

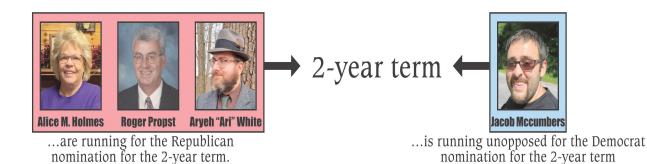
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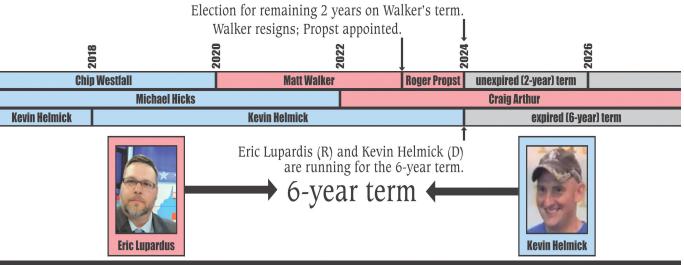
The Grantsville News

"Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts"

Thursday, April 25, 2024

#### Whole Number 7065 **Grantsville, West Virginia 26147** There are two open commission seats this election! Have you picked your candidate for both?





Because of the resignation of Matt Walker, two commission seats are open this year.

#### Ari White created a visualaidetoassitvoters in understanding the **County Commissioner** Race for 2024

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The 2024 election year presents an anomaly in Calhoun County. County Commissioners, who typically serve staggered six-year terms with one of three seats open each election, face an unusual situation.

Commissioner Walker's resignation, three years into his term, has created a deviation from the norm.

Except for a few non-applicable exceptions, an interim Commissioner can only serve until the next election, which then fills the remainder of the unexpired term.

This irregularity has led to voter confusion. Many voters are unaware that two seats are up for election this

To address this, a neutral visual aid has been created.

Each candidate has the opportunity to personalize their photo and name

High-resolution files have been provided to all candidates to help explain this unique election year to voters.

#### **Infrastructure and Industry:** Calhoun's Chicken and Egg Conundrum

Submitted by Ari White

On Friday the 19th, the Calhoun County Republicans hosted a fantastic Meet the Candidates event at the Arnoldsburg park. It was a wonderful evening where the many candidates had a chance to address the public and field questions, easy and difficult alike.

goal.

There was one recurring point, and point of disagreement, that I wanted to address more deeply than the structure of the event afforded me the opportunity to. Nearly all the candidates want to bring jobs to this county, but there's disagreement on the first step towards that

We hear time and again, "Charleston," "roads," "water," "funding," "broadband," etcetera. The litany of the last several decades has been infrastructure. What do we want? Infrastructure! Who will pay for it? Somebody else!

Whether it's DC, Charleston, Mexico, or the National Good Roads Association, we have to convince them that we are a good choice for funding. It's an odd conundrum. Businesses look for infrastructure; funding sources

look for economic activity. "If you build it, they will come" is true only in so far as you find somebody willing to foot the bill at the outset. With varying degrees of enthusiasm, this county has been trying to find just that for the four decades we've been on the economically distressed county list.

As big as those state and federal pools of money are, they are finite. There will always be more needs than resources and responsible and good governance means triage and triage means that there will be people who are disappointed.

Just as a triage doctor must choose, when there are more patients on death's door than care to be provided, which patients have the best chances of survival and focus on them, the funding sources must choose the counties with the best chances for growth to receive the limited funds available.

When was the last time this county had the sort of growth in economic activity that would make us a sound and responsible choice?

If help were coming from Charleston or DC, it would have happened years ago. Until we change the status quo, the drips and dregs of aid we subsist on are all the more we could hope for. In their eyes, our county is dying. It is a foregone conclusion and those resources are better spent on counties that have a chance of living.

We must prove them wrong! Just as the French didn't commit to the American Revolution until the victory at Saratoga, we must have a decisive victory that shows that we can help ourselves before they will help us.

Our county line is just 4-1/8 miles from Interstate 79. If a factory were to open there, that would provide jobs only an hour from the far side of the county, and half that from the more populated region in the center of the county.

If such a factory were there, we could expect, even demand, that those 4-1/8 miles of road be improved. Though that stretch of road is in neighboring Clay County, it is not as though we do not use that road every time we travel to Charleston or points south. And with that improvement, land deeper into our county becomes more attractive for businesses. Success builds on success and the funding sources see that we are an effective use of their limited resources.

With projects already in the works, we can entice industry, even industry especially dependent on good roads, to that part of the county. With the improvements that would follow, we can open the rest of the county to such opportunity. The only way we are going to get such a factory is to go out and court these businesses with a solid offering. Help isn't coming from Charleston, not until we prove our mettle and bring in some opportunity.

#### What is Happening at Avalon (Old High **School)? Construction Update**

By Crystal Mersh

Construction update as of April 14, 2024. The waters have receded and we were back in construction mode on Saturday with GIS moving soil in the back of the school in preparation for the foundation of the new children's learning center. The intention is to complete this grading this week. The shotcrete retaining wall was completed last week which will allow all the remaining grade and finish work necessary. Engineering and survey work will be complete this week for the final foundation elevation etc.

On the inside Otis (the elevator company not the person) approved the block elevator shaft of 60 round of block. The tolerance was less than a quarter inch. Ches N Meme Boggs Chester's Handyman Inc nailed it with even less than a quarter. That is expert level work from Clay Countians right there.

Hardway's crew continues on the inside with continued framing of apartments, pouring of the flooring in the restaurant, rebuild behind the elevator shaft and the stairwells, and removal of lots of plaster. The bottom floor doorway installations are complete with lentil work started.

Plumbing work continues with multi floor drain installation and domestic runs. The same for electrical with third floor electrical and runs being 75% complete. Electrical work will begin on the second floor the coming week. HVAC system continues to be manufacturing off-site, as does several other

This coming week the pool heater will have its final test and The Viking Group will do the final pool inspection with Shambling Construction. One ladder does need to be moved and that is anticipated for this week.

This week we also hope to finalize the design for the connector between the pool zero entry and the bath house. We are hoping we can do a checkerboard red and white design of pavers to connect these two structures.

Soon all the amenities will arrive and be installed for the pool, the umbrellas, loungers, tables, chairs, trashcans, etc. Other work that needs to be completed in the next few weeks are the entryway, the final elements of the bath house, and the grade where the food truck will come in. We are surely getting excited about the opening and the party on May 19th for the kids who participated in the peaceful protest. We hope to have several news crews out that day. The grand opening is May 25th. See Whitley Cottrell for family and season

Jason Cunningham continues to grind on grant application after application. I know he will be glad to see the grant season slow down a bit as it has been one right after another.

