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Calhoun Arrests

By Shari Johnson



Kaleb Aaron Kote is being held at the WV Central Regional Jail on a \$10,000 bond for Probation Violation in misdemeanor case 24M07M00082.

Timothy Ladd Flanagan is being held on a bond violation in mesdemeanor case 24M07M00087. Current bond is set at \$1,000

Samuel Garcis is being held without bond for violation of a Protective Order in case 24M07M00052.



(Picture provided by Eric Lupardus) L to R: David O'Connor, Kristen O'Connor, Craig Gherke, Grady Wilson and Jason Wilson.

House of Delegate Candidate Justin Bordas arrested on Felony Charge of Manufacturing a Controlled Substance.

By Shari Johnson



On April 25th, 2024, Deputy C.R. Stephens, assisted by other officers, executed a search warrant at the Justin Bordas residence. During the search, the officers located three plants believed to be, based upon training and experience, marijuana. Two of the plants were in a hydroponic device in the lone bathroom of the residence. The third plant was more mature and in a self contained indoor greenhouse type device in the garage.

Among other items taken were two smoking devices and several prescription cannabis containers containing product outside of the thirty day supply allowed to be possessed in WV Code Chapter 16A.

Bordas had previously stated during a home confinement check that his medical cannabis card allows him to have two marijuana plants, however, he has no permit from the bureau as required by WV Code 16A-3-3(b)(3). Bordas is being charged with three (3) counts of cultivation of marijuana. These crimes occurred within the geographical limits of Calhoun County, West Virginia.

Bordas was arrested and taken to the WV Central Regional Jail where he is being held on a \$5,000 cash or surety bond on the charges of Manufacturing a controlled substance as well as a capias.

One Step Closer to Opening Day for the Pool with a Little Help from Local Divers

The Sandra Johnson Aquatic Center had its first “official visitors” when Jason Wilson, of Minnie Hamilton Emergency Services, with other Emergency service staff assisted the 1982 Foundation in helping to prepare the pool for their May grand opening.

Mr. Wilson said having the pool in Calhoun will allow them a place for dive training and that he appreciated the 1982 Foundation affording them the opportunity.

Opening day is Saturday, May 25th, 2024 at noon.

West Fork Town Hall Meeting gives The West Fork Hope for Water Extension

By Melissa West

The Mt. Zion Public Service District hosted a town hall meeting at the Upper West Fork Park on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 to allow the public to weigh in on the possibility of an extension of the water line from the current ending location of Chloe to the Clay County line. Once there, the line would be tied into a Clay county project that is currently underway extending their service to the Calhoun line.

Mark Sankoff, of Protesa Engineering told the crowd of about 30 people that the PSD had asked them to look into the extension from the southern end of the county. By extending into Clay county the PSD will have another source of water available should the source from Grantsville Municipal’s system happen to have an issue supplying water to the West Fork area.

The Mt. Zion system stands to pick up an additional 50 customers if the line goes through to the proposed areas. Although the lines may go further in the future, it would currently require booster stations costing an average of \$250k to \$300k which is not feasible with their current expectation of funding available.

The projected project will cost over \$5 million dollars, depending upon how many customers agree to sign up for service. An ongoing issue has been providing enough water to turn over the line and keep the chlorine residual up to a legal limit at the end of the line in Chloe. The new extension would not only stabilize pressure but would allow residents to lessen the concern of losing water during a power outage which is experienced by well owners and allow residents to receive a reduction in home insurance costs. As a part of the plan they’ll be building a water storage tank that will help pressurize the line as it travels south. Mr. Sankoff readily answered questions by the residents attending regarding the amount of costs that would be incurred by those willing to sign on for service.

The three year contract for new customers on the extension would include a \$100 tap fee, which will be \$250 after the construction phase, and a monthly water bill that currently runs \$44.16 for the base bill of 2000 gallons of usage.

The funding for this project is hoped to come from a few sources. One of which has already been submitted to Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin, and is soon to be submitted to Congresswoman Carol Miller for Congressional spending grants. If approved 80% of the project costs could be covered; but Mr. Sankoff warned that the grants were very competitive and even if approved would have to pass through the approval of the federal budget this year.

Town Hall Speakers: Commissioners Roger Propst and Kevin Helmick, Mt. Zion PSD Board president Ari White, Iona Rhodes (PSD staff) Anita West (PSD Board member) and Mark Sankoff, Protesa Engineering.

Mt. Zion PSD Board President Ari White spoke saying that the PSD would strive to get water as far as they could, so long as they had enough customers to justify the extension. Two of the three Commissioners attended the meeting, Roger Propst and Kevin Helmick.

Commissioner Helmick asked about a prior petition that had obtained 117 signatures of residents desiring water. Mr. Sankoff said that they’ll visit that, but a new petition needs to be signed to find out the current need. He also said that although a petition is important, it is the signed user agreements that show commitment to the project and will carry the greater weight.

Commissioner Roger Propst told those attending that he believed that the commission is in full agreement to go to the end of the road to get them water saying that there is also money set aside in the county budget to extend water service in the County. He encouraged them to speak to their neighbors about the opportunity knowing that their voice would potentially go further on increase interest in the extension.

County Commissioner candidate Eric Lupardus spoke up during the meeting and informed the community members that he had spoken with and met with House Speaker Roger Hanshaw on several occasions to discuss the water issue. He is currently in the process of coordinating a meeting with the PSD and the Engineer at the capital to discuss the water project to the areas of the county that are in need. Vote Lupardus for County Commissioner in May.

Who is Alice Miller Holmes?

I am a resident of the Center District of Calhoun County. My husband’s family has lived in Calhoun County their entire life. I have been a member of Five Forks Community Church for many years. I’m a mother of 3 children and a grandmother of seven beautiful children.



As the Executive Director/Founder of the non-profit, Grantsville Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts, (GCMAFA) I work daily with the community, providing musical training and opportunities for children and adults spotlighting the rich Appalachian cultural available to this area. In addition, traditional Appalachian dance is available. We also continue to add programs that will support the community. These experiences have and will continue to improve the quality of life for students and the Calhoun County community while promoting a positive image of West Virginia.

One other business I own is Holmes Venture Corp. I provide mortgage documents and loan closings for many banks and title companies all over West Virginia. I also own and operate Homes Venture Corp/DBA Alice’s Attic Music Store. We sell musical instruments along with food and ice cream and provide a place for our local talent to gather and play music.

Before GCMAFA: I owned and operated a trucking company for several years. I had a CDL license, and could fulfill any position necessary to keep the daily jobs going. If an employee was out I could drive, dispatch or do accounting. Whatever was needed at any given time. I started working for a construction and worked my way up to Superintendent. I have experience managing several contracted jobs occurring at the same time. With a crew of professionals in a very diverse community. Supplying every job with equipment, operators, trucks, truck drivers and material on a daily basis.

Soon After retiring, I began to work in the community giving children guitar lessons and at that point GCMAFA was born.

I would like to expand on my previous service to the community by taking what I learned from hands on experience to the commissioner’s office. I will work diligently to bring water to the folks that have been waiting for years to have something most of us take for granted. Internet is another priority that I will be working on. Show more support to our law enforcement and first responders. Focusing on tourism and our local parks would be another priority. We have been blessed with beautiful parks in our county. All of which will attract tourism.

The commissioner must abide by the Sunshine Laws, meet at the courthouse and be open to the public. The legislated responsibilities include: Oversight of county tax dollars with budgeting and setting levy; Provide and maintain the courthouse; Funding of the core elected officials’ offices; Appointing or serving on local or regional boards; Lobbying the state to fund mandated services; Helping taxpayers understand property tax valuation; Supervising the election process. When looking at these duties you can understand the job of County Commissioner is not a 3 hour a month job. It’s also more than a part time job. Please be sure to vote for someone who has the time and the ability to be an effective commissioner.

OBITUARIES

"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

JANE ALICE (MOLLOHAN) VANHORN

VanHorn, Jane Alice (Mollohan), passed away, Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Beloved wife of the late Earl T. VanHorn. Loving mother of Mark (Lori), Bill (Connie) and Don VanHorn. Dear grandmother of Michael (Olivia) VanHorn, Christina (Brian) Courter, Timothy (Megan) VanHorn, Angela (Nick) Schmidt and Jamie (Ryan) Wagner. Great grandmother of Teddy, Judah, Sadie, Owen, Hailey, Remi, Rhett, Jack, Evie and Charlotte. Daughter of the late Alva Ernest and Elizabeth Stump Mollohan. Sister of Paul (the late Carol) Mollohan. Aunt of Steve (Laura) VanHorn.



Jane graduated from Calhoun County High School, Grantsville, WV Class of 1954 and WVU in 1957 where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

Services: Funeral service was held at the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road at Holloway, Ballwin. Interment Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Heart Association. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love."
- Washington Irving

2-1-1 For Information

West Virginians can utilize the 2-1-1 program, operated by United Way of W.Va. It connects callers with health and human services resources through trained certified specialists, to learn about specific programs, intake requirements, eligibility, operation hours and more.

