiest things? Can't you imagine how good the'll taste made up into juicy cherry tarts like this. 2 cups of self-rising flour, 6 tablespoons shortening, 1-3 cups cold water, 1 quart pitted cherries. Rub shortening into flour very lightly with finger tips; add water slowly, enough to make stiff dough and roll out very thin. Line patty pans with pastry and let some of the pastry come well over the edges. Cover with a syrup made of 1-2 cups sugar and 1-2 cups cherries added to 2 cups of boiling water. Bring to a boil and strain; add one tablespoon cornstarch which has been mixed with a little cold water. Cook over hot fire for a minute or two stirring constantly—remove and beat hard—return to slow fire and cook until thick. Pour over cherries while hot. Bake in hot oven for about 15 minutes.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: Men 18-26 Must Be Registered: The number of questions received in State Headquarters, Select Service indicates that some portions of the Selective Service Law have not been sufficiently publicized. For example, men who were in the armed forces, out of the Continental United States, ill or under 18 years of age at the time of initial registration, are required to register.

The Selective Services Act of 1948, Public Law 759-80 th Congress, specifies that it shall be the duty of each make citizen of the United States and every other male person residing in the United States, with a few exceptions, between the ages of 18 and 26 to present himself for, and submit to. Registration at such time and place as shall be determined by the President in rules and regulations prescribed thereunder. If a man between the ages of 18 and 26 was on active duty in the Armed Forces,

Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Services of the United States on the date fixed for registration, he is required by law to register within the period of 30 days following the date on which he is so separated. Men who were under 18 years of age at the time of initial registration must register within 5 days after attaining their 18 th birthday, and men who were outside the United States at time of registration must register within 5 days after returning to the United States.

An inmate of an institution must register the day he leaves the institution. Every noncitizen, not otherwise excepted from registration because of his diplomatic status, must register within 90 days from the date he enters the United States. Men who had attained their 26 th birthday on or before 30 August 1948 were not required to register and are not subject to induction.

Certain Aliens who are diplomatic representatives, consular representatives, full-time officials or employees of a foreign government, and certain other aliens who possess an identifying document issued by the Department of State designated as DS-720 or DS 720a are not required to register. All aliens will be registered unless they posses one of the identifying documents, from the Department of State as described above.

Each person required to register is obligated by law to have in his possession, at all times, his registration certificate. If the registration certificate is lost, he should apply to his local board for a duplicate.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: 4-H Clubs In Conservation Program

The Arnoldsburg Eagles 4-H Club, the Pleasant Hill Trail Blazers 4-H and the Brooksville Injuns 4-H have joined the West Virginia Youth Conservation program sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and Sears, Roebuck and Co. the three Calhoun County 4-H Clubs will be competing with other youth groups from throughout West Virginia for a variety of awards such as trophies and prize money.

The main purpose of the program is to create an enthusiasm and interest in conservation in West Virginia among young people. The 4-H clubs have participated in a variety of conservation activities such as litter walks, conservation programs, distributing litter bags, tree planting and a conservation art poster contest.

Each county 4-H club has conducted a conservation art poster contest. The boy and girl winner from each club will submit their poster to the state for judging. State winners will receive a scholarship to conservation camp. Runner-ups will receive \$10.00 each.

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Thurs., April 4: hamburger, whole wheat bun, lettuce/onions, broccoli, fruit

Fri., April 5: COOK'S CHOICE

Mon., April 8: chicken tenders, potatoes, fish, whole wheat bun, ranch potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit

Tues., April 9: bake beans and wieners, cubed potatoes, mix greens, whole wheat cornbread, fruit

Wed., April 10: beef macaroni, green beans, whole wheat rollfruit

Thurs., April 11: chicken patty with mayo, whole wheat pasta, vegetables, fruit.

Fri., April 12: cream tomatoes, potatoes, sausage, apples, whole wheat biscuit

Mon., April 15: chicken tenders, potatoes, carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread

Tues., April 16: calico beans, kale, whole wheat cornbread, fruit

Wed., April 17: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, onion, whole

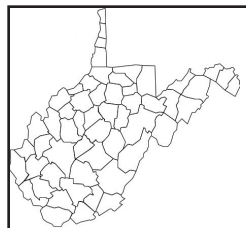
wheat roll, fruit

Thurs., April 18: salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread, banana pudding

Fri., April 19: lasagna, vegetables, whole wheat bread, applesauce.

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.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

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



April 4, 1948: Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he is best known for his song "Sweet Beulah Land." (on left)

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music

fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes. (on right)



April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born enslaved in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history.

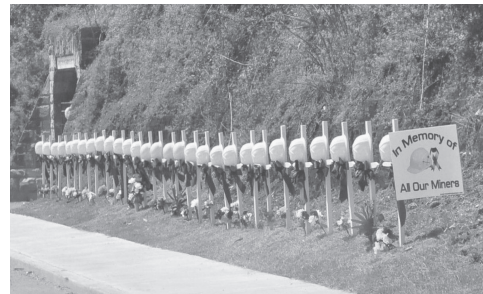


April 5, 1920: Gifted hand weaver Dorothy Thompson was born. She taught generations of people about fiber arts. For her dedication

to preserving folklife traditions, she was named a National Heritage Fellow in 2000. She died in Tucker County in 2008.



April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state's worst coal mining disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers.



April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Kanawha in Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent's residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 6, 1944: Guitarist and singer David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide. He died in 2016.



April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, the longtime secretary of state was elected state treasurer but soon fell into trouble. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments. He died in 2003.



April 7, 1947: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing

it was wrong to evade the draft while others had to serve in Vietnam, he volunteered as a noncombatant medic. He was killed by gunfire while dragging a wounded soldier to safety. (on right)



April 7, 2004: Gov. Bob Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State and Concord.

April 8, 1891: The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.



April 8, 1951: An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha (now eager) Airport, killing 21.

April 9, 1900: Physician Margaret Byrnside "Dr. Maggie" Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society. (on right)



April 10, 1848: John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. In 1883, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, unseating the powerful Henry G. Davis. Kenna is one of two West Virginians memorialized by a statue in the U.S. Capitol.



