

This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Aunt Jinny Lees Plantation Recipes: Shades o' sugar cane! What a time we do have supplying husky young appetites with enough "in between" bites. Now as a rule I don't believe in feeding children between meals but when you have a crop of lively jumpin' jacks around the place like we have you've just got to so something to keep 'em goin'. We find one way to appease them until meal time is to give them several little ginger snaps or vanilla wafers. These are not heavy and yet they will fill up the children until meal time. Course we don't buy 'em at the store! We make 'em ourselves and they taste every mite as good if not better than those bought at the stores. Here is the Snappy Ginger Snaps recipe: Rub ½ cup butter together with ½ cup fat, add 1 cup brown sugar, a cup of molasses and a well beaten egg. Sift a teaspoonful of ginger, one of cloves and one of cinnamon together with enough self-rising flour or hot water until the dough gets to the right consistency for rolling out real thin. Place in buttered tins. Let this stand ten minutes and then bake in a moderate oven.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: Meeting Held By Legion Auxiliary: An interesting meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held in the Legion Home, Tuesday evening, April 12. Mrs. Velma Kemper president presiding. Mrs. Pearl Sampson was voted membership.

Final plans were completed for the Cabot dinner, April 29 and the Woman's Club dinner, May 3. Mrs. Sue Ayers was named to represent the Auxiliary at the Little Kanawha Regional Council meetings. A check of \$4.00 from Mrs. Virginia Pike Department secretary was received for membership quota due in before Marh 1. A number of members signified their intention of attending the 3rd District Spring Conference to be held in Weston May 4, also Parkersburg, April 24 honoring the Reginal President, Mrs. Hubert Goode. Mrs. Verle Stewart, Mrs. Grace Haught and Mrs. Nora Lee Stemple were named as nominating committee to select members for the coming year.

The highlight of the evening was the Easter hat parade and the judges, Gail Nutter, L.C. Hamilton, Jr. and Andy Stemple were unable to make a selection as the various models exhibited but honorable mention was made of Mrs. Effie Bickerstaff, Mrs. Virginia Tucker, Mrs. Nina Percy and Mrs. Nell Stiers. Final decision will be made Wednesday night at the dinner honoring the state Commander Wilson. Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Velma Kemper, Nina Percy, Sue Ayers, Gracie Fogle, Grace Haught, Margaret Blosser, Genevieve Conner, Loverne Powell, Norm Lee Stemple, Willa Stump, Nell Stiers, Eleanor Johnson, Verle Stewart, Effie Bickerstaff, Nell Hamilton, Dessie Davis and Virginia Tucker.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: Craftsmen and Musicians Are Invited For Mountain Heritage Day: Mountain Hertiage is a word, as Calhoun high school students plan and prepare for their third annual Mountain Heritage Day to be held at the high school April 26. If you feel any trace of mountain blood in your bones or you have a hankering to learn of mountain folk ways and culture, come to the school and see what the students have planned. The activities will begin approximately at noon time and will last throughout the day. Loof for a time schedule to be posted in this newspaper later.

The students planning committee has secured outstanding craftsmen and musicians to appear at the Mountain Heritage day. The craftsmen will be exhibiting mountain articles as well as demonstrating their particular skills throughout the afternoon and evening.

Charles C. Scott, well-known are instructor at Glenville State College, will be featured in pottery demonstrations. Scott has received the Craftsman USA National Merit Award for his professional excellence in ceramics. He has exhibited his work at the West Virginia Arts and Crafts Fair, the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and in many public exhibitions in the eastern United States. His ceramic work has been purchased by museums and is in the private collection of a former president, a well-known author and at least 13 governors.

Mike Bailey, Gilmer County high school student, will display some of the remarkable woodworking projects he has completed. Although Mike is a young craftsman, he has made several walnut spinning wheels and has back orders for several more. In addition to making new spinning wheels, Mike also repairs antique wheels. Throughout the day Mike can be seen demonstrating his ability at the spinning wheel.

Virginia McTeer, 4-H Agent with the West Virginia University Extension Service from Wood County, will display and demonstrate vegetable dyeing. Mrs. McTeer uses native West Virginia materials such as lichens and walnut hulls to obtain beautiful colors for yarn dyeing. Mrs. McTeer holds a masters degree in Appalachian Crafts from East Tennessee State University.

William Gerhold, is a well-known West Virginia artist whose paintings reflect the mood of the land of American and its people Gerhold is an artist teacher at Marietta College where he is chairman of the Art Department. Listed in Who's Who in American Art, his painting have won countless awards and his work is presented in 21 state, Australia and Canada.

Other craftsmen appearing are: Charles Brown, Huntington, spring pole lathe wood turning; Genus Cottrell, Ivydale, wood crafts; Virginia Duckworth, Mineral Wells, apple and corn husk dolls; Lillian Umstead, Grantsville, dolls; Betty Krugman, Effie Mills and Ruth Holbert, quilting.

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.)

Tues., April 16: calico beans, kale, whole wheat cornbread, fruit	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.
Wed., April 17: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, onion, whole wheat roll, fruit	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.
Thurs., April 18: salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread, banana pudding	
Fri., April 19: lasagna, vegetables, whole wheat	

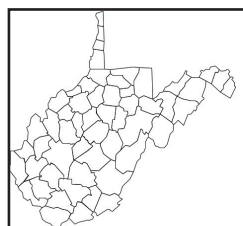
carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread, applesauce.

WV State Treasury Office will conduct an

Unclaimed Property Search at the Calhoun Committee

On Aging on April 24th at 10 am

April 24th @ 10:00 am at the CCCOA the 'WV State Treasury Office will be conducting unclaimed asset searches for Calhoun and surrounding area residents, and helping process claims. We will also have information available for SMART529 Education saving plan \$100 deposits for children under one year old, or under one year of being adoption. Please add this date to your calendar and stop in between 10am and Noon for assistance and information.



This Week In West Virginia History

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April 11, 1821: Congressman Jacob Beeson Blair was born in Parkersburg. Blair was the first West Virginian to be told by President Abraham Lincoln of Lincoln's support for making West Virginia a state.



April 13, 1873: Lawyer, diplomat and 1924 Democratic candidate John William Davis was born in Clarksburg. Davis argued 141 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

His last case was one of the most controversial, when he argued in 1952 to continue racial segregation in South Carolina.



April 13, 1951: Sculptor Bill Hopen was born. The Sutton artist's works appear in government buildings, museums, churches, and hospitals around West Virginia, across the nation, and abroad.

