



## OBITUARIES

Gregory Mark Sims, 59, of Big Bend, WV, passed away at his home Friday, May 10, 2024. He was born July 30, 1964, in Grantsville, WV, a son of James and Sheila Taylor Sims. In addition to his parents, he is survived by sons Benjamin Mark Sims and Gregory Cole Sims; grandson Samuel Mark Sims; and niece Jamie Sims.

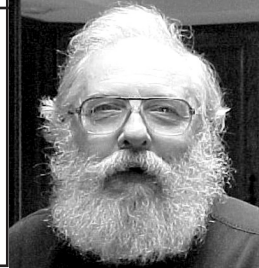
Mark operated his own company, Sims Forestry, LLC. He enjoyed the outdoors and hunting, especially deer hunting.

A graveside funeral service will be conducted by Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, WV, at Taylor Cemetery, on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. Randy Wilson officiating.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.stumpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.stumpfuneralhomes.com).

## Creston News

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

Gene Rader, age 81, died after accidentally amputating a foot with his riding lawnmower. He was the son of Herbert & Ethel Maze Rader of Annamoriah. Burial was in the Big Bend (Knight) cemetery.

Roberta Wilson, age 83, of Big Springs passed away. She had worked at Calhoun General Hospital/ Minnie Hamilton and was the widow of Bill Wilson who was the head honcho for Eureka Pipe Line Co.

Creston had a cloudburst on Wednesday. On Little Creek, there was road damage at Big Run and on the Richardsonville Road, the culvert at the mouth of Black Snake was completely blocked. On W. Va. 5 the culvert at the mouth of Polecat was clogged making a respectable sized farm pond. Many other culverts and ditch lines were clogged causing water to impact the highway. One hour after the deluge there was so much water on W. Va. 5 at the rock quarry below Cherry that one could hydroplane. The storm also knocked out telephone and internet service to some Creston residents.

Seems the season is early this year and almost all of the peonies and iris will be gone before they can be picked to take to the graveyards for Decoration Day.

Darrell Hacker & Leon Jurasic became "big-time timbermen" after trees fell across the Richardsonville Road.

John Jones was attending to business in Creston & Hi Lee Herron was a business visitor in Elizabeth.

The WEF (World Economic Forum) has made it clear that the world government agency wants to restrict the private ownership of automobiles. The peasants should be happy that they are allowed to walk.

Wirt County's graduation was Sunday. Kylee Blair and Skylar Bunch were Creston grads. Skylar was one of the recipients of the Landon Taylor \$1,000 scholarship.

A Braxton County citizen who reads the Creston News wonders whatever happened to the "Roads to Prosperity" program. "Where did the \$6 billion go?" Maybe it went to out-of-state contractors cutting tree tops along the roadways.

The big talk is the election and the problems that faced those who exercised their right to choose

their elected leaders. In Calhoun County, the poll workers didn't know to tear off the tab on the paper that the voter had to give them. In Wirt County, in different precincts, there were problems said to be related to the wrong thickness of the paper used in the machines. There were insufficient paper ballots for folks to vote like in old times and folks were sent to different precincts, sometimes, it was said, being told you cannot vote here. With at least three very close races locally, there is "some" turmoil.

Chris Rose, a real live coal miner who spent some time locally and was well thought of, won his primary in the northern counties. He spent \$54,282.66 while the incumbent who lost spent \$1,187,298.43. Broadway Joe Manchin's man won the US Senate race but his pick for governor lost to Patrick Morrisey who had been vilified during the campaign.

State Senate president Craig "Baldy" Blair was defeated by 1500 votes in a three-way primary while Sen. Patricia Rucker won her race in Jefferson County. Blair was a pusher for forced pooling which makes sure that W. Va. never reaps the correct rewards for having world-class oil & gas fields. Worldwide ratings place United Arab Emirates as #4 and West Virginia at #5. Also, there was the scheme to exempt from taxation \$billions in "equipment" that sends oil & gas to other states & nations "all for the greater good." Government agents were also forced to admit that most of the "misinformation" handed out during the plademic came from government sources.