April 10, 1932: Entertainer Blaze Starr was born as Fanny Belle Fleming in Wayne County. The owner of a burlesque club rechristened her "Blaze Starr." Her story was the basis of the movie Blaze.



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.

Op-Ed by Gaylen Duskey 304-354-7227

Why did you wake up?

What caused you to break out of sleep? You don't know, you just know that you are incredibly lonely and there is no one to talk to so you turn your attention toward the television hoping it can bore you back to sleep.

You think about your mother who passed away recently and realized how much you had depended on her as someone you could talk to when you needed to empty your mind of your problems. What's it been? Your whole life – 76 years. It wasn't just to solve your problems it was just someone you could talk to. What wouldn't you give to be able to talk to them now. It is a forlorn empty feeling – the emptiest feeling you have ever had.

You turn the TV over to some music videos and you like the oldies but the message they are playing now is hitting way too close to home.

"I am, I said" asked questions and you find yourself identifying with it. Yes, you had dreamed about being a king and you became one. Except for the name and a few other changes, the story is the same one. Still, you have an emptiness deep inside and there is no one there to help quell that feeling.

Then the strings of the heart were plucked by another tune as Bobby Darin sang "Once Upon a Time" noting that once upon a time never comes again because it doesn't. You know that your once upon a time has come and gone and all the wishing and aching in your heart won't change a thing.

One more song about wanting to be loved but not having it happen rips you to the quick. The singer sings "I want you; I need you but there ain't no way I'm ever gonna love you but don't feel bad 'cause two out of three ain't bad."

But you know it is. You know it is the worst feeling in the world because you get so close to happiness only to realize that it is never going to happen for you.

Why you wonder does it seem all the songs are sad, melancholy and deal with loss? But you know why. You know that if the glass is always half empty then you won't allow your expectations to get too high, you won't be disappointed if things fail and fall apart but if they work out you can be pleasantly surprised.

You realize that's why sad things don't make you cry but happy things do which is good until you realize you haven't cried much at all in recent years.

You finally turn the television to a bad old movie and somewhere between the beginning and the end you finally succumb once again to sleep.

But the night is not long, and the piercing sound of a telephone ringing wakes you up. It is not one of the lying scammers or the soulless bill collectors. No, it is somebody telling you somebody had hit your trailer during the night.

At least now you know what woke you up. And, ironically, it's Good Friday. But why Good Friday when so many bad things happened to Jesus? On this day according to the gospels, Jesus:

- *Was taken before Pilate in the morning
- *Sent to Herod
- *Returned to Pilate
- *Was mocked and beaten
- *Saw Barabbas released in his stead
- *Was crowned with thorns
- *Was condemned to death
- *Carried the crushing burden of his cross
- *Told the weeping women what would happen in the future
- *Was crucified between two thieves
- *Forgave those who crucified him
- *Entrusted the Virgin Mary to the beloved disciple
- *Assured the good thief of his salvation
- *Said his famous seven last words: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"
- *Cried out and died

Also on Good Friday:

- *There was darkness over the land
- *There was an earthquake
- *The veil of the temple was torn in two
- *Many saints of the Old Testament period were raised
- *A soldier pierced Christ's side and blood and water flowed out
- *Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body
- *He was buried in Joseph's own tomb
- *A guard was set over the tomb
- *All Jesus' friends and family grieved at his death

With all the things that happened how was it possible to call it Good Friday? Because all the things, the terrible things, that happened on Good Friday had to happen to fulfill Jesus' life on earth.

On Good Friday we are reminded that death is no longer the final word.

For those filled with hope of the Resurrection, it is no longer an enemy but a friend, the passageway to life eternal. We are also promised that the suffering we are invited to bear, when joined to Jesus Christ, can become a vehicle for love and mercy. It can also become material out of which we are changed, by grace, into a reflection of Mercy Incarnate, the Lord Jesus Christ, for others.

In other words, without Good Friday there could have been no Resurrection Sunday, no Easter and no saving of all Christians as children of God. No ascension into heaven to join in the Holy Trinity as he Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It took all the bad things of the worst day in history – the crucifixion of our Lord – to give us the best day in history – the resurrection of our Lord.

That's the wonderment of our faith.

That fulfills the promise in John 3:16 that says: "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."

Happy Easter and may God always be with you.

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

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.

Spring Revival & Singing

Spring Revival and sing at Macfarlan Community Church with speaker Adam Cheeseman on Mon., April 8th - Fri., April 12th 7 pm located at 7919 Staunton Tpke, Macfarlan, WV

Letter From Editor

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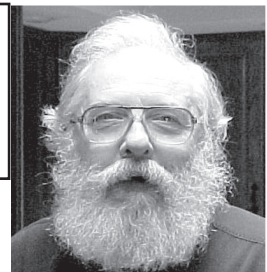
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To nominate someone for Citizen of the week, please let us know. The Calhoun Chronicle, PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email them to the newspaper at contact@calhouncronicle.com

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



There was a big crowd of children at the Creston Easter party held on Palm Sunday.

The "big event" will be at 2 P. M. on Saturday, April 6 at the Senior Center in Elizabeth when all the candidates for county office, district offices and state wide candidates come to the Meet & Greet. Come and meet them all (or at least all who think Wirt County is important). There will be things to eat and there will be a pie auction which could be a lot of fun. Some years back at a similar event in Pleasants County, some of the pies were "placed" on some politician's faces. Everyone is invited to the free event.

The governor who now wants to go play senator vetoed a bill that would allow exemptions from vaccine mandates from the UN, WHO and other dubious groups who have been pushing untested and likely dangerous shots and vaccines for the profit of their "buddies" like Bill Gates who wants to decimate the population of the world. We know what he & his ill think about residents of rural America. The legislature had passed a law that would have allowed parental rights in such matters but the deep state and globalist forces told him no and he wants to go to the DC swamp to work for them. In the senate race he has an opponent who has a much different approach.

Carol Miller is supposed to represent Creston in the US House of Representatives but she voted for the trillion dollar budget that no one was allowed to read. It was noted that she wasn't even a RINO (Republican in name only) but was an 'undocumented democrat' for going along with Chuck U. Shumer & the ruling junta. She has an opponent in the primary. Perhaps she should be sent home to help her son, who wants to be governor, run the family used car lot.