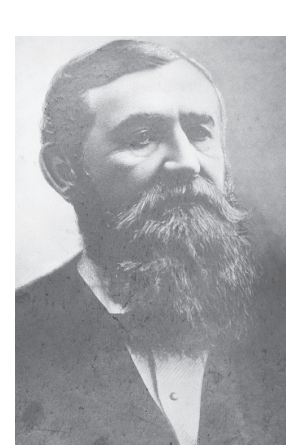
April 14, 1774: Surveyors met at the mouth of the Kanawha River to establish military bounty claims in Kentucky. They became involved in several skirmishes with Indians in the region. This was the start of Dunmore's War, the name given to the conflict in the Ohio Valley in the spring of 1774.



April 15, 1872: Peter Godwin Van Winkle died in Parkersburg.

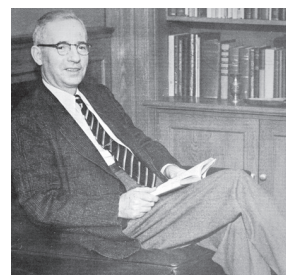
Van Winkle was a member of the Governor's Council of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, 1861-63, under Gov. Francis Pierpont.

On August 4, 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of West Virginia's first two U.S. senators.



April 16, 1829: Jacob Beeson Jackson was born in Parkersburg.

In 1881, he became West Virginia's sixth governor.



April 16, 1894: Leonard Rigglesman was born in a Randolph County cabin. As president of Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston), he moved the school to Charleston in 1935 and led the college to accreditation in 1958.



April 16, 1923: Arch Moore was born in Moundsville. He was the first governor in 100 years to serve a second term, and he returned later for a third. He also was the second former governor to serve federal prison time.

April 17, 1827: Outdoorsman William "Squirrelly Bill" Carpenter was born on the Elk River near the mouth of Laurel Creek. Carpenter guided prominent West Virginians, including Gov. MacCorkle, through the wonders of the Elk Valley.

April 17, 1871: West Virginians approved the Flick Amendment, which allowed former Confederates to vote. It also applied to formerly enslaved people, but they had been enfranchised already by the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



April 17, 1972: Actress Jennifer Garner was born in Houston but grew up in Charleston, appearing in various stage productions.

Now a leading actress in film, television, and theater, she won both a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild award for her role in the show Alias.



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Op-Ed by Gaylen Duskey 304-354-7227

In between the time this was written and its publication we had a solar eclipse, and we are all talking about it and how we watched it and how it felt. Maybe.

If some of those conspiracy theories surrounding the eclipse are true then we all could be dead or facing the final apocalypse or prison of the Chinese or our own government.

What are some of the top theories:

- * Lizard men will come out of the darkness. Yeah.
- * Seven towns named Ninevah will be in the eclipse path filling some kind of prophecy since the Ninevah of the Bible was considered an evil town. To begin with there are only six town in the United States named Ninevah. Only Ninevah, Ohio, and Ninevah, Ind., are in the path.
- * The Chinese will follow the eclipse into the country since that is the way their spy balloon went. Wrong. The balloon went west to east, and the eclipse is going south to north.
- * Animals will go insane. Maybe but it is really only confusion by the change from day to night back to day in a few short minutes causing that.
- * It could become cold and windy which some feel is God casting a pall on earth. Wrong. This is just nature for it to be colder and perhaps windier during periods of darkness.
- * Radio and telephone signals may be affected. Very possible but they also quickly clear up.
- * The eclipse will make the whole world go dark from three to five days.
- * The government is planning to institute martial law since they have been activating guardsmen. No, this is just for crowd control if needed since some small towns will have their populations skyrocket because of people coming in to see the eclipse.

* Then there is the great 48 theory people say the east coast earthquake was a 4.8 on the Richter Scale, they say to read Exodus 4:8, read all books chapter 4 and verse 8 in the Bible. A stretch? My birth year was 48 is that special?

There are a lot of bizarre ideas about the eclipse but for me it could be or was the best day of my life. Why? I because I woke up in the morning and I was still alive.

One great eclipse story from the 1904 eclipse, the last total eclipse to hit Ohio was recounted in a story in the Springfield Sun.

Quoting from the story in the Sun: “Before the April 8 solar eclipse happens, let’s take a look at the last time this area experienced a total solar eclipse 218 years ago.

“Some historians say that the 1806 Eclipse contributed to the start of the War of 1812. And an interesting story that is.

“The total eclipse on June 13, 1806 is also known as the Tecumseh Eclipse.

“The year 1806 was a turbulent time in Ohio and the Northwest Territory immediately to its west and north. Although Ohio had become a state in 1803, the northwest corner of the state belonged to the Shawnee and other tribes. The Greenville Treaty had allowed for them to live there peacefully. A cautious peace existed.

“But things were different next door in the Indiana Territory. General William Henry Harrison in Vincennes was having problems with a group of Native Americans led by Tecumseh and his brother Tenskwatawa (The Prophet).”

“Tecumseh had refused to sign the Greenville Treaty in 1795 and wanted to fight to push all settlers back east. He was urging other tribes to join him in a mighty coalition. The Prophet had hundreds of devotees who followed his every word, and the crowd was growing.

“In spring of 1806, Harrison was so fed up with Tenskwatawa’s theatrics that were disrupting the peace that he sent a letter to the two Shawnee brothers.”

“In his letter, Harrison wrote: “If he (the Prophet) is really a prophet, ask him to cause the Sun to stand still or the Moon to alter its course, the rivers to cease to flow or the dead to rise from their graves.”

“According to accounts in “The Frontiersman” and “Sorrow in the Heart” by Allan W. Eckert, this is how it happened:

“When the letter was received by the brothers, they met alone then later emerged with an answer.

“The Prophet told his followers that in exactly 50 days he would make the moon cover the sun and it would be as dark as night. The word spread quickly to all the tribes in the region. The Prophet had promised to prove his power.”

“Just before noon on June 13, 1806, the Great Eclipse of 1806 began. No one on the frontier had ever seen anything like that before. Standing in front of his cabin, The Prophet had made the moon block the sun.

“The entire dramatic event was awe-inspiring to his followers. Those who once doubted The Prophet now knew for sure that he spoke with authority and his predictions were real. Tenskwatawa and Tecumseh gained greatly in power.

“And the situation between Harrison and the two Shawnee leaders dramatically worsened. Eventually this growing animosity led to the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, which led to the War of 1812.

“Before writing his letter, Harrison had missed the repeated printed announcements of the upcoming eclipse in the newspapers of places like Lexington, Kentucky (on June 25, 1805). Newspapers at that time were shared with others and carried by flatboats and wagons. Even old news was valued.