The Jay Bee class action suit has been settled with \$38 million to be paid by the company and \$5 million from Randy Broida's estate. Payment to those who were shorted will happen next year.

The NIH (National Institutes of Health) admitted that the US taxpayers funded the gain of function research in the Wuhan germ warfare lab that resulted in the Wuhan Kung Flu virus that killed millions worldwide. Local residents still suffer the consequences of the germ warfare research.

The delinquent tax lists have been published in the local newspapers. Folks should check to make sure they, their neighbors, friends, or relatives are not listed.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$79.06/bbl. with condensate fetching \$61.06/bbl. with Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$68.06 and medium \$79.06/bbl.

## My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



My first year in fourth grade is drawing to a close. The final countdown stands at five days with students and one teacher day. While this is the last week, it is a very busy one. I am sticking to my one day at a time mantra while continuing to work on crossing items off my to-do list.

I started off last week with two days off due to election day. This couldn't have come at a better time. I needed that extra time off to recoup and regroup after a particularly hectic week that ended with a trip to Kennywood Park. I spent Monday catching up at my home among the hills. I cleaned, swept, and dusted while the washing machine and dishwasher did their jobs. Then I tackled the task of moving my winter clothes to the guest room closet and bringing my summer clothes into my bedroom. I even put away my winter shoes, hats, scarves, and gloves.

On Tuesday I helped my parents with a few projects before I went grocery shopping to get ready for Cookbook Club. The theme this time was foods that remind you of your mom. I had quite a few options to choose from, but I went with something that we call Angel Food Fluff. This dish is simple and delicious. You simply tear up an angel food cake into bite-size pieces and place them in a large bowl. Then you stir in a container of Cool Whip and add fresh blueberries and strawberries. It is light, fluffy, and scrumptious.

Once my dish was complete, I grabbed my notebook and headed to the library for a board meeting that was taking place before Cookbook Club. This was our yearly budget meeting, and I am thrilled to say there are some really exciting additions and improvements coming to the library in the near future. I don't want to give away too much, but I will say our little library will be receiving a bit of a new look in the near future, and I couldn't be happier about that. Once the meeting was over, I joined the Cookbook Club members for one of the most delicious meals our club has had yet.

On Wednesday I headed back to school determined to begin work on my end-of-the-year checkout list. I want to be able to walk out of the building on the 28th and not think about school for a while. During my planning period, I made a real dent in the list, and I feel confident I can finish it all by the end of this week. I was glad I got so much finished because I had a haircut right after school and couldn't linger to do anything else. As always, I enjoyed my time with Crystal and walked out with a short and sassy summer hairdo.

I continued to cross items off the list through Thursday and Friday. I also finished my lesson plans for the year and finalized my grades. This week is going to be a very busy one with special activities planned every day, so it felt good to know these tasks were completed. I went home, ate some dinner, and read a little before I went to pick up the family to head to Glenville to watch the Dirt Devils play softball. The weather was wet and chilly, but the game kept us on the edge of our seats. It was a tie score when time ran out, so the game went into overtime. It took two extra innings, but the Calhoun girls came away with the win and a ticket to the championship.

I climbed into bed Friday night tired but happy. Thankfully, the championship was held in Glenville, and it didn't start until 1:00. This allowed me to sleep in and have a slow Saturday morning. The weather was sunny and warm for the game, and the Dirt Devils won their second championship in front of a cheering crowd.

Sunday was spent going to church and then spending some time on my parents' back deck. I am really looking forward to relaxing and reading there on summer afternoons soon. I am now preparing for my last Sunday school night for this school year. I don't have to pack a lunch because tomorrow I will be meeting the 4th graders at the middle high school for their move-up day where they will meet their new teachers, tour the building, and learn about next year's classes. The rest of the week includes the 4th Grade Celebration, Field Day, and an Awards Assembly. I'm tired just thinking about it all. I am very ready to say goodbye to Miss Walburn for a few months and be simply Mellody. The clock is ticking. Summer, here I come!

