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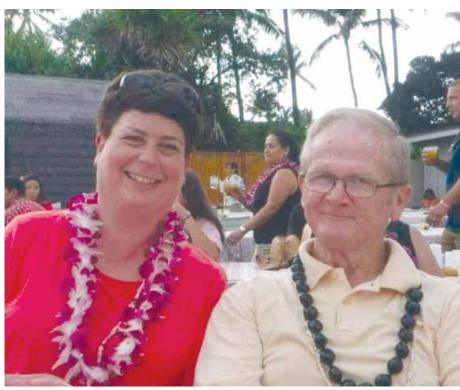
The Grantsville News

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## In Calhoun County the unofficial but "official" kickoff to summer is the Wood Festival.



Parade Marshals

is the celebration county has marking the end of the school year and the of the Wood Festival beginning of vacation officially gets under time and whatever way Thursday but by else people do during the summer. Although summer officially begins on June 21, the being played as the Wood Festival is when festival is something

big people in Calhoun shift gears.

> $62^{\rm nd}$ edition The then booths are usually open, rides are being ridden and bingo is

of a weeklong event ending on Saturday night with a big concert and a fireworks display.

This year the Wood Festival will feature six musical events on the main stage including Frosty Ridge, Max Vanfossin, Fleetwood Macked, the Calhoun

Conservatory of Music, pianist Rick Poling, the Johnny Staats Project the Davisson Brothers.

On the schedule also is a 5K and fun run, a car show, a pancake breakfast, a cornhole tournament and a grand parade along with several different carnival rides and food booths and, of course, Lion's Club bingo.

Dave and Jill Trippett of Grantsville have been selected as the 2024 Calhoun County Wood Festival Parade Marshals.

Dave was a chief petty officer in the US Navy. He moved to Grantsville in the early 1990's to be with his parents, the late Pete and Millie Trippett. Dave managed the Grantsville Pool for 14 years until the pool closed. He has been a volunteer for the Kairos Prison Ministry and was also a Chaplain at MMHS.

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# **Town Council meeting**

The Grantsville Town Council met Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, at the City Hall for a special meeting to appoint a council member to fill the seat that has been vacant for the past few months. All current members were present, Emily Collins, Emilee Morgan, Linda Staton and Cheryl Sturms as well as Recorder Judy Powell and Mayor Robert Petrovsky.

Four candidates submitted their names for consideration.

**Tommy Collins** Marissa Staples Teresa Overton Courtney Alexander

After several minutes of reading resumes Emily Collins made a motion to appoint Courtney Alexander, which was seconded by Cheryl Sturms. The motion died when the other two council members did not support the motion.

Emilee Morgan then nominated Marissa Staples with a second from Linda Staton. Ridgeview news asked if Mrs. Staples was a relative of a current council member, to which Emilee Morgan responded that she was indeed her daughter-in-law. However, she didn't believe that should matter for the nomination.

Mayor Robert Petrovsky interjected that the since Emily Collins had recused herself from voting for her brother-in-law, Tommy Collins; Emilee Morgan probably should recuse herself from nominating or voting for her daughter in law. Morgan disagreed but did recuse herself. The motion was removed.

Linda Staton followed by re-nominating Marissa Staples and upon asking for confirmation of support the vote ended with a final passing by Linda Staton, Emily Collins and Cheryl Sturms.

Marissa Staples was appointed to the Grantsville Town Council.

In other action:

The council voted to purchase a riding lawnmower but were to check the price and condition of a used mower before buying a new one.

Had the second reading of an amended appointment

ordinance. Voted to rescind the proposed water rate increase.

# WIC Cash Value Benefit for Fresh Produce Expands to Include Farmers Markets

The West Virginia WIC program's monthly cash value benefits for the purchase of fresh produce will be accepted at authorized farmers markets starting on June 1, 2024.

"The WIC Farm Market Direct mobile payment system has many benefits for both WV WIC participants and local farmers," said Heidi Staats, Director of the Office of Nutrition Services. "It simplifies the purchasing process for participants, reduces stigma by functioning like other mobile pay options, streamlines payments to farmers and farmers markets, provides real-time data for review and analysis, and ensures efficient and secure management of federal funds and benefits."

The WIC monthly cash value benefits for fresh produce are \$26 for child participants, \$47 for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$52 for fully and partially breastfeeding participants. The FMNP maximum benefit is \$30 for eligible WIC participants to be spent from June 1 through October

WV WIC and WIC FMNP participants will have a QR Code through the WICShopper Mobile App, allowing for electronic transactions with authorized farmers market vendors. Through WIC Farm Market Direct, authorized farmers scan the QR Code to initiate the purchasing process of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Farmers will then receive payment via direct deposit, which eliminates check processing fees. There are currently 136 farmers participating in the WV WIC program. A list of participating farmers and farmers markets is available on the WV WIC website at dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Farmers-Market.aspx.

Farmers interested in becoming an approved WV (Continued on Page 2)

# Duskey named editor

Gaylen Duskey was named editor of the Calhoun Chronicle and Grantsville News by Michael Showell publisher of Mountain Media Inc., the parent company of Chronicle.

"I hope I give our readers the newspaper they want and deserve," Duskey said. "I will give it all my best."

Duskey said newspaper played a huge role in a community instrument disseminate information serve as an archive for the community activities and it can provide leadership if its coverage is fair and nonbiased.

He said that is the course he plans to follow.

Duskey, a native of Calhoun County, has worked for many newspapers internet companies during his 60-plus years' experience.

He has worked for newspapers in West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, North Dakota, and Montana serving in editorial positions either as sports



**Gavlen Duskey** 

editor or editor. He has won national and state writing, investigating and design awards. He also was an internet pioneer working for one of the first internet companies nando. net and as director of The Baseball Net for TotalSports.com. The Baseball Net is now MLB's Gameday which does a datacast online version of each Major League baseball game along with providing the official statistics of baseball.

He was born and raised on Hog Knob and is a 1966 graduate of Calhoun County High School and Glenville State University. He also attended Marshall University, Eastern Montana College, and Northwestern State.

He is son of Colleen B. and George Duskey. He is married to Barbara and the father of Kimberly Burrows and Elizabeth Duskey. He lives in Grantsville.