“Tecumseh, who was an avid reader, might have caught the printed announcement in any number of publications.

“Accounts in the Virginia Argus in Richmond (Oct. 27 and Nov. 7, 1804, and March 27 and April 10, 1805), the Annapolis Maryland Gazette (Feb. 7, 1805), in addition to the Lexington newspaper talked about the eclipse.”

A special thank you to Pam Cottrel a contributing writer who wrote the story from which I stole quite liberally because the story illustrates how foolish many of today’s conspiracy theories are.

Personally, I think about an eclipse we had in Charlottesville, Va., when I was working at the Daily Progress newspaper. I was pretty good friends with Lawson Marshall the editor and I went into his office and declared if I didn’t get a raise I would turn the sun off. He told me to get out.

A little late when the eclipse was going on a beam of light came though the skylight and lit on a can of Zud cleanser sitting on the universal desk (that’s the desk the page layout editors work at while producing the newspaper) and a couple of the editors bowed toward it getting everybody to bow to the “Zud God.”

It was just then that Lawson walked out of his office, looked at the editors bowing and said, “don’t tell me I don’t want to know.”

So if you followed one of those apocalyptic theories don’t tell me I don’t want to know. And if it came true you probably aren’t reading this. Until next time stay safe but don’t live life in a bubble.

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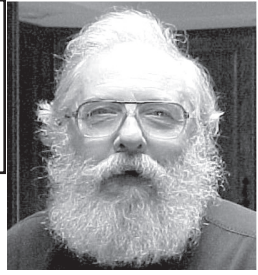
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Creston News

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

Several Creston area residents were among the over 78 folks who attended the candidate Meet & Greet Saturday in Elizabeth. County Assessor Keith Wilson held a very successful pie auction. Both candidates, Mike Stuart & J. B. McCusker, for Atty. General were present as was Chris Warner who is running for Sec. of State. Caleb Hanna the candidate the “powers that be” hate for state auditor was present & gave a very good presentation. Derrick Evans, who is running to retire RINO congresswoman Carol Miller explained why she needs to go back home and help with the family used car lot as Mrs. Miller recently proved that she is part of the deep state. Both candidate for the W. Va. House of Delegates were present and gave good talks. Also the local Wirt County candidates were present and several noted that they were glad to have the chance to see, meet and talk with local candidates that they did not know.

On Tuesday the big storm hit with downed trees, no electric, telephone or internet. The Cherry section (mouth of Chestnut Run) was hit hard as were other sections in both Wirt & Calhoun counties [and elsewhere]. While the river was up there was no flooding like in Marietta Ohio and other Ohio River communities. Both W. Va. Route 5 and the Richardsonville road were closed for a time. The April Creston Community Building was postponed until April 9 and it was duly noted “until after the eclipse”.

Cap’n Spock motored to Apollo Pennsylvania to have Frank Gazzo’s crew put a new tarp on his big chariot. The job cost less than \$4,000 compared to the \$12,000 price over in Ritchie County. It was noted that Pennsylvania had highways that were like washboards. Perhaps the green weenies there want folks to “use other means” to travel. Maybe a few could ride brooms but ordinary folks have few if any alternatives.

Kathy Arthur has been on the sick list.

Local residents have been getting polling calls concerning the primary election next month. One call was obviously on the behalf of Skaff, the liberal fellow who wants no voter ID and same day registration as is done where charter buses bring voters from precinct to precinct, county to county and state to state.

It was reported that the State of Tennessee has banned the addition of M-RNA additions to food as had been pushed by Bill Gates. Gates & his buddy Dr. Fauci want to ban people saying “bad things (like the truth)” about them and their nefarious schemes. Those who took the Jabs now may have their life spans reduced by 25 years and now there is the talk of the new disease to strike about election time. Pure coincidence don’t cha know?

Spring beauties, phlox, violets and blue bells are in their glory. The big blue bell patch is along the river just upstream from the mouth of Nettle Run on W. Va. 5.

One local resident when she went to get her prescription was told that she could only get part as there are major shortages of life saving medicines with no solution in sight. Perhaps it is not a good idea to rely upon an avowed enemy to supply America’s needs. It would seem that bribes to the big guy work but not for U. S. citizens.

Mike Shaver’s Mountain V announced the purchase of AXP Energy that has wells in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and the Illinois basin.

Natural gas from Creston that is 18% ethane fetched just \$1.60/mcf. New drilling permits have pretty much dried up although CNX & Antero are obviously contemplating more Marcellus wells to the north & east of the Creston area.

As a result, so we are told, of Iran’s threat to Israel the price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$85.91/bbl. with condensate fetching \$67.91/bbl. Marcellus & Utica light was \$76.91 and medium \$85.91/bbl. Seems that the Big Eared One’s hatred for Israel and that nation’s leader and his love for Iran even impact Creston. The ruling junta sold the oil in the national petroleum reserve to China and now it is said the reserve will not be filled. Such was to be for war & real emergencies.

Recipe Corner by Emma Howell

BEST HAM SANDWISHES

2 -12 packages of sweet hawaiian rolls (the small dinner roll looking ones)

1 1/2 lbs of virginia ham (NOT honey ham)

12 slices swiss cheese

1 stick of real butter

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon Garlic Powder

1 teaspoon Onion Powder

1 teaspoon poppy seeds

Directions:

You will need two 9 x 13 pans. Place the bottoms of 12 rolls in each pan. Place ham (about 2 shaved slices or so) on the rolls. Cut the cheese slices into 4 parts and place 2 small pieces on each sandwich.

Put the dinner roll tops on. In a sauce pan, mix butter, worcestershire sauce, onion powder, garlic powder and poppy seeds. Wait until all butter is melted and then brush the melted mixture over the ham sandwiches. Cover with foil and let sit in fridge for 1 hour or over night. (If you want to bake them right away, you can also.) Preheat oven to 375 and bake for 15 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve. They are great hot and even at room temperature Enjoy!

Cherry Cheese Coffee Cake & Filling

2 pkg (8 oz each) refrigerated crescent rolls

1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup powdered sugar

1 egg

1/2 tsp vanilla or almond extract

1 can (21 oz) cherry pie filling

Glaze:

1/2 cup powdered sugar

2-3 tps milk

DIRECTIONS: Preheat oven to 350°F. Unroll crescent dough. Separate into 16 triangles, reserving 4 triangles for decoration. On Large Round Stone with Handles, arrange 12 triangles in a circle with wide ends toward the outside edge of baking stone and points toward the center. (Points will not meet.) Using lightly floured Baker’s Roller, roll dough to a 14-inch circle, pressing seams together to seal and leaving a 3-in. hole in center.