In the other House of Representatives race, Riley Moore, used to work for the Podesta Brothers who run a lobby firm in the DC swamp that represents foreign nations to the detriment of our values and needs, just like son Hunter does. He is opposed by Nat Cain who 'got into trouble' for exposing high level corruption and is hated by the deep state swamp dwellers. One of the Podesta brothers is currently the "energy czar".

There is been a lot of hoopla lately about pot holes "being laid to rest". Some local folks had occasion to be on I-77 near Ripley. One has to be careful.

The daffodils are now fading but the narcissus are in their prime and the red buds (where the state hasn't cut them down) are coming into their glory.

Barb Wright & Kathleen Cervonne spent Easter Sunday with family up in Ohio.

Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Marks were visiting their son & family in Ohio over the Palm Sunday weekend. The grandchildren were in the special church program.

Shade Tree's Easter special was an overwhelming success. When the eatery "runs out of the special" one has done well. It should be noted that the ham was good to the last bite.

Some new kittens have arrived in the Creston area.

The big spring Creston ATV Poker Run is scheduled for April 27.

Several area residents have been consulting with their physicians and optometrists.

Back when it was always thought that getting an education was the means of self improvement and the advancement of the nation. Now with all the woke lunacies there are serious questions. What does one do with a gender studies degree? Why should taxpayers who don't spend years at a party school have to pay off the student "loans" of affluent folks who go there? A recent case in point is that Ohio State, said to be a beacon of learning, has proposed a course in "climate justice". One of the texts is a book on how to blow up pipelines. Perhaps the folks who blew up the NordStream gas line causing the greatest amount of natural gas to ever be emitted/vented/wasted could give some guest lectures.

Rusty Hutson, Jr.'s Diversified Energy (formerly Diversified Gas & Oil) recently purchased their partner Oaktree Capital Management's share of their wells in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Diversified has large numbers of wells in the local area [and all over the state].

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil rose to \$82.17/bbl. with condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet, fetched \$64.17/bbl. Marcellus & Utica light was \$73.17 & medium \$82.17/bbl. The Henry Hub [Louisiana] price of natural gas was \$1.76/MMBTU although it was reported that out in west Texas producers were having to pay people to take the associated gas produced with oil there. In a sane world someone would be building a natural gas power plant but the ruling junta wants to bring America to its knees so no such luck.

Recipe Corner by Emma Howell

Mexican Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 can Ranch style beans
- 1 10-12 ounce bag tortilla chips, crushed
- 1 can Ro-tel tomatoes
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ½ cup water
- Sour cream
- Salsa

Directions: Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a large skillet, brown meat and drain off fat. Stir in beans, tomatoes, onion, taco seasoning, soup and water. Simmer over medium-low heat until everything is well combined and heated through. Grease a 9x13 casserole dish. Put down a layer of tortilla chips, followed by a layer of meat/bean mixture, then half of the cheddar cheese. Repeat layers. Cover with foil and bake for 20- 30 minutes, or until bubbly. Let sit for 5-10 minutes before serving. Top with sour cream and salsa to taste.

Easy Cool Whip Candy

Ingredients:

- 1 (8 ounce) container of Cool Whip (thawed)
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) of instant pudding mix (any flavor you prefer)
- 1 cup of powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- Food coloring (optional)
- Sprinkles or colored sugar (optional, for decoration)

Instructions: In a mixing bowl, combine the thawed Cool Whip, instant pudding mix, powdered sugar, and vanilla extract. You can use a hand mixer or mix by hand until the ingredients are well combined and the mixture becomes thick and creamy.

If you want to add color to your candy, you can mix in a few drops of food coloring at this stage. Stir until the color is evenly distributed. Line a baking sheet or a large tray with parchment paper or wax paper. This will prevent the candy from sticking.


Using a spoon or a cookie scoop, drop small portions of the Cool Whip mixture onto the prepared baking sheet. You can make them as big or as small as you like. If desired, you can decorate the candy by adding sprinkles or colored sugar on top of each portion.

Place the tray in the freezer and let the candy set for about 2-3 hours, or until it's firm. Once the candy is completely frozen and firm, you can remove it from the freezer and enjoy.

The candy should have a soft and creamy center with a frozen interior. Store any leftovers in an airtight container in the freezer to maintain their texture.

These Cool Whip candies are a fun and easy treat to make, and you can get creative by using different pudding flavors and colors to customize them to your liking.

Enjoy!

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**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 11th day of March 2024:

Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy	
	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I		
Personal Property	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities		
Total Class I		
Class II		
Real Estate	38.80	416,303
Personal Property		1,420
Total Class II		417,723
Class III		
Real Estate	77.60	308,725
Personal Property		354,356
Public Utilities		2,409,645
Total Class III		3,072,726
Class IV		
Real Estate	77.60	35,232
Personal Property		25,393
Public Utilities		17,065
Total Class IV		77,690
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 513,641,896	\$ 3,568,139
Less uncollectibles, exonerations and delinquencies	6.00%	(214,088)
Less tax discounts	1.00%	(33,541)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		-
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund		3,320,510
Less - Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)	2.00%	(66,410)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected		\$ 3,254,100

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.

SIGNED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2024
Michael Fitzwater SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Class	Excess Levy		Bond Levy	
	Levy Rates/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I				
Personal Property	0.71	\$ -	1.48	\$ -
Public Utilities				
Total Class I				
Class II				
Real Estate	1.43	15,322	2.96	31,759
Personal Property		52		108
Total Class II		15,374		31,867
Class III				
Real Estate	2.86	11,362	5.92	23,552
Personal Property		13,042		27,033
Public Utilities		88,685		183,829
Total Class III		113,089		234,414
Class IV				
Real Estate	2.86	1,297	5.92	2,688
Personal Property		935		1,937
Public Utilities		628		1,302
Total Class IV		2,860		5,927
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 131,323		\$ 272,208	
Less Allowance for uncollectibles, exonerations and delinquencies	6.00%	(7,879)	0.10%	278
Less Allowance for tax discounts	1.00%	(1,234)		
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing-see worksheet P/I				
Net Projected Tax Collections before Assessor's Fund				
Less-Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund				
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected	\$ 122,210		\$ 271,930	
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies	\$ 3,376,310			

SIGNED THIS 11th day of MARCH, 2024 by
Michael Fitzwater SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY
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PARCEL ONE

BEGINNING at a stone planted as the corner of the said lot of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the side of the county road, thence with the said county road 40 feet to a stake, thence back from the road parallel to the line of the said Methodist Episcopal Church lot, 60 feet to a Stake, thence with a line parallel to the first line of the lot hereby conveyed, 40 feet to the line of the said Methodist Episcopal Church lot, thence to the said line of the beginning, containing 2400 square feet.