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

"This program is more

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

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

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

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

Rambling Prose

By Linda Crawford

(Leave a message 304-655-8621)

April 10 th this year was the 4th anniversary of my disappearing into the bowels of CAMC in Charleston. My appointment with Leann Thomas was April 10 th too. The earlier writing about not storing things up high has changed a wee bit.

About a week ago I rolled up on the balls of my bare feet to take a can off the top of the refrigerator. My grasp didn't hold on the can. It hit my head with the round side and landed on the back of my leg for or five inches above my heal. My food had come up, maybe to keep my balance.

No permanent damage was done but it is still showing the cut and scrape from the edge of the can. The reason for the can being on top of the refrigerator will provide you a good laugh later.

March 31, Resurrection Sunday closed with Scott Powell and host Bill Cunningham discussing Jesus' birth to death and Surrection. They included the prophecies in the book of Isaiah nearly 1000 years before. Eye witnesses are named; the Apostles as well as others whose ministries were scattered after the Crucifixion.

They did not mention but historian Josephus mentions without opinion or reflection the existence of Jesus as historical record. Scott Powell and Bill Cunningham pointed out the leaders of other religions are dead whereas Jesus is alive - that other religions require certain things in order to be accepted.

Romans : "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" puts each and every person at the level place at the foot of His Cross.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., May 2: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sun., May 5: 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. 7:30 p.m.

Fri., May 3: Save the Children Parent Child Group, FRN, 1:30 p.m. Arnoldsburg Elementary School.

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

Sat., May 4: Benefit Dinner for Alex Anderson & Kevin Wilson, Noon, Brooksville Missionary Baptist Church located at 6303 W Little Kanawha Hwy Big Bend, WV
Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 6:00 p.m.

Mon., May 6: Mt. Zion PSD Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Pleasant Hill PSD Meeting, 4:00 p.m. Town of Grantsville Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Tues., May 7: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Save the Children Parent Child Group, FRN, 4:30 p.m. Calhoun Civil Air Patrol, 413 High Street, 6:00 p.m.

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

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 Building.

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

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My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



The countdown has officially begun. As I sit to write this article, I have four weeks of school left until summer vacation. The school calendar includes two days off during election week, so this means the count stands at 18 days.

I know once I flip the calendar to May on Wednesday the days will start to fly. Still, there is a lot to get accomplished in those 18 days. Therefore, I will follow my Grandma Haught's advice to take one day and task at a time until my list is complete.

I was able to cross one item off my list this past Friday. It was a beautiful day to take the first and fourth grades from Pleasant Hill to the Calhoun County Park for a field trip.

It was a good thing I wore comfortable shoes because I was kept busy wearing two hats on this trip. I was a 4th grade teacher but also a member of the historical society welcoming students to Heritage Village.

We unloaded the students at the barn, which we had rented for the day, and unpacked our lunches and other supplies. Then the first grade set out to explore the park while the fourth grade hiked over to Heritage Village. I led the pack so I could quickly enter the Stevens School and slip into my one room schoolhouse costume while the 4 th graders were entering the village and looking around. I started "school" by ringing my teacher bell and calling the students to class.

For the first hour of our visit, I taught my students what it would be like to be a student attending a one room schoolhouse. I explained that students of all ages would be learning together, and that many of them walked long distances in all types of weather to attend. We also talked about how students could only come when they weren't needed at home. After a tour around the room and some explanations about items such as the inkwells in some of the desks and the water jug and ladle in the back of the room, I started class. We had a spelling bee, did some multiplication problems on the chalkboard, wrote letters on notecards, and read a Laura Ingalls Wilder picture book.

When I dismissed class, the 4 th grade split into two groups and began to visit the other buildings in the village. I took off my costume and joined my group at the Jarvis Store. The students learned about all of the tasks that could be accomplished at a general store and how people would often trade what they had to purchase items they needed. Students also got to see an old cash register, scales, a bottle opener, and a turpentine container that would travel down the river on a riverboat.

Our next stop was the Freed Post Office. The students collected the mail from the night deposit, sorted it, and then delivered it to some of the other buildings in the village. They also received a little lesson about the airmail delivery that once took place in Calhoun County. Then we were off to the Cain Chapel where we made a God's Eye craft out of sticks and yarn.

At this point, we switched sides of the village, and we went on to Stemple Cabin while the other group went in the chapel. The students watched Riley weave on her loom before heading into the cabin to see how pioneers once lived. The bear rug on the wall upstairs was definitely the most popular attraction. The Starcher Blacksmith Shop was our next destination.

Here we learned about what a blacksmith would do and how he go about doing it. We saw a forge and got to try our hand on an anvil. Our last stop was the Toolshed and Gristmill where we learned about a number of antique tools and machines and tried our hand at mowing the lawn with an old push mower.

On our way out of the village, every student received a bag of homemade kettle corn made that day in the village. We hiked back over to the barn for lunch, and then I raced back to the village to do my part for the first graders in the schoolhouse. Once that was complete, I hiked back to the barn and rejoined the 4 th grade. We spent the rest of the day hiking and playing in the park. The weather was perfect, and a great time was had by all. We are so blessed to have such a great park in our county. Field trip two is in the books with one to go in May.

Four weeks and counting.....and only three school night Sundays!

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.

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

Fri., May 3: A1 steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, juice, onions.
Mon., May 6: macaroni & cheese, chicken tenders, spinach, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Tues., May 7: pork chops, potatoes, beets, juice, whole wheat bread, fruit.
Wed., May 8: cream turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Thurs., May 9: COOK'S CHOICE

Fri., May 10: Cream tomatoes, potatoes, sausage, whole wheat biscuit.

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Who's Who & What's What in Calhoun High School The undefeated, hard hitting Calhoun County High School Baseball team will defend its colors.

Saturday, May 3 rd , against the strong Elizabeth High School nine, and on ay 9 th and 10 th will endeavor to hand Spencer High School another walloping, such as was administered to them on April 25 th and 26 th , at Spencer by Calhoun County High.

The home team has been handicapped in the last few days due to the rainy weather, but the pitchers are rounding into form in the gym. With E. Smith Hardman and J. Stump as moundsmen and P. Hamilton and A. Stump as receivers, we claim to have the fastest aggregation to the State.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: Eastern Star Has Musical Program: The stated meeting of Grantsville Chapter No. 73, Order of the Eastern Star was held in the Masonic Temple, Monday evening, April 25 at 7:30. Meeting was opened in ritualistic form with Mrs. Lelah K. Ball, Worthy Matron, and L. L. Ball, Worthy Parton, presiding. Committees appointed by the Worthy Matron for May were: Hall Committee, Mrs. Bernice Ferrell, Mrs. Kathryn Busch, and Miss Grace Hathaway; refreshment committee, Mrs. Kathryn Busch, Mrs. Betty Gibson, Mrs. Norma Lee Stemple, Mrs. May Lea Elliott, and Miss Grace Hathaway. Past Matrons' night will be held at the May meeting and there will also be a memorial service. A delightful program was given by Sara Holliday, Jeanne Smith, Jane Mollohan, Beverly Cain, Mary Eleanor Strader, Elizabeth Rose Strader, Judith Hathaway, Vivian Richards, Linda Lambiotte and Anita Rae Gainer. They sang: "Cruising Down The River", "Lavender Blue", "The Dickey-Bird Song", "Buttons and Bows", "Galway Bay", "April Showers", and "Powder Your Face With Sunshine". They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Mary Lea Elliott. At the Close of the meeting, officers, members and visitors were invited to the dinging room where a dainty repast was served by hostesses for the evening, Mesdames Rilla Petit, Sazel Kingsbury, Grace Long, Veva Dorvitt and Miss Garnett Phar.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: 4-H Camp Fund Started By Leaders: The Calhoun 4-H Leader's Association has launched their annual 4-H Camp Fund Drive to raise money to finance the 1974 summer camping program. Four-H'er's throughout the county have been busy all year helping to earn money to pay all or a portion of their fifteen dollar camp fee. Word was received here this week that the camp fee has been raised to seventeen dollars per camper. Therefore, each camper attending county 4-H camp will receive a two dollar scholarship to balance out the camper fee from the 4-H Camp Fund collected from local donors.

In addition to the regular 4-H camp fee charged each camper, the 4-H Leader's Association has many other expenses. Money is needed for crafts, snacks, camp picnic, insurance, sports equipment, etc.

After county 4-H Camp, which will be June 24-28, the balance of the money in the 4-H Camp Find will be used to provide scholarships for deserving youth to attend area and state 4-H Camps. In short, all money contributed to the fund will be used directly in sending Calhoun 4-H'er's to county, area, or state camps where they will have opportunities to develop head, heart, hands, and health while having fun and making lasting friendships.