For filling, in Classic Batter Bowl, combine cream cheese, powdered sugar, egg and vanilla; mix until smooth using Classic Scraper. Spread cream cheese mixture over dough to within 1/2 in. of edges; top with pie filling.

Using Pizza Cutter, cut each remaining triangle into thirds starting at the wide end opposite the point and cutting lengthwise to the point. Arrange dough strips evenly in spoke-like fashion over filling. Press ends to seal at center and outer edges. Bake 25-30 minutes or until golden brown; cool slightly.

For glaze, mix powdered sugar and milk until smooth; drizzle over coffee cake using V-Shaped Cutter.

Cut into 12 pieces and serve warm using Mini-Serving Spatula.

Yield:12 servings

Please enjoy this week’s recipe’s. If you are looking for something in particular please email contact@calhouncronicle.com or mail your request to PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147.

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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.

Table with 3 columns: Category, (\$) INCREASE, INCREASE (%). Rows include Residential, Commercial, and Resale.

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.

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."

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Parks Metheny 1086 Noble Road Big Springs, WV 26137 DOB: 10/10/2000 Respondent

Magistrate Court Case No. 24-MO7D-00006 Family Court Civil Action No. 24-DV-6

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

- 1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent. 2. 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.

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.

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

Sheila R. Brantton Circuit Clerk

New Books at the Calhoun Library

Submitted by Caitlen Weaver

ADULT FICTION: Still See You Everywhere by: Lisa Gardner; Expiration Dates by: Rebecca Serle; The #1 Lawyer by: James Patterson; Good Half Gone by: Tarryn Fisher; Happily Never After by: Lynn Painter; The Lost Book of Bonn by: Brianna Labuskes; The Truth About the Devlins by: Lisa Scottoline; The Wild Side by: Fern Michaels; She's Not Sorry by: Mary Kubica; The Trail of Lost Hearts by: Tracey Garvis Graves; The Bullet Swallower by: Elizabeth Gonzalez James; Everyone is Watching by: Heather Gudenkauf; Tourist Season by: Brenda Novak; A Short Walk Through a Wide World by: Douglas Westerbeke and The Reaper Follows by: Heather Graham

NON-FICTION: Butt or Face?: Revenge of the Butts by: Kari Lavelle and Poetry Comics by: Grant Snider

INSPIRATIONAL: Blessings from Acorn Hill by: Judy Baer; A Love Discovered by: Tracie Peterson; Love, Unscripted by: Denise Hunter; One Last Shot by: Susan May Warren and The Irish Matchmaker by: Jennifer Deibel

LARGE PRINT: Two Dead Wives by: Adele Parks; The Guest by: B.A.; In the Likely Event by: Rebecca Yarros; Kill For Me, Kill For You by: Steve Cavanagh; The Women by: Kristin Hannah; The Trail of Lost Hearts by: Tracey Garvis Graves; Redemption in Amish Country and What Waits in the Woods by: Terri Parlato

JUVENILE FICTION: The Scarlet Shedder by: Dav Pilkey

CHILDREN'S: Pinkalicious: Kittens! Kittens! Kittens! by: Victoria Kann; A Unicorn, a Dinosaur, and a Shark Were Riding a Bicycle by: Jonathan Fenske; My Thoughts Have Wings by: Maggie Smith; Do You Know Them? by: Shana Keller; Is This a House for Hermit Crab? by: Megan McDonald; Not Perfect by: Maya Myers; The Red Fruit by: Lee Gee Eun; Gnome & Rat: Time to Party! by: Lauren Stohler; Trim Sets Sail by: Deborah Hopkinson; Frog Can Hop by: Laura Gehl; The Good Little Mermaid's Guide to Bedtime by: Eija Sumner; Animal Albums by: Cece Bell and Penelope Rex & the Problem with Pets by: Ryan T. Higgins

From The Office of WV Secretary of State Mac Warner

April 4, 2024 -Charleston, W. Va. – The WV Secretary of State’s Office announced today that it has produced and published a new poll worker training video series ahead of the May 14 Primary Election.

Development of the new training curriculum began in July of 2023 after WV Secretary of State Mac Warner announced the project at the biennial County Clerk’s Training Conference. Since then, staff members at WVSOS have diligently collaborated with several of the state’s county clerks to design a 27-part video series that comprehensively covers all Election Day responsibilities for poll workers.

Each video segment combines animated cartoons depicting common polling place scenarios with live-action equipment demonstrations that give technical guidance from a hands-on perspective. Segments cover only one subject at a time and range from one to five minutes to keep the information succinct and easy to comprehend.

“The beauty of voting in person is that you gain confidence from casting your ballot under the watchful eye of trained poll workers,” said Secretary of State Mac Warner. “My Office has gone to great lengths to ensure the clerks have access to the best and most comprehensive training material possible for this critical election cycle.”

The entire video series is available to stream online and at any time through the WV Secretary of State’s YouTube page. Additionally, over 250 DVD copies are being mailed to county clerks and municipal election officials.

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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;

Table with 3 columns: Decedent, Personal Representative, Address. Rows include Eleanor Marie Caltabiano, Vere Harols Brannon, Charity Lynn Holbert, Loris Bailey Jarvis, Walter R. Palmer, and Freeda Tucker.

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 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.

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, Clerk Calhoun County Commission

West Virginia Weekly Gas Price Update

Average gasoline prices in West Virginia have risen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.41/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 1,154 stations in West Virginia.

Prices in West Virginia are 14.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 15.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 3.1 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.02 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in West Virginia was priced at \$2.87/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.79/g, a difference of 92.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.87/g while the highest was \$3.79/g, a difference of 92.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 6.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.57/g today. The national average is up 17.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 0.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in West Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Price (U.S. Average). Rows from April 8, 2023 to April 8, 2014.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Pittsburgh- \$3.85/g, up 11.2 cents per gallon from last week’s \$3.73/g.

Charleston- \$3.42/g, unchanged from last week’s \$3.42/g.

Virginia- \$3.46/g, up 2.8 cents per gallon from last week’s \$3.43/g.

“After a brief break, gas prices have leapt back up, driven by extensive refinery maintenance on the West Coast, where prices have increased notably; only a handful of states have seen prices decline over the last week,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“With oil prices rising to nearly \$87 per barrel last week, their highest since October, we are not only facing the seasonal factors that push prices up—refinery maintenance, the switch to summer gasoline, and rising demand—but also escalating crude oil prices as OPEC’s production cuts continue to cause declining global oil inventories, with escalations between Iran and Israel adding to concerns of further destabilization.