# It took nearly two decades but the long-closed Grantsville swimming pool has been re-opened.

To a fashion.

The old Grantsville swimming pool was a basic pool and municipally owned.

The new pool is Olympic quality and privately owned and funded.

The Saundra Johnson Aquatic Center has been a couple of years in the works by the 1982 Foundation. The foundation is also working on turning the former Calhoun County High School into a community center which has been named Avalon.

"When we grew up there was a swimming pool, and we really spent our summers in that pool," 1982 Foundation President Crystal Mersh told television station WCHS. "There really hasn't been anything similar for kids to do. I lived away from here for 40 years, came back, and really for the purpose of giving back to my community that gave so much to us and our generation."

The aquatic center is named after Saundra Johnson. Johnson was a lifeguard at the old pool and the mayor of Grantsville.

"For 50 years she taught people how to swim. She kept a lot of people out of the river, and she never turned anyone away. If there was a child standing at the fence and they wanted to swim she



**Grantsville new swimming pool** 

brought them in," Shawn Burns, Saundra Burns told WCHS. "You need to come. It is just amazing. This is first class."

Season passes for the aquatic center cost \$150 for a single, \$200 for a couple and \$300 for a family. Daily passes are \$5 and weekly passes are \$25.

The aquatic center is located at 101 School Street in Grantsville.

# **Creston News**

by Alvin Engelke Phone 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. Next week there will only be Sunday School as the preacher is off to Annual Conference in Buckhannon. One can wonder what they will be talking about at the big confab.

Kylee Blair was named queen of the River Fest which will be held in Elizabeth on June 15. A few dry days allowed a substantial amount

of first cutting hay to be harvested with ideal conditions. Sunday brought a light rain.

Tom Mowrey is back in the hospital after again coming down with the pneumonia fever.

The bridge crew was inspecting the LKR bridge at Creston which is scheduled to be replaced [sometime].

A good crowd was on hand Saturday for the flea market held at the Creston Community Building

Barb Wright & Kathleen Cervone have

returned home after visiting family in Alabama & Florida.

Ted Grim was spending some time at his place in Creston.

Local residents attended and participated in the 3 election recounts held May 30 at the Court House in Elizabeth. All the problems started with the malfunction of the voting machines that had been purchased with so called "federal" money. According to those who were "defending" the machines, "they were made during covid and they had China made parts". One might ask why would Chinese machines be used for an American election? Dictator Xi wants to rule us and he has been "generous" to certain "leaders" in both parties.

The hearing was held in the Circuit Court room. There were four there from the W. Va. Secretary of State's office. Also present, in addition to those having their elections recounted by hand was Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney Michael Hicks, Republican nominee for Secretary of State Kris Warner, Nicholas County Commissioner Gary Roberts & interested citizens. It was interesting that there was no press presence. The recount activities started at 8:00 A. M.

The first count was between Nikki Garrett & Teresa Murray. After counting the 35 lost voted in Newark, Nikki was up by two. After the recount Nikki was up by 3 as, apparently, a Creston ballot was locked in the machine and the SOS folks said the machine could not be opened to look for it.

Next it was the sheriff race between Stan Hickman & Mike McFee who had a 27 vote lead. After the recount Mike gained a vote, apparently because of the ballot locked up in the machine.

After that it was the recount on the circuit judge race. Samuel Rogers noted that there were several discrepancies that could cause ballots to not be counted. There were 39 paper ballots cast that did not have the signatures of the poll clerks. Apparently, no one told the election workers that all ballots needed to be signed. Then there was the issue that the 35 Newark ballots were not counted Tuesday evening after the election. The Wirt County Commissioners moved (with Nikki

anglers

Garrett abstaining) that all the ballots should be counted although there is still time for those who did not prevail to take court actions both in state and the federal courts. Thus the results may or may not now be final. The recount finished at 7:57 P. M.

In other political news it was reported that "republicans" were not happy with the voter's choice of Patrick Morrisey for governor and wanted Broadway Joe Manchin to ride in to the "rescue". When Joe was playing governor the first time Wirt County had a chance for a wood products facility and the legislature appropriated the funds to acquire the land on W. Va. 5. He said "NO" Wirt County does not need such, the logs should go to other states and to the orient. On a more current basis Joe's family took Mylan labs a major employer in Morgantown that made many generic drugs and the famous epipens (that went in price from \$50 to \$600) and shipped the operations to Ireland. Perhaps those republicans were Little Mittens Romney, a/k/a Pierre Delecto, Liz Cheney & Rino S. Clusterbottoms.

Manchin's buddy Jim Justice continues to have financial woes with more land scheduled to sell at tax sales and his helicopter was sold for \$1.4 million to be divvied up among the creditors. If he gets to the US Senate perhaps he can solve his financial woes as those who go there become very, very rich.

Those who had occasion to go to White Pine found that the roadways had been sprayed with herbicide creating a "brown fields" environment. Obviously it is important that the herbicide vendors are well taken care of.

The big news in Grantsville is the new swimming pool which has met with wild success. The 1982 Foundation and the workers are to be thanked for working to set Grantsville, Calhoun County and surrounding counties ahead of the rest. Of course there are those "who are mad".

The world's ruling elites are meeting in secret in Madrid Spain for the Bilderburg conference to decide how the peasants are to live. Among those attending are the head of Pfizer, the World Bank, the head of Google, Stacey Abrams and David Petraeus.

Local residents were not surprised about the verdict in the soviet style show trial about actions taken in 2017 to impact the 2016 election that were done by lawyer Cohen without knowledge of the president. A few years back there was a show trial featuring Don Blankenship who was convicted of a misdemeanor and was sent to federal prison.

Bloomberg announced that the price of natural gas would peak at \$4 because of so much needed to generate electric to operate air conditioning this summer. J. P. Morgan said the price would average \$2.88/MMBTU for 2023 and would to \$4.75 next year.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude slipped to \$75.99/bbl. with condensate fetching \$57.99/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$64.99/bbl. Gasolene in Parkersburg could be obtained for \$3.04 9/10 /gallon.