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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## Soil Testing for Effective Lawn & Garden Fertilization

If you want a great garden, you've got to have great soil. Working from the ground up by soil testing is the best way to make sure your garden is the best growing environment. Testing your soil is as easy as it is important for a healthy lawn as it tells you exactly what your soil needs. This way, you can buy the right additives for your lawn, and nothing more, making it healthier and saving you money.

The makeup of the soil can differ from one part of the garden to another, so it's important to test more than one area. Testing the soil is a key step if you want to know what nutrients it's made of, how acidic or alkaline it is, and other important details that affect the health of your plot.

Soil testing is a cost-effective and eco-friendly approach to lawn fertilization. Precisely identifying what nutrients the soil lacks allows gardeners to invest in targeted nutrients, ensuring the garden receives exactly what it needs for optimal health without overspending on unnecessary fertilizers.

Such precise application not only saves money by avoiding the waste associated with over-fertilization but also prevents nutrient runoff and environmental pollution. This contributes to a more sustainable garden care routine, ensuring the garden remains an eco-friendly aspect of the landscape while receiving the proper nourishment to thrive.

**Interpreting Soil Test Results**  
Interpreting a soil test might seem a little daunting at first, but

it's quite straightforward once you understand the basics. The results from a soil test provide valuable information about the nutrients present in your soil, its pH level and other important characteristics that affect plant growth.

**Soil pH** - The pH scale runs from 0 to 14, with 7 being neutral. Numbers below 7 indicate acidic soil, while numbers above 7 mean the soil is alkaline. Most plants prefer a slightly acidic to neutral pH (around 6.0 to 7.0). If your soil's pH is outside your plants' preferred range, you'll need to make adjustments.

**Nutrient Levels** - The three main nutrients listed are macronutrients that plants usually need in larger amounts—nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). These are the primary nutrients that plants need to grow, and they're often listed as N-P-K on fertilizer packages.

Once you've received the results of your soil test, using it is a lot like using a map to arrive at a healthy production plot. Instead of guessing or using a one-size-fits-all approach, you can target specific deficiencies to make sure your garden and plants get the right balance of nutrients. This promotes healthier, more vibrant growth. With this approach, your garden care becomes more efficient, effective, and eco-friendly.

*This article was written by Sod Solutions Content Strategist, Valerie Smith. Want to learn more about achieving a great lawn? Check out more Sod University tips at <https://sodsolutions.com/sod-university/>.*



# Lest We Forget

## Celebrate • Honor • Remember

On Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Their courage and service will never be forgotten, and we owe them and their loved ones a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Let us always remember that freedom is not free.



*From the Staff of*  
**The Calhoun Chronicle**

## What Makes a Community? What Makes it a Happy One?

community - a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society

I grew up in Marietta, Ohio. Nestled in a wide valley where the Muskingum River meets the Ohio River, Marietta is a historic, private college town with a solid business base, sound health system, and multiple opportunities for recreation and tourism. For the most part, Marietta has it all - everything you look for in a community.

A community is a social unit of members who share a common network of some sort — a connection of values, interests, goals, and kinship. Positive communities inspire their members in ways that promote a sense of self-discovery and group connection, encourage members to express their beliefs and values, and build relationships with others.

I moved to central West Virginia in 1992 when I transferred to Glenville State College (now University). I worked odd jobs after graduating in 1994, and in 1999, turning down permanent employment at a temporary worksite in Chicago, Illinois, Frank and I returned to central West Virginia and settled here on his family's farm not far from the Calhoun/Gilmer County line.

We're about the same distance from Grantsville, the county seat of Calhoun, and Glenville, the county

seat of Gilmer. Over the past 20 years, I have worked and interacted in both counties. They both lie in the donut hole of West Virginia. Neither are intersected by an interstate. Their populations have been aging and shrinking. Both were wounded by the loss of manufacturing.