Calhoun County Committee On Aging

Town Wide Yard Sale Event May 3rd - 4th

The CCCOA collected names and locations for the County Wide Yard Sale. The following is a list that they received at time of printing:

1. Bramblewood, located at 690 Vaughn Road; Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.; items include household items, crafts and clothing
2. Lori's Cut & Style, located at 4685 S. Calhoun Highway; Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; multi-family yard sale with clothing, household items, toys and more.
3. Melissa's Beauty Shop, 257 Court Street Grantsville, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; household items and more.
4. Yard Sale in front of Napa, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with household items, clothing and more.
5. 307 Highland Street Grantsville; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; household items, clothing, fabric for quilting, quilting pieces, sewing machine, quilting frame and more.

Calhoun County Park News

The monthly Calhoun County Park Board Meeting was held Thursday, April 4, 2024.

New member recommendations were discussed.

The Oshoway Memorial Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Bruce Jones has worked with the Park to hold a Bluegrass Jam Event April 6th with concessions.

The Annual July 4* Park Event will be held Saturday, June 29th. John Richards and the Johnny Staats Project (Johnny Staats, Rick Poling and Roger Bush) will be performing. The Board needs to book bouncy houses, secure fireworks and finalize financial support. The Park Board always appreciates the community support at this event!

Pellets for plant growth have been ordered and shipped for pond treatment.

Hope Gas trout stocking ponds will be taking place sometime the end of April.

Reports were given on Tree Trimming Work Day, Disc Golf progress.

Plans for Park Ball Field and training for AED usage stored at barn were discussed.

Board Member and Coach Brad Stevens will communicate with other coaches and Board.

Work on the East Field Shelter (Shelter/Bathrooms Project at Cabin site) is moving along with the two bathrooms nearing completion. Siding, dry wall, installation of washer/dryer, and metal ceiling in laundry room remains to be done.

Disappointment over damage to Community Building (holes in siding & two broken windows) was discussed which was apparently caused by ATV or vehicle spinning tires. Any help from community toward improving Park security would be appreciated. The subject of cameras was discussed again by members.

Shawn Steele, North Carolina Astrologer, has stepped forward to help the Park with Park Website. The website could provide viewers the ability to view Campground, Community Building, Shelters, and Cabin availability for rental.

Donnie Pitts will make presentation at the next County Commission Meeting for new picnic tables, stone for road, and cabin road grade work.

Some Board Members will return to former Sand Fork School site to finish playground landscaping promised and look at the changes that have been made in area.

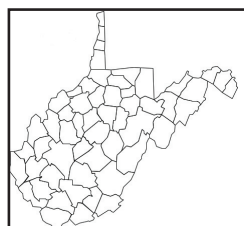
Reminder of upcoming events:

May 2: Next Calhoun Park Meeting at 6 PM (Public always invited.)

May 11 3d Annual Kite Festival

June 29 Annual Fourth of July

This County Park belongs to the community. The Board works to provide the most for visitors enjoyment and utilization! Thank you for your input and support.

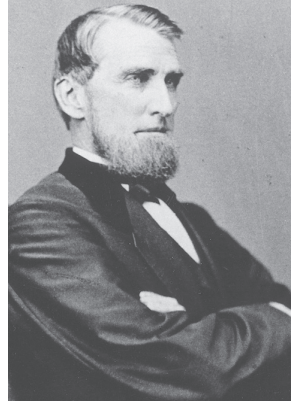


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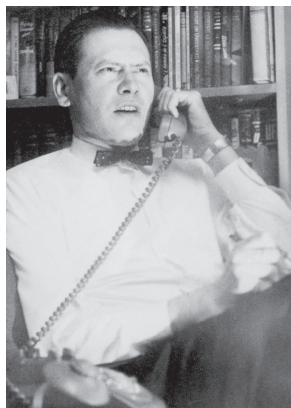
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Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org. The W.Va. Encyclopedia is a project of the W.Va. Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha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

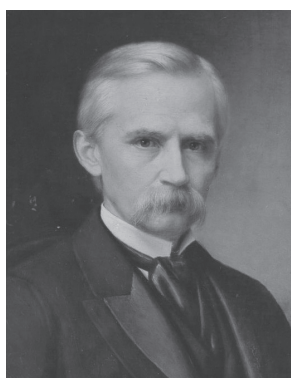
May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the gradual emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.



May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffle, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.



May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. The following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.



May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as WVU Potomac State College.

May 3, 1948: The plane of test pilot Howard "Tick" Lilly, a Raleigh County native, crashed on takeoff in California. Lilly was the first of many government test pilots to die in the line of duty. Six weeks earlier, he had become only the fourth person to break the sound barrier.

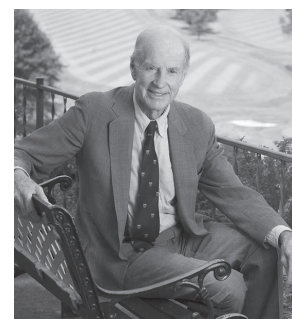


May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society of West Virginia was formed by a group of Charleston ministers. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

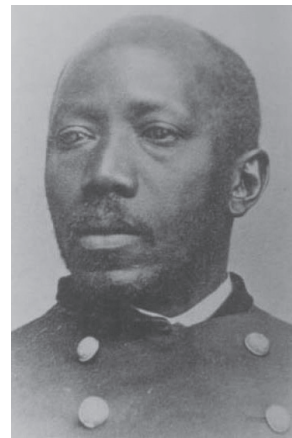
May 5, 1923: A fire started by welders working on a new swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna's owners announced they would rebuild, the park never reopened.



May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.



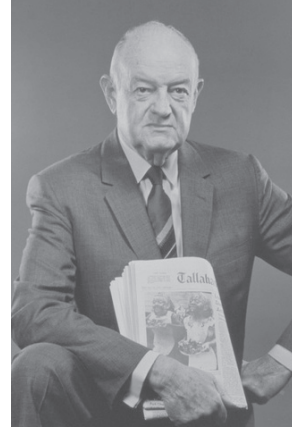
May 6, 1812: Activist and physician Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town. In February 1865, he was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only Black Civil War officer to be given a field command.



May 6, 1968: A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine at Hominy Falls, Nicholas County, cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.



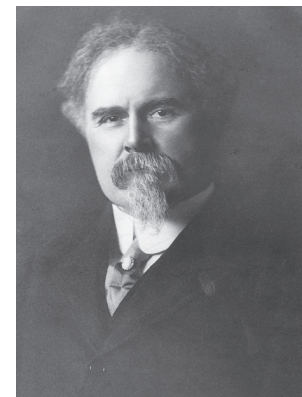
May 6, 1968: Newspaper publisher and Bluefield native John S. Knight received the Pulitzer Prize for his long record of service and his series of columns opposing the Vietnam War.



May 7, 1824: Logan County was created by the Virginia General Assembly from parts of Giles, Tazewell, Cabell and Kanawha counties. The county seat was first

known as Lawnsville, then Aracoma, and finally Logan.

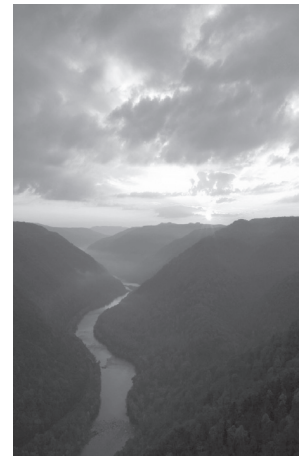
May 7, 1857: William A. MacCorkle was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on his father's plantation. He served as West Virginia's ninth governor.



May 7, 1928: The Keith-Albee Theatre opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called "Good Morning, Judge," a newsreel and five stage acts. But the theater itself, with its elaborate interior, clearly was the star of the evening.



May 7, 1983: The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve began operations when the first visitor center opened near Fayetteville.



May 8, 1864: Clarence Wayland Watson was born in Fairmont. Watson was a prominent coal baron and served in the U.S. Senate from 1911 to 1913.



May 8, 1998: Former U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph died at the age of 96. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1932 and served a total of 40 years in Congress.



Op-Ed by Gaylen Duskey 304-354-7227

A few years ago, I lived in Alexandria, La., where I worked for The Town Talk as the sports editor. I also wrote a few non-sports for the publication and what's going on here in Central West Virginia brought back some memories.

I remember writing one about EMT/ambulance services.

Rapides Parish, where Alexandria is located, is in the central part of the state on the banks of the Red River. It is said that south of the Red River is Cajuns and Catholics while north of the river it is protestants and cowboys, and the truth of the matter is that is pretty accurate.

You know how Louisiana looks a bit like a boot well Alexandria is about when the ankle bone would be. Enough of a geography lesson.

At the time the Rapides Parish Police Jury (Louisiana's version of a county commission) was debating whether to fold its EMS service and award a contract to Acadian Ambulance to exclusively provide ambulance services. Both Rapides EMS and Acadian provided services in the parish

At that time Rapides Parish was the only parish south of the Red River to not have awarded an exclusive contract to Acadian Ambulance since it had not shut down its local squad.