The West Coast is likely to see gas prices continue to jump, and in a week or so, will be joined by the mid-Atlantic and Northeast states as they wrap up the transition to summer gasoline.”

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy’s survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://prices.GasBuddy.com.

WIC Clinic Information

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of five.

WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County.

To apply for the WIC Program or to receive more information call our local office at 304-354-6898 or our main office in Parkersburg at 304- 428-3688.

The WIC Clinic is located at 300 Mill Street, Grantsville and is open every Wednesday in April from 8:00AM-4:00PM.

Please call the office if you have an appointment or a question about your benefits.

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card; Brian E. Young; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00005; Justin H Bordas; 61-5-17(f) Fleeing from law enforcement office in vehicle showing a reckless indifference to safety; Sheriff Of Calhoun Co. Graham J Knight; Richard Postalwait; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00133; Steven Michael Clark; 17A-09-03 Improper use of evidence of registration (misdemeanor); WC State Police-Grantsville, David C Moore TFC; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00012; Austin Lee Bailey; 61-6-20 False Reporting of an Emergency; Sheriff of Calhoun Co., C.R. Stephens (Deputy); Richard Postalwait; No Contest per Plea Agreement.	Transferred to Circuit Court.
24-M07F-00002; Raymond Atkinson III; 61-3-24a(b) Attempted or fraudulent use credit card; Brian E. Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 17C-5-2(c) DUI Resulting in serious injury; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00133; Steven Michael Clark; 17C-15-1 Defective Equipment; WC State Police - Grantsville, David C Moore TFC; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00013; Austin Lee Bailey; 60A-4-401(c) Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription; Sheriff of Calhoun Co., C.R. Stephens (Deputy); Richard Postalwait; No Contest per Plea Agreement.	24-M07M-00058; Justin H Bordas; 61-5-17(e) Fleeing or attempting to flee from law enforcement officer in vehicle; Sheriff of Calhoun Co. Graham J Knight; Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.
24-M07F-00002; Raymond Atkinson III; 61-3-24a(b) Attempted or fraudulent use credit card; Brian E. Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 17C-5-2(c) DUI Resulting in serious injury; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00274; Austin Shane Twilley; 17C-7-1(a) Failure to drive on right side of road; WV State Police - Grantsville, Christopher J Weekley Sgt; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00027; Heather Allen; 17C-16-9 Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WV State Police - Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07M-00059; Justin H Bordas; 61-2-10b(d) Battery on gov't representatives, health care providers, utility workers, law-enforcement; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.
24-M07F-00002; Raymond Atkinson III; 61-3-24a(b) Attempted or fraudulent use credit card; Brian E. Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 17C-5-2(c) DUI Resulting in serious injury; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00286; Donna V Richards; 17C-16-9 Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WV State Police - Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07M-00027; Heather Allen; 17C-16-9 Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WV State Police - Spencer, B.Q. Turner; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07M-00060; Justin H Bordas; 61-5-17(a) Obstruct law-enforcement, probation, parole, court security, corrections officer w/ thre; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.
24-M07F-00002; Raymond Atkinson III; 61-3-24a(b) Attempted or fraudulent use credit card; Brian E. Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00286; Donna V Richards; 17A-3-16(a) Expired motor vehicle registration; WV State Police - Grantsville, Nathan S Stepp; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07M-00043; James B Smith; 17C-16-9 Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00064; Malissa D Alvis; 17C-16-9 Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WV State Police - Grantsville, Josh Richards; Lora Davis; Dismissed.
24-M07F-00002; Raymond Atkinson III; 61-3-24a(b) Attempted or fraudulent use credit card; Brian E. Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00287; Terry R Settle; 20-2-22 Fail to Field Tag; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb; Lora Davis; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.	24-M07M-00043; James B Smith; 17C-6-1 MR Forward 1 of 2 rear Speeding 64 MPH in a 55 MPH; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00064; Malissa D Alvis; 17A-3-16(a) Expired motor vehicle registration; WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards; Lora Davis; Dismissed.
24-M07F-00002; Raymond Atkinson III; 61-3-24a(b) Attempted or fraudulent use credit card; Brian E. Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00287; Terry R Settle; 20-1-17(b)(7) No Class N Stamp; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb; Lora Davis; Guilty Plea.	24-M07M-00043; James B Smith; 17C-6-1 MR Forward 1 of 2 rear Speeding 64 MPH in a 55 MPH; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00065; Timothy Jay Sutro; 20-2-27(a) Hunt or fish without a license; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb; Lora Davis; Guilty Plea.
24-M07F-00004; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 17C-5-2(c) DUI causing serious bodily injury; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00287; Terry R Settle; 20-2-4(a) Illegal Possession of Wildlife; DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb; Lora Davis; Guilty Plea	24-M07M-00053; Stephen C Houchin; 17C-6-1(b)(3) Speeding on open country highway; WV State Police - Grantsville, Josh Richards; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00068; Caitlin Marie Wade; 17A-9-2(a) Operation of vehicle without evidence of registration; Sheriff of Calhoun County, C.R. Stephens (Deputy); Lora Davis; Dismissed.
24-M07F-00004; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 17C-5-2(c) DUI causing serious bodily injury; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00290; Gary Lee Settle; 20-2-27 Kill deer w/o license; DNR Law Enforcement Division, William A Phillips; Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.	24-M07M-00054; Paul Dewayne Cadle; 17C-5-2 DUI - 1 st Offense; Sheriff of Calhoun County, J.B. Hunt (Deputy); Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00068; Caitlin Marie Wade; 17C-16-9 Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; Sheriff of Calhoun County, C.R. Stephens (Deputy); Lora Davis; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.
24-M07F-00004; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 17C-5-2(c) DUI causing serious bodily injury; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00290; Gary Lee Settle; 20-2-4(a) Illegal Possession of Wildlife; DNR Law Enforcement Division, William A Phillips; Richard Postalwait; Guilty - Plea Agreement.	24-M07M-00055; George Earl King; 17A-3-16(a) Expired Motor vehicle registration; WV State Police - Grantsville, Josh Richards; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07M-00070; Ryan Burdette; 17C-16-9 Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Dismissed.
24-M07F-00004; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 17C-5-2(c) DUI causing serious bodily injury; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00290; Gary Lee Settle; 20-7-7 Conspiracy to violate ch. 20; DNR Law Enforcement Division, William A Phillips; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00058; Justin H Bordas; 61-5-17(a) Obstruct law-enforcement, probation, parole, court security, corrections officer w/ thre; Sheriff of Calhoun Co. Graham J Knight; Richard Postalwait; Transferred to Circuit Court.	24-M07M-00086; Dakota A McCumbers; 17C-16-9 Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards; Richard Postalwait; Dismissed.
24-M07F-00004; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 17C-5-2(c) DUI causing serious bodily injury; WV State Police - Grantsville, Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Dismissed.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	24-M07F-00007; Jeffrey Allen Brannon; 61-8D-7(c) Gross child neglect resulting risk death; Brian E Young; Lora Davis; Preliminary Hearing Waived.	23-M07M-00290; Gary Lee Settle; 20-7-7 Conspiracy to violate ch. 20; DNR Law Enforcement Division, William A Phillips; Richard Postalwait; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.	24-M07M-00058; Justin H Bordas; 61-5-17(a) Obstruct law-enforcement, probation, parole, court security, corrections officer w/ thre; Sheriff of Calhoun Co. Graham J Knight; Richard Postalwait;	Please remember all persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**West Virginia
Poison Center,
1-800-222-1222**