Wanda continues to lead the community engagement effort and has had her hands pretty full as of late. She loves our community and it show in everything

And last but not least, Steve Boggs will continue to reorganize after the flood. I know he is beyond grateful for the crew who worked so hard yesterday to get a lot of the water out and building clean.

I know I will probably miss a few and if I do please tag them. Thank you to the following folks who helped out: Becky Frederick, Craig Arthur, Jim Sullivan, Matthew Shimer, Ann McCumbers, Vonda Williams, Jaiden Francis & brother, Dakota Laughlin, Brandon Cottrell, Charter Cottrell, Whitley

Cottrell, BurlCindy Cottrell, Jeremy Hardway Jessica Jessica Ann Hardway and crew & kids, Kimberly Hartshorn Sweat and Donnie, Clay Boggs, Jason Cunningham, Steve Boggs, and Teresa Overton Jones-a.k.a Wanda.

Upcoming Events at the Campus: Bath House Painting on April 24th at 10:00 a.m. We need volunteers to help with finishing touches on bath house.

Taste of Barcelona on April 27th at 6:00 p.m. (sold out).

Taste of Korea on May 18th - dinner event featuring authentic Korean

Raising Houners Pool Party on May 19th-Celebration for the youth who were apart of the "Let It Go So It can Grow" Movement.

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# BITUARIES

MICHAEL GLEN "COACH" STUMP

Michael Glen "Coach" Stump, 71, of Chloe, WV, passed away suddenly at his home on April 16, 2024.

He was born to the late Vance Walker and Nelma G. Jarvis Stump of Orma. He graduated in 1970 from Calhoun County High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970-1974. He then graduated from Glenville



State College in 1978. He retired from Calhoun County Schools after 30 plus years of service. He coached football, baseball, golf, but his love was coaching wrestling. Numerous awards were given for his successful coaching career.

He enjoyed mowing, gardening, fishing, golfing, and anything to do with sports and was a proud Cleveland Browns fan. He enjoyed running with his grandsons and taking care of us all. He was a loved son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jean Stump of Chloe, WV; his daughter Michelle Stump-Goad of Chloe, WV; his grandsons Christopher (Sidney) Goad of Fairmont, WV, Drue Goad and Evan Griffin of Chloe, WV; his sister Patti (Ed) Hicks of Chloe, WV; numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. He also had his entire wrestling family.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother Butch McKinley and grandparents Cecil and Nell Jarvis and Fred and Lydia Stump.

A funeral service with military rites was conducted by Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, at Calhoun Middle High School, 50 Underwood Circle, Mt. Zion, WV, on Saturday, April 20, 2024 with Rev. Shelly Mace and Rev. Rick Metheney officiating. A public visitation was held prior to the service on Saturday with private family time from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Interment was held at the Minnora Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

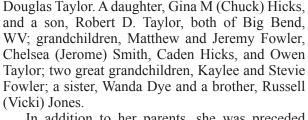
Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve." - Earl Grollman

#### SHIRLEY ANN TAYLOR

Shirley Ann Taylor, 77, of Big Bend, WV, went to her heavenly home on Sunday, April 14, 2024 in Parkersburg.

She was the daughter of the late Harley C. Jones and Rhoda B. Richards

She is survived by her husband of 59 years,



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Fowler, a sister, Betty Jenkins, and a brother, Darl Jones. Two half brothers, Donald and William Welch, and a half sister, Carol Richey.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, with Rev. Rev. Randy Wilson officiating. Visitation was Friday from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Interment will be held at Taylor Cemetery on Yellow Creek Road.

Online condolences may be expressed at www. stumpfuneralhomes.com

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Mountain Media, LLC PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 Rambling Prose

By Linda Crawford (Leave a message 304-655-8621)

My "bump car" license has not been restored but actually asking Sandy to look stuff up has been interesting for both of us. That started three years or more ago when they brought groceries and we visited out in the open air. She said something about Judge Black and out of the blue or the glue in my head came "Shirley Temple Black." She looked her up and found a life so rock solid and powerful she ordered the book about her. Sorry, chased a rabbit

Back to Planet Earth, more is being said about canning because one power outage can lose a freezer full of food. Dehydrating is one option – shelf life is less but the fresh smell and taste put them the first choice for many. The first advantage to dehydrating is not having to open canned food when you only need a serving or a sprinkle. The second and very important advantage to me is the nearly absence of

Oh, dehydrated food take up way less space and are light weight. There are some in a bowl on my kitchen counter even now being hydrated for my scrambled eggs a bit later. There have been fresh green onion already and could have been a number of fresh edibles all winter. One strawberry a week is still the big harvest. The plan for deck this year, Lord willing, is the end result of last years plan going awry, a red, white and blue pollinator garden.

The cuttings from the kiwi fern coleus I felt sorry for last year have plenty of root – the potato for white bloom is ready to go and Scarlet Runner seed are on hand. It has been said gardening is helpful for depression because there is always change. Makes sense for me. At the risk of being ran out of Arnoldsburg by some even the bright yellow dandelions against the green grass thrills me.

Maybe edible wild flowers in pots would make a plan for this year too. The ones growing on the ground where insecticides are applied and vehicle fumes accumulate. "Maybe next year," was my answer from years ago when my son asked about growing things on the deck.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., April 25: Poker Run, 340 Anns a.m Courthouse

a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grantsville Building, 7 p.m

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

Varsity Boys Baseball Gilmer County

April Fri., Workforce Development Avalon Campus Board Mid-Ohio Valley/ Local Elected Officials, Landing, 1824 Murdoch travels to Wirt County Ave., Parkersburg WV

CMHS VARSITY **TRACK** Charleston for meet.

Save the Children 1:30 p.m. Arnoldsburg FRN, 4:30 p.m. Elementary School.

Market. Arnoldsburg 6:00 p.m. Community Building Blue Building, 2-6 p.m.

Sat., April 27:The Creston Building's Spring ATV County

Public inspection and Run Road, Creston, WV testing of Express Vote 26141. Registration from voting equipment, 9:00 9:00 AM to 12:00 p.m.

Mt Zion PSD Town FirstBaptistCalhoun Hall Meeting, Upper Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 West Fork Park, 12:00

Arnoldsburg Pickleball Club, NYA Elementary School PTO Donkey Basketball Event Tournament at the Calhoun County Program Pavilion at 2:00 p.m.

> Sing, Upper West travels to Fork Park, 6:00 p.m. Taste of Barcelona

at 6:00 p.m. (sold out) 26: at the 1982 Foundation

April Mon. 10:00 a.m at St. Josephs Varsity Boys Baseball

Tues., April 30: First travels Baptist Calhoun Food to Laidley Field in Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Save the Children Parent Child Group, FRN, Parent Child Group,

Calhoun Civil Air Arnoldsburg Farmers Patrol, 413 High Street,

> G r a n t s v i l l e Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m.