Rapides Parish also had the cheapest ambulance rates in the state at the time because of the competition between the two services.

My column at the time was against shutting down the local ambulance service because if they shut it down ambulance rates would go up.

It had nothing to do with Acadian not providing a good service because it did provide a good service as was an extremely well-run and respected service. It also had nothing to do with contacting Acadian since that company was in Lafayette which is a mere 90 miles south on I-49.

No, it had nothing to do with any of that it had to do with nothing more than good business practices of competition and local control.

Eventually the police jury did shut down the local ambulance service and guess what – rates went up. A lot. And the citizens of Rapides Parish no longer had a voice in how things were run. It was a step down a slippery slope.

Here in Calhoun County, we took a step down that slippery slope a while back when the Town of Grantsville decided to close its trash department and allow Waste Management to take over.

So far it has been OK with only a slight rise in costs to the individual customer. But part of that may be because of competition in other locations in the area-wide pickup area -- competition seems to have that effect.

The newest give away (sale) the town is considering is selling the water department to West Virginia Water, a company headquartered in Germany with local offices in West Virginia. The town says this needs to be done because the citizenry of Grantsville balked at a 60 per cent rate hike asking for the state's public service commission (PSC) to step in and take a look.

So, failing to go with a huge rate hike the town threatened instead to sell the water company to West Virginia Water. It basically is some kind of a threat that unless people do what they say something worse will happen. That's just wrong.

What should happen is that any decision on the water problems of the town should be tabled until after next year's town election when the new city government will have an opportunity to work on the problem. It's only fair, and the people of Grantsville and both public service districts the water plant supplies – Mount Zion and Pleasant Hill – should demand that is what happens.

There is a town council meeting scheduled for Monday at 6 p.m. at the city building and I think people affected by this should show up en masse to demand that they have the final say in what happens with the water department. It is your right and responsibility so be there.

HACKED: I guess one of my Facebook profiles may have been hacked recently because one of my friends contacted me asking if this plan I suggested for them to make money actually worked.

What plan I asked? You didn't recommend a plan? Uh, no. They told me I must have been hacked so I posted a thing saying I may have been hacked.

Wow!!! Almost immediately I got a bunch of people who I had never heard of telling me about services that could fix things for me. Clean my profile up and get rid of the hacker. Those were the clowns that hacked me now trying to help me for a fee of course. I turned them all in to Facebook and blocked them.

I thought if they looked into my finances, and they really cared they would start a Go Fund Me page for me instead of asking for money so I am guessing they are just trying a quick hit and rob instead of a deep financial dig. At least I hope so. Either way life will go on.

WILL JUSTICE BE SERVED: With all the sham trials of President Donald Trump going on you sometimes have to wonder will justice be served, or will he lose one of these trials?

While I obviously hope he doesn't lose any of the sham trials I am not sure that the democrats and the "mainstream" media haven't become his best campaign issues since Joe Biden has been out on the campaign trail alone and he has screwed up royally going so far as to say his Uncle Bosie was eaten by cannibals. Cannibals?

Good grief even for Lym' Joe Biden that was one heckuva stretch and even the lying "mainstream" media couldn't cover up that one. Keep talking Joe ... As a result, President Trump is cheered when he goes out on the streets of New York where the common man loves him while Biden is mostly ignored wherever he goes. And President Trump has soared in the polls.

There is still a lot of time between now and November, but it looks as if the democrats' persecution of President Trump is failing badly.

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

WV Department of Economic Development and WV Office of Energy announce applications are open for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Department of Economic Development and West Virginia Office of Energy (WVOE) announce the release of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program for local governments and nonprofits to implement energy efficiency retrofits.

"We're thrilled to announce that registration is open for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. This program will help maximize energy efficiency and put those savings to work for West Virginia communities, and we encourage municipalities and nonprofits to apply," said WVOE Director, Nicholas Preservati. "As part of the application rollout, residents are encouraged to share information about this grant program with eligible entities and organizations in their community."

WVOE plans to offer 35 energy efficiency retrofit grants of up to \$37,000 for local governments and 14 energy efficiency retrofit grants of up to \$25,000 for rural communities serving nonprofits that improve energy efficiency and reduce energy expenses.

Eligible retrofit activities include:

Installation of insulation

Installation of energy-efficient lighting

HVAC upgrades (to existing systems)

Weather sealing

Purchase and installation of energy-efficient or energy/water-efficient appliances and equipment

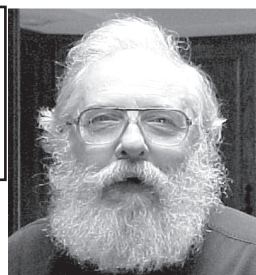
Retrofit of energy-efficient pumps and motors

Retrofit and replacement of windows and doors.

Applications are due by June 14, 2024, and can be found at energywv.org/eeecbg. For inquiries about the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, contact Garrett Weaver at garrett.c.weaver@wv.gov.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church & served Holy Communion.

There were 415 riders at the Creston ATV poker run. Folks came from Delaware, Michigan and places in between. The community would like to thank all those who came, rode, fixed and served the food, did the signposts, marked & took down the route, and all the other things involved in the event. Jacob Robinson was first followed by Michelle Miller & Cassie Parker.

Kelly Janson of Bridgeville Delaware won the 50/50 and gave it back to the Community Building. Wirt sheriff candidate Mike McFee, Calhoun commissioner candidate Alice Holmes and House of Delegates candidate Erica Moore were all at the building talking with folks.

Someone changed a marker sign so some riders ended up in Reedy & Sunflower when they were to go to Rockdale. Needless to say there were some unhappy people.

The route took riders through the ramp patch and where morels have been found on prior times. Many mud holes, even some deep ones were splashed dry by those testing just what their chariots could do.

Some ladies from Creston were surprised Thursday morning when they noted six U. S. Marshalls in riot gear leaving the court house in Elizabeth with two troopers and a deputy sheriff. Perhaps Dangerous Dan McGrew was in the neighborhood.

Spring continues with wild iris (flags), butter cups, larkspur, mayapples, paw paws and azaleas at their peak. A whole hillside on the Little Creek side of Mt. Beulah is covered with the wild iris. The government's autumn olive is now past the flowering stage. It is said that bees make excellent honey from the flowers.

A local resident received a letter from the DHHR (welfare) office in Pt. Pleasant advising that he would qualify for reduced rates for his W. Va. American Water Service bill. Then it was learned that the Town of Grantsville is dealing with the company to perhaps purchase the local water system.

Jacques Frost was calling in Creston and then much warmer weather arrived. Local vehicles and anything else out side have been covered with pine pollen.

Some local folks were driving down I-77 using "Ways". The woman's voice announced, "pothole ahead". The report was true.

It was reported that EQT's Mountain Valley Pipeline is to start taking natural gas for transport on May 25. This was announced on "earth day" which apparently made some of the green weenies irate. One would presume they walk everywhere, do not use plastic (which comes from fossil fuels) in any way, eat only "organic" food that is not delivered by truck, plane or rail, use only tallow candles, etc.

The ruling junta came out with new rules for coal & natural gas fired power plants requiring that 90% of the CO2 be captured. Of course, these rules do not apply to China, Russia, India, Indonesia and elsewhere.

Those who run the power grids are very concerned about lack of power very soon. Only the USA has reduced emissions of what the green weenies say is bad.

It has now been learned that there is methane in the atmosphere of Mars. Some wonder if "Big Oil" sent some there just to pollute the "pristine" planet.

The West Virginia State Republican Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18 at Flatwoods.

It is understood that Joe Manchin & his longtime advisor Larry Puccio plan to take over the W. Va. Republican party after failing to take over the W. Va. State Democrat party. Jim Justice, Moore Capito and Riley Moore are said to be involved in the proposed scheme.

Ted Grim was calling on Charles Russell.

A local lady had severe stomach pains and consulted with the folks in the emergency room. They sent her home and the next day she tested and was positive for Dr. Fauci's Wuhan Kung Flu lab made virus.

There continues to be a glut on natural gas with the Henry Hub price dropping to \$1.61/MMBTU. It was noted that with increased demand for gas fired power plants (apparently after federal government changes) and the call for AI and chip makers which require vast amounts of power the glut may soon be gone.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil is \$82.85/bbl. with condensate fetching \$64.85/bbl.

Marcellus & Utica light is \$73.85 with medium fetching \$82.85/bbl.

Recipe Corner by Emma Howell**Breakfast Sausage Ring**

1 roll of bulk Jimmy Dean sausage (any flavor)
2 7.5 oz cans of Pillsbury Buttermilk Biscuits
2 cups shredded Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
Preheat oven to 350. Brown sausage in frying pan, drain. Open one can of biscuits and flatten each biscuit into larger circle.

Place in bottom of greased bundt cake pan, overlapping each biscuit so that it makes a ring around bottom of pan.