Since I moved to this "depressed" region of Appalachia, I have taken an interest in community and economic development. One of my best friends (lost to Covid), worked in economic development for several decades. I have attended multiple conferences on such topics, read multiple books, and have a knack for seeing potential.

And, living the past twenty years dancing back and forth over the Calhoun/Gilmer County line, I'm always making note of the vast differences in the community differences of the two counties. And I've always been perplexed by the way each county is the opposite of what you'd expect.

The quality of a community is measured by the level of engagement and happiness individuals can draw from community interactions. Note that community quality is not measured by income, employment, status, economic class, or education. What price can you place on a sparkling night sky? On being treated with respect? On volunteerism and knowing your neighbors? On farm fresh eggs with biscuits over three inches high?



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May 15, 2024

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**May 23, 1862:** In what became known as the Battle of Lewisburg, Union troops repelled a Confederate advance, killing 38 and wounding 66, while losing only 13 men.

**May 24, 1896:** Confederate General John Echols died in Staunton, Virginia. Echols served in the Kanawha Valley in 1862 and commanded Confederate forces at their defeat at the Battle of Droop Mountain in November 1863.

**May 25, 1903:** Industrialist and philanthropist Bernard Patrick McDonough Jr. was born in Texas. Starting with a Parkersburg construction business in the 1930s, McDonough built a Fortune 500 company with operations in hand tools, building materials, and barge building. The Bernard McDonough Foundation remains one of the largest private foundations in West Virginia.

**May 25, 1937:** William H. "Teepi" Kendrick died in Morgantown. Kendrick was a pioneer in West Virginia's 4-H program. He broadened the program to emphasize more than just agriculture, and he was primarily responsible for establishing the state 4-H camp at Jackson's Mill.

**May 26, 1923:** Playwright Maryat Lee was born in Kentucky. In 1970, she moved to Summers County and developed her Eco Theater into a national organization.

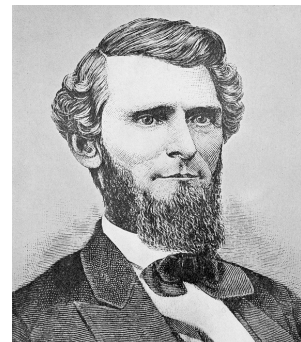
**May 27, 1912:** Legendary golfer Sam Snead was born at Ashwood, Virginia. When The Greenbrier reopened as a resort after World War II, Snead returned as the golf pro.

**May 27, 1922:** Labor leader Bill Blizzard was acquitted of treason charges following the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain. The trial was held in the Jefferson County Courthouse, where John Brown had been convicted of treason against Virginia in 1859.

**May 28, 1863:** Arthur Boreman was elected as the first governor of the new state of West Virginia.

**May 28, 1920:** Elmer Bird--"The Banjo Man from Turkey Creek"--was born in Putnam County. He was named best old-time banjo player in the country four times in his 60s.

**May 29, 1961:** Alderson and Chloe Muncy in McDowell County received the first food stamps in the nation. After observing malnutrition and poverty during his campaign, President John Kennedy directed the government to establish a pilot food stamp program.



## OP-ED

By Gaylen Duskey

My advice for all you 2024 high school graduates out there: "Look out for number one and try not to step in number two."

I'm lying of course, since that was the advice Rodney Dangerfield as Thornton Melon in the movie "Back to School" gave to the graduating class at Grand Lakes University. Funny movie and surprisingly good advice. However, it is not the advice old people like me should be giving to young people like those graduating from high schools and colleges this year. That advice is a little less succinct and a little drier.

My advice for young people? Try it while you are young (not drugs or illegal things) so you won't be older and find yourself asking, "What if?" Do that because the saddest words of tongue or pen are the words "it might have been."

Find the one, the thing, or the idea you love, grab onto it, and give it your best every day with every breath. Do that so you won't be my age wondering if you had done everything you could and questioning how things may have turned out if you had.

I have had the wonderful opportunity in my life to interact with so many young people, being allowed by God to put two daughters and a grandson through the rigors of growing up and graduating from high school. I am so proud of them all.