## FESTIVAL

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Jill is a 1986 graduate of Calhoun High School and a 1990 graduate of Glenville State College, well as a graduate of WVU's master's program. She has been a teacher will Calhoun county schools from 1991-2024. Jill will retire with 33 years of service at the end of

Dave and Jill are active members of Knotts Church in Grantsville, where they participate many ministries. They have 1 daughter, Kristie Callihan and 2 grandchildren, Raegen and Chase Callihan.

They always look forward to the Wood Festival, especially playing Lion's Club Bingo, eating the food and listening to the entertainment.

The festival began in 1962 and has been a tradition for 62 years.

In 1966, a contest was held to design an emblem to represent the festival and the winner was presented by the late Charles Whipkey, of Big Springs.

For the Wood Festival colors he chose green and gold. Green representing the trees and gold representing the pageantry.

For the emblem, the green area in the middle represents Calhoun County which symbolizes the trees and a crown overlays Calhoun County gold

symbolizing the pageantry and the crowning of the annual Wood Festival Queen. The crown is inscribed with year the Wood Festival began, 1962.

The shield used as a backing is red, white, and blue in order from left to right to show the influence of patriotism and the love of our country in which such a festival can thrive.

### **OBITUARIES**

Margaret **Marie Nofs** 



Margaret Marie Nofs. 85, of Dayton, Virginia passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

She was born on August 29, 1938, and was the daughter of the late Edward and Jewell (Wayne) McKown.

Marie had worked as an administrative assistant for the United States Geological Survey.

Marie had married Mark Nofs, Sr., who preceded her in death.

Marie is survived by three children, Steve (Jacqueline) Nofs, Kathy (Bill) Johnson, Karen (David) Herrell; brothers, George McKown, Clarence McKown, and Charles McKown; six grandchildren, Josh Johnson, Zachary Nofs, Rachel Nofs, Rachael Johnson, Katie Herrell, and Lilly Herrell; three great-grandchildren, Delilah, Cody, and Layla; numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Mark Nofs, Jr.

The family will receive friends from 5PM till 7PM, on Friday, May 31, 2024 at Johnson Funeral and Cremation Service in Bridgewater, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Mercy House, 1005 South High Street

Harrisonburg, VA, 22801 www.themercyhouse.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, 38105-9959 www.stjude.org

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson Funeral and Cremation Service in Bridgewater. Online condolences may be sent to the family at johnsonfs.com.

### Jessica Marie Eagle

Jessica Marie Eagle, 41, of Big Bend, WV, passed away May 30, 2024 at Camden Clark Medical Center.

A private cremation will take place at Mid-Ohio Valley Cremation Society.

Free fishing days WIC vendor may visit dhhr. wv.gov/WIC/retailersfarmers or contact the WV WIC Vendor Unit at 304-558-1115 dhhrwicvu@wv.gov.

County Farmer's Markets

Calhoun County Farmer's

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Grantsville Farmer's Market,

Gardens, Minnora. Wednesdays Market, Upper West Fork Park, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.Fishing Days and want to Chloe. Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 continue fishing after this Season details not yet available. weekend can purchase or renew their fishing license West at WVfish.com. As part of Free Fishing Days, the WVDNR will host fishing derbies at the Bowden Fish Hatchery and Little Beaver State Park on June 8. The events are free to attend and intended for youth anglers ages 3-14. Participants must be registered by an adult in order to participate and win prizes. The Little Beaver State Park derby is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will Minnie Hamilton Health System Days are part of a nationwide be from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and effort to make fishing more

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and their families to take advantage of this annual opportunity to fish for free in public lakes, streams and rivers around the state. "With school letting out for the summer and vacation season upon us, Virginia's Free Fishing Days weekend is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy all the beauty and goodness of our great state," Gov. Justice said. "This opportunity only comes once a year, so I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of it and see why West Virginia is surely and truly the best place in the world for families to enjoy a fishing adventure." West Virginia's Free Fishing

West Virginia's Free Fishing

Days will return June 8–9

encouraged

"One of the best things about West Virginia's Free Fishing Days is that it can be enjoyed by new and experienced anglers and is designed to help current license holders introduce their friends and family to fishing," West Virginia Division of

accessible to the public. During these two days,

residents and nonresidents

can fish for free without

having to buy a fishing

license.

Gov. Jim Justice announced Natural Resources Director Brett McMillion said. "We hope this opportunity will encourage folks to try fishing for the first time or rekindle their love for the sport.

Anglers who enjoy Free

kids should bring their own fishing gear. A limited amount of bait will be provided. The Bowden Fish Hatchery derby is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 8. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m., followed by hourlong fishing sessions for kids based on grade level. Preschool and Kindergarten: 8-9 a.m. First and Second Grade: 9-10 a.m. Third-Fifth Grade: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sixth-Eighth Grade: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## OP-ED

# There's a solution to the doctor shortage

By Nicole Wadsworth

"Our next available appointment is in February of next year."

Sadly, this is a common refrain in doctors' offices today. How many times have you tried to schedule a follow-up or a yearly physical, only to be given an absurd timeline?

That's because we're amid a nationwide physician shortage. The average wait time for a doctor's appointment in cities is 26 days.

Yet getting treated doesn't need to be this difficult. We may have a limited number of doctors, but there's another source of high-quality, professional care. Our hospitals and healthcare providers need to rely more on physician assistants -- who at the moment, are often barred from working at the level for which they're trained.

That needs to change.

Physician assistants are licensed medical professionals who handle some routine duties that would otherwise require doctors' time. Their ranks are increasing: in the past decade, the number of board-certified physician assistants grew by more than 75%.

As an emergency room doctor for more than 20 years, I witnessed their rising presence. I experienced, firsthand, how incredibly useful and even crucial physician assistants can be; they handled duties like suturing and treating minor injuries, freeing me up to focus on more complex cases.

This essential work takes some responsibility off doctors' plates and allows more patients to be treated sooner. But in many states, physician assistants aren't allowed to practice to the full extent of their training -- at the "top of their license" in industry speak. That means that even a physician assistant who had performed a procedure thousands of times is prohibited from doing so.