Top biscuits with 1 cup of shredded cheese, next place cooked sausage on top of cheese then top sausage with remaining 1 cup cheese.

Open second can of biscuit dough and flatten out each biscuit, repeat placing dough around the top of bundt pan so it looks like a ring.

Cook for 25 min or until golden brown. Let sit in pan for 5-10 min before inverting onto a plate. Slice and serve.

This makes a gorgeous centerpiece for a breakfast buffet! Note: If you like spicy....choose Jimmy Dean spicy hot sausage and use Pepper Jack Cheese!

Heaven In A Bowl

1 package fudge brownie mix
2 packages miniature Reese's
4 cups cold 2% milk
2 packages instant vanilla pudding
1 cup creamy peanut butter
4 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 8 oz thawed cool whip

Step 1: To make the brownie batter, just follow the directions on the box. Then pour the batter into a 12x9 inch pan that has been buttered.

Step 2: Set oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake for 20-25 minutes. When a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with moist crumbs, the cake is baking.

Step 3: Put it on a wire rack to cool once you've taken it out of the oven. When cool, slice into ¾ inch thick slices. The peanut butter cups should be halved and used to garnish. Place aside.

Step 4: In a large bowl, beat the pudding with the milk for 2 minutes. A thick mixture is the desired consistency. Put in the vanilla extract and peanut butter. And combine thoroughly. Mix in 1 ½ cups of whipped topping.

Step 5: Place 1/3 of the brownies in a glass dish that holds 5 quarts. Top with the remaining peanut butter cups and 1/3 of the pudding.

Step 6: Layer again, and again.

Finally, sprinkle the remaining topping and the saved peanut butter cups on top.

Put in the refrigerator for a few minutes to chill before serving.

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

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The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Decedent, Decedent's Address, Date of Death, Date of Will. Row 1: Gary J. Belt, 8272 Troutman Rd. Orwell, OH 44076, March 7, 2024, November 6, 2020.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Person Filing Affidavit, Address, Relation to Decedent, Date of First Publication. Row 1: 1. Joseph C. Belt, 15875 Main Market Rd. Burton, OH 44021, Son, May 1, 2024.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street; PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later.

Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Administration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law.

Enter this 4th day of October, 2023.

Jean Simers, Clerk of the County Commission Class II Legal

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

Table with 3 columns: Decedent, Personal Representative, Address. Row 1: Francis Albert Justice, Jr., Vonda K. Laughlin, P.O. Box 7, Millstone, WV 25261.

May 1, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before July 2, 2024.

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

Jean Simers, Clerk Calhoun County Commission

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE MOUNTAIN PARTY

Calhoun County, WV Primary Election May 14, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER
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FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 62ND DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 3 (Vote For ONE)
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote For ONE)	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	○ JOSHUA W. DOWNEY Spencer Roane Co.
○ JILL STEIN Lexington, MA	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 (Vote For ONE)	○ ANITA HAROLD ASHLEY Spencer Roane Co.
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote For ONE)	○ HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 4TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT (Vote For ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	Write-in, if Any	○ THEODORE T. DAVITIAN Richieville Ritchie Co.
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote For ONE)	○ BETTY GREGORY Glenville Gilmer Co.
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	○ CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote For ONE)
FOR GOVERNOR (Vote For ONE)	Write-in, if Any	○ RICK POSTALWAIT Big Springs Calhoun Co.
○ CHASE LINKO-LOOPER Saint Albans Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote For ONE)	○ MARIA ARNOLD Mt. Zion Calhoun Co.
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote For ONE)	○ ELGINE HECETA McARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2 (Vote For ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	○ S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.	○ LORA N. DAVIS Mt. Zion Calhoun Co.
FOR AUDITOR (Vote For ONE)	○ MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co.	Write-in, if Any
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote For ONE)	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote For ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.
FOR TREASURER (Vote For ONE)	○ LORA DYER Ripley Jackson Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	Write-in, if Any	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote For ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.
FOR COMMISSIONER OF CULTURE (Vote For ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote For ONE)	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	○ RICHARD CRAIG TATTERSON Gallipolis Ferry Mason Co.	FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote For ONE)
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote For ONE)	Write-in, if Any	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF STATE SENATOR 12TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	Write-in, if Any	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
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OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

Calhoun County, WV Primary Election May 14, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER
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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 3 (Vote For ONE)	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote For ONE)
○ JOSHUA W. DOWNEY Spencer Roane Co.	○ ANITA HAROLD ASHLEY Spencer Roane Co.	○ DAVID E CAIN Big Bend
○ HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co.	Write-in, if Any	Write-in, if Any
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 (Vote For ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 4TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT (Vote For ONE)	NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For Not More Than TWO) Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Center District (2), Sherman District (2), Sheridan District (1), Lee District (2), Washington District (1)
○ THEODORE T. DAVITIAN Richieville Ritchie Co.	○ BETTY GREGORY Glenville Gilmer Co.	○ JAMES GREGORY Big Springs Sheridan District
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote For ONE)	○ CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.	○ MITCH MORGAN Arnoldsburg Lee District
○ CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.	Write-in, if Any	Write-in, if Any
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote For ONE)	○ RICK POSTALWAIT Big Springs Calhoun Co.	FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote For ONE)
○ ELGINE HECETA McARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.	○ MARIA ARNOLD Mt. Zion Calhoun Co.	○ DAVID E CAIN Big Bend
○ S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.	Write-in, if Any	Write-in, if Any
○ MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote For ONE)	Write-in, if Any
○ LORA N. DAVIS Mt. Zion Calhoun Co.	○ LORA DYER Ripley Jackson Co.	Write-in, if Any
Write-in, if Any	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2 (Vote For ONE)	Write-in, if Any
Write-in, if Any	○ RICHARD CRAIG TATTERSON Gallipolis Ferry Mason Co.	Write-in, if Any
Write-in, if Any	○ JAMES GREGORY Big Springs Sheridan District	Write-in, if Any
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (304) 926-0495
Fax: (304) 926-0463

**GENERAL WV/NPDES MULTI-SECTOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES
WVNPDES PERMIT NO. WV0111457**

Public Notice No.: SM-38-2024
Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association
Publication Date: April 26, 2024
The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Multi-Sector Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from industrial categories determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to surface waters of the state for industrial operations. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Multi-Sector Stormwater Permit. The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/stormwater/multisector/Pages/home.aspx>. Hard copies can be mailed upon request.
The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 26, 2024 and ends on May 31, 2024. During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and addressed to:
Director
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Sharon Mullins
Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43808
E-mail: sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov
The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.
For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above.
Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 20th day of July 2023, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 5/3/2024 at 10 AM:

**2010 FORD F150
VIN#1FTFX1EV3AFD35459**

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale.
Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville WV 26147
Terms of Sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale.
Calhoun County Bank, Inc.
P.O. Box 430
Grantsville, WV 2614 7
304-354-6116

From The Office of WV Secretary of State

Mac Warner

For Immediate Release: April 25, 2024

Mac Warner issues reminder to voters, candidates, and political committees to turn to trusted sources for election information

Charleston, W. Va. – A verbal complaint was made today to the WV Secretary of State’s Office calling attention to inaccurate election information being sent to West Virginia voters by a statewide candidate or committee.

According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, it appears as if thousands of West Virginia voters received text messages communicating the incorrect dates for early voting and Election Day.

By state law, Warner reminds voters that early voting in West Virginia begins Wednesday, May 1, and the Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 14.

Secretary Warner said that voters should rely on only trusted sources for election information. Those sources are the county clerks and the WV Secretary of State’s Office.

“Even well-intended organizations and candidate committees encouraging voters to participate in the election process get the information wrong sometimes,” Warner said. “Those organizations, candidates, political parties, and political action committees should always refer voters to their county clerk or Secretary of State’s website.”

For all reliable election-related information, please visit GoVoteWV.com

From The Office of WV Secretary of State

Mac Warner

For Immediate Release: April 25, 2024

Mac Warner announces locations for in-person early voting that begins on May 1

Charleston, W. Va. – In-person early voting for West Virginia’s 2024 Primary Election begins on Wednesday, May 1st.

According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, early voting will be conducted in all 55 counties from Wednesday, May 1, through Saturday, May 11. All counties will offer early voting at the county courthouse or courthouse annex, and several counties will have additional community voting locations that are easily accessible to voters.

“Early voting is a convenient opportunity for many West Virginia voters to cast a ballot when it fits their schedule,” said Secretary Warner. “With 10 days of early voting, which include two Saturdays, voters have plenty of opportunities to plan and participate safely and securely in our primary election.”

Warner said that early voting is open at county courthouses and courthouse annexes during their regular business hours on weekdays, and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Days and hours for community early voting locations will vary by county.