And being the same property conveyed from Robert Geho and Amanda Geho to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Pleasant Hill by Deed dated March 11th, 1901 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 28, at Page 19, reference to which is hereby made.

PARCEL TWO

BEGINNING at a stake at the edge of said State Route #16, a corner to Oak Norman, and thence with the meanders of said State Route N/ 12 1/2 E. 110 feet to a stake at the edge of said State Route #16; thence N. 77 1/2 W. 144 feet to a stake; thence S. 12 1/2 W. 110 feet to a stake in the line of the Oak Norman land; and thence S. 77 1/2 E. 144 feet to the place of beginning, containing 15,840 square feet, more or less.

And being the same property conveyed from Alton Starcher etux to the Trustees of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church by Deed dated October 20th, 1955 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book _____, at Page 500, reference to which is hereby made.

Said Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church was declared closed effective on February 4, 2024 by a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dated the 20th 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

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
009	2023990067	S399-081/00 0 00	HSIP-0081(047)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2024 RPM STATEWIDE COUNTY: STATEWIDE

DBE GOAL: 10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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**Calhoun County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
County of: Calhoun, West Virginia

In accordance with Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Calhoun County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 407,032
Property Taxes Current year	2,353,352
Prior Year Taxes	55,000
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	60,000
Property Transfer Tax	50,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	100,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	4,000
Miscellaneous Energy Tax (Coal Bed Methane)	5,000
Building Permits	100
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	30,000
State Grants	50,000
Sheriff's Service of Process	2,000
Sheriff's Earnings	100
County Clerk's Earnings	20,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	3,500
Motor Vehicle License Fee	1,000
Rents & Concessions	30,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	20,000
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	10,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	7,000
Sheriff's Commission	1,200
Gaming Income	35,000
Video Lottery	1,000
Royalties	500
Refunds / Reimbursement (External Sources)	100,000
Transfers From Other Funds	60,000
Emergency 911 Reimbursement	500,000
Home Confinement Reimbursements	15,000
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	100,540
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$ 4,021,324
Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 100
Unassigned Fund Balance	-
Coal Severance Tax	25,000
Total Coal Severance	\$ 25,100

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
County Commission	\$ 165,945
County Clerk	\$ 183,324
Circuit Clerk	\$ 147,714
Sheriff - Treasurer	\$ 241,106
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 187,940
Assessor	\$ 209,948
Assessor's Valuation Fund	\$ 100,540
Statewide Computer Network	\$ 35,000
Elections - County Clerk	\$ 26,675
Circuit Court	\$ 2,000
Courthouse	\$ 914,503
Regional Development Authority	\$ 2,500
Community Development	\$ 59,540
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget	\$ 300,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 2,376,735
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	\$ 227,000
Sheriff - Service of Process	\$ 2,734
Regional Jail	\$ 425,000
Home Confinement	\$ 35,870
Emergency Services	\$ 478,000
Communication Center	\$ 1,420
Dog Warden / Humane Society	\$ 1,145
Flood Control	\$ 1,420
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,172,589
HEALTH AND SANITATION	
Local Health Department	\$ 1,800
Mental Health	\$ 1,000
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$ 2,800
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 250,000
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 250,000
Family Court	\$ 19,200
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	\$ 19,200
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,021,324

**CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

Current Year	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	14.03	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 107,294,460	28.06	\$ 301,068
Personal Property	365,902		1,027
Total Class II	\$ 107,660,362		\$ 302,095
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 39,784,200	56.12	\$ 223,269
Personal Property	45,632		256,269
Public Utility	310,521,214		1,742,645
Total Class III	\$ 395,969,846		\$ 2,222,183
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 4,540,200	56.12	\$ 25,480
Personal Property	3,272,333		18,364
Public Utility	2,199,155		12,342
Total Class IV	\$ 10,011,688		\$ 56,186
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 513,641,896		\$ 2,580,464
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	6.00%		154,828
Less Tax Discounts	1.00%		24,256
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 2,401,380
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)	2.00%		0
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 2,401,380

**CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
EXCESS LEVY PAGE
EMERGENCY SERVICES
2024 - 2025**

Current Year	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	4.97	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 107,294,460	9.94	\$ 106,651
Personal Property	365,902		364
Total Class II	\$ 107,660,362		\$ 107,015
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 37,784,200	19.88	\$ 79,091
Personal Property	45,664,432		90,781
Public Utility	310,521,214		617,316
Total Class III	\$ 395,969,846		\$ 787,188
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 4,540,200	19.88	\$ 9,026
Personal Property	3,272,333		6,505
Public Utility	2,199,155		4,372
Total Class IV	\$ 10,011,688		\$ 19,903
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 513,641,896		\$ 914,106
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	6.00%		54,846
Less Tax Discounts	1.00%		8,593
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes:			\$ 850,667
Included in the General Fund "Yes or No"			NO
EXCESS LEVY REPORTED ON GENERAL FUND REVENUE SUMMARY PAGE IN ACCOUNT # 301-90:			\$

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF CALHOUN
I, JEAN SIMERS, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 22nd DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Jean Simers
(Signature)

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.