Neither observation nor research supports the notion that expanding scope of practice for physician assistants will hurt patients. And a study performed by Health Services Research found that primary care patients who see nurse practitioners have similar health outcomes compared to patients who see physicians.

For sure, it's tough to see a doctor. But physician assistants are helping patients every day. Let's ensure they are able to continue doing so.

Nicole Wadsworth, D.O., FACOEP, FACEP, is dean of New York Institute of Technology's College of Osteopathic Medicine.



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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 <a href="https://www.wvencyclopedia.org">www.wvencyclopedia.org</a>.

May 30, 1940: Smoke Hole Caverns in Grant County opened for tours. The cave is beautifully decorated with stalactites hanging in rows along the ceiling; the main room is called the "Room of a Million Stalactites."

May 31, 1946: Writer Meredith Sue Willis was born in Clarksburg and raised in Shinnston. Willis has authored books for children and on the subject of writing, and much of her adult fiction is set in West Virginia.

June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

June 3, 1856: Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

June 3, 1861: The first land battle of the Civil War between organized troops took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

June 3, 1936: The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

June 4, 1975: Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

June 5, 1859: A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

June 5, 1915: Four young people were killed at the Rock Springs amusement park in Chester when the Old Mill ride caught fire.



On Thursday, June 20, 2024, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping feral cats in the Grantsville area, and on Thursday, June 27 in Orma and Big Springs to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program). We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Wednesday, June 19 in Grantsville or on Wednesday, June 26 in Orma and Big Springs as we will be trapping on Thursday morning. Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation. So far we have spayed and neutered 888 community cats (485 females and 403 males).

Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Wednesday the 19th in Grantsville or Wednesday the 26th in Orma and Big Springs. If you have any questions, please call Linda at 304-354-7506

If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to Calhoun County residents at no cost to the caretaker.

Partial funding for Trap-Neuter-Return is provided by The Oakland Foundation, The Bernard McDonough Foundation, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the Calhoun County Commission.

# Pleasant Hill Elementary 2nd Semester 2024

Principal's Honor Roll

Kindergarten-Jace Allen, Fatima Aparicio-Ruiz, Summer Anderson, Mackenna Bevel, Carolina Blosser, Wyatt Carpenter, Mavrik Dow, Rylee Fulks, Sawyer Justice, Kyson Kerby, Aiden May, Dakota Mounts, Azriella Nelson, Jace Nicholson, Aila Richards-Compton, Noah Richards, Zayla Richards, Isaac Starcher, Saphira Woodring

1st Grade-Emery Atkinson, Nathan Burkett, Lilyann Carpenter, Henley Cunningham, Jessa Ferrell, Sawyer Frum, Owen Heiney, Cambry Mathes, Avery Norman, Mallie Polling, Scarlett Probasco, Sawyer Sims, Dakota Snider, Halynn Whytsell

2nd Grade-Brentley Bradley, Zion Coleman, Ethan Laborin, Genevieve Riggs, Kailsee Sampson, Willie Smith, Layton Snider, William Thurmer

3rd Grade-Raelyn Arnold, Jayden Boyd, Haygan Houchin, Willis Gainer-Pittman, Savannah Sampson, Aiden Villers, Hazel Winkler

4th grade-Sophia Bartelt, Denver Brooks, Jase Farley, Levi Ferrell, Cruz Frymier, Carson Norman, Dezarae Richards, Brantley Schoolcraft, Kyle Shook

Honor Roll

Kindergarten- Gunner Burrows, Marshall McGuire, Nicholas Powell, Zowie Richards

1st Grade- Kasyn Ellison, Piper Garrett, A'lena Richards-Scott, Kayson Smarr, Shelton Sims, Ember Stirling, Meredith Toney,

2nd Grade-Wyatt Blosser, Wyatt Hartshorn, Mylah Park-Diaz, Ira Weaver, Kierra Wise

3rd Grade-Baylee Allison, Breanna Blosser, Kyla Burrows, Lillian Caldwell, Dane Davis, Abigail McCumbers, Kaelynn Powell, Brenton Slider, Arizona Starcher

4th Grade-Martha Bixman, Zayden Corrigan, Tori Cunningham, Emma Frederick, Landon Godfrey, Maciah Nida, Mackenzie Tingler, Maison Wilson



# Food Crafts Novelties

Minnie Hamilton Health System - Calhoun Banks - Metcon Exc. LLC WV Dept. of Culture and History - Davisson Brothers Fundraising Group Woodchuck Contestants - Grantsville Lions Club - Houchin Construction Grantsville Foodland - Stump Funeral Home - Hardmans Home Center Tim Moore, State Farm Ins. - Hildreth Oilfield Supply - J & B Drug Store Shannon Johnson for P. A. - Overton Consulting LLC

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June 5 thru June 8, 2024

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## **Community Notices**

Calhoun Civil Air Patrol Squadron holds weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at 413 High Street Grantsville, WV.

The First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry on Route 5 E outside of Grantsville is a non-profit food pantry open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Community Resources Incorporated (CRI) Food Pantry: Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.- 4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court Street.

Upper West Fork Park meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Calhoun County Park, a Night Sky Park, is always open - except for a special occasion or event that requires closing of the gate. The park board meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the park's "barn."

Calhoun County Historical Society meets at the Family History Center Museum (former Quality Shop) on Main Street on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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. Online 24 hours at https:// calhouncountylibrary.org/.

The Cabot Recycling Station buyback program is held on Tuesdays, Thursdays from 8:00-4:00, Saturdays from 8:00-12:00 west of Grantsville on Rt. 5. Tire collection is held the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16 inches or less accepted, with a limit of 10 tires per person free of charge. Tires on wheels not accepted. Calhoun resident tires only.

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

Minnora Methodist Mission Thrift Shop is open Mon & Wed 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fri 10 - 1, providing affordable clothing and household items.

The Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog spay/neuter fee. For information call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

The Grantsville Pickleball Club plays on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Town Park at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.

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

Mark your calendars for **Heartwood in the Hills Homecoming** on September 21, 2024 honoring 42 years of Celebrating the Artist in Every Person.