Calhoun and Surrounding Counties Event Page

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

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.): May 4: Sincerely Country; May 5: The Putnam Family Gospel Sing 3:00-5:00 p.m.; May 11: Ruff Cut; May 18: Frank Conn & The Partners; May 25: Dixie Highway

June 1: Closed – Wood Festival; June 8: Ruff Cut; June 15: Stephanie and the Band of Brothers

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

Broomstick Cemetery located in Calhoun County is really in need of donations to keep the cemetery mowed and looking nice for 2024.

If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, Please make a donation!

You can send donations to Linda Blankenship, P.O. Box 13 Grantsville, WV 26147.

You can make checks payable to the Broomstick Cemetery Fund. Thank you in advance!

Chesnut Grove Cemetary

Needs Donations

Submitted by Nellie Sims

Donations are needed again this spring for the mowing of the Cemetary. So to everyone out there that has family buried there donations are needed now if we are to keep it mowed. Send donations to Nellie Sims 3593 Yellow Creek Road Big Bend, WV 26136-8127.

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

Donations are needed for the upkeep of the Freed Cemetery, located in Calhoun County off of the Leading Creek Road.

Please send donations to Rickie Murphy, P.O. Box 55 Macfarlan, WV 26148. Make checks payable to Freed Cemetery. Thank you!

Liberty Hill Cemetery News

We need your donations to keep it looking neat. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, please donate. Donations can be mailed to Liberty Hill Cemetery, 3121 Lemuels Run Road, Mount Zion, WV 26151. Calhoun County Bank has been gracious to accept money in their drop box or donated at the banks. Thanks for your help.

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

If you have family buried in the cemetery, please make a donation. You can send donations to Barb Roberts, 359 Nobe Road, Big Bend, WV 26136 or for more information on how you can help the Nobe Cemetery call 304-354-7329. Thank you in advance.

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.

Taylor Cemetary Needs Donations

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Tire Collection

Tire collection will be held the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Cabot Recycling Station, west of Grantsville on Rt. 5. Tires accepted free of charge. Tires on wheels will not be accepted. Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, accepted, with a limit of 10 tires per person, open to residents of Calhoun only. Bring valid W.Va. ID. Sponsored by W. Va. DEP and Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.

West Central Beekeeper's Association

The West Central Beekeeper's Association will meet at the old Arnoldsburg Elementary School, Spring Run Road Arnoldsburg, WV (Calhoun County), the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Tobacco Quitline

Anyone interested in quitting can call the West Virginia Tobacco Quit-line, 1-877-966-8784 or 1-800-QUITNOW. The call is for West Virginia residents over the age of 18. The Quitline offers four proactive coaching calls and unlimited reactive calls. Participants are eligible for eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy: patches, gum or lozenges. Contact Jamie Jacobsen, 304-485-7374, ext. 152, or www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/.

Spay/Neuter

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee. It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens. For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville. The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

Grantsville Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts

Event Schedule located in the lower level of Alice's Attic: Karate is every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:45 p.m. the cost is \$7.00 per class or pay by the month for \$40; Line Dancing is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the class is \$7.00; Jam Night: Bring an instrument or come to listen. Donation of \$3.00. It is held the 1st and 4th Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Writer's Group the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Library Hours

Calhoun County Library hours are: Mon., Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We have lots of new books and activities happening.

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

CCCOA

Music May 11th

Bluegrass, gospel and country music by Starling 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

Children's Crisis and Referral Line

The Children's Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities. The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or by chat at www.help4wv.com/ccl.

The helpline links families with regional mobile crisis response and stabilization teams that can help deescalate by phone or respond in person.

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association

Contact Information

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association is in need of updated contact information to keep all alumni up-to-date on current events.

Return the following information to CCHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11, Grantsville, WV 26147, or email to nikkiboatright@gmail.com.

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Maiden Name _____
 Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____
 Email _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip Code _____
 Class Year _____

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.

Food Pantry

CRI operates a food pantry, Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court St.

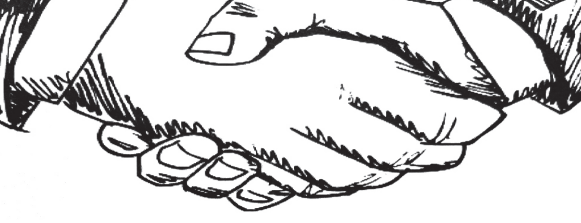
Lions Club Bingo

Lions Club bingo will be held in the Lions Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Check Conditions

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

Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.



**12 Step
Recovery
Meeting**

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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

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!

Emotion Helpline

Are you or your loved ones feeling anxious, overwhelmed or emotionally exhausted? First Choice Services has a 24/7 emotional strength help-line called HELP304 to help navigate these uncertain and unprecedented times. Available via phone, text, or online chat, professional crisis counselors are trained to listen and help you find the way forward with stress-management strategies, as well as community resources and referrals. Talk to someone who cares and can help. Call the helpline at 1-877-HELP304 (877-435-7304) or online chat at www.help304.com.

New Testament Baptist Church

The BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

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

WE ARE ALL SINNERS.

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

WE WERE SENT A SAVIOR

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

WE CAN SIMPLY CONFESS & CALL

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

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

THE REASON HE CAME...

HE CAME FOR ONE REASON....YOU.

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

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

New Testament Baptist Church
15187 WV Highway 47 W

Smithville, WV 26178

Pastor Jim Lough - Assistant Pastor Nick Randolph

ntbevoj@gmail.com

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

Spring Sports Report

by Robert Bonar

VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Record (6-11)

The boys and girls track teams of Calhoun County High School competed in their first major meet of the year last Friday and Saturday, the Tudor's Biscuit World Relays at Charleston's Laidley Field. Both teams finished in 5th place in the Class A division.

Jackson Clawson and Kristian Fredrick were the boys participants over the weekend. Clawson scored points for the team by finishing 8th in both the 800 and 1600 Meter Run, and also came in 10th in the 3200 Meter Run. Fredrick placed 8th in the Discus Throw to score the Red Devils' other points, and also finished 10th in the Shot Put.

Kassidy Fredrick and Jules Williams comprised the girls team. Williams scored points for the team in the 100 Meter Dash (7th place), 200 Meter Dash (6th), and the Long Jump (6th). She also came in 10th in the Shot Put. Fredrick added to the team's scoring total by finishing 5th in the Long Jump, and also participated in the Shot Put (10th) and Discus Throw (10th).

Wednesday, May 8, the track team will wrap up the regular season at Laidley Field in the Region IV Championship meet.

TUDOR'S BISCUIT WORLD RELAYS

TEAM RESULTS

Class A Boys Results

1. Doddridge County 274
2. Buffalo Putnam 256
3. Charleston Catholic 60
4. Sherman 36
5. Calhoun County 3

Class A Girls Results

1. Doddridge County 288
2. Buffalo Putnam 129
3. Charleston Catholic 102
4. Sherman 30
5. Calhoun County 12

VARSITY TRACK SCHEDULE

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| 4/26 Laidley Field (Charleston) | Away |
| 5/8 Region IV Championship | Away |

VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Record (7-14)

3/18 Wirt County	8-5	W	Home
3/19 South Harrison	0-10	L	Home
3/21 Braxton County	2-16	L	Home
3/22 Wahama	1-11	L	Away
3/23 Ritchie County	2-12	L	Away
3/25 Doddridge County	11-8	W	Home
3/28 Clay County	5-13	L	Away
4/8 Ritchie County	6-5	W	Home
4/9 Doddridge County	1-11	L	Away
4/13 Saint Marys	1-21	L	Home
4/13 Saint Marys	4-7	L	Home
4/15 South Harrison	1-3	L	Away
4/15 South Harrison	6-17	L	Away
4/16 Braxton County	11-10	W	Away
4/18 Webster County	13-3	W	Home
4/18 Webster County	10-6	W	Home
4/19 Wahama	3-14	L	Home
4/22 Richwood	21-5	W	Away
4/23 Clay County	6-15	L	Home
4/24 Huntington St. Joseph	7-10	L	Away
4/25 Gilmer County	1-13	L	Away
4/29 Wirt County			Away
4/30 Roane County			Away
5/1 Huntington St. Joseph			Home

VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Record (1-15)

3/19 South Harrison	11-15	L	Home
3/20 Roane County	0-8	L	Away
3/21 Braxton County	11-14	L	Home
3/25 Wirt County	13-3	W	Home
3/27 Ritchie County	0-11	L	Away
3/28 Clay County	0-14	L	Away
4/9 Doddridge County	3-12	L	Away
4/9 Doddridge County	0-13	L	Away
4/10 Roane County	1-15	L	Home
4/15 Gilmer County	0-15	L	Away
4/15 Gilmer County	2-23	L	Away
4/16 Braxton County	6-11	L	Away
4/18 Webster County	0-12	L	Home
4/18 Webster County	6-11	L	Home
4/22 Ritchie County	0-23	L	Home
4/23 Clay County	6-14	L	Home

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.