Varsity Boys Community Baseball travels to Roane

# My Home Among the Hills



by Mellody Walburn

It is Sunday afternoon, and I am writing this article in my recliner under a blanket with my fireplace heating the living room. Thank heavens I left this fireplace lit. Earlier in the week it was so hot I had turned off most of the gas heaters in my home among the hills. I even turned on the AC unit in my bedroom a couple of days. Oh, the difference a few days can make.

It's hard to believe that we are almost to the end of April. I have five weeks of school left and only four Sunday, school nights. This may not mean a lot to most people, but for those who teach, knowing our Sunday nights will soon be our own for a few months is so exciting. In fact, it is one of my favorite parts of summer vacation. But, I'm getting ahead of myself. Grandma Haught always said not to wish my life away, so I will continue to live in the moment. Still, I will continue crossing off and counting down the days until Miss Walburn can pack her school bag for the last time and leave the building for some time off.

Last week was a busy one with special activities at both school and home. My church was hosting a revival, so I spent a number of evenings attending that. It brought back childhood memories of the tent revivals my family use to attend on Jerry Gulley's farm each summer. The evenings started out with music, transitioned into a message, and ended with an altar call. Those are some really good memories.

On Wednesday evening, I picked Maricia up, and we headed to Gilmer County to cheer on the Dirt Devils Softball team. I am always impressed by the facilities for both baseball and softball in Glenville. Yet, I will admit, they also make me sad because teams like the Dirt Devils don't have a home field to play on in their own county. The Dirt Devils practice at the Calhoun County Park, but I have been told that other counties won't come play there because the field is not adequate and there are no bathrooms. I think our kids deserve better than

I spent Thursday evening at home working on writing lesson plans and grading papers. I wanted to get a head start on school work, so I would have my weekend free. I managed to get my plans finished and most of my papers graded before I packed my lunch, laid out my clothes, and headed to bed. While living in the moment, I did take time to appreciate the fact that I only have to write four more sets of plans this school year.

On Friday evening, I had friends and family over for dinner and to watch a movie. We let the kids pick the movie, and I ended up watching a film called Inside Out. This is a kids' movie, but it had a great message and even made me cry toward the end. We were all meeting at Heritage Village on Saturday morning, so after the movie ended, we said goodnight and headed to our respective beds.

We were scheduled to meet at 10:00 am, so I was able to sleep in a bit. After my second cup of coffee, I grabbed my cleaning supplies and headed to the park. The historical society members were cleaning the village in preparation for a field trip on Friday and prom pictures on Saturday. We spent the morning sweeping, dusting, and airing out all of the buildings. The place looks great if I do say so myself. We worked up quite an appetite so some of us tried out the new restaurant in the area called the Local Oven. My taco salad was very good, and the piece of pizza I tried was delicious too. It is so nice to have another choice for good food in our county.

The big event at school this week was a field trip to Charleston's Clay Center to see a show called

We left around 8:30 and headed to the state capital. I had never been to the Clay Center, but from what I saw, it is a really neat place. The students enjoyed the show, and then we ate our packed lunches in the lobby before we got back on the busses to head back to school.

This week I have some end of the year meetings and the field trip to Heritage Village. I look forward to sharing the details of that day with you in next week's article. For now, tonight is a Sunday school night, so I must go pack my lunch, choose my clothes for Monday, and grade a few sets of papers. Five weeks to go!

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**NEWSPAPER** Menu for the Senior beans and ham, whole ESTABLISHED JUNE 12, 1883 Published by Mountain Media, LLC

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### Senior Citizens Menu

and margarine available fruit, onion. daily): (Dining hall is 12:15 p.m.)

Thurs., April 25: bun.

Fri., April 26: fish, whole wheat bun,

ranch potatoes, mixed or less, \$1.25 per meal; vegetables, fruit.

corn, fruit, whole wheat age 60, \$5.25. cornbread.

Tues., April potatoes, fruit.

Wed., May 1: white

Citizens Center (2% milk wheat cornbread, kraut, Thurs., May 2: ham

open from 8:30 a.m. to salad, whole wheat bread, pasta with vegetables, salad, Jell-o with fruit. Fri., May 3: A1 steak,

sloppy joe, potatoes, pasta mashed potatoes, green salad, juice, whole wheat beans, whole wheat roll, juice, onions.

Monthly income, \$700 \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 Mon., April 29: baked to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or steak, mashed potatoes, above, \$2. Guests under You may drive-by/

**30:** pick-up meals from 11 to hamburger, whole wheat 11:30 a.m., Mon-Fri, by lettuce/onions, calling 304-354-7017, to be placed on a list.

## This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Who's Who & What's What in Calhoun High School: The baseball team of C.H.S. will play two games with Spencer April 25th and 26th. These games will be the first for our boys this year and we hope that they will win them. We only regret that the roads are not in better condition. If they were we girls could go and help them win.

Sturms accidently dropped a window on her hand. Her hand was mashed very seriously but is healing nicely.

The Mountaineer Literacy program was laid off last week on account of several that were in the program being unable to participate.

#### **1949, 75 YEARS AGO**: Legion Auxiliary Play Is Thursday Evening Lovely the ladies are in this play – in a tone of voice which implies that

they are all cats, potential gangster-molls, big bosses and far from lovely.

The story involves Mary Lamb, played by Norma Lee Stemple, who hopes to get married – if she can find her wedding gown and if the groom shows up Her wise-cracking friend, Wilma Willims played by Laverne Powell, spends her time trying to quite her down and in trying to keep Jonesy, Genevieve Gainer, from going into hysterics when she can't find the bonds she hid and which she needs to bail her fiancé out of jail.

Minnie, Mary's maid, played by Nell Stiers, is engaged to an English Lord, whom she met through the Loney Hearts Club but becomes involved with Nanette, Bess Hickle and Teresa, Grace Snyder, who are the fitters from the gown shop and who claim Lord Brougham is none other than Jimmy Finch, a first second story man.

Through the play a weird strange makes an appearance first as Juliet looking for Romeo and then as a Man-about-Town in a stolen tuxedo. In this guise she is cornered by Greta, played by Mrs. Kemper, who tries to capture herself a boyfriend with all her Swedish wiles.

Sally, a smart newspaper reporter, tries to clear up the mystery and get a story for her paper. Salley, in the person of Sue Ayers, introduces Marian Van Arsdale, a movie star, played by Pearl VanHorn, who adds her explanation to the peculiar happenings.

Meanwhile Auntie, who is Nannie Smith, arrives to take charge of things more confused that ever. She has her niece, Gloria, in tow, and poor Gloria, Eleanor Johnson, is having hysterics because her boyfriend has spoken harshly to her.