Lion's Club Bingo is held in the Lion's Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Little Kanawha Calhoun Bus Schedule: Monday through Friday - Service within Grantsville city limits. Monday – Service to/from Annamoriah and Creston along Route 5 East/West. Tuesday – Service to/from Millstone, Arnoldsburg Westfork, and locations south. Wednesday -Central county service to/from Mt. Zion, Russett, and Stumptown. Thursday - Roundtrip service along Route 16 North including Pleasant Hill, Nobe, Broomstick, and Big Springs. Roundtrip service from Grantsville to Parkersburg. Service between counties is available Monday-Friday to/ from Grantsville. Call Toll-Free: 866-354-5522.

**County Farmer's Markets** 

Calhoun County Farmer's Market, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe. Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Arnoldsburg Farmer's Market, West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg. Fridays 2 p.m. − 6 p.m.

Berea Gardens Drive Thru Farmer's Market, Berea Gardens, Minnora. Wednesdays 4 p.m. – 6

Grantsville Farmer's Market, Season details

not yet available. To add your community service information to this listing email contact@calhounchronicle.

**Creston Community** 

# **ATV Summer Poker Run**

The Creston Community Building's Summer ATV Poker Run is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th. Creston is 13 miles from Elizabeth and 14 miles from Grantsville on WV Route 5. Signs will be posted to direct you. The community building address is 340 Anns Run Road, Creston, WV 26141.

Registration is from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the Creston Community Building - \$10 entry fee. 1st Place 30%, 2nd Place 10%, 3rd Place 10%.

Riders must stop at all stations or will be disqualified. Riders must return to the building by the posted deadline for payout. NO 2-wheelers. NO backpacks in the building.

Door Prizes - 50/50 - The kitchen will be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

For more information call (304) 494-4064 or (304) 275-3578.



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# 62nd Calhoun County Wood Festival **Schedule of Events**

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

5:00 p.m. – Registration for Baby Pageant

6:00 p.m. – Calhoun County Wood Festival Baby

6:00 p.m. – Lions Club Bingo

7:00 p.m. –

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Noon – Booths Open

5:00 p.m. – Rick Poling 5:30 p.m. Frosty Ridge

7:00 p.m. - Opening ceremonies, crowning of the Woodchuck Kings and Queens, presentation of Wood Festival Royalty, introduction of this year's parade marshals and the 2024 Charlie Whipkey Spirit of Wood Festival.

7:30 p.m. TBA

Friday, June 7, 2024 10:00 a.m. – Booths Open

%:30 p.m. – Rick Poling piano

6:30 p.m. Matt Vanfossin

8:30 pm – Fleetwood Macked "Fleetwood Mack Tribute"

Saturday, June 8, 2024

7:00 a.m. – Registration for 5K and Kids Run.

8:00 a.m. - Noon Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Lions Club Building

8:30 a.m. - Calhoun County Wood Festival 5K and Kids Run (Sponsored by Grantsville Foodland) 10:00 – Line-up for Parade at Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department

11:30 - Calhoun County Wood Festival Grand

12:30 noon – registration for Car Show (Court Street, near Rainbow Hotel Lot)

1:00 p.m. Calhoun County Wood Festival Car

2:00 p.m. Cornhole Tournament (near CCCOA) 3:00 p.m. – Arm wrestling (in front of Morris

5:00 p.m. – Grantsville Conservatory of Music

6:30 p.m. – The Johnny Staats Project

9:00 p.m. – The Davisson Brothers Band 11:00 p.m. - Grand Fireworks Display sponsored

by Calhoun Banks.

# **Calhoun County High School Alumni** Reunion

The Calhoun County High School Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 6th at Calhoun Middle High School, Mount Zion. Registration will be from 9:00-11:15 am. Our program will be from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, followed by lunch. In the afternoon, mini-reunions can be held.

Honor classes this year will be 1954, 70th year; 1964, 60th year; 1974, 50th year; 1984, 40th year. The association needs speakers from these classes for the program.

The registration fee will be \$25 per person. We will need your reservation by June 1st to prepare the meals for the day. For those making reservations after June 1st, the cost will be \$30. Reservations help us arrange seating by class for lunch.

Alumni dues are \$5.00 annually. This is used for postage and our Alumni Scholarship.

# **Public Meeting Notices**

Grantsville Town Council meets the first Monday of every month in the city building on Main Street at 6 p.m.

Calhoun County Commission meets the second

Monday of every month in the Calhoun Courthouse meeting room at 9 a.m.

The Calhoun County School Board meets the second Monday of every month at 5:50 p.m. in the school board office

at Mt. Zion.

Calhoun Civil Air Patrol Squadron holds weekly meetings on Tuesday 6:00 p.m. at 413 High Street Grantsville, WV.

### **Community Service Notices**

The First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry on Route 5 E outside of Grantsville is a nonprofit food pantry open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Community Resources Incorporated (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 Street.

meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Calhoun County Park, a Night Sky Park, is always open except for a special occasion or event which requires closing of

Calhoun County Historical Society meets at the Family History Center Museum (former Quality Shop) on Main Street on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Calhoun County Library Group

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. Online 24 hours at <a href="https://">https://</a> calhouncountylibrary.org/.

Tire collection is 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 not accepted. Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16 inches or 10 tires per person, residents of Calhoun only. Bring a valid W.Va. ID. Sponsored by W. Va. DEP and Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.

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

The Welfare of Animals (WAG) can assist

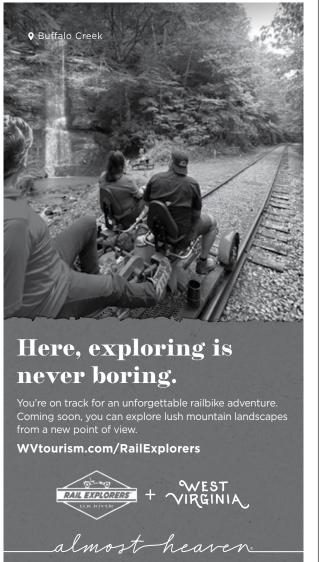
low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog spay/neuter fee. For information call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville. Funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

The Grantsville Pickleball Upper West Fork Park less, accepted with a limit of Club plays on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Town Park at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.

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

Lion's Club Bingo is held in the Lion's Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.

West Virginia Poison Center: 1-800-222-1222.