I have been further blessed by being allowed to interact with so many young athletes. I appreciate what athletes, and anyone who participates in extracurricular activities, had to do to be allowed to participate and the discipline they had to have to participate. I thank each one I have interacted with for their time and indulgence. It has been my privilege.

But I have found a few pithy comments from others I hope they can use. To wit:

- Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else. — Judy Garland
- You may never know what results will come of your action, but if you do nothing there will be no result. — Mahatma Gandhi
- The noblest question in the world is: What good may I do in it? — Benjamin Franklin
- Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm. — Winston Churchill
- Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. --Thomas Edison
- In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility. -- Eleanor Roosevelt

These pithy quotes ought to change your life as you go from the protected world of childhood to the unprotected world of real life which brings me back to my original advice.

"Look out for number one and try not to step in number two."

THE POLITICAL FALLOUT: Now that the primary election is over, and all the losing candidates have picked up their campaign signs, how did things go for me? They went quite well even though Chris Miller did not win the nomination for governor. I have no problem with Patrick Morrissey, I just preferred Miller.

But, hey, Miller won Calhoun County. Not by much but he won Calhoun and 12 other counties setting himself up as a person to be dealt with if he ever decides to run again.

I did not "lose" many votes in the primary election although I lost Miller and Mike Stuart, who I voted for because he is a friend of mine.

In the upcoming general election, I will say I am voting for at least one Democrat but I don't consider it blasphemy because I think the Democrat is more Republican than the Republican is. At least I won't have to write in Hamilton Burger this time. On to November.

CLEANING UP: Recently a group of community leaders including Dr. Mark Sarver of Glenville State University, LKVDC Director Shelia Burch, Ridgeview News Publisher Shari Johnson, Commissioner Craig Arthur, Commissioner Roger Propst, Superintendent of Schools Michael Fitzwater, American Medicine Company representatives Robin and Crystal Mersh, businessman Eric Lupardus, Calhoun Banks CEO Martha Haymaker, real estate agents Derek Villers and Rhonda Cain, and Calhoun Gilmer Career Center Director Bryan Sterns met to talk about what Calhoun County needed to address while making a pitch for a manufacturing company to come to the county.

They are addressing those needs and hopefully can get everything to fall into place because it could get as many as 500 jobs to come into the area with many paying upwards of \$100,000. That sure tops what the Rubber Fabricators Incorporated brought to Calhoun back around 1960 and that influx of jobs kept the county rolling for several years. I hope we can pull it off and if we do, it will be done against some opposition which is a bit surprising, but it shouldn't be.

GRADUATIONS: I have been through several graduation ceremonies including mine, my first wife, my daughter, my adopted daughter, my grandson, and all his siblings the youngest two this year from Belpre High School.

The next two in line are eight and four. My great-granddaughters. I hope to make it to their graduations so I can give them some unwanted words of wisdom, which I hope is better than "Look out for number one and try not to step in number two."

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

## Arnoldsburg Student Named to SNHU Dean's List

Bridget Carter of Arnoldsburg has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2024 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited programs online.

## Media Statement: HIV Case

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department (MOVHD) is in contact with area officials to monitor the situation with the indicted HIV-positive woman who may have had sexual contact with more than 200 people in multiple states. MOVHD always monitors for spikes in HIV and other communicable diseases in our area.

According to the CDC, symptoms of HIV can include flu-like symptoms 2-4 weeks after infection and can last a few days to a few weeks. However, many people have no symptoms - the only way of knowing of infection is to get tested.

If anyone has concerns or would like testing, call your local health department or 304-485-7374 to schedule a test.

HIV can be prevented by using condoms, never sharing needles or syringes, using PrEP or PEP, which are pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis, and HIV treatments to keep it from transmitting.

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The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties.

## The Grandparent Visitation Act

Eleanor cringed every time there was another blow-up between her son and daughter-in-law. It was painful to watch. They were arguing almost non-stop over money, the kids, the car, everything. Their divorce was coming.