Where is Mary's missing bridegroom, does Jonesy find the missing bonds, who owns the empty tuxedo pants, who is really Lord Brougham, what has happened to Jessie and Jennie, and why was Minnie locked in the closet? All these questions will be answered the night of April 28 at the Kanawha Theater when the American Legion Auxiliary present their play. Come and see for yourself just what "lovely ladies" are really like.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: Mountain Hertiage Daty To Be Observed At Calhoun High School

Details have been finalized for the Calhoun high school's Mountain Heritage Day, Friday April 26.

The Mountain Heritage Committee has announced the following schedule for the day. Arts and Crafts display and demonstrations will start at 11:30 in the Vo-Ag shop area. The displays and demonstrations will run from 11:30 to 3:15 and re-open at 6:00 pm running through 8:00 pm for evening participants.

You can expect to find the following artists and craftsmen at the Mountain Heritage Day: Quilting and Needlecraft - Ruth Holbert, Betty Krugman, Effie Mills; Calhoun High School Needlecraft Club, Lora Tolley; Watercolors; William Gerhold; Dolls (ample, cornhusk, corncob), Lillian Umstead and Virginia Duckworth; Dulcimers, Jim Meads; Lapidary, Walden and Louise Roush; Pottery, Charles Scott; Spinning, Mike Bailey; Weaving and Vegetable Dyeing, Virginia McTeer; Wood Crafts, Charles Brown, Jenes Cottrell; Nature Foods and Medicines, Edeline Wood; Dried Flower Art, Lucille DeBerry.

#### Arnoldsburg Farmer's Market Every Friday 2-6 p.m.

Local farms, Artisan products, crafts, fresh produce, baked goods. Come on out and experience new tastes and treats from your home beginning April 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m..

The Farmer's Market will be held every Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is located at 1280 Arnoldsburg Road Arnoldsburg Community Park Blue

For more information call or text (409)-594-4275 or follow on Facebook- to Martinsburg after his Arnoldsburg Farmer's Market.

## SECURE ELECTIONS: Secretary of State Mac Warner reminds citizens of ways to report election fraud in WV

Charleston, W. Va. - The State of West Virginia has been nationally recognized over the last seven years for providing secure elections and prosecuting those who attempt to cheat. With less than a month before the State's Primary Election, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is reminding all citizens of the multiple ways to report election fraud.

"Citizens play an important role in keeping West Virginia's elections fair, secure, and free of fraud," said Secretary Warner. "Secure elections help increase participation in the election process and decrease apathy."

According to Warner, sometimes people aren't sure what constitutes an election law violation. He encourages citizens to report alleged violations to his office so the Investigations Division can review the matter. According to

State law, all formal complaints are confidential and anonymous to the public. West Virginia has three ways that any citizen can report election fraud to the WV Secretary of State's office. Those three ways include:

"See Something, Say Something!" - The WV Secretary of State's Office has a toll-free number that a citizen can use to anonymously report a possible violation or instance of voter fraud. That toll-free number is 877-FRAUD-

"See Something, Text Something!" - Sometimes, a picture is worth a thousand words. A photo can be sent to the WV Secretary of State's Investigations Division by texting the letters "WV" to 45995. Once the message is sent, a link to a complaint form is returned to the sender to complete.

"See Something, Email Something!" - The WV Secretary of State's Office has a dedicated email address for all complaints. That email address is InvestigationSupport@wvsos.gov

In many circumstances, a formal complaint may be necessary. The WV Secretary of State's website has an official complaint form for individuals to report possible violations.

This user-friendly form can be downloaded online and mailed to the Secretary of State's office. The complaint form can be found at this link: https://sos.wv.gov/ FormSearch/Elections/Complaint\_Challenge/ElectionsComplaintForm.pdf "I want to encourage all registered voters to participate in the upcoming

election and to know that allegations of election fraud will be investigated to the extent of our jurisdiction," Secretary Warner said.

Warner reminds citizens that April 23 is the last day for an eligible voter to register to vote in time to participate in the May 14 Primary Election.

It is also the final day for a registered voter who has moved or changed their name since the last election to update their voter registration.

For more information on all things related to the election process in West Virginia, visit the secure website hosted by the WV Secretary of State's Office at GoVoteWV.com.



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. Miss Gretta Stalnaker happened to a slight accident last week when Holly 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 25, 1863: About April 28, 1914: An April 30, 1871: Coach 1,500 soldiers under "Grumble" William Jones advanced through The mine connected with Greenland Gap, a deep Eccles No. 6, operating pass through New Creek in another coal seam. Mountain in present Grant Nine men in No. 6 died of County. The Confederates injuries and of afterdamp, encountered 87 Union the deadly gas left after a University of Michigan, soldiers who held off mine explosion. several assaults before finally surrendering.

**April 25, 1923:** Union leader Arnold Ray Miller was born at Leewood on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. In December 1972 he defeated Tony Boyle to become president of the United Mine Workers.



April 26, 1816: General AlexanderWelchReynolds was born in Lewisburg. He served in both the U.S. and Confederate armies. After the war, Reynolds accepted a commission as a colonel in the forces of the khedive of Egypt, which ruled Egypt under the Ottoman Empire.



April 26, 1900: Baseball great Lewis Robert "Hack" whose 1930 Wilson, single season runs-battedin record stands today, was born in Pennsylvania. He started his pro career with the Martinsburg Blue Sox. He returned retirement and is buried at



April 1978: 27, accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending the workers plunging to the ground.



April 28, 1884: Musician Henry Reed was born in Peterstown, Monroe County. Reed was a legendary West Virginia fiddler whose repertory contributed to the old-time music revival in the last half of the 20th century.



Confederate explosion at the Eccles Fielding Gen. No. 5 mine in Raleigh Yost was born in Marion County killed 174 men.



April 28, 1920: Monongahela National Forest was created by presidential proclamation. It is the only national forest completely within April 30, 1927: An the boundaries of West Virginia.

**April 28, 1924**: An explosion ripped through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.



**April 28, 1948:** Watt Park Powell opened Charleston. About 8,000 people, including Governor Okey L. Patteson, attended the city's inaugural game in the Class A Central League. After the 2004 season, Watt Powell Park was replaced by what is now known as GoMart Ballpark, and the old park was demolished in 2005



April 29, 1863: Confederate General "Grumble" William E. Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards and volunteers. Confederates The prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.

29, April Playwright, teacher, and actress Ann Kathryn Flagg was born in Charleston. She is best remembered for her play Great Getting' up Mornin', which was broadcast by CBS-TV in 1964.



County. He was a tackle on West Virginia University's football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, Yost's first season as coach at the Wolverines compiled an 11-0 record, including a 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.



explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine owned by New England Fuel and Transportation Company of Everettville, Monongalia County. The explosion, subsequent fire and gas in the mine killed



May 1, 1788: Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta Hardy counties. and The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803).