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The Administrative Council for Calhoun-Gilmer Career reserves the right to reject any and/or all statements from interested firms and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in its best interest in accordance with WV Code 5G-1-3.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 29th day of July 2022, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 06/07/2024, at 10 AM:

### 2022 MAZDA 3 VIN#JM1BPAML0N1519940

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 26147 304-354-6116

PLEASANT HILL PSD RT 16 DISTRICT WV3300703

Consumer Confidence Report- 2024 Covering Calendar Year- 2023

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the 1st day of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Nobe office or call TAMBREE YOAK at 304-354-7500.

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above. Your water comes from Surface water:

Source Water Type Source Name CC FROM 3300701 RT 5 MASTER METER Surface water

CC FROM WV3300701 GRANTSVILLE METER PIT Surface water **Buyer Name** Seller Name WV3300703 - PLEASANT HILL PSD RT 16 DISTRICT GRANTSVILLE MUNICIPAL

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPNCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 1619 and is required to test a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

**Water Quality Data** 

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2020. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

**Terms & Abbreviations** 

<u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)</u>: the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not

regulated and has no MCL Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other

requirements <u>Treatment Technique (TT)</u>: a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

<u>Parts per Million (ppm)</u> or milligrams per liter (mg/1) <u>Parts per Billion (ppb)</u> or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body. Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame,

common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: PLEASANT HILL PSD RT 16 DISTRICT							
Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source			
COLIFORM (TCR)	In the month of July,	Treatment Technique	0	Naturally present in the			
	1 sample(s) returned	Trigger		environment			
	as positive						

Disinfection	Sample	Collection	Highest	Range				
By-products	Point	Date	Value	(low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL	SMITHVILLE	2023	30	3-15	ppb	60	0	By-product of
HALOACETIC								drinking water
ACIDS (HAA5)								disinfection
TTHM	SPRUCE	2023	61	25-93	ppb	80	0	By-product of
	HOLLOW							drinking water
	CREEK							chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2023	0.0795	0.0018- 0.189	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2023	2.4	0.098-6.4	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

PLEASANT HILL PSD RT 16 DISTRICT is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at 122 Nobe Rd Big Bend, WV 26136, if you have any questions about our inventory, please contact TAMBREE YOAK at 304-354-7500.

Maximum Disinfection	Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units		
4/1/2023 - 4/30/2023	1.30000	MG/L	1.10000	MG/L			
During the 2023 calendar y	ear, we	e had the belo	w noted violation(	s) of drinking	water regulations.		
Compliance Period	An	alyte	Comments				
1/1/2023 - 6/30/2023			Failed to meet water quality parameter sampling or reporting requirements				
1/1/2023 - 6/30/2023		KALINITY,	Failed to meet or reporting re-		parameter sampling		
2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023					r replacement coliform		
3/1/2023 - 3/10/2023 DBP STAGE 1			Chlorinated sy qualified opera		ated by state-approved		
3/1/2023 - 3/31/2023	CH	ILORINE					
4/1/2023 - 6/30/2023	TT	HM	Failed to moni disinfection by		equired for chlorine or		
4/1/2023 - 4/30/2023	CH	LORINE		-			
5/1/2023 - 5/31/2023	CH	LORINE					
6/1/2023 - 6/30/2023	CH	ILORINE					
7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	PH		Failed to meet reporting requi		parameter sampling or		
7/1/2023 - 7/31/2023	CE	LORINE					
7/1/2023 - 7/31/2023	CH	ILORINE	disinfection by	-products	equired for chlorine or		
7/1/2023 - 7/31/2023	CH	ILORINE	Failed to collectreatment mon		t required surface water		
7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023		KALINITY, TAL		water quality	parameter sampling o		
8/1/2023 - 8/31/2023	CE	ILORINE					

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

**Chlorine/Chloramines** 

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver kidneys or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify and correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2023 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Disinfection	Monitoring		Highest	Range				Typical
Byproducts	Period	System	RAA		Unit	MCL	MCLG	Source
TOTAL	2023	GRANTSVILLE	31	10-43	ppb	60	0	By-product of
HALOACETIC		MUNICIPAL			-			drinking water
ACIDS								disinfection
(HAA5)								
TTHM	2023	GRANTSVILLE	41	14-71	ppb	80	0	By-product of
		MUNICIPAL			-			drinking water
								chlorination

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.

During the 2023 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
WV3300701	PUBLIC NOTICE	PN	PUBLIC NOTICE	9/1/2022 - 9/30/2022
	RULE LINKED			
	TO VIOLATION			
WV3300701	FAILURE TO	TT	FLUORIDE	5/1/2023
	OBTAIN			
	APPRVL FOR			
	TRMT CHANGE			

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

## WV Department of Education Offers New Resource for Student Mental Health and Well-being

Charleston, W.Va. - As part of National Mental Health Awareness Month, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is pleased to announce a new resource available to families, educators, caregivers, and others to support student mental health. ParentGuidance.org, a 24/7 online platform, assists those who care for children to address and elevate mental health wellness and self-care. These tools are designed to enhance the human connections vital for school communities to thrive, and West Virginia is the first to offer them statewide.

Throughout the United States, ParentGuidance.org works with schools and their communities to empower families to support the mental health needs of children. In West Virginia, there is now free access to an array of tools including:

Regular one-on-one parent coaching with cognitive behavioral health coaches

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On-demand parenting sessions taught by licensed therapists

"Ask a Therapist," a frequently updated question-and-answer forum

These resources are made possible through a three-year contract the WVDE has entered into with the national nonprofit The Cook Center for Human Connection to make ParentGuidance.org immediately available for West Virginia families. Across the country, 361 districts and 6,308 schools are using the organization's model offering more than 3.3 million families in 46 states access to services.

In 2021, the American Academy of Pediatrics declared a national emergency, noting that child and adolescent healthcare professionals are "caring for young people with soaring rates of depression, anxiety, trauma, loneliness and suicidality that will have lasting impacts on them, their families and their communities."