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April 29th

Location:

CMHS Greenhouse

Opening Day Hours:

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WV811 will ask these utilities to mark the approximate location of their underground gas lines and utility cables, so that customers won't find them by accident. Also, for safety's sake, customers and contractors should only dig around utility lines by hand.

If you do come in contact with a pipeline or smell natural gas (though natural gas is odorless in nature, mercaptan, a non-toxic chemical odorant that smells like rotten eggs, is often added to make it easier to identify), be alert and follow these steps: Stop work and evacuate to a safe distance

--Alert everyone on the premises; Do not strike a match; use a telephone; operate engines and motors; or switch on/off appliances, lights, or even a flashlight in the area where you smell gas. These items can produce a spark that might ignite.

--Once safe, call 911 if there is blowing gas.

--Call the emergency number provided by the natural gas operators in your area: DEWV customers call 800-934-3187.

--Do not try to fix the pipe or slow the rate of leaking gas.

--Do not try to extinguish a gas-burning fire unless there is a threat to life.

--Do not operate any of the gas company's valves.

For natural gas safety information, visit www.dominionenergy.com/safety/call-before-you-dig or www.WV811.com.

From Whence Jobs, Calhoun?

by Ari White



Over the course of this campaign, I have talked about flood control and water expansion, about roads and about commissioners keeping office hours at the courthouse.

But the subject I have discussed the most with voters, about which they have the most questions, is bringing opportunity to Calhoun.

They are used to, but dissatisfied with the same old refrain. Charleston! Charleston!

How are we going to bring jobs here? Charleston, Charleston, gee how you can shuffle!

How are we going to save the county from running out of children in four decades? That dance called Charleston. Politicians talking to

politicians isn't going to bring us a factory. There are only so many jobs at the school, at State Highways, and at the Hospital. We need solid, career-grade, private-sector jobs. Jobs that stand on their own, not subsidized to the gills to provide a critical service.

Where are these jobs? Not in Charleston. That is for sure. Getting jobs in Calhoun County is a sales problem. If you're looking for new customers, you don't go and talk to the customers you already know. You go out and talk to new people.

Here's how to go about getting the opportunity we need to Calhoun County. First, what do we have to offer? To a business, the most attractive aspect of this county is inexpensive and abundant natural gas. We are also largely free from the burdensome regulation and excessive taxation that stymies business in other jurisdictions. Other fine features are the solid work ethic of the people of this county and inexpensive land.

Unfortunately, where we excel in the quality in our people, we lack in quantity. Similarly, every red cent you'd save on Calhoun land would be lost in pushing the clay into something the slightest bit flat. Drawbacks? Certainly, but we can work around them.

The next thing is to identify industries that would find our offering most attractive. To do this, we would trawl through industry publications and journals and the like to find complaints about rising energy costs making businesses struggle. After industries are identified, we'd next go to the Thomas Register and start looking up businesses in those industries. We start with a wide net, with thousands of prospects, and begin to narrow our focus for the best suited prospects.

Ideally, we are looking for energy-intensive businesses that are profitable, employ 25-75 people, and are located in expensive, high-tax areas such as the West Coast or Northeast which also often have high energy expenses, burdensome regulation, and excessive taxation. Here, hopefully, we narrow things down to hundreds of candidates.

Further research will give us organizational charts and other particulars about these companies so we can begin to adjust the presentation of our offering for particular business. Once we know what decision maker in the business we need to talk to, we call and send brochures. This cold calling is where we will lose the most potential candidates, but that is just the nature of sales.

We might get a dozen or so responses out of hundreds of calls, but from here a dialog is open. We can ask the customer questions to further tailor the offering and to teach the business just how much they would benefit from relocating here.

Finally, there would be face-to-face meetings and bringing a team from the company to visit Calhoun and look at potential locations and meet with local leaders. Workforce WV has already expressed interest in being at the table. The Independent Oil and Gas Association and the Gas and Oil Association would probably also be there, as would be various community leaders, associations, and even businesses that would service the new factory.

We might only get one from a thousand, but we have to start with that thousand to have a hope of getting that one. All we need is one to three, and we will be alright.

Voters have asked me a lot of questions about this process, so I will try to highlight some of the most frequently asked questions. Why are we looking for one to three businesses employing 25-75 employees each? The county population and the population of surrounding counties is unlikely to support more than 500 new jobs.

Every job at a large business results in additional jobs in the community and the influx of funds diffuses through the area. A single employer of 500 would not only create a struggle for services in an area, as was seen in the Bakken Shale region during their oil boom, but would represent a single point of failure where the county would be very dependent upon that business, creating a disparity of power that would not be to the long-term benefit of the county. If such an opportunity arrived, I would probably seize upon it as a man drowning, but I would not seek it out before trying to find businesses that would be a better fit.

How are businesses going to come here without good roads? The county line is just 4-1/8 miles from the I-79 interchange at Big Otter. Businesses try to locate within 5 miles of an interstate. The increased traffic should result in road improvements to WV-16 in Clay County that will see more of the interior of Calhoun County become accessible to business. If all this is public knowledge, why aren't businesses coming here already?

Public knowledge isn't necessarily common knowledge. Just as Houners are often surprised when my wife talks about how well behaved the students are here compared to other parts of the country, just as people here are surprised to find out how low their taxes actually are, people in the Northeast and West will be surprised at how much we have to offer compared to their current locale.

As the Declaration of Independence says, "...(A)ll experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed." A large part of salesmanship is circumventing the human tendency to suffer the known rather than risk the unknown.

Salesmen do this by making the unknowns known. "For the child that does not know to ask, you must teach him to question." What is the role of a commissioner in this?

The inventory tax in West Virginia is a barrier to business, but the County Commissions have the power to exempt some forms of property from that tax. If a business comes in, it would be good to tax their land and building at the going rate, but to exempt their production equipment, inventory, and raw materials from property taxes.

Aside from that power, the Commission is best placed to exercise the soft power of bringing the various stakeholders together to make and present a coherent and cohesive offer for the county.

What will this do to taxes? At the worst, it will do nothing to your taxes. At the best, it will lower them. The added revenue from factories being taxed at the going rate will improve the county budget. The improvements to the homes of the employed and the new small businesses that will spring up around the new big business will bring still further revenues.

With an increase in revenues, there may well be enough to lower the taxes across the board. In my decade of doing electric motor repair, I've been in all sorts of factories.

I've learned a lot about what makes them tick, what they need to survive and to thrive. I've sold a lot of things to factories over the years.

A county or, at least, the idea of a county would be the biggest thing I've ever sold to a factory, but I am sure I can make that sale.

Letter From Editor

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Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval.

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

WAG ASKING FOR HELP

FINDING FERAL CAT COLONIES

The Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) is asking Calhoun county residents to help us address a long-observed problem with our animal community - feral or community cats.

If you feed a feral cat colony in your neighborhood, or know someone who does, please call Linda at 304-354-7506 or notify us via our email calhounwag@yahoo.com.

Our humane and effective Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program's volunteers will live trap the cats, take them to the vet to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, respiratory disease, worms, and fleas, and returned them to their outdoor home, at no cost to the colony's caretaker.

The colony will be healthier and no longer producing unwanted kittens.

At four months old a female kitten can start breeding, and can have 2 or 3 litters per year. A mother cat nursing a litter of kittens goes back into heat when the kittens are only 3-4 weeks old.

Removing cats from an area (i.e. catching and killing) is useless.

When cats are removed from an area, then new, unsterilized cats move in to take advantage of available resources - and begin reproducing. This well-documented natural trend is known as the "vacuum effect."

Trap-Neuter-Return stops the breeding cycle and eliminates mating behaviors, such as yowling, spraying, roaming, and fighting.

Trap-Neuter-Return also benefits public health because community cats are vaccinated against rabies.

We can only trap once a month, so please contact us soon if we can help with a colony.

Spay/Neuter

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee.

It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens.

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

Grantsville Water Rate Injcrease Delayed Once More

Because of Missing Information

By Shari Johnson

In a report received yesterday from the PSC, sent to all parties concerned with the recent appeal against the Town of Grantsville's rate increase request, the WV Public Service Commission stated that the current hold on consideration was continued until May 1, 2024.

This was done to allow the Town of Grantsville to make any objections that it may have to the initial staff memorandum filled April 24th, 2024.

The Procedural Order stated that the Commission suspend a rate ordinance passed by the Town of Grantsville and tolled the statutory deadline.

The commission also tolled the statutory deadline related to the wholesale appeals filed by Mount Zion Public service District and Pleasant Hill Public service district. The commission concluded that Grantsville did not provide the necessary financial and engineering information necessary for the commission to establish rates.

On April 12, 2024 Grantsville was ordered to file the necessary documents to enable the Commission to make a meaningful review of its ordinance as soon as possible.

By April 24th, 2024 the PSC staff concluded that Grantsville had not yet provided sufficient information to restart the statutory clock. Staff listed certain financial and engineering documentation it believed was necessary to start the statutory clock.