May 1, 1930: Labor leader and child welfare activist Mother Jones celebrated her birthday in Maryland. Jones, who was 100 years old by her count, appeared before newsreel cameras to condemn the Prohibition Act "as a curse upon the nation" that violated her right to have a beer instead of water.







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#### Op-Ed by Gaylen Duskey 304-354-7227

The black horse is dead.

The ornery black horse that belongs to my wife's friend Becky that I have written about several times died last night. He died when lightning struck the

The veterinarian said his death was immediate and he never suffered. Also killed was a Clydesdale Becky had recently bought.

For those who have never heard of Becky's black horse or may not have heard he stories about this horse I will tell a couple of stories.

He was always a colorful character and his spirit made for interesting

I first learned about him when my wife told me about her and Becky horseback riding and the black horse, the one Becky rode, would try to bite them. My wife finally got the horse's respect one day when it tried to crowd her in the stable area, and she punched him in the nose. After that the horse followed her like a puppy. She just had to show him who the alpha was – her.

The horse also had a bit of kleptomania as it once stole a pair of Becky's panties – red panties – out of the laundry basket and ran off with them. The horse came back later with the panties on his head with his eye looking out through one leg hole with an ear sticking out of the other.

Then there was the cat that persisted jumping on the horse's back until Becky decided to scare the cat away by shooting at it only to end up plugging the cat ending at least one of the feline's nine lives. She said she did not mean to hit the cat.

And this was the same horse a neighborhood kid was shooting with a pellet gun when law enforcement agents found out about it and sentenced the kid to a ton of community service hours instead of incarceration.

The horse was working on a new adventure when just a few days ago Becky came into the house and didn't get the door quite closed, and it blew open. The horse politely walked into the house and looked down the hall when it was seen. Becky shooed it out of the house, but it did manage to go to the bathroom No. 2 – on the floor before leaving.

Then on Wednesday night when the big storms blew through here the horse was struck by lightning and killed.

I am going to miss that horse.

GONE TOO SOON: Even more than the horse I am going to miss three friends who passed away in the last few days. One was a master optician; one was a Hall of Fame coach and the other knew more about the sewer system of Grantsville than anyone I have ever known.

I knew two of them back in my school days and was related to one. The other I got to know while a member of town council.

One of the problems of living to be my age is you lose so many friends but one of the benefits of living to my age is you have lived to my age, and you have so many wonderful memories.

THE CURSE OF BEING CHRISTIAN: I am on he internet quite a bit these days and have found there are an awful lot of people out there attacking not only conservatives but Christians. Here is what I told some of those saying my God did not exist: "God is the

God of everybody. The God of atheists who do not believe in God. The God of agnostics (which I used to be) who are not sure what they believe about God. The God non-practicing believers and practicing believers no matter what faith

The faiths differ on the tenets of how they view God and his prophets. It is those differences that cause most of the conflicts in the world now and yesterday and probably in the future.

"Some say you cannot see God, so you have no proof he exists. Yet you cannot see the wind either, yet you know it exists. "Why be willing to believe one and not the other? "I say if you look at the world, the skies, the hills, the mountains and believe all of this happened by happenstance then you have no wonderment, imagination and you are denying the very science you choose to follow as your God.

"In other words, you fail to follow the science by being unwilling to question the possibility of a God. In other words, you are a hypocrite to your very beliefs by being unwilling to question.

"I read a lot of posts on the Neil deGrasse Tyson Group which has some 1.1 million members where people routinely savage God and religion. I think it's something they do to make them feel important and intellectual when many are of lesser intelligence. I feel this way based not on their beliefs but on their intransigence to think about another possibility.

"I also see them blast President Donald Trump and those who support him as stupid and easily controlled and malleable. I voted for President Trump and will vote for President Trump in 2024".

Why? Because I feel people who support Joe Biden are not too smart either. I only need to look at what has happened in the past three years to support my belief because America is going to hell in the proverbial handbasket with the people now leading the country, leading the country.

"And I do not think I am stupid. The average of the five IQ tests I have taken is 153 with the lowest being 143 and I have taken and scored high enough on the Mensa International test to join but I did not join.

"I don't seek to brag about my intelligence too often because my second cousin Dr. James H. Beall is a genius and as well-known and respected in the scientific and literary community as anyone.

"He, and his two brothers one a singer songwriter and the other a technician and leader of a gospel singing group, are the closest things to brothers I have since my older brother was stillborn.

"I have lived a long life and like anyone else. I have opinions on many things including God and politics. My opinions should be respected just as I respect yours. "Can you do that?

WHAT THE KENNEDY FAMILY COULD LEARN: Recently 15 members of the family of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. got together to endorse the candidacy of Joe Biden for president over their own relative – RFK Jr.

According to NBC: Joseph Kennedy III, the independent candidate's nephew, said he believes his uncle's "candidacy poses a threat to the country that I love and the values that I hold.

I believe that his candidacy is likely to divert support away from President Biden and end up increasing support for Donald Trump." He may be right. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was magnanimous in talking about his family.

"I hear some of my family will be (was) endorsing President Biden today. I am pleased they are politically active — it's a family tradition. We are divided in our opinions but united in our love for each other." No. I disagree.

When I ran for assessor several years ago as a Republican one of my father's democrat friends was goading him right in front of me by saying "you're voting straight democrat, right George (George Duskey Jr., my dad)? You wouldn't vote for a Republican, would you?"

My dad simply said to him "I am voting for my son." The Kennedy clan

could learn about family from my dad.

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

#### *NOTICE OF MEETINGS*

Organization: Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley/Local Elected Officials Date: Friday, April 26, 2024

Time: 10:00am

Place: St. Josephs Landing, 1824 Murdoch Ave., Parkersburg WV Contact Person: Katie Dillon (681) 588-0420

Comments: Agenda available upon request.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Please contact Katie with any questions concerning the meeting, the agenda and if any special services are needed.

## creston News

by Alvin Engelke Phone 275-3578

Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. On his way to church he got up close and personal with a deer!! This was his first. The big spring Creston ATV poker run



will be Saturday April 27. Signups end at noon. Bring the whole family for an outing that shows the best of West Virginia with, rocks, rills, running water over rocks, high hills, deep valleys, all sorts of wildflowers, wild turkeys, amphibians, lichens, moss & liverworts, venison, places for a picnic, etc. Those with sharp eyes might detect morel mushrooms and tasty ramps. There are plenty of deep mudholes for the "he-men" and Amazon wimmen to show off what their machines can go through. One can see where during the last high water some sections of road were completely washed away. Biscuits & gravy will be ready at 8 A. M. It might be wise to bring a winch, tow straps, tools and tire repair kits as one will not be close to a service station or hardware store. Cell phones may work in some isolated places but bring them to record the fun or record some one getting hopelessly buried in a play spot that is covered with green algae [pond scum]. The trail crew had to use a come along to move a dead tree from one fun section of the route.