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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
In accordance with Code §11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE			
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	10	
Property Taxes - Current Expense		51,878	
Prior Year Taxes		7,091	
Supplemental Taxes		15,664	
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		5,050	
Excise Tax on Utilities		-	
Business and Occupation Tax		46,667	
Sales Tax		43,172	
Licenses		3,000	
Building Permit Fees		300	
Miscellaneous Permits		50	
Franchise Fees		-	
Inspection, Dilapidated Building & Vacant Property Fees		300	
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		8,700	
parks & Recreation		-	
Municipal Service Fees		40,560	
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions		42,720	
Gaming Income		8,500	
Filing Fees		165	
Video Lottery (LVL)		155	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	273,982	

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Printing		1,214	1,536
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$	273,982	1,536

**MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
Regular Current Expense Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

Certificate of Valuation			
CLASS I	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 2,720,340	25.00	\$ 6,801
Personal Property	0		0
Total Class II	\$ 2,720,340		\$ 6,801
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 4,540,200	50.00	\$ 22,701
Personal Property	3,272,333		16,362
Public Utility	2,199,155		10,996
Total Class IV	\$ 10,011,688		\$ 50,059
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 12,732,028		\$ 56,860
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	2,843
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	1,080
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 52,937
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	1,059
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 51,878

**MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
Excess Levy / Levies
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

Certificate of Valuation			
CLASS I	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 2,720,340	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	0		0
Total Class II	\$ 2,720,340		\$ 0
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 4,540,200	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	3,272,333		0
Public Utility	2,199,155		0
Total Class IV	\$ 10,011,688		\$ 0
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 12,732,028		\$ 0
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	0
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	0
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes			\$ 0

**MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
Excess or Bond Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

Certificate of Valuation			
CLASS I	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 2,720,340	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	0		0
Total Class II	\$ 2,720,340		\$ 0
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 4,540,200	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	3,272,333		0
Public Utility	2,199,155		0
Total Class IV	\$ 10,011,688		\$ 0
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 12,732,028		\$ 0
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	0
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	0
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes			\$ 0

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF Calhoun
MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE
I, Judy T. Powell, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 20th day of March, 2024.
Judy T. Powell
(Signature)
Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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.

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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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 re-adopted by ordinance on March 26, 2024 a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 375 customers at Grantsville in the County of Calhoun.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective May 10, 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 Town of Grantsville resale rate is for Mt. Zion PSD and Pleasant Hill PSD which purchases water from the Town and then sells to their residents. The resale customers for the town are only Mt. Zion PSD and Pleasant Hill PSD

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.
THIS TARIFF SERVES TO REPLACE THE TARIFF PREVIOUSLY POSTED IN THE CHRONICLE ON 3/14 AND 3/21. THE TARIFF WAS FOUND TO HAVE A TYPO WITH THE WORD "SEWER" AND HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH THE WORD "WATER."

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
008	2024890001	R089-GRDRL-24 00	GUARDRAIL D9 2025 REM GUARDRAIL District Wide Guardrail and Fence Installation and Repair COUNTY:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Eleanor Marie Caltabiano	Diana Austin	5217 Left Fork RD, Grantsville, WV 26147
Vere Harolds Brannon	Shelly Mace	11468 S Calhoun Hwy, Arnoldsburg, WV 25234
Charity Lynn Holbert	Kathryn L. Holbert	3171 Little White Oak Rd, Chloe, WV 25235
Loris Bailey Jarvis	Kenneth Bailey	2378 Milo Rd, Orma, WV 25268
Walter R. Palmer	Sheila Ward	10180 Buzz Lane, Dayton, VA 22821
Freedra Tucker	Michael Tucker	61 Speed Rd, Spencer, WV 25276

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **JUNE 3, 2024**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Jean Simers
Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**

TO:
Parks Metheny Magistrate Court Case No. 24-MO7D-00006
1086 Noble Road Family Court Civil Action No. 24-DV-6
Big Springs, WV 26137
DOB: 10/10/2000
Respondent

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
(PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)**

- The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
- The object of this publication by Class II legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Calhoun County Circuit Clerks' Office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 5/5/2024.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 8th day of May, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. before the Calhoun County Family Court.

Shirley R. Barrett
Circuit Clerk

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.

Calhoun and Surrounding Counties Event Page

Preschool & Kindergarten

Enrollment Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Immunization Record

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

- Pre-K Universal Application

- Proof of Income (W2, 1040, or proof of Government Assistance)

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

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

Save The Children Program

Calling all Calhoun residents!

Are you a parent with children aged 3 to 5? Or perhaps you're expecting?

Save the Children in Calhoun, WV, is here to support you! Our FREE programs are designed to equip your little ones with the essential skills they need for school success.

From group sessions in Grantsville and Arnoldsburg to personalized home visits and monthly gatherings for expecting mothers and children under 3, we've got you covered!

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to invest in your child's future. No guidelines, no restrictions – just pure support and guidance for every Calhoun resident. Join us today and let's empower our children for a brighter tomorrow!

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!”

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.

WV Humanities Council Presents

History Alive! Events

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.

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/.

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.

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.

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.

Check Conditions

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

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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

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Thurs.-Sat.: 10 a.m. to Close
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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.

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.

CCCOA

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

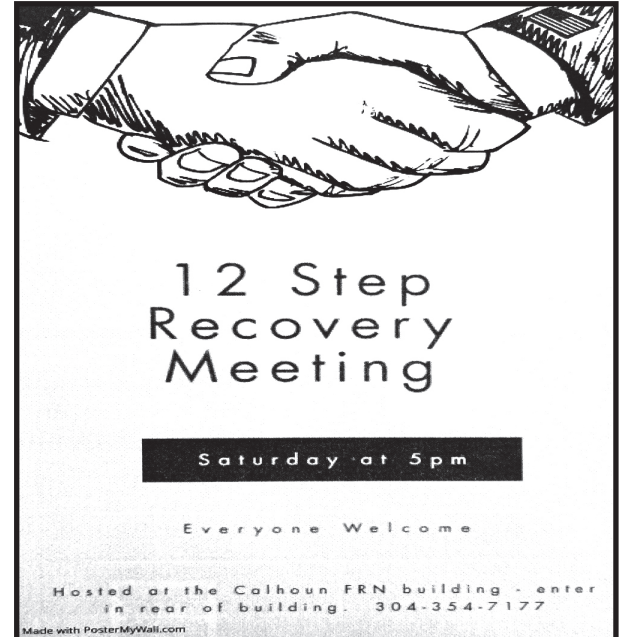
Strait Creek Baptist Church Food

Pantry 4/5

Food giveaway will be held at Brohad Community Building on Friday, April 5, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please do not line up too early. Please stay in your cars as Covid restrictions are still maintained. We are an equal opportunity provider. It is sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church. For information, call Shelly Murphy, 304-354-6739 or Shelia Jones, 304-354-9307.