Country Kitchen Music & Events

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

Hours

Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. -9 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.: 10 a.m. to Close
Thursday Nights Pool
Tournament
BIKER'S WELCOME!!!!



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.

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

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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.

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.

Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

**12 Step
Recovery
Meeting**

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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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 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.

New Testament Baptist Church

The BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

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

WE ARE ALL SINNERS.

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

WE WERE SENT A SAVIOR

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

WE CAN SIMPLY CONFESS & CALL

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

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

THE REASON HE CAME...

HE CAME FOR ONE REASON...YOU.

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

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

New Testament Baptist Church

15187 WV Highway 47 W

Smithville, WV 26178

Pastor Jim Lough - Assistant Pastor Nick Randolph

ntbcevoj@gmail.com

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Calhoun County High School Alumni Association

Contact Information

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association is in need of updated contact information to keep all alumni up-to-date on current events. Return the following information to CCHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11, Grantsville, WV 26147, or email to nikkiboatright@gmail.com.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Class Year _____

DONOR RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



My name is Kason Hupp. I am a freshman at WVU-P and working part-time at Texas Roadhouse. I was a three organ recipient in July 2005.

I was born on March 16, 2005 without a small intestine. I immediately was placed on the transplant list and by the time organs became available I needed a liver also. The Pancreas was just a bonus as I now have two.

I was in the hospital from July until November in 2005. At that time I returned to Grantsville.

For more information on organ donation visit: www.donatelife.net
www.donatelifewv.org



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Spring Sports Report

by Robert Bonar

The CCHS track team was idle last week, but are scheduled for two meets this week, at Roane County and Ritchie County High Schools. Next week, the Red Devils will participate in a meet at Doddridge County High School on Friday, March 19.

VARSITY TRACK SCHEDULE

4/9 Roane County Away
4/12 Ritchie County Away
4/19 Doddridge County Away
4/26 Charleston Gazette Relays Away

VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Record (2-4)
3/18 Wirt County 8-5 W Home
3/19 South Harrison 0-10 L Home
3/21 Braxton County 2-16 L Home
3/22 Wahama 1-11 L Away
3/23 Ritchie County 2-12 L Away
3/25 Doddridge County 11-8 W Home
4/8 Ritchie County Home
4/9 Doddridge County Away
4/11 South Harrison Away
4/13 Saint Marys Home
4/16 Braxton County Away
4/18 Webster County Home
4/19 Wahama Home
4/20 Paden City Away
4/20 Midland Trail Away*
4/22 Richwood Away
4/23 Clay County Home
4/24 Huntington St. Joseph Away
4/25 Gilmer County Away
4/29 Wirt County Away
4/30 Roane County Away
5/1 Huntington St. Joseph Home
* At Paden City

VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Record (0-5)
3/19 South Harrison 1-15 L Home
3/20 Roane County 0-8 L Away
3/21 Braxton County 11-14 L Home
3/27 Ritchie County 0-11 L Away
3/28 Clay County 0-16 L Away
4/2 Gilmer County Home
4/9 Doddridge County Away

4/10 Roane County Home
4/11 South Harrison Away
4/12 Wirt County Away
4/15 Gilmer County Away
4/16 Braxton County Away
4/18 Webster County Home
4/22 Ritchie County Home
4/23 Clay County Home
4/25 LKC Placement Away

Picture of 2024 Football Schedule is credited to Kevin Yeager Jr.

CMHS Senior Track Schedule

April Events

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!

CMHS Senior Softball Schedule

APRIL GAMES

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!!!

*Please be aware that the weather may interfere with schedule of games.

CALHOUN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

H 8/30 GILMER MILITARY APPRECIATION	A 9/6 BYE	A 9/13 WIRT	H 9/20 WAHAMA	H 9/27 TOLSIA	A 10/4 BUFFALO	H 10/11 CLAY	A 10/18 VALLEY WETZEL
			HOME COMING		BREAST GANGER AWARENESS		
			A 10/25 BRAXTON	A 11/1 WEBSTER	H 11/8 RITCHIE SENIOR NIGHT		

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 Home in the NYAP Building.

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.

Calhoun Youth Livestock Program

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.

WVPS suspends Grantsville's 60% rate increase request pending investigation of need

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

At as session of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA
in the City of Charleston on the 5th day of April, 2024.

CASE NO. 24-0329-W-MA

GRANTSVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT,
a municipal utility,

Investigation and suspension of increase in water rates
and charges as a result of petitions filed in accordance
with W.Va. Code 24-2-4b.

and

CASE NO. 24-0333-PWD-WI

MT. ZION PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
a public utility,

Complainant,

v.

TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE
a public utility,

Defendant.

and

CASE NO. 24-0337-PWD-WI

PLEASANT HILL PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
a public utility,

Complainant,

v.

GRANTSVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT,
a municipal utility,

Defendant.

enactment date.

The Commission is required to resolve a complaint governed by the statute within 120 days of filing. The Commission may toll the 120-day resolution period, however, "until the necessary information showing the basis of the rates, fees, and charges or other information as the commission considers necessary is filed."¹ Absent a tolling, the statutory resolution date for the Wholesale Complaint would be Thursday, August 1, 2024.