The heavy maintenance state road crew came and repaired the Ann's Run road at the washout at the mouth of Pete's Run. The crew also replaced some rock along the piling as one would head back toward Creston.

Those who watched cartoons remember Wiley Coyote who used modern technology (via the Acme Corp.) to try to capture the Road Runner. Well, Wiley's Creston cousin who might be described as an illegal alien as no one asked the invasive pests to come to Wirt & Calhoun counties. Anyway, the local representative decided that using the Creston bridge was better than swimming across the Little Kanawha. He got hit on the bridge and Old Brer Buzzard and his family worked on carcass removal.

Wild iris (flags) are at their peak as are other spring ephemerals and Randy Bunner's cherry tree. The invasive garlic mustard is starting to flower. All those plants need to be pulled up by the roots as the invasive pests put toxins in the soil that inhibit and kill native plants.

Ted Grim & Sonney Burdette are both in doing spring work at their places. Some have been hunting for the clever wild turkeys with minimal luck.

A life insurance company published an actuarial table that noted that as a result of "those who took the jab" there is now a 40% increase in the death rate of those between the ages of 18 and 64. The establishment has called some of this "long covid" but it seems that many now have lost their natural immunity and are now compromised. Some feel that the end result will be mass genocide. Of course Bill Gates and his friends said there were way too many people on the planet and most "had to go". One local fellow tested positive for Dr. Fauci's Wuhan Kung Flu last week and was laid up. It might be noted that now it has been learned that all the details of covid 19 were known in 2018 but, of course, not shared with the Trump administration and others not deemed appropriate. The plandemic was to be "a surprise" although Fauci said in 2017 that there would be a pandemic on Trump's watch.

The state political scene has "gotten interesting". Jim Justice who employs Broadway Joe Manchin's right hand man Larry Puccio has now endorsed Moore Capito to take over as governor. Manchin had Justice run and now Justice is seeking the senate seat Manchin is vacating and Larry Puccio is in charge of Moore Capito's campaign. Manchin had Justice run as a democrat and then had him "become a republican" when such became more convenient. This would mean that now Joe would, in fact, run both the senate position and the governor's office via the "flunkies". He had the "little wife" named head of the Appalachian Regional Commission which doles out \$millions in grants to "needy" causes in several states. All this means that W. Va.'s ruling plutocrats, two prominent law firms, a family that has up a sign in a neighboring county stating "since 1844" and the extensive Manchin family and allies would continue their iron grip making sure that W. Va. remains poor and under their control. Justice & Capito are to campaign jointly but, to be fair, they should share the podium with Larry & Joe, the masterminds. A recent article written by Mac Warner lays out all the details for those who had not been following the saga.

President Trump was given some very bad advice as he is said to be backing congress critter Carol Miller who, once again, voted against us and with the deep state. The ads say, "Everybody in W. Va. loves Carol Miller" but such is indeed a fiction (to use nice words)

Some local folks attended the Wood County Farm Bureau meeting featuring candidates. Patrick Morrisy, who is backed by the Farm Bureau, gave a good talk. He and several other state Attorneys General fought the Biden administrations' WOTUS (Waters of the United States) rule that would have given authority to the federal government of every inch of the local area after the downpour last Thursday which had water standing in every lawn, garden, meadow, pasture field and wood lot. Couldn't plant a shrub without permission from the government.

Joshua P. Wise of Titan Energy was attending to business in Creston.

There is a lot of talk about the need for lithium. In addition to use in high tech meth labs it is in cell phones, etc. A recent article in the science journal Nature shows that Marcellus brines have significant amounts of the desirable mineral which is recovered in some Pennsylvania facilities but in W. Va. is dumped in injection wells. Is anyone awake down at the Mouth of the Elk? Eureka Resources in Dimock Pennsylvania noted that the firm could provide 25% of the nation's need.

The Henry Hub (Louisiana) price of natural gas is \$1.75/MMBTU. Demand for natural gas to generate electric power took a 2 bcf/day (billion cubic feet) increase from last year to 32.7 bcf/day. LNG exports hit a new high of 20 bcf/ day. Local Pennsylvania grade crude dipped to \$82.14/bbl. with condensate fetching \$64.14/bbl. Marcellus & Utica light was \$73.14 & medium \$82.14/ bbl. It would appear that gasoline is on the way to \$4/gallon as it is already \$3.75 in some places.

#### PSC Chairman Lane's Column:

Understand Your AEP Electric Bill

I would like to explain to you today how to understand your electric bill from Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power. When you open your bill, your eyes are going to be drawn to that colorful bullseye on the left column, about half-way down the page. Like the statistics box that stays on the TV when you watch a ball game, this circle gives you the full and simple breakdown on your bill. So, I'd like you to focus on that blue bullseye.

Take a look at the center of the circle. It is divided into a black top and a white bottom. In the white lower-half is the amount of money you currently owe for last month's service. Just above that is a black half-circle. The portion of the circle includes "kWh" and a number. That tells you the amount of electricity you used, shown in kilowatt hours, for the billing period.

Let's now move to the circle's outer rim. It is divided into three colors: dark blue, light blue, and purple or maroon. The dark blue part reflects the cost of purchasing and supplying your electricity and should be the largest part of the bill. This shows the charges for the cost of the production and transmission of electricity you used.

Next, the light blue area should be the second-largest part of the circle. This reflects the cost for delivering electricity to your home or business. Finally, the purple or maroon section of the circle shows you what taxes and fees you must pay on your electric service. These are pass-through charges from local government. And the company says this money is often used to benefit schools and city and county services, such as emergency 911.

The remainder of the bill is fairly straightforward. The amount due and the date its due should be prominent at the top of the right-side of the page in a light blue field. What you owe is the bold black number. This box also tells you when the bill was mailed and your 11-digit account number. The next line in white on

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West Virginians can important now than ever, as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic."

'United Way's new 2-1-1 will make informa-tion 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."

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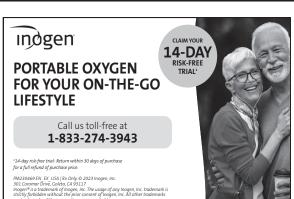
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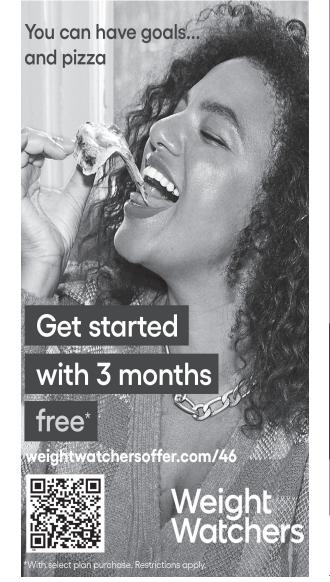
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A town hall meeting will be held at the Upper West Fork Park April

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

#### Little Kanawha Conservation District local work group meetings scheduled, May 21 and May 23

The Little Kanawha Conservation District in cooperation with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold an open house followed by a local work group meeting to discuss conservation programs for 2024-2025 and provide guidance for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Two dates have been scheduled. The first open house will be held Tuesday, May 21 at 12:00 p.m. followed by a local work group meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Parkersburg USDA Service Center, 91 Boyles Lane. The second open house will be held Thursday, May 23 at 12:00 p.m. followed by a local work group meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Spenser USDA Service Center, 677 Ripley Road.