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.



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

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.): 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

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.

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.

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“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.

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

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RT33W LIVE: A NIGHT OF THRILLS, CHILLS, AND UNFORGETTABLE PRO WRESTLING!

Submitted by Jessica McCumbers

Spencer, WV – April 4th, 2024

Route 33 Wrestling (Rt33W), the trailblazing woman-owned and operated professional wrestling company, is set to ignite the ring with electrifying action at their 21st event, Rt33W LIVE!

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, wrestling aficionados and families alike are invited to witness the adrenaline-pumping spectacle at the Armory in Spencer, as Rt33W promises an evening jam-packed with excitement, drama, and unforgettable moments.

Prepare to be enthralled from the moment the doors swing open at 6 pm, with the official bell ringing promptly at 7 pm. Rt33W LIVE guarantees an experience suitable for fans of all ages, making it the perfect outing for families looking to share in the excitement of live professional wrestling.

But Rt33W LIVE isn't just about the action inside the ring. Attendees can also indulge in a variety of delicious concessions and peruse vendor tables offering an array of wrestling memorabilia and merchandise. Plus, fans will have the exclusive opportunity to meet their favorite wrestling superstars up close, with wrestlers available for autographs and photos throughout the event.

Highlighting the evening's lineup are two epic championship matches that are sure to leave spectators on the edge of their seats. First, in a battle for tag team supremacy, the formidable duo Forged By Fire, comprised of Seth Coleman and Stelman Smith, will clash with the reigning champions, Dumb Ways to Die, led by Hero Napier and Michael Anthony, accompanied by the enigmatic force known only as The Jagermeister.

As for the main event, the open weight championship will be up for grabs as "The Mór of Irish Strong Style" Riley Rose steps into the ring to face off against Spencer's own hometown hero, the Mountain King.

"One of Route 33 Wrestling's missions is to bring top notch live entertainment to our community," said Jessi McCumbers, aka. "The Boss Lady," founder and owner of Rt33W. "This event promises to be an unforgettable experience for fans of all ages, and we can't wait to share the excitement with the Spencer community and beyond."

Tickets for Rt33W LIVE are available now online, at Smoker Friendly, or at the door on the day of the event. Don't miss your chance to witness the thrills, spills, and high-flying action of Rt33W LIVE - get your tickets today!

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit TinyURL.com/Rt33WMay4, or follow Route 33 Wrestling at facebook.com/rt33wrestling

About Route 33 Wrestling, LLC: Founded in 2017 by stuntwoman and actor-combatant Jessi McCumbers (aka. "The Boss Lady"), Route 33 Wrestling is a 100% woman-owned and -run pro wrestling company located in the heart of Spencer, WV.

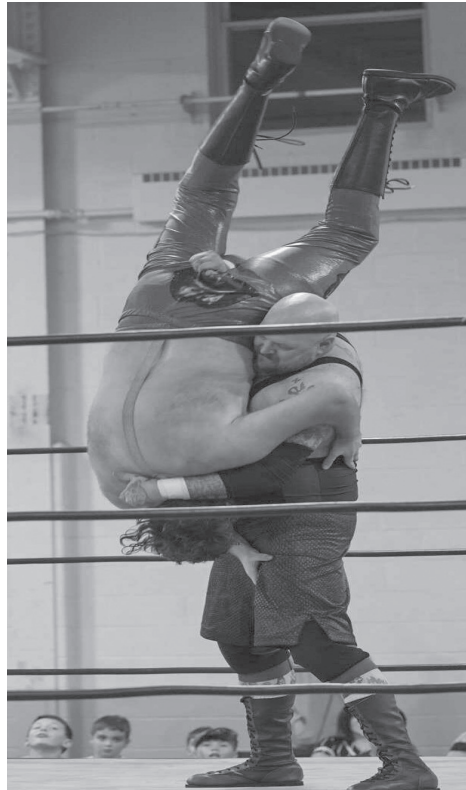
Route 33 Wrestling's core goals are to make quality live sports entertainment accessible to all, and to put the "professional" in "professional wrestling."

For more information, please visit us at: linktr.ee/route33wrestling

Pictures below were provided by Mercy Collins.



"The Boss Lady" welcomes the fans to Rt33W LIVE (on left) and The Mountain King gives Gorgeous Morgan Taylor a hard body slam (on right).



Pictured above Tag team champion Michael Anthony chokes DragonHeart Jim Finley with one hand. Pictured below is Open weight champion Riley Rose poses with the title following a successful defense.



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.



Spring Sports Report

by Robert Bonar

The Red Devil track team journeyed to Spencer last Saturday, March 30, to participate in the Lindsey Mann Memorial at County Stadium.

The boys scored 8 points and finished 5th out of 5 teams. Jackson Clawson scored all of the boys' points by finishing 5th in the 1600 Meter Run and 3rd in the 3200 Meter Run. He also ran in the 400 Meter Dash. Gabe Waldron (100, 200 and 400 Meter Dash) and Kristian Fredrick (200 Meter Dash, Shot Put and Discus Throw) also participated for the boys.

The girls team finished 6th out of 6 teams with 12 points. Abby Waldron finished 4th in the 100 Meter Dash and scored the team's only individual points on the day. She also ran in the 200 Meter Dash. Cassidy Fredrick (Shot Put, Discus Throw), Gabi Smith (400 Meter Dash, Shot Put and Discus Throw), Mariah Taylor (200 and 400 Meter Dash), and Jules Williams (100 Meter Dash, Shot Put) rounded out the field for the girls.

Most of the girls' points were a team effort, coming during the two relay races the team participated in. Fredrick, Waldron, Warner and Williams finished 3rd in the 100 Meter Relay, and Smith, Taylor, Williams and Fredrick came in 5th in the 200 Meter Relay, netting the team 8 total points.

The Red Devils are idle this weekend, but will be in action twice next week. The team will return to Spencer on Tuesday, April 9, then will travel to Ritchie County High School on Friday the 12th.

The weather wreaked havoc with the two roundball teams last week; both had games cancelled.

The baseball team won its only game by an 11-8 score against Doddridge County at home. The softball team dropped an 11-0 decision at Ritchie County, while no score was reported for a Monday game against Wirt County.