West Virginia, like the rest of the country, is facing a shortage of traditional mental health services. More than 700,000 people in the state live in communities that do not have enough mental health professionals. The WVDE will open access to underserved communities throughout West Virginia through ParentGuidance.org. Regardless of financial means, those needing help will have a direct line of support. Counties may also customize professional development sessions with The Cook Center to meet their individual needs. Bullying mitigation, isolation, and absenteeism are examples of nationally recognized programs available at reduced costs for counties.

"Our educators are experiencing several mental health behaviors in our children that they have not seen previously," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "ParentGuidance.org will provide resources that have never been reasonably available to many West Virginia families and communities. This will be a great asset and will make a difference in the lives of our children, the stability of our families, the mental health of teachers and school employees, and the progress of our schools."

"We are proud to collaborate with the West Virginia Department of Education for the benefit of West Virginia families. This shows that they truly care about the role of parents in their children's emotional well-being," said Cook Center for Human Connection President and CEO Anne Brown. "By providing education, resources, and direct support to families, we look forward to helping the people who love and care for their children most: the parents."

West Virginia families can learn more at wvde.us or ParentGuidance.org, and counties will also offer direct access on their websites as plans are rolled out statewide.

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### LEGAL

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of CALHOUN have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of **Delinquent and Nonentered lands** of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the County Commission Room on the 25th day of June. 2024 at 09:00 a.m.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

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2023-C-000029		4655	MORRIS JAMES J & LYNN C GILBERT	TWO LOTS HIGH 28X34X95X71X97	GRANTSVILLE CORP		334.85
2023-C-000030 2023-C-000031		4656 4657	MORRIS JAMES J & LYNN C GILBERT MORRIS JAMES J & LYNN C GILBERT	PT LOT HIGH 40X80X40X95 12 PLS BURROWS 50X79X50X80	GRANTSVILLE CORP GRANTSVILLE CORP	\$ \$	300.88 294.71
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2023-C-000037		6876	ELTRINGHAM WILLIAM D JR		LEE	\$	453.53
2023-C-000039		10479	STARCHER BOBBY R &/OR WILMA J		LEE	\$	388.90
2023-C-000040 2023-C-000041		8307 9462	KERBY HOLLY PERRINE SHARON		LEE LEE	\$ \$	204.58 208.44
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2023-C-000044	2022	11362	WILSON MELVIN (BRADLEY) & CAROLYN	1/20 52 AC PANTHER RUN FEE	LEE	\$	210.49
2023-C-000045		5884	BYRUM MURDAYNE MARSHALL		LEE	\$	204.65
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Notice is hereby given that Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after June 13, 2024 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to the Trustees of Louisa Chapel all of their right, title and interest in and to that certain lot or parcel of real estate situate, lying and being in Lee District, in Calhoun County, West Virginia, described as follows:

PARCEL ONE **BEGINNING** at a stake on the turnpike road thence N. 66 6 poles to a walnut; thence N. 28 E. 5 ½ poles to a stake. S. 84 E. 5 ½ poles to a stake, thence N. 6 W. 11 poles to a stake on the turnpike road thence with said road N. 84 W. 7 7/10 poles to the beginning containing one half acre.

And being the same property conveyed from Peregrino Hays and Louisa Hays to Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South by Deed dated August 20th, 1889, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 16, at Page 28, reference to which is hereby made.

### PARCEL TWO

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of the present lot of second parties, and running thence approximately N. 6 E. 36 feet to a stake, thence N. 86 W. 77 feet to a stake, thence S. 28 W. 38 feet to the northwest corner of the present lot of second parties, and running thence with the northerly boundary of the same, S. 84 E. 91 feet to the place of beginning.

And being the same property conveyed from Betty Keller and John Keller to the Trustees of the Louisa Methodist Episcopal Church of Amoldsburg by Deed dated March 24th, 1956 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 94, at Page 277, reference to which is hereby made.

### PARCEL THREE

BEGINNING at state road, corner to the Methodist Church lot and running thence with the line of said church lot, 248 feet; thence in an easterly direction to the Gertie White lot; thence with her line to the corner of her lot and the Vere Downs and Ay Downs corner; thence in a westerly direction 3 feet to a stake; thence in a southerly direction and parallel with the line of Vera Downs and Amy Downs and three feet apart and west of said line to State Route 33 and 119; thence with said State Route 33 and 119, 68 feet to the place of beginning, containing ½ acre, more or less.

And being the same property conveyed from Jason G. Stump and Sharon Norman, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Loren G. Stump, to the Trustees of the Louisa Chapel Church by Deed dated June 5th, 2000, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 201, at Page 371, reference to which is hereby made.

### PARCEL FOUR

BEGINNING at a 14-inch Hickory, found, corner to McKown, from which a 3/4 - inch by 30-inch reinforcing rod with yellow plastic cap stamped HUPP SURVEYING PS 834, 354-7035, hereinafter referred to as a "rebar", set this survey in a line of Hall, bears N 71-55-40 W, at 18.95 feet thence through the parent tract for two lines; N 41-48-10 E. 36.11 feet to a rebar, set, from which a rebar, set this survey in a line of Hall, bears N 71-50-20W, at 4.11 feet; thence S 71-50-20 E, at 48.57 feet, passing a rebar, set, corner to two tracts of Mckown, all, 60.50 feet to a robe, set, in e line of McKown and corner to Louisa Chapel Church, from which a 1inch iron pipe, found, bears S 71-50-20 E, at 74.64 feet thence with Louisa Chapel Church for two lines; S 18-21-10 W, at 0.74 feet passing a ½ - inch rebar, found, in all, 32.96 feet to a ½ - inch rebar, found; thence N 71-55-40 W, 74.87 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.05 acres (2234.4 square feet), more or less.

And being the same property conveyed from James McKown and Karen McKown, his wife, to the Trustees for the Louisa Chapel United Methodist Church by Deed dated July 2nd, 2009, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 228, at Page 137, reference to which is hereby made.

Said Louisa Chapel United Methodist Church was declared closed effective on April 10, 2024, by a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dated the 28th day of May, 2024.

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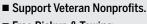




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# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Calhoun County Committee on Aging is accepting applications for a "Meals on Wheels" Driver and for Personal Care Providers.

Applicants must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation, and be willing to obtain CPR and First Aid certification if not already certified.