The local work group includes representatives from cooperating federal, state, and local conservation organizations and is open to all farmers, agricultural producers, and forest owners/

If you have thought about applying for one of the programs NRCS has to offer or have questions about what might be available to you, this meeting is a great opportunity for you to learn more.

sought from attendees on how to best prioritize USDA dollars for your local area.

covers Calhoun, Richie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood advance. Counties. NRCS District Conservationist, Jason Crislip and his staff work from the NRCS field office in Parkersburg and Spencer to cover these

If you need an accommodation to participate this activity or event, please contact Nan Kimble at 304-284-7546, or by e-mail at NRCS. VStateOffice@usda.gov.

For more information contact Jason Crislip at 304-422-9072 ext. 111.

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#### Creston Community ATV Spring Poker Run

The Creston Community Building's Spring ATV Poker Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Creston is 13 miles from Elizabeth and 14 miles from Grantsville on WV Route 5. Signs will be posted to follow as you get close. Address is 340 Anns Run Road, Creston, WV 26141. Registration from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the Creston Community Building - \$10 entry fee.

1st Place 30%, 2nd Place 10%, 3rd Place 10%. Riders must stop at all stations or will be disqualified. Riders must return to the building by the posted deadline for payout. Door Prizes - 50/50 - The kitchen will be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For more information call (304) 494-4064 or (304) 275-3578.

#### **Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations**

Broom.stick 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!

#### Prevent Suicide

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources reports that the National Suicide Prevention Life-line, 1-800-273-TALK, is partnering with First Choice Services, a non-profit organization based in Charleston, to answer calls from West Virginians and offer assistance during their time of need. Calls to 1-800-273-TALK will be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All call line staff have received training in applied suicide intervention skills, the gold standard in screening and assisting suicidal callers. Please reach out if need someone to talk to, you are important!

#### 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 bemailed to Liberty Hill Cemetery, 3121 Lemuels Run Road, Mount Zion, WV 26151. Calhoun County Bank has been gracious to accept money in their drop box or donated at the banks. Thanks for your help.

#### Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

As part of NRCS's locally led process of If you have family buried in the cemetery, please administering programs, public comments will be 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 The Little Kanawha Conservation District Nobe Cemetery call 304-354-7329. Thank you in

#### 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

Donations for Sandridge Cemetery can be sent to Crystal Conley 1926 Sand Ridge Road Arnoldsburg, WV 25234. Make Checks payable to Sand Ridge Cemetery. Thank you!

Albert Chapel does not give money to mow cemetery.



Looking to prepare for the **West Virginia Service Personnel Competency Testing?** 



West Virginia Adult Education is here to help!

WV Adult Education has designed a preparation course to assist you in getting ready to take your Service Personnel Competency Test. This self-paced course is based upon the blueprint, standards, and competencies established for the minimum expectations of knowledge needed to apply for the position.

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#### Contact:



Calhoun-Gilmer Adult Learning Center 5260 East Kanawha Highway **Grantsville WV 26147** 304 354-6151 Ext 106



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#### **DoHS and WVDE Announce Launch of Summer EBT Program for West Virginians**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), today announced the launch of a new federal public benefit program to support school-age children residing in low-income households.

The West Virginia Summer EBT (WV-SEBT) program will provide short-term grocery benefit assistance to income-eligible households with school-age children during the summer months. The application period will open on April 22, 2024, and can be accessed at schoolcafe.com or by completing a paper application at a local DoHS county office.

"Ensuring every child has access to nutritious meals is a cornerstone of building strong, healthy communities," said Janie Cole, DoHS Bureau for Family Assistance Commissioner. "The launch of the WV-SEBT program represents a crucial step forward in supporting our state's residents by providing essential grocery assistance during the summer months, as we maintain our commitment to fostering a brighter future for West Virginia children."

Unlike Pandemic EBT (PEBT), which ended when federal emergency orders expired, not all children that attend a school where all students eat for free will automatically receive the benefit. Children will be deemed eligible based upon their household's low-income status. Eligible children include those attending a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program and residing in a low-income household that qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals.

"Summer poses a significant challenge to children who are away from school and facing food insecurity," said Michele L. Blatt, State Superintendent of Schools. "Even though students are out of school for the summer, hunger does not take a break, and this program is essential to meeting the nutritional needs of our school children. We know families continue to struggle from pandemic aftershocks, and the WV-SEBT program will fill an important nutrition gap for thousands of students."

Additionally, if a West Virginia household is already receiving certain public benefits, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or WV WORKS, and has school-aged children between the ages of six and 17, those children will automatically be enrolled in Summer EBT, regardless of their method of schooling. Children in low-income households attending Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools, where they do not collect free or reduced-price meal applications, will have to complete an online Summer EBT application and qualify by income.

All eligible children will receive their onetime benefit of \$120 on a brand new Summer EBT card. Benefits will not be loaded onto previous PEBT cards or existing Mountain State EBT cards. Summer EBT cards will be mailed to the address on file with the child's school or their public benefit case. Benefits are tentatively slated to reach eligible households in June 2024.

It is estimated that 202,000 children in West Virginia will be eligible for the 2024 Summer EBT benefit. The WV-SEBT program was authorized and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

For more information, visit wvsebt.org or contact 1-866-545-6502.

The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS) provides a wide range of necessary and life-saving services to many West Virginia residents. DoHS includes the Bureau for Social Services, Bureau for Medical Services, Bureau for Child Support Enforcement, Bureau for Family Assistance, Bureau for Behavioral Health, Office of Drug Control Policy, Commission to Study Residential Placement of Children, Family Protection Services Board, Catastrophic Illness

Commission, and the WV Women's Commission. For more information, visit humanservices. wv.gov.

#### 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!

#### **Spruce Hollow Church** 1 Night Revival April 27th

One-Night Revival Service on Saturday 04/27/24 starting at 6:00PM at the Spruce Hollow Church, Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136.

With Rev. Tom Harper and music by Trenton Cunningham.

Please come join us for an evening of fellowship and music.