The baseball team has five games on tap for this coming week. Monday, April 8 the team will host Ritchie County, then travel to Doddridge County the following day.

After playing at South Harrison on Thursday (April 11), the team will return home to meet Saint Marys in a doubleheader on Saturday.

The softball team will also play five games next week on four consecutive days, starting with a doubleheader at Doddridge County on Tuesday.

The Red Devils return home to face Roane County Wednesday, then travel to South Harrison and Wirt County.

CMHS Senior Softball Schedule

APRIL GAMES

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!!!

CMHS Senior Track Schedule

April Events

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

May Events

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!

Donkey Basketball Festival April 27th

Arnoldsburg Elementary School PTO invites you to the Donkey Basketball Event on April 27th located at 90 Spring Run Road Arnoldsburg, WV (Calhoun County Livestock Program Pavilion).

Vendors will start at 12:00 p.m. and refreshments will be sold. Donkey basketball will start at 2:00 p.m.

Advance tickets for adults are \$10 and Students \$8 or at the eGate tickets will be adults-\$12 and Students-\$10, under the age of 5 is free.

Contact the Arnoldsburg Elementary School at 304-655-8616 for tickets.

County County 4-H Leaders Bingo May 11th

The Calhoun County 4-H Leaders will be hosting 4-H Bingo on Saturday, May 11th at the Arnoldsburg Community Building. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with Games beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There will be concessions, 50/50 drawing and raffles available.

Games are 20 for \$20.

Please come out and support the 4-H Leaders.



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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.

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CMHS Senior Track and Field

Submitted by Shannon Waldron

LINDSEY MANN MEMORIAL - 3/30/2024 held at Roane County

Girls 100 Meter Dash: Abby Waldron-14.55; Jules Williams-15.46 and Nyla Warner-15.46

Girls 200 Meter Dash: Abby Waldron-32.17; Nyla Warner-34.20 and Mariah Taylor-36.86.

Girls 400 Meter Dash: Gabi Smith-1:23.25 and Mariah Taylor-1:24.54

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay: (1:02.33) : Kassidy Fredrick, Abby Waldron, Nyla Warner and Jules Williams

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay: (2:22.52): Gabi Smith, Mariah Taylor, Jules Williams and Kassidy Fredrick

Girls Shot Put: Gabi Smith-16-10.00; Kassidy Fredrick-16-09.00 and Jules Williams-16-06.00

Girls Discus Throw: Kassidy Fredrick-45-02 and Gabi Smith-37-00

Women - Team Rankings - 17 Events Scored

- 1) Roane County HS 120
- 2) Clay County HS 113
- 3) Gilmer County High School 112
- 4) Scott High School 41
- 5) Sherman HS 30
- 6) Calhoun County HS 12



LINDSEY MANN MEMORIAL - 3/30/2024 held at Roane County

Boys 100 Meter Dash: Gabe Waldron-13.10

Boys 200 Meter Dash: Gabe Waldron-27.11 and Kristian Fredrick-29.19

Boys 400 Meter Dash: Gabe Waldron-1:04.16 and Jackson Clawson-1:15.45

Boys 1600 Meter Run: Jackson Clawson-6:10.27

Boys 3200 Meter Run: Jackson Clawson-3:36.58

Boys Shot Put: Kristian Fredrick-23-04.00

Boys Discus Throw: Kristian Fredrick-77-05

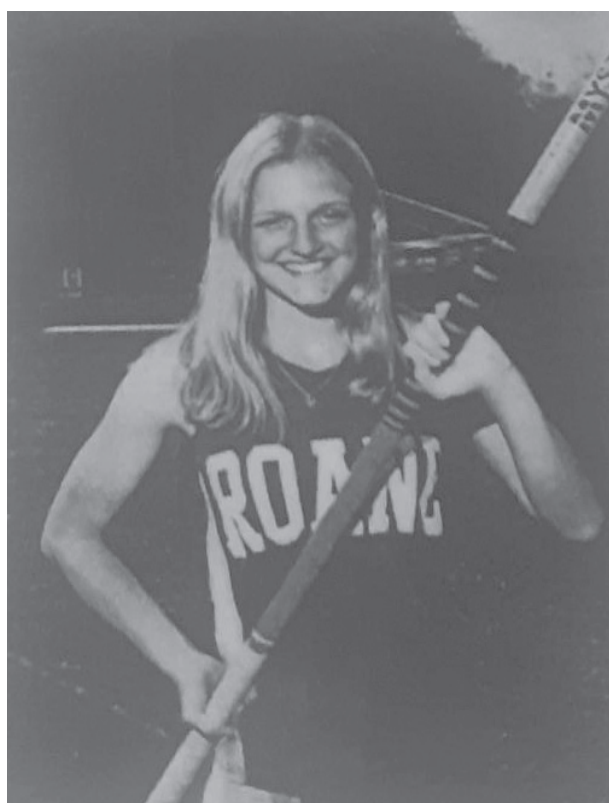
Men - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored

- 1) Roane County HS 178
- 2) Clay County HS 148
- 3) Scott High School 117
- 4) Sherman HS 35
- 5) Calhoun County HS 8



Pictured L to R: Gabriel Waldron and Nyla Warner received the Lindsey Mann Memorial Track Meet 2024 Achievement Award. See below for background on this award.

Lindsey Mann Memorial Achievement Award



Lindsey Mann was an outstanding high school student who lived life to the fullest. Her life ended too soon as she was killed in a car accident when she was sixteen years old. Lindsey loved everything she was involved with. She loved her family, friends, cheerleading, and pole vault.

Lindsey competed in the 4x800 meter relay as well as in pole vault placing fourth in Region IV as a freshman; qualifying for the State Track Meet where she finished the year with a vault of seven feet. As a sophomore Lindsey placed third in the Gazette Relays and fourth in Region I with a vault of seven feet six inches again qualifying her for the State Track Meet.

The summer after her sophomore year Lindsey was preparing to travel to Australia to compete in pole vault at the Down Under Olympics.

This award is being given in her honor. This award is not to say that you are the best or worst on the team. You are the spirit of the team. You are the one the other teammates turn to and you're happy to be here. Lindsey Mann was part of our team and still is. Her memory is strong and helps many of our athletes during meets. Please accept this award with gratitude and respect, as you now have a glimpse of how much she meant to us all.