She was especially concerned about her three young grandchildren. What was going to happen to them? Would Eleanor still be able to see them as much as she did now? Bake cookies with them? Have picnics?

A friend from church told her that the Grandparent Visitation Act controls this type of situation. On the Internet, she looked it up at WV Code sec. 48-10-101, et. seq.

Eleanor read that reasonable visitation with a grandchild can be ordered by a circuit court or family court judge when two conditions are met: (1) it is in the best interest of the child, and (2) visitation would not substantially interfere with the parent-child relationship.

Under the Grandparent Visitation Act, the primary focus for

the court would be to evaluate and give priority to the parents' preferences for their child along with considering the best interests of the child.

Even if parents are not married, separated, or having problems, a grandparent can apply for court-ordered visitation when appropriate. In recent years, the concept of visitation by a "psychological parent," someone who is not a grandparent or family member, has been considered by courts in West Virginia.

When such a person has played a substantial role in the daily life of the child with the consent and encouragement of the child's legal parent or guardian, that person may qualify as a psychological parent who can be given visitation rights by the circuit court or family court.

Visitation rights and other legal issues faced by West Virginia residents age 60 and over can be discussed by calling 800-229-5068, the West Virginia Senior Legal Aid hotline. A staff attorney will provide assistance at no charge.

## USDA Shifts Gardening Zones

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently released a new version of its Plant Hardiness Zone Map (PHZM), updating this valuable tool for gardeners and researchers for the first time since 2012. USDA's Plant Hardiness Zone Map is the standard by which gardeners and growers can determine which plants are most likely to thrive at a location. The new map—jointly developed by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Oregon State University's (OSU) PRISM Climate Group—is more accurate and contains greater detail than prior versions. The map is available online at <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>.

The 2023 map is based on 30-year averages of the lowest annual winter temperatures at specific locations, is divided into 10-degree Fahrenheit zones, further divided into 5-degree Fahrenheit half-zones. Like the 2012 map, the 2023 web version offers a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based interactive format and is specifically designed to be user-friendly. Notably, the 2023 map delivers to users several new, significant features and advances. The 2023 map incorporates data from 13,412 weather stations compared to the 7,983 that were used for the 2012 map.

Approximately 80 million American gardeners and growers represent the most frequent users of the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map. However, they're not the only ones with a need for this hardiness information. For example, the USDA Risk Management Agency refers to the map's plant hardiness zone designations to set certain crop insurance standards. Additionally, scientists incorporate the plant hardiness zones as a data layer in many research models, such as those modeling the spread of exotic weeds and insects.

Plant hardiness zone designations represent what's known as the "average annual extreme minimum temperature" at a given location during a particular period (30 years, in this instance). Put another way, the designations do not reflect the coldest it has ever been or ever will be at a specific location, but simply the average lowest winter temperature for the location over a specified time. Low temperature during the winter is a crucial factor in the survival of plants at specific locations.

The map includes 13 zones across the United States and its territories. Each zone is broken into half zones, designated as "A" and "B." For example, zone 7 is divided into 7a and 7b half zones. When compared to the 2012 map, the 2023 version reveals that about half of the country shifted to the next warmer half zone, and the other half of the country remained in the same half zone. That shift to the next warmer half zone means those areas warmed somewhere in the range of 0-5 degrees Fahrenheit; however, some locations experienced warming in the range of 0-5 degrees Fahrenheit without moving to another half zone.

Temperature updates to plant hardiness zones are not necessarily reflective of global climate change because of the highly variable nature of the extreme minimum temperature of the year, as well as the use of increasingly sophisticated mapping methods and the inclusion of data from more weather stations. Consequently, map developers involved in the project cautioned against attributing temperature updates made to some zones as reliable and accurate indicators of global climate change (which is usually based on trends in overall average temperatures recorded over long periods).

Although a paper version of the 2023 map will not be available for purchase from the government, anyone may download the new map free of charge and print copies as needed.