Once the items missing are addressed and received the Commission will advise all parties of the case being placed on the docket for further proceedings.

Op-Ed by Roger Propst, Candidate 2-year Unexpired Term, Republican Calhoun County Commission



JOBS, JOBS, JOBS
American Medicines Company was recently approved to construct two pharmaceutical factories employing five-hundred workers each with beginning salaries of \$50,000, and an overall average of \$110,000 per year.

The Company has already committed to locating one of these factories in West Virginia. The other will be in New Mexico.

This county has been its own worst enemy over my lifetime. As our people toiled mostly in the oil and gas industry and lived their lives buying homes and raising their families, the leaders of the community had no vision for the future.

They actively stood in the way of progress by scuttling plans for interstate highways (I-79) that were originally routed through Calhoun County.

A prison that would have provided many high-paying jobs was lost because of a lack of support and active opposition. No thought was given to what would happen to our county when the oil and gas boom ended. This resulted in our young people having to leave home to find employment.

Never in my lifetime have I seen an opportunity for a manufacturing facility with five hundred high-paying jobs being brought to Calhoun County. This generation of Calhouners must now stand up and welcome this company to our county.

We must not allow a minority of our people to cause us once again to be left behind. Imagine how the community would change with our people employed in these jobs paying an average of \$110,000 per year.

Housing construction would boom. The tax base would increase hugely. Families would be stronger and more cohesive with extended families intact. Revenue would increase many times over as these employees would stay home and spend their money locally.

Additional spinoff small businesses would come into being. Folks, this is our opportunity to bring prosperity to our county and give our children a chance to pursue their dreams. As with all things, if a community is standing still, it is moving backward.

Let us all commit ourselves to be a force for positive change, not be like the leaders of the past with no vision.

Some will say, "Those jobs will never come to Calhoun County." I say, "Why not." No one thought Doddridge County would be an economic dynamo like it is today either. One thing is for sure, they will not come if we do not step up and actively pursue this opportunity.

Maria Arnold: Candidate for Magistrate



My name is Maria Arnold, and I am a candidate for Calhoun County Magistrate, Division 1.

I am a lifelong Calhoun resident and currently live on our farm in Mt. Zion with my husband Jason and our four children, Trista, Laney, Morgan, and Brier.

I am a teacher at Arnoldsburg Elementary School.

In addition, I serve as a board member for the Calhoun County Youth Livestock Program and Heartwood in the Hills.

I am usually working in the kitchen for events associated with the Arnoldsburg Park and Molasses Festival.

My commitment to community welfare is not just a campaign promise, but a reflection of my personal values and my enthusiasm

for making our community a better place.

If elected magistrate, I promise to be fair and use sound judgment. Although I am an educator, I have always had a passion for criminal justice and law. I feel that my background as a teacher gives me many qualities that can be applied to the duties of a magistrate such as analytical thinking and conflict resolution.

I use those skills daily by considering what is best for my students and coming up with the most appropriate solutions.

I am a hard worker and a lifelong learner and promise to take those attributes into the courtroom. I bring a non-biased and fresh perspective as well as the ability to balance compassion and firmness.

I look forward to getting out in the community in the upcoming months to talk and listen to any concerns or suggestions anyone may have.

Your support and vote would be greatly appreciated in the upcoming May 2024 election.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at mariamarnold90@gmail.com.

Calhoun County Library Held Trivia Night April 25th

We had 8 Teams compete in our April Trivia Night, with "The Outsiders" team taking the win!

Thank you to everyone who came out! We hope to see you all and some new faces at our next Trivia Night, May 23rd. Keep checking our page for updates.



Congratulations to the Outsiders for their big win!

Harrison Arrested for Failure to Update Sex Offender Registration

By Shari Johnson
On Monday, April 15th, 2024 at approximately 1 a.m., Trooper J.D. Richards was at the WVSP Grantsville Detachment when Aaron Bret Harrison, DOB: 04/13/1977, came into the office and notified the Trooper that he needed to do his last change of address before moving to North Carolina.

Trooper Richards removed Mr. Harrison's file from the Sex Offender files and inquired if there were any other changes with his registry and started document the move by listing information of which included physical and mailing address; which he was coming in to change for the last time before moving, a Chevy Cobalt that was reported as his brother's vehicle that he would drive on an occasion which was also being taken of his registry with the move. The Trooper inquired about Mr. Harrison's US Cellular Phone listed under his Internet service provider and cellphone for both mailing and physical addresses. This number was 336-673-9296.

Mr. Harrison uttered, in reply, that this number and account had not been in-service since February. The Trooper knew that as part of Mr. Harrison's registry that he needed to report any and all changes to his registry within (10) Business days per state law and WVSP Form 270 which is given to and, if needed, read to offenders each and every time they register at the WVSP Detachment. This includes taking a phone number off the registry once it is disconnected.

Trooper Richards attempted to call the above listed number to which it was confirmed that its service had been disconnected. Mr. Harrison stated in a mirandized interview that Kanasha Harrison was the individual that paid for his bill. He Informed the Trooper that he knew he received the phone in December of 2023, a payment was made in January of 2024 and Kanasha had attempted to make a payment in February of 2024 but it did not go through, thus his service was disconnected. Trooper Richards spoke with Kanasha as well and confirmed this.

Mr. Harrison was taken into custody on the Charge of Failure to provide notice of Sex Offender Registration changes and processed him at the WVSP Grantsville Detachment. Harrison was released after posting a \$15,000 property/surety bond. He is currently awaiting trial in the Calhoun Circuit Court.

CIRCUIT JUDGE ANITA HAROLD ASHLEY SEEKS RE-ELECTION



Anita Harold Ashley, currently in her eighth year as Circuit Judge, is seeking reelection in Division 3 for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. The circuit is comprised of four counties, Calhoun, Roane, Jackson, and Mason, and is served by three judges. While the candidates must run in all four counties, Judge Ashley is seeking reelection in the division which requires the judge to be a resident of Roane or Calhoun County. Judge Ashley is a longtime resident of Spencer, where she lives with her husband, Bob.

A native of Glenville, Judge Ashley was valedictorian of her graduating class at Gilmer County High School. She then attended Glenville State College, graduating summa cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in English, with minors in math and political science. She continued her education at WVU College of Law, graduating in 1981. At

the time she was admitted to the practice of law, she was the youngest lawyer in the State of West Virginia.

Judge Ashley began her career as lawyer in Grantsville, sharing office space with Phil Reale, who was then the elected part-time Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney. After he left the position, she relocated the practice to Spencer. In addition to maintaining a private practice, Judge Ashley spent thirteen years in the part-time position of Family Law Master (the position now named Family Court Judge) for Calhoun, Roane, and Jackson counties and was also an assistant prosecutor in Jackson County.

As a lawyer with 35 years of practice before her election to the bench, Judge Ashley handled a variety of cases, giving her experience in many areas of law. She has handled multiple criminal and civil cases, and participated in numerous trials. She spent many days in family court, handling divorce, custody and other cases of that nature. In her practice, she also wrote various legal documents, including deeds, wills, powers of attorney, contracts, and the like. She also served as guardian ad litem for many children in the circuit, representing their best interests in child abuse and neglect cases. While these cases were often heartbreaking and sad, she has often said that these cases were the ones she felt were most important and where she felt she was making the most difference.

In private practice, Judge Ashley was recognized and awarded for her work in the area of family law. She was named one of "The Best Lawyers in America" by U.S. News and World Report from 2012 to 2016 and one of "West Virginia's Best Attorneys" by The State Journal. In 2014, she was named a National Top 10 Attorney by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys. Prior to the opening of the Intermediate Court of Appeals in 2022, she was selected to provide specialized training to the justices in the area of family law.

As a Circuit Judge, Judge Ashley was elected by her colleagues and served as President of the West Virginia Judicial Association in 2023. In that role, she assisted in formulating a strategic plan for the judiciary and worked on various issues at the state legislature. In January 2023, she was honored by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) as West Virginia's Judge of the Year. She was also selected as a West Virginia Bar Foundation Fellow. In her everyday work as a Circuit Judge, she presides over dockets in each of the counties of the circuit and has handled several jury trials each year. Additionally, she oversees the very successful Roane-Calhoun Adult Drug Court and the Roane-Calhoun Family Treatment Court, both specialty courts designed to deal with the horrible drug crisis in our state.

Judge Ashley is a member of Spencer Rotary, where she served as the first female president, was involved in establishing the Roane County College Scholarship Foundation, and is active in St. John's United Methodist Church. She and her husband, Bob Ashley, a longtime former legislator, have two adult sons, Ben and Sam, and three grandchildren.

In explaining her goals, Judge Ashley says, "I'm seeking re-election because I believe I'm making a difference. In processing cases through the system, it is important that the citizens know and understand that they will be treated professionally and with respect, and that they will get a fair and just result. I've worked hard to assure that and I want to continue the great progress we have made.



I would appreciate your vote and support in the May 14 election."