The PH Wholesale Complaint

The PH Wholesale Complaint is likewise governed by W. Va. Code §24-2-3(b). Pleasant Hill's complaint is dated April 2, 2024, but was not docketed by the Commission's Executive Secretary until April 4, 2024, the thirty-first day after Grantsville enacted the subject rate ordinance. However, due to severe storms and a large scale power outage that occurred in Charleston, West Virginia on April 2, 2024, the Commission's internet service, phone lines and fax machines became non-operational from approximately 11:30 a.m. on April 2, 2024 until power was restored. The Commission was not open for business from approximately noon on April 2, 2024 until the morning of April 4, 2024. Accordingly, the Commission is unable to determine whether, had the Commission been open for business, it would have received and docketed the Pleasant Hill complaint on the thirtieth day. The Commission will accord Pleasant Hill the benefit of the doubt and deem its complaint filed on April 3, 2024 and within the thirty-day statutory period.

Accordingly, absent a tolling, the statutory resolution date for the PH Wholesale Complaint would be Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Adjudication of the Municipal Appeal and the Wholesale Complaints

The three cases should be consolidated and processed on the same timeline because evaluation of each will impact evaluation of the other. However, if one case, but not all cases, is dismissed for any reason, the Commission will continue to process the others.

The applicable statutes for the three cases provide that the Commission may toll the statutory resolution periods until it receives necessary information to evaluate the rates at issue.

The Commission has reviewed the Grantsville ordinance and determined

¹ W. Va. Code §24-2-3(b)

5. The Commission must suspend the effective date of the Grantsville water ordinance under W.Va. Code §24-2-4b to a date that is 120 days from April 18, 2024. Also under W.Va. Code §24-2-4b, the Commission should toll the effective date of the ordinance to a date that is 120-days from April 18, 2024 or 120-days from the date Grantsville files the necessary information, whichever is later.

6. The Commission should toll the statutory resolution period for the Wholesale Complaints to a date that is 120-days from the date Grantsville files the necessary information - minus the number of days that have elapsed since April 3, 2024 (filing date of the Wholesale Complaints) to the date of this Order.

7. These cases should be referred to the ALJ Division.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the effective date of the Grantsville water rate ordinance and statutory resolution period of Case No. 24-0329-W-MA are suspended and are tolled until a date that is 120-days from April 18, 2024 or 120-days from the date Grantsville files the necessary information described in this Order, whichever is later.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Pleasant Hill Public Service District complaint docketed as Case No. 24-0337-W-WI on April 4, 2024, is deemed filed on April 3, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 120-day statutory resolution period applicable to Case Nos. 24-0333-PWD-WI and 24-0337-PWD-WI is tolled until a date that is 120-days from the date Grantsville files the necessary information described in this Order - minus the number of days that have elapsed since April 3, 2024 to the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these proceedings are consolidated and referred to the Division of Administrative Law Judges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED upon the filing by Grantsville of the necessary information described above, the ALJ Division shall issue a procedural order establishing for both cases that 1) the Staff report due date as 45 days from the date Grantsville files the necessary information - minus the number of days that have elapsed since April 3, 2024 to the date of this Order, 2) the recommended decision due date as 90 days from the date that Grantsville files the necessary information - minus the number of days that have elapsed since April 3, 2024 to the date of this Order, and 3) the statutory resolution date as 120 days from the

date that Grantsville files the necessary information - minus the number of days that that have elapsed since April 3, 2024 to the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the recommended decision due date calculated by the ALJ will not be extended except upon Commission determination that the due date was miscalculated or upon formal application to the Commission by the parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that he Executive Secretary serve this Order upon the Commission and its Staff by hand delivery, upon all parties of record who by electronic service and upon all other parties by United States Mail.

A True Copy, Teste,

Karen Buckley

Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary

COMMISSION ORDER SUSPENDING AND TOLLING RATE ORDINANCE AND REFERRING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

This Order suspends a water rate ordinance under W.Va. Code §24-2-4b, and tolls the statutory decision period as provided under W.Va. Code §§24-2-4b and 24-2-3(b), until the Commission has before it the necessary information showing the basis of rates, fees, and charges or other information as the Commission considers necessary.

BACKGROUND

On March 4, 2024, the Town of Grantsville (Grantsville) adopted a water utility ordinance increasing rates and charges by approximately sixty percent to water customers of Grantsville to become effective on April 18, 2024.

On April 1, 2024, the Commission received a petition of protest apparently signed by not less than twenty-five percent of Grantsville's water customers. The petition is docketed as Case No. 24-0329-W-MA (hereafter the Municipal Appeal). The petition requested suspension of any water rate increase and Commission review of the ordinance pursuant to W.Va. Code §24-2-4b and Rule 44 of the Commission Rules for the Construction and Filing of Tariffs, 150 C.S.R. 2. If Grantsville desires to challenge the validity of the petition, it should promptly do so.

On April 3, 2024, Mt. Zion Public Service District (Mt. Zion) a resale customer of Grantsville filed a formal complaint asserting, among other things, that the newly enacted resale rate is unjust, unreasonable, and not based primarily on cost of service. The Mt. Zion formal complaint is docketed as Case No. 24-0333-PWD-WI (hereafter the MZ Wholesale Complaint).

On April 4, 2024, the Commission Executive Secretary docketed a formal complaint dated April 2, 2024, of Pleasant Hill Public Service District (Pleasant Hill) a resale customer of Grantsville. The complaint asserts that the rate ordinance is excessive and requests that the Commission suspend and investigate the matter. The Pleasant Hill formal complaint is docketed as Case No. 24-0337-PWD-WI (hereafter the PH Wholesale Complaint).

The MZ Wholesale Complaint and the PH Wholesale Complaint shall be referred to collectively as the Wholesale Complaints.

that Grantsville has not filed information showing the basis of the rates, fees, and charges or other information that the Commission considers necessary in the form of either (1) evidence demonstrating that the increase to the wholesale customer(s) is consistent with the current relative costs reasonably allocable to the wholesale class, or, alternatively, (2) a class cost of service study demonstrating the rate required to cover the costs reasonably allocable to the wholesale class.²

For the Commission to evaluate item (1) or (2), it is also necessary for Grantsville to provide (3) an explanation of the proposed \$30,000 per year built into rates to pay the town general fund, including the total amount Grantsville owes the town general fund, documentation of the circumstances giving rise to the amounts such as formal action, minutes, or notifications of funding provided by the town general fund, and (4) Grantsville's backup support of the proforma adjustment to build \$50,000 per year into rates for capital improvements including an historical average of capital additions.

Because the Commission does not have before it the necessary information listed above, we will toll the 120-day statutory resolution periods in the Municipal Appeal and the Wholesale Complaints until such information is filed.

The Commission should refer these cases to the Division of Administrative Law Judges.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 1, 2024, the Commission received a petition of protest regarding Grantsville's ordinance adopted on March 4, 2024 to be effective on April 18, 2024, apparently signed by not less than twenty-five percent of Grantsville's water customers.