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**Calhoun Library**  
*Trivia Night*  
May 23, 2024 - 6pm  
@ CCCOA Senior Center  
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Round 3 - May?  
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## SPRING SPORTS 2024

By Bob Bonar

The Red Devil track team concluded its season on May 8 at the Region IV Class A championship in Charleston. 10 schools participated in the event held at Laidley Field. The boys placed 8th with 5 points and the girls finished in 9th place with 8 points.

The following is a list of all Calhoun County students who participated in the meet and the events they competed in:

### Boys

Kristian Fredrick: 200 Meter Dash, Shot Put, Discus Throw  
 Jackson Clawson: 800 Meter Run, 1600 Meter Run, 3200 Meter Run  
 Gabriel Waldron: 100 Meter Dash, 200 Meter Dash

### Girls

Kassidy Fredrick: Long Jump, 100 and 200 Meter Relays  
 Gabi Smith: Long Jump, Discus Throw, 200 Meter Relay  
 Abigail Waldron: 100 Meter Dash, 100 and 200 Meter Relays  
 Nyla Warner: 100 Meter Dash, 200 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Relay  
 Jules Williams: 200 Meter Dash, Long Jump, 100 and 200 Meter Relays

The regional meet represented the final competition for seniors Gabriel Waldron and Nyla Warner.

### REGION IV CLASS A TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

#### TEAM RESULTS

Boys	
Buffalo	290
Ravenswood	136
Wahama	92
Wirt County	54
Sherman	38
St. Joseph Central	14
Tolsia	6
Calhoun County	5
Gilmer County	0
Hannan	0

Girls	
Buffalo	185
Ravenswood	103
Gilmer County	87
Wirt County	56
Wahama	55
Sherman	47
St. Joseph Central	39
Hannan	33
Calhoun County	8
Tolsia	4

#### 2024 VARSITY TRACK RESULTS

Date	Event	Location	Boys	Girls
3/16	Don Williams Memorial	Spencer 6th	8th	
3/22	Doddridge Season Opener	West Union	DNP	DNP
3/30	Lindsey Mann Memorial	Spencer 5th	6th	
4/19	Cline Stansberry Invitational	West Union	DNP	15th
4/27	Tudor's Biscuit World Relays	Charleston	5th	5th
5/3	LKC Championship	Williamstown	DNP	DNP
5/8	Region IV Championship	Charleston	8th	9th

## New EMS Treat-in-place Law Takes Effect

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – A bill signed into law by Gov. Jim Justice is expected to provide much-needed relief to West Virginians in need of emergency services and first responders this month. The new “treat-in-place” protocols take effect on May 1, 2024, and will allow for patients with qualifying conditions to be treated in the comfort of their own homes. It is a move the governor said will help alleviate long wait times in emergency rooms and keep ambulances from being tied up at the hospital.

“This is a victory for not only the countless lives that will be saved, but the EMS providers they depend on to answer their call,” said Gov. Justice, who signed the bill into law on March 9, 2024.

The measure also gives EMS companies the ability to bill for certain services provided in the home that do not require ambulance transport to the hospital. West Virginia Department of Health Secretary Sherri A. Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP, who oversees the state’s Office of Emergency Medical Services, said the initiative will free up EMS units to respond faster to emergencies.

“Too often, we hear of hospitals on red diversion and patients being diverted to other facilities. These are critical minutes this law gives back to the patient. One 911 call that goes unanswered is one call too many and I’m proud to be a part of this effort that will help make sure there are ambulances available for anyone who has to make that call.”

The Department of Health’s Office of Emergency Medical Services Director Joseph Ratliff said Medicaid will also be able to bill for services rendered. “This gives EMS units across the state the added support they need to operate which will in turn save lives.” OEMS has developed the education for the protocols and will send them out through the state system to the agency training officers. The training officers educated providers on the protocols before the May 1st start date.

## Fishing Licenses in WV Increase 27% in 5 Years

A new study looking at the U.S. states where fishing popularity has grown the most places West Virginia with the fifth largest growth.