CCCOA is an equal opportunity employer and provides free training for all positions. All adults with no physical lifting restrictions, including those age 60 and over, are encouraged to apply.

All applicants are subject to a Criminal Investigation Background check by the W.Va. State Police.

Applicants for the Meals on Wheels position must submit two letters of reference along with an application by May 30, 2024, and applications for Personal Care Providers will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

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Applications are available on the "Employment Opportunities" page of our website www.cccoa-wv.org or at our main office at 105 Market Street, Grantsville.

From the Census Bureau Press Corps, edited for local focus:

# **Exurban Communities Among Nation's Fastest Growing Places**

By Lindsay Spell and Marc Perry, U.S. Census **Bureau Population Division** 

In a possible sign of the COVID-19 pandemic's lasting impact, the country's fastestgrowing places are increasingly likely to be farflung exurban communities on the outer margins of metro areas, according to July 1, 2023, population estimates released today.

Luke Rogers, a demographer in the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Division said, "With many more people of working ages now able to work from home at least some of the time, it's likely that some people are more willing to live further away from their place of employment than they would have in the past."

Fewer of the fastest-growing places between 2022 and 2023 were inner suburbs than in 2019 before the pandemic, and more were on the far outskirts of metro areas — 30, 40, and even more than 60 miles away from the largest city's downtown.

"While the Census Bureau doesn't define exurbs, we tend to think of them as far outer suburbs of metro areas, and they often have a mix of urban and rural character," said Luke Rogers, a demographer in the Census Bureau's Population Division. "Exurbs have sometimes been among the most rapidly growing communities, but this appears to be even more true now than before the pandemic."

Multiple factors are likely behind the increased growth of exurbs. Among them: Rising housing costs after the start of the pandemic, which drove some people farther away from cities toward exurbs in search of cheaper homes. Greater opportunities to work from home also likely contributed. Before the pandemic, telework and remote work options were much less common.

"With many more people of working ages now

## **West Virginia House passes** Health, Human Services **Funding In Special Session**

By Charles Young, The Exponent Telegram, via The WV Press Association

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Following a bit of procedural maneuvering, the members of the West Virginia House of Delegates managed to pass a bill Tuesday allocating nearly \$200 million to fund the state's Health and Human Services departments next fiscal year.

The action marked the end of the first special legislative session of the year, which was called by Gov. Jim Justice largely to address the health care funding that had been stripped out during this year's regular session.

The House voted late Monday to reject the Senate's latest amendment to Senate Bill 1001 and requested the Senate recede from its position.

On Tuesday, the Senate adjourned without taking further action on the bill, which effectively would have killed the bill.

House members then engaged in a series of votes rolling back previous actions on the bill, allowing them to then pass the Senate's version.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 87-to-2, with 11 members absent. It now goes to governor's desk for his consideration.

SB 1001 would add back \$5 million for the Department of Health and more than \$183 million for the Department of Human Services that were left out of the budget passed during the regular session.

House members expressed displeasure and dissatisfaction with having to pass the Senate's version of the bill, but said vital services such as the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Waiver program would be threatened without the funds.

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able to work from home at least some of the time, it's likely that some people are more willing to live farther away from their place of employment than they would have in the past," Rogers said.

Using an approach outlined in a 2010 Census Special Report on Core-Based Statistical Areas, the U.S. Census Bureau defines "downtown" as the location of city hall in the largest city in a metro or micro area. We then calculated the distance from the center of each of the 500 places to that point.

There were more exurbs — places as far as 60plus miles outside a metro area's largest city among the nation's fastest-growing places in 2023 than in 2019, the year before the pandemic hit. At the same time, there were fewer fast-growing places within a 10-mile radius and a 10-to-20-mile radius. Numeric population change was similar: collectively, population gains increased in the areas farthest out and slowed within 20 miles of the city center.

Patterns of population growth and distribution regularly evolve, and it is too soon to tell whether the recent surge of exurban growth is a temporary blip or a more enduring phenomenon. Demographers and geographers will continue to monitor the spatial dimensions of population growth and decline for the nation's 19,000-plus cities and towns for insights.

### Sen. Manchin Announces \$32.2 Million to Expand **Broadband Access**

From the West Virginia Press Association

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for the West Virginia Department of Economic Development. This funding is made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and will expand access to affordable, reliable broadband across West Virginia.

"I'm pleased ARC is investing more than \$32 million to ensure more West Virginians have access to dependable, high-speed internet," said Senator Manchin. "I proudly secured this historic funding in our Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help equip every family and business in the Mountain State with the tools they need to thrive in the modern digital economy. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue working with federal, state, and local officials to ensure everyone has broadband access in West Virginia."

These funds will be used in conjunction with the \$1.2 billion previously allocated to West Virginia through the BEAD program, based on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) updated broadband coverage maps. Senator Manchin successfully fought to update these maps for years to ensure they accurately reflect coverage in West Virginia.

### The 2024 football season at Calhoun High School got under way Monday with sign ups and physical conditioning.

According to Red Devils coach Jeff Goodrich anyone in grades 9-12 this year is welcome to come join the team. He said things the players needed to have were cleats, tee-shirt and shorts, and a physical.

The Red Devils also announced their 2024 schedule which included four Class AA schools according to the new WVSSAC classification which now includes four classes Calhoun is a Class A school.

The Red Devils lost Williamstown, Madonna, Tyler Consolidated, Madonna and St. Marys from the schedule but added Buffalo, Tolsia, Clay, Braxton and Ritchie.

Ritchie, Clay and Braxton are traditional LKC opponents as are Wirt, Wahama, Webster and Gilmer.

The Red Devils will open their 2024 season Aug. 30 at home against Gilmer. It is Military Appreciation Night. Calhoun also has home games with Wahama, Tolsia, Clay and Ritchie with away games at Wirt, Buffalo, Valley, Braxton and Webster.

The Sept. 27 game with Tolsia will be the homecoming

8-30 Gilmer (military appreciation)

9-6 Bye

9-13 at Wirt

9-20 Wahama

9-27 Tolsia (homecoming)

10-4 at Buffalo AA

10-11 Clay (breast cancer awareness) AA

10-18 at Valley

10-25 at Braxton AA