News From the Secretary of State Mac Warner on

Absentee Voting for May Election

March 28, 2024

"Voting has started for the May 14 Primary Election," Mac Warner advises as absentee ballots are mailed to voters

Charleston, W. Va. – According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, voting for the May 14 Primary Election officially starts on Friday, March 29th.

Qualified voters who have applied for an absentee-by-mail ballot will start seeing those arrive at the address provided on the application as early as Friday.

For active duty military on deployment, voters living overseas, and those who are stateside living with a physical disability that prevents them from in-person voting and absentee voting without assistance, Friday is also the first day county clerks will begin providing them the means to participate via electronic means prescribed by law. To date, nearly 1,200 voters have applied for an absentee ballot.

"West Virginia law permits absentee-by-mail voting for voters who are not able to vote in person during early voting or on Election Day," said Secretary of State Mac Warner. "The excuse-based alternative to in-person voting is available to registered voters for causes such as illness, disability, hospitalization, military deployment, and work-related or personal travel."

"In West Virginia, we have more options for participating than any state in the country," Warner said. "We want voters to vote!"

To learn more about absentee ballot voting in West Virginia, registered voters can visit GoVoteWV.com - a secure website hosted by the WV Secretary of State's Office.

Rare Old Bird

By Deirdre Purdy

Thanks, Donald, for reminding us of 2020

Trump's Question of the Week, yelling in all caps: ARE YOU BETTER OFF THAN YOU WERE FOUR YEARS AGO?

Yes. But I hear Trump followers, calling from the bottom of the Memory Hole: "No, it's awful now, we had a strong leader, the economy was good, my groceries were cheaper."

Trump's presidency was a strongman show, strutting around, talking big, and taking photo ops, sending love letters, and holding secret meetings with Xi, Kim Jong Un, and Putin. Now he's told Putin and Netanyahu to do what they please with Ukraine, Europe, and Gaza. Trump's never been more than a puppet.

Was the economy good? Were we wealthier? Until early 2020, the Obama economy cruised along carrying Trump for his first three years, with low inflation, low interest rates, low unemployment, and a rising stock market. Selective memories seem to be focused there. As soon as the fake strongman faced a real crisis, he crumpled like a paper doll.

Ah, yes, March 2020. The World Health Organization declared Covid-19 a pandemic. The Dow dropped 19% or almost 5000 points. Store shelves were empty. Broadway and Disneyland were shuttered. 20.5 million jobs were lost in April alone.

By the end of 2020, GDP was negative 5.1%, unemployment was 6.3%, the federal debt rose from \$14 to \$21 trillion, illegal immigration increased, the US murder rate rose to the highest level since 1997, and the international trade deficit (that Trump promised to reduce) increased 40.5%.

Were we healthier? In March 2020, there were 121,653 confirmed Covid cases. Medical personnel did not have enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Individuals were making masks and donating rubber gloves. Doctors were wearing trash bags. Refrigerator trucks served as overflow morgues.

Faced with an actual crisis rather than playing a strongman on TV, Trump blustered and blabbered. "We have it totally under control," he said. He refused to wear a mask himself because it made him look weak. Mask wearing, he said, "Somehow, I don't see it for myself."

Trump refused any responsibility. "No one could have seen this coming." "It came out of nowhere." In 2018, Trump dismantled the National Security Council pandemic directorate. "I don't take responsibility at all," Trump said.

Trump refused to use the federal government to ramp up PPE production, "The federal government's not supposed to be out there buying vast amounts of items and then shipping," Trump said. "You know, we're not a shipping clerk."

Instead of listening to doctors, scientists and the CDC, Trump played Dr. Quack, prescribing hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, suggesting injecting bleach, and hitting the body with "very powerful light."

He was a shield for anti-science. Trump's inability to lead created an excess of 461,100 Covid deaths. Almost a half million people need not have died if Trump had thought less about how he could look strong and more about how he could help the country.

As a side note and a sop to his evangelical voters, Trump appointed 3 conservative Supreme Court justices who overturned Roe v Wade, depriving American women of the right to pregnancy-related health care, control of their own bodies, and reproductive freedom.

Were we safer? By mid-2020, Trump knew that his response to the pandemic was rapidly undermining his re-election chances. In August, he began warning, "The only way we're going to lose this election is if this election is rigged." There was a steady drumbeat of rigged election claims right through election night when he declared, "This is a fraud on the American public. Frankly, we did win this election. We want all voting to stop."

Trump's claims about "massive election fraud," repeated by Republican lawmakers and amplified by right-wing media incited the violence of white supremacist extremists. The "very fine people" Trump had told to "Stand Back and Stand By" were ready to roll. "Big protest in DC on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!" Trump's troops stormed the Capitol and tried to take down our democracy.

FAST FORWARD TO 2024 - Under President Biden, the economy has healed. Nearly 15 million jobs have been added. Unemployment is 3.9%. The GDP increased 2.5% in 2023. 420,000 manufacturing jobs have been added. The stock markets are at records highs; the S&P 500 is up 34% since Biden took office.

Yes, your groceries cost more, but if Trump were president, your groceries would still cost more – it's a world-wide problem. Good news - under Biden, wages are rising faster than inflation. There was one triumph in November 2020. We elected Joe Biden by 7 million votes, 52.4% to 46.9%, with a clear electoral college majority.

Yet somehow, 4 years later, Trump is still with us. Like a plague, he is a pall hanging over our democracy. 30% of Americans believe the lie that Trump won in 2020. You can't work for the RNC unless you spout the lie. Elections are fake.

Only Trump can win. Millions of Trump followers are now willing to undertake, support, or excuse political violence. Death threats to election workers, judges, and politicians increase whenever Trump is mentioned.

The Trump Party (TP) struggles to control the House of Representatives and impede our elected government at every turn. Are we better off than we were in 2020?

The year Donald Trump organized the overthrow of our democracy? And began his anti-democratic march to finish the job? That year? Say No to political violence, No to a second term.

Say yes to democracy, yes to free and fair elections, Yes to Biden/Harris 2024.

We must never let Trump back in the White House.