Fishing is among the nation’s most popular pastimes, with more than 50 million Americans going fishing each year. The growth of fishing has also become an important component of conservation and habitat restoration efforts in the U.S., as revenue derived from fishing licenses helps finance federal, state, and local programs for wildlife protection.

Some U.S. states have seen more rapid growth in the popularity of fishing recently than others. Researchers calculated the percentage change in the number of fishing license holders per capita over the last five years and then ranked states accordingly.

These are the key takeaways from the report:

According to Google Trends data, search interest in the term “fishing rod” has increased by more than 90% since 2004. Searches for “how to fish” are up nearly 250%, and searches for “where to fish” are up by almost 400%. Each of these search terms also saw pronounced spikes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the late 1960s, the total number of fishing license holders in the U.S. has risen by more than half, from 20.5 million to 31.0 million.

Over the last five years, West Virginia experienced a 27.3% increase in fishing license holders per capita, and fishing license revenue in West Virginia decreased by 7.7% during that span. Overall, West Virginia ranks 5th on the list of states where fishing is growing most in popularity.

## New Phone Scam Targeting Homeowners

The West Virginia Office of Energy (WVOE) warns a new phone scam is targeting homeowners across the state.

Energy officials say people are receiving calls from scammers claiming to represent the “West Virginia Power Company” or other, legitimate power companies that operate in West Virginia, including Appalachian Power and FirstEnergy. The callers offer to perform free in-home services, funded through federal grants, to make households more energy efficient. Scammers then ask for personal information, including the victim’s full name and home address, which can be used to commit identity theft and other crimes.

“If the caller cannot provide their company’s West Virginia business license and details about the grant funding the project, it is likely a scam,” says Nicholas Preservati, director of the Office of Energy. “You should never give out personal information over the phone

without first making sure the call is legitimate.”

When in doubt of a caller’s legitimacy, homeowners are encouraged to ask for information to call back later. This includes the name of the company, a phone number, and their business license number, which can be cross-checked on the Secretary of State’s website, sos.wv.gov.

Some utilities have their own energy-saving programs that customers can sign up for, like AEP’s TakeCharge WV, but there is currently no grant providing this type of free service for all West Virginia residents. The Office of Energy will inform the public of any such initiatives in the future. More information about WVOE’s current and pending projects can be found at energywv.org.

If you feel that you have been victim to a scam, contact the Attorney General Office’s Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-368-8808 or visit ago.wv.gov.

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**Calhoun County Committee on Aging, Inc.**  
**June 2024 Menu**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Tenders Cheese Sauce Broccoli Potatoes Fruit Ww Bread	4 Sloppy Joes Coleslaw Onions Potatoes Fruit Ww Roll	5 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Fruit Whole Wheat Bun	6 Beans and Ham Greens Onions Fruit Ww Cornbread	7 Fish Lettuce Peas and Carrots Fruit Whole Wheat Bun
10 BBQ Ribs Onions Pasta & Vegetable Salad Fruit Ww Bread	11 Salisbury Steak Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli Fruit Whole Wheat Bread	12 Cook's Choice	13 BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple WW bread	14 Beef Vegetable Soup Apple sauce Cheese Salad Ww Bread Juice
17 Fish Parsley Noodles Mixed Greens Whole Wheat bread Fruit Juice	18 Chicken Patty Potatoes Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Whole Wheat Roll	19 CLOSED “Juneteenth”	20 Center Closed WV Day 	21 Cook's Choice
24 Pinto Beans Onions Spinach Ww Cornbread Fruit	25 Kraut Italian Sausage Potatoes Carrots Ww Bun Fruit	26 Taco Salad Ww chips Lettuce Tomatoes Brownie Jell-O w/Fruit	27 Hamburger Lettuce/Onion/Tomato Coleslaw Fruit Whole Wheat Bun	28 Pork Chop Potatoes Carrots Ww Cornbread Fruit
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G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of CALHOUN County

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program.

Contact

Katheryn Emery
WV Department of Environmental Protection
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