#### Macfarlan Community Church Events

Brenda Cole to sing at Macfarlan Community Church on Sunday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. during regular service. Macfarlan Community Church, 7919 Staunton Tpke, Macfarlan, WV.

## Mother's Day Service at Macfarlan

#### **Community Church**

Please join us for Mother's Day Service at Macfarlan Community Church on Sunday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m. located at Macfarlan Community Church, 7919 Staunton Tpke, Macfarlan, WV

# 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

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-

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 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

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
  - 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 country music by Starling 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.

#### 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 PhonePhone	Home
Email	
Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Class Year	

#### 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

#### 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 pantry, Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.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 lowincome 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).

Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. -9 p.m. Thurs.-Sat.: 10 a.m. to Close Thursday **Nights** Pool Tournament

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Building, 103 Stump St.,

Grantsville, first and third

Saturdays of each month

at 6 p.m.

#### Library Hours Lions Club Bingo

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 May 11th

Bluegrass, gospel and Holbert at the CCCOA Building in Grantsville on Saturday, May 11th 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 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.



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 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 & Dr. 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 emo-tionally exhausted? First Choice Services has a 24/7 emotional strength help-line called HELP304 to help navigate these uncertain and unprecedented times. Lions Club bingo will via phone, text, or online chat, professional crisis be held in the Lions Club 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

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

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#### **Spring Sports Report**

Calhoun County's track team returned to action last week after a two-week hiatus, participating in the 16-team Cline Stansberry Invitational at Doddridge County High School.

The boys team did not place in the meet. Participants for the team were Gabriel Waldron (100 and 200 Meter Dash), Jackson Clawson (800, 1600, and 3200 Meter Run), and Kristian Fredrick (Shot Put, Discus Throw).

The girls team tied for 15th place by scoring one point. The 100 Meter Relay Team (Kassidy Fredrick, Nyla Warner, Jules Williams, Abagail Waldron) collected the point for the team by finishing in 9th place in that event. Individual participants were Abagail Waldron (100 and 200 Meter Dash), Jules Williams (200 Meter Dash, Long Jump, Shot Put), Gabi Smith (400 Meter Dash, Shot Put, Discus Throw), and Kassidy Fredrick (Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw).

This weekend, the track team travels to Charleston for a two-day event at Laidley Field.

**VARSITY** BASEBALL **SCHEDULE** 

**Record (6-11)** 3/18Wirt County8-5WHome

3/19South Harrison0-10LHome 3/21Braxton County2-16LHome 3/22Wahama1-11LAway

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#### VARSITY **SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

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> TRACK VARSITY **SCHEDULE**

4/26Laidley Field (Charleston) 5/8Region IV ChampionshipAway

#### Donkev Basketball Festival

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 Gate 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.

#### Attorney General Morrisey Vows to Keep Fighting to Save Women's Sports

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey on Tuesday vowed to keep up the fight to defend West Virginia's Save Women's Sports Act following a 2-1 ruling handed down by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit reversing an earlier decision in favor of the state. "I am deeply disappointed in the court's divided decision today," Attorney General Morrisey said. "The Save Women's Sports Act is 'constitutionally permissible' and the law complies with Title IX.

"I will keep fighting to safeguard Title IX. We must keep working to protect women's sports so that women's safety is secured and girls have a truly fair playing field," the Attorney General added. "We know the law is correct and will use every available tool to defend it."

"We remain confident in the merits of our defense. We are resolute in protecting opportunities for women and girls in sports because when biological males win in a women's event—as has happened time and again—female athletes lose their opportunity to shine."

Arguments were heard by the appeals court in October. The majority found that factual disputes preclude a grant of summary judgment for the state on the Equal Protection claim. That claim was remanded. The majority further found that BPJ should be granted summary judgment on her Title IX claim.

Judge G. Steven Agee dissented, concluding that the decision should have been affirmed, as the majority's analysis was "miles away from the straightforward text of the laws the Court was) called to apply."

#### Recipe Corner by Emma Howell

**Meatloaf Cupcakes with Whipped Potato Topping** 

1 pound ground beef ½ cup breadcrumbs ½ cup ketchup 1 egg

1/4 cup milk ½ teaspoon garlic powder ½ teaspoon onion powder Salt and pepper to taste 2 cups mashed potatoes, whipped until creamy

Chopped chives for garnish

Preheat oven to 375 F. In a bowl, mix together the ground beef, breadcrumbs legg, ketchup, milk, garlic powder, onion powder, salt and pepper. Press the meat mixture into muffin tins, filling each cup to the top. Bake in the preheated oven for about 20-25 minutes, or until the meatloaf is cooked through. While the meatloaf's bake, whip the mashed potatoes until they're light and fluffy Once the meatloaf's are done, let them cool slightly and them remove them from the tins. Pipe the whipped potatoes on top of each meatloaf cupcake using a piping bag with a star tip. Garnish with chopped chives and serve warm.

#### Camouflage Cupcakes!

Start out with 2 box mixes, one chocolate, one white. Divide the batter into 4 bowls.: 1: White batter.; 2: White batter with green food coloring and a dash of chocolate batter; 3: Equal parts chocolate and white batter and 4. Chocolate batter.

Mix the different batters together until you get the colors you want. I ended up with a lot more chocolate batter than the rest of the colors, but I ended up making a few plain chocolate cupcakes to use it up. Line a cupcake tin with paper liners. For the batter, you can either use spoons and dump little blobs of each color into each wrapper, or you can get fancy and use pastry bags. I chose to get fancy with bags. It makes filling the cupcakes tins a little easier and a little less messy. Just drop a bunch of blogs in each wrapper until they're all about 3/4 of the way full. Bake according to the directions on the box. Once the cupcakes are done baking, pop them out of the tins so they can start cooling.

#### I used this recipe for icing:

Diving the icing into 3 bowls. Keep one batch white/ivory. The other bowl you will add a little bit of green food coloring and a little bit of cocoa powder until it's the desired color. The last bowl you will add cocoa powder until it's the desired color brown. For the fancy swirled icing, take 3 pastry bags. Fill each bag with it's own color of icing. Take all 3 bags and put them into 1 larger bag with a start tip in it.

Pipe a swirl onto the tops, and you're done

If you are looking for a recipe please email contact@calhounchronicle com or mail your request to PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147.

#### 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.

#### 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 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

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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.

#### Spring Bingo April 25th

Please join The Friends of the Market Street Chapel on Thursday, April 25th at the Heritage Park Community Building. doors open at 5:00 p.m. with Bingo starting at 6:00 p.m.

Prizes include Vera Bradley, gift cards and more. 20 games for \$20 and consessions will be available.

For more information contact Julie Boggs at 304-927-3327 or Dwayne Boone at 304-927-0735.

All proceeds benefit the continued restoration of the Market Street Chapel.

#### 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.

Thank you for supporting our local youth.

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