2. On April 3, 2024, Mt. Zion filed a formal complaint against Grantsville regarding the same Grantsville water rate ordinance.

3. On April 4, 2024, the Executive Secretary docketed a formal complaint of Pleasant Hill against the same Grantsville water rate ordinance.

4. The Commission was closed for business from approximately noon on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 until the morning of Thursday, April 4, 2024, and its internet, phone and fax service were non-operational from approximately 11:30 am

² ORDW Grantsville 24A

DISCUSSION

The Municipal Appeal

Although the Commission does not have primary ratemaking jurisdiction over municipally operated public utilities, W.Va. Code §24-2-4b(c) provides in relevant part:

[T]he commission shall review and approve or modify the rates and charges of ... municipally owned water and/or sewer utilities that are political subdivisions of the state and having less than 4,500 customers or annual combined revenues of less than \$3 million upon the filing of a petition within 30 days of the adoption of the ordinance or resolution changing the rates or charges by:

- (1) any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the commission a petition signed by no less than 25 percent of the customers served by the ... municipally owned water and/or sewer utility....

Pursuant to W.Va. Code §24-2-4b(d)(2), the filing of a Petition of protest that appears to consist of not less than twenty-five percent of Grantsville's water customers regarding an ordinance that would result in a rate increase of more than twenty-five percent of gross revenues, means that the law does not allow the rates to go into effect on the date stated in the ordinance. Instead, the law requires the Commission to suspend the rate increase for a period of 120 days for further proceedings. With suspension, and absent a tolling, the statutory resolution date for the Municipal Appeal would be Friday, August 16, 2024.

In addition to suspension, W.Va. Code §24-2-4b(b) states that if the Commission receives a petition of protest as described in subsections (c)(1), (2), or (3) of the statute, and the utility has not filed "information showing the basis of rates and charges and other information as the commission considers necessary, the suspension period limitation of 120-days and the 100-day period limitation for issuance of an order by a hearing examiner . . . is tolled until the necessary information is filed."

The Wholesale Complaints

The MZ Wholesale Complaint is governed by W. Va. Code §24-2-3(b). The statute requires that a wholesale customer file a complaint with the Commission within thirty days of enactment by the municipal utility's governing body. Mt. Zion filed its complaint on April 3, 2024, which is the thirtieth day from the March 4, 2024

on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 until power was restored.

5. The Grantsville ordinance filing does not contain the necessary information set forth in this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

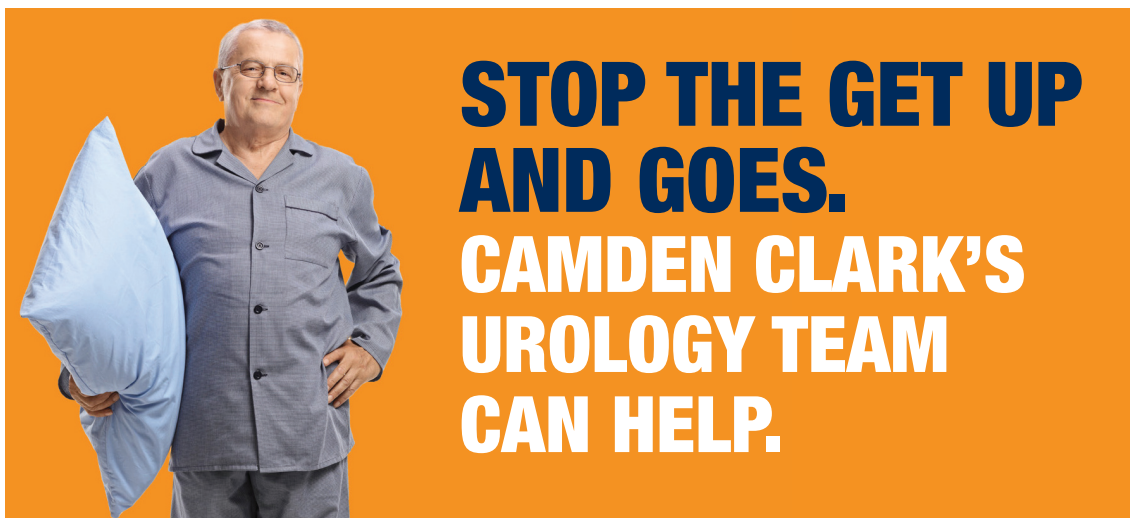
1. The Municipal Appeal and the Wholesale Complaints should be consolidated and processed on the same timeline because evaluation of each will impact evaluation of the other. If one case, but not all cases, is dismissed for any reason, the others will continue to be processed.

2. Resolution of the Municipal Appeal is governed by W.Va. Code §24-2-4b, and the Commission must resolve the complaint within a 120-day suspension period from the effective date stated in the ordinance, unless the Commission tolls the suspension period "until necessary information is filed."

3. Resolution of the complaints filed by Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill is governed by W.Va. Code §24-2-3(b), and the Commission must resolve the complaints within 120-days of filing. Provided, however, that the Commission may toll the 120-day resolution period "until the necessary information showing the basis of the rates, fees, and charges or other information as the commission considers necessary is filed."

4. The Commission should deem the PH Wholesale Complaint to have been filed on April 3, 2024, the thirtieth day from the date Grantsville enacted its ordinance, because the complaint is dated April 2, 2024, and the Commission was unable to receive filings on the latter part of the day on April 2, 2024, and all day on April 3, 2024.

5. Necessary information for the Commission to evaluate the Municipal Appeal and/or the Wholesale Complaints includes: (1) evidence demonstrating that the increase to the wholesale customer(s) is consistent with the current relative costs reasonably allocable to the wholesale class, or, alternatively, (2) a class cost of service study demonstrating the rate required to cover the costs reasonably allocable to the wholesale class; (3) an explanation of the proposed \$30,000 per year built into rates to pay the town general fund, including the total amount Grantsville owes the town general fund, documentation of the circumstances giving rise to the amounts, such as formal action, minutes, or notifications of funding provided by the town general fund; and (4) Grantsville's backup support of the proforma adjustment to build \$50,000 per year into rates for capital improvements including an historical average of capital additions.



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date that Grantsville files the necessary information - minus the number of days that that have elapsed since April 3, 2024 to the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the recommended decision due date calculated by the ALJ will not be extended except upon Commission determination that the due date was miscalculated or upon formal application to the Commission by the parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that he Executive Secretary serve this Order upon the Commission and its Staff by hand delivery, upon all parties of record who by electronic service and upon all other parties by United States Mail.

A True Copy, Teste,

Karen Buckley

Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary