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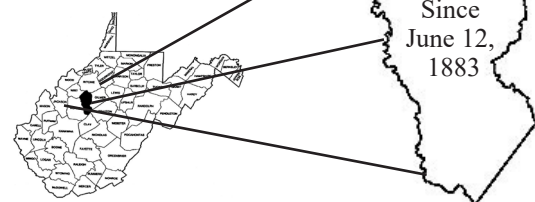
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“Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts”



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### Those at the Calhoun All-Class Reunion were ‘forever young’

*May the good Lord be with you  
 Down every road you roam  
 And may sunshine and happiness  
 Surround you when you're far from home  
 And may you grow to be proud  
 Dignified and true  
 And do unto others  
 As you'd have done to you*

*Be courageous and be brave  
 And in my heart, you'll always stay  
 Forever young, forever young  
 Forever young, forever young*

*May good fortune be with you  
 May your guiding light be strong  
 Build a stairway to Heaven  
 With a prince or a vagabond*

*And may you never love in vain  
 And in my heart you will remain  
 Forever young, forever young  
 Forever young, forever young  
 Forever young, forever young*

*And when you finally fly away  
 I'll be hoping that I served you well  
 For all the wisdom of a lifetime  
 No one can ever tell*

*But whatever road you choose  
 I'm right behind you, win or lose  
 Forever young, forever young  
 Forever young, forever young  
 Forever young, forever young  
 For-Forever young, forever young*

—Rod Stewart

That was what people told each other way back when they graduated from high school and went out on their own way to live their lives as adults. Saturday many got back together again for perhaps the first time since high school graduation and for a little while they were young again.

Forever young. The words they used all those years ago were naturally different than the words of the song, but the sentiments were the same.

Saturday at Calhoun Middle/High School at Mount Zion they were young again at least as they greeted one another. Calhoun once upon a time had a yearly all-class reunion



Dan Heiney and John Kimble remember the days back in 1964.



Tom Fluharty, Larry Myers and Judy Smith Myers look back at 1967-68.



Sharon Yoak Turner, Patricia Sullivan and Susan Siers Alloway think back to 1968.



Calhoun Alumni Association leaders Teresa Jones Overton, Jim Sullivan and Terry Snider Harris. Nikki Boatright was not available.

but that fell apart as did the alumni association about five years ago and combined with the Covid lockdown to end the reunions.

That was in 2019 and it took until this year to get everything reorganized under the direction of Teresa Jones Overton, Terry Snider Harris, Jim Sullivan and Nikki Boatright.

Saturday at CMHS the All-Class Alumni Reunion returned.

This year the classes of 1954, 1964 and 1974 were honored for 70 years, 60 years, and 50 years.

According to pre-dinner registration Michael Ferrell and Billy Sonny Woody were scheduled to attend from the class of 1954, Janice Walker Kelly, John Paul Kimble, Karen Yoak Lewis, Gary Nicholas, Colleen D'Orazio

Spalter, Patricia Siers Vannoy, Ronald Ron Vannoy, Janet Walker and Stephen A. White from the class of 1964 and Robert Lee Bailey, Stephen Buck, Marti Conrad, Barbara Wilson Lay, Charlotte Siegrist and Sharon Holbert Yeager from class of 1974.

Next year's honor classes will be 1955, 1965 and 1975.

The class with the most attendees was the class of 1965 with 13 including 1965 Carroll Weekley, John J. Vannoy, Judy Deweese Tucker, Nancy Bailess Taylor, Larry Siers, Roger Dale Propst, Sharon Hartshorn Lynch, Peggy Hall Klemick, Helen Morrison Irvine, Barbara Cottrell Heiney, Terry Snider Harris, Lee Evans and Linda Murphy Blair.

Photos courtesy of Nancy Bailess Taylor, Patricia Sullivan Mowery, Terry Snider Harris and Roger Propst.

### Commission hears update on volunteer reciprocity agreement

Courtesy The Ridgeview News

The Calhoun County Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 8th, at 9 a.m. at the Calhoun County Courthouse. All three Commissioners were in attendance, President Craig Arthur, Roger Propst and Kevin Helmick.

County Clerk, Jean Simers addressed the Commission desiring to clarify a topic brought up by The Ridgeview News at last month's June Commission meeting. Simers informed the commission that she had spoken to Steve Whited, CEO regarding a letter sent to Minnie Hamilton Health system, and received on January 23rd, 2024.

The letter was a notice that the Arnoldsburg Volunteer Fire Department would no longer provide mutual aid to Minnie Hamilton's emergency services. Meaning, if there was an emergency in Arnoldsburg's district for

which Minnie Hamilton needed their assistance, it would not be provided. Simers stated the letter was opened in front of the board of directors, for which she sits on. According to Simers, Mr. Whited had advised her that he had had several meetings with those involved and the matter was no longer an issue.

In other action: Madison Harris of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council appeared before the Commission to request a payment for the Calhoun County Park project. The amount of \$613.00 was requested to cover administrative fees for MOVRV and \$800.00 to pay a Thrasher Engineering invoice. Both were approved by the Commission.

Kelli Barr, 911 Director provided the reports for 911 and LEPC.

Jason Wilson, EMS Director for Minnie Hamilton Health Systems reported the total activity for the EMS was 76 calls.

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### Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation Announces Spring Grants



Gilmer County Ambulance and LKACF Bob Radabuagh



Arnoldsburg VFD

Organizations working for the betterment of the Little Kanawha Area recently received \$37,059 in grant support from the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) and its Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation (LKACF) affiliate through their competitive Community Action Grants Program.

The spring 2024 grant recipients include:  
 · Wirt County Board of Education - \$13,162 for STEM Materials for Wirt County Schools  
 · Arnoldsburg Volunteer Fire Department - \$15,000 for

Protective Gear  
 · Calhoun County Public Library - \$4,824 for LED Upgrades to the Library Lighting  
 · Gilmer County Ambulance Service - \$4,073 for Panasonic CF-33 Ambulance Laptops  
 The PACF and LKACF awards grants from a variety of funds created by individuals, organizations, and area businesses to support critical community needs. To learn more about the PACF's and LKACF's grant programs, please visit [www.pacfvv.com/grants](http://www.pacfvv.com/grants) or call 304-428-4438.

### Make Appointments for Back to School Vaccines Now

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department is recommending parents and caregivers make appointments now for their children's back-to-school vaccinations.

“Making an appointment now beats the rush during August and the weeks before school starts,” said Christi Merrill, clinical director.

MOVHD offers the required vaccines for each child's age to enter school as well as boosters.

Check with your child's school district to see what vaccines are needed to be enrolled. The health department also offers those needed for college-aged students as well, such as meningitis.

All appointments for the Wood County office are currently being held off site at South Parkersburg Baptist

Church Wellness Center at 1655 Blizzard Dr., due to a water leak in Wood's building. Calhoun, Ritchie, Roane, Pleasants and Wirt appointments are at their offices.

To make an appointment for Wood County, call 681-507-5531. Call Calhoun at 304-354-6101, Pleasants at 304-684-2461, Ritchie at 304-643-2917, Roane at 304-927-1480 and Wirt at 304-275-3131.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. It is located at 211 Sixth St. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, [movhd.com](http://movhd.com) for more information. Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook and @MOVHealthDept on Instagram and Twitter.

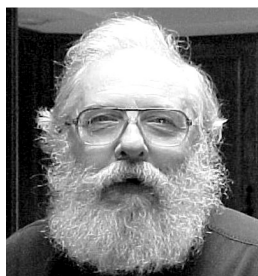
The Grantsville Town Council meets the first Monday of every month in the city building on Main Street at 6 p.m.

The 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.

# CRESTON NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE  
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## Hall of Fame candidate No. 2 Bob Mollohan

One month!!!

It has been one month since taking over as editor of the Chronicle and while it seems like such a short time, I did find out one thing. I can still ride the bike.

“Ride the bike” is the phrase I heard when I questioned whether I could get back into being an editor after being out of the business for a while. It’s like riding a bike, once you do it you don’t forget how.

I found I can still ride a bike even if the bike has changed a bit.

I do think we are making progress in content as we are working hard to make our news coverage fair and balanced, but we have a ways to go and we will continue to work toward those goals.

Those things I understand how to do.

The two other things a newspaper needs are circulation and advertising because without those things even the best newspaper editorially speaking is not for long in today’s market.

On this all I can say is subscribe to our newspaper because it is going to get better. And as for advertising give us a try since we reach the local market at a reasonable price plus it gives you a hard copy you can hold in your hands ... or paste in your scrapbook.

I hear some people asking about columns and features we once had ... do we plan to return them?

Yes and no and we have tried.

We asked one columnist to return but were turned down. We had another columnist pass away. We wanted both back. There are a couple we have not been able to find but are still looking.

And there is one feature – Calhoun history via Chronicle reports – we plan to resume as soon as we can hire somebody to do it. We are working on that.

Then there will be some new features we think you may like such as sports stories catching up with former Red Devil stars and our promotion of a Calhoun County Hall of Fame.

And we are more than open to anything or subject you may see as a good story idea or a column idea. We are, after all, a family and community newspaper and our most important voice is yours.

I look forward to hearing from you at [contact@calhounchronicle.com](mailto:contact@calhounchronicle.com).

**HALL OF FAME CANDIDATE TWO:** This week’s Calhoun Hall of Fame candidate is Grantsville native and Calhoun High School graduate Robert Homer Mollohan. He is the county’s most well-known politician, and he came within a “what if” of becoming governor of the great state of West Virginia.

Here is a brief biography of Mollohan from the United States Congressional website: “Robert Homer Mollohan, (father of Alan Bowlby Mollohan), a Representative from West Virginia; born in Grantsville, Calhoun County, W.Va., September 18, 1909; attended the public schools, Glenville College, and Shepherd College 1929-1931; deputy collector of internal revenue at Parkersburg, W.Va., in 1933 and chief of miscellaneous tax division and cashier 1935-1938; district manager of Works Progress Administration in 1939; State director for the Census Bureau in 1940; superintendent of State Industrial School for Boys 1941-1948; clerk of the United States Senate District of Columbia Committee in 1949 and 1950; United States marshal for the northern district of West Virginia in 1950; again served as clerk of the Senate District of Columbia Committee 1950-1952; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1957); was not a candidate for renomination in 1956, but was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor; unsuccessful candidate in 1958 for election

to the Eighty-sixth Congress; engaged in general insurance business; elected to the Ninety-first and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1969-January 3, 1983); was not a candidate for reelection in 1982; resumed insurance business; was a resident of Fairmont, W.Va., until his death on August 3, 1999.

A man’s life in a nutshell but there was so much for that that including the big “what if” in 1956.

That was the year he ran for governor against Republican Cecil Underwood who ironically also had Calhoun connections since his wife was Hovah Hall Underwood who was also a Calhoun native.

But it was not to be as Underwood won 440,502 to 377,131 becoming the youngest governor in West Virginia history. Years later Underwood was elected again becoming the oldest governor in West Virginia history.

For what it’s worth Mollohan did carry Calhoun County by 86 votes.

After that Mollohan stepped back from politics before returning to the arena and being re-elected to Congress in 1969 beating NFL Hall of Fame player Sam Huff. Mollohan stayed in Congress through 1983 when his son Alan B. Mollohan was elected to take his place. Alan Mollohan stayed in Congress through 2011.

After his death in 1999 his family set up the Mollohan Foundation, which was established in 2000, the Robert H. Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization of West Virginia created by the family of Robert Mollohan to improve the life of persons living in West Virginia through its educational, scientific, and charitable programs. Through his remarkable life, Robert H. Mollohan worked hard to achieve his goals and visions for the young people of West Virginia. The Robert H. Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation, Inc.’s scholarship, internship, and community grant programs were developed to encourage gifted young students to plan a bright future in their native state. In addition, community grant programs were developed to support groups and organizations working for the betterment of their communities.

They also recently named a research center in Fairmont after him the Robert H. Mollohan Research Center. Not bad for a kid from Calhoun.

**DOG DAYS:** I remember my grandmother talking about Dog Days when I was a bit of a child, and she was always hoping for rain on the first day of Dog Days because that meant we would not have a drought that year.

I don’t know how accurate that may be, but I do know she believed it.

Wednesday was the first day of Dog Days and it rained Wednesday night. So, does that mean we will have a lot of rain over the next 40 days are scheduled to end Aug. 11?

I don’t know that either, but it did rain on July 4<sup>th</sup> the day after Dog Days started.

According to the Old Farmer’s Almanac old-timers believed that rainfall on the Dog Days was a bad omen, as foretold in this verse: *Dog Days bright and clear Indicate a happy year; But when accompanied by rain, For better times, our hopes are vain.*

“Dog Days are approaching; you must, therefore, make both hay and haste while the Sun shines, for when old Sirius takes command of the weather, he is such an unsteady, crazy dog, there is no dependence upon him.” –*The Old Farmer’s Almanac*, 1817

Oh, well, we will see.

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

posure. Some fine blackberries were ruined as well.

Those with funds to invest can go to the tax sale on the 10<sup>th</sup> in Beckley & purchase Gov. Justice’s lands. He wants to represent us in the U. S. Senate where folks go to get rich.

The US Supreme court in the “Chevron” case put an end to 40 years of federal agencies “enacting laws” that congress never passed. Some of the liberals are having a conniption fit.

It was reported that the price of natural gas dropped down in Virginia where the MVP (Mountain Valley Pipeline) ends and that prices in West Virginia went up. Equinor, f/k/a Statoil/Norsk Hydro paid \$1.28 which Antero was circa \$1.70 while the Henry Hub (Louisiana) price is \$2.42/MMBTU.

Nancy Engelke attended her Granddaughter, Rebecca Rhodes, wedding to Jake Moore in Hickory North Carolina and got to visit with several of her relatives including Rick & Amy Rogy of Illinois who gave Nancy an update on Amy’s mother Judy Martin who lives in Arizona. Stan Whitaker had the time of his life as he got to ride on a jet ski. Family members enjoyed Lake Hickory, swimming and boat riding as well.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$81.81/bbl. With condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet fetching \$63.81/bbl. with Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$70.81/bbl.

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by the Commissioners for the purchase and installation of a large shelter at the Arnoldsburg Community Park. It will hopefully be completed before the fall Molasses Festival.

Regarding the hiring of County Manager, Commissioner Arthur submitted a job description for the position to be reviewed by the Commissioners. Qualifications listed for consideration were an accounting degree, successful grant writing, research and administration, financial and accounting reporting, budget preparation, website and event calendar as well as additional training on grant writing.

Several issues were brought up by Helmick and Simers. Simers regarding the necessity of the position and their concern for conflicts involving the sunshine law. Mrs. Simers seemed very concerned that the financial matters of the courthouse would be a part of the duties for the new hire stating that she was concerned how her office would “work with it.”

The individual hired would answer to the commission only.

It was determined that the Commissioners would have another month to determine how the role would play out and be returned to agenda for the August meeting.

Commissioner Arthur and Propst believed that this position would allow Calhoun to be in the running for State and Federal monies that had not been sought previously.

At the end of this conversation a contentious quip by Commissioner Helmick was directed toward the 1982 Foundation which was called “out of order by Commissioner Roger Propst. No other comments were made.

An increase of \$1.00 an hour will take effect Take effect for July 2024 for employees of e911.

Amber Riggs of e911 was given a \$1.00 increase on her hourly rate because of additional training she had received.

Dawn Smith was hired as a part-time deputy for the Calhoun Sheriff Department at \$22.50 an hour.

The Commission ended the meeting by taking care of bills and other financial matters to be listed in the monthly financial report.

ner \$50, Donald and Donna Scott \$50, Donna Hardy \$50, Goldie Rush \$20, Unknown \$5, Unknown \$2, and Unknown \$27.

Total 2023 donations \$2,595.27. Balance from 2022 \$2,751.60. Total \$5,346.87. Spending 2023 \$5,000. Balance 346.87.

The Orma Cemetery needs donations to continue upkeep.

Donations may be made to Sharon Settle, 11 Wolf Run Road, Orma, WV 25268. Telephone 304-655-8280. Make checks payable to Orma Cemetery Fund.

## COMMISSION

Wilson also reported, as board member for the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department the Grantsville VFD had purchased a four-wheel drive mini pumper truck, a 2004 F550 that will allow them to fight fires in more confined areas.

Agenda items for the CRI and Calhoun County Wood Festival had nothing to report.

Donnie Pitts, President of the Calhoun County Park reported to the Commission the much anticipated and discussed bathhouse project was finally under way. He also reported that although the 4th of July event had a lower attendance than before the event was still successful. Will Freed, John Richards, Johnny Statts, Roger Bush, Rick Poling and Bruce Jones performed for the event while bouncy houses and a water slide kept children entertained as well. Pitts also reported that a WVU application for a “Be Healthy Grant” had been filed with a response expected soon as to whether it was approved. The grant is for an 18 hole disc golf course. Additional projects being completed are 12 new concrete picnic tables which will be put into place following the repainting of the picnic shelters by Minnie Hamilton Health System volunteers and the Baseball field is being worked on with bids for the fencing and the tractor shed.

The agenda items of the 4-H program and FRN had nothing to report.

Sheriff Graham Knight reported home confinement had not changed much. He did report that there were 114 calls last month and showed the commissioners the new body cameras that were received for department use.

Shelia Burch of The Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation introduced the commissioners to Donna Roberts, her new administrative assistant.

Sheriff Knight has been having an issue with a vendor and the requested an executive session with the Commissioners. Following the executive session, President Craig Arthur stated that no action was taken, but rather advice on how to handle the vendor was given.

A determination was made by the Commission to issue a purchase refusal for the Family Court Building which will possibly go on the market by the owner.

A request by the West Fork community Action for \$71,000 was approved

## Orma Cemetery Fund

Donations for upkeep of Orma Cemetery 2023.

Lucy and Edwin Bailey \$500, Dallas and Bonnie White \$200, Juanita Berdine \$150, Marie and Darrell Collins \$125, Paul Conrad \$125, Jim Groves \$100, Amy Norman \$100, Edna Zwoll \$100, Phyllis Bailey \$100, Freda 346.87. Wears \$100, Loretta Sampson \$100, Ronald L. Newell \$100, Mary Slater \$100, Melissa Yoak \$100, Janet and Kenny McCune \$100, Maysel Robinson \$100, and Jasper Cain \$100. Janet and Basil Butler \$90, Janet Gless-

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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2) Discourse should be generally respectful, without profanity, rooted in fact, professionally presented (satire is acceptable), and written by the person submitting. All submissions are subject to revision concerning writing me-

chanics, space available, and accuracy.

3) Editorial staff reserves the right to contact others concerning the subject matter to balance the presentation of the issue and/or concern.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

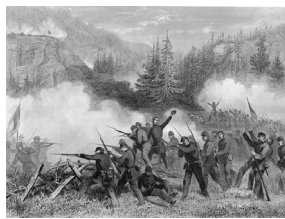
**County Farmer's Markets**  
**Calhoun County Farmer's Market**, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe. Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,  
**Arnoldsburg Farmer's Market**, West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg. Fridays 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Berea Gardens Drive Thru Farmer's Market**, Berea Gardens, Minnora. Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Grantsville Farmer's Market**, Season details not yet available.

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July 11, 1861: The Battle of Rich Mountain was fought in Randolph County. Union troops under Gen. George McClellan defeated Confederate forces, helping to secure northwestern Virginia (now West Virginia) for the North.



July 11, 1867: John Jacob Cornwell was born on a farm in Ritchie County. He served as the 15th governor of West Virginia.



July 11, 1976: Gov. Arch Moore dedicated the West Virginia Culture Center. The facility was built to showcase the Mountain State's artistic, cultural and historic heritage.



July 12, 2003: The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences in downtown

Charleston opened to the public. It combines a modern performing arts center with a visual arts museum and an interactive science center.



July 13, 1861: The Battle of Corricks Ford took place in Tucker County. During the fight, Confederate Gen. Robert S. Garnett became the first Confederate general killed in battle during the Civil War.

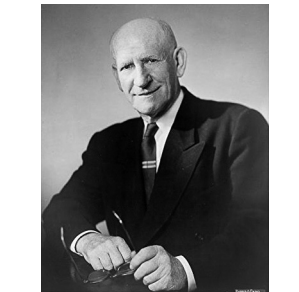
July 14, 1861: Union troops under Gen. Jacob Cox drove Confederate militia and cavalry out of town during the Battle of Barboursville. Union forces remained in control of Barboursville for the remainder of the war.



July 14, 1900: Gangster William "Big Bill" Lias was born in Wheeling, or Greece. For much of the mid-1900s, he was considered the leader of bootlegging, organized crime, and gambling in the Wheeling area.

July 15, 1886: Congressman Cleveland Monroe "Cleve" Bailey was born on a farm in Pleasants County. He represented West Virginia's third congressional district for eight terms in the U.S.

House of Representatives, 1945-47 and 1949-63.

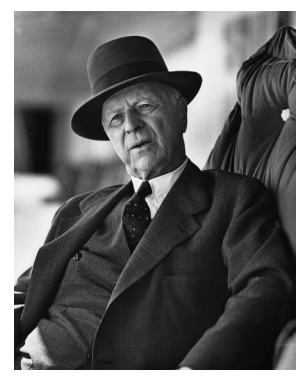


July 15, 1988: Interstate 64 was completed when the final section between Sam Black Church and the West Virginia Turnpike was opened to traffic.

July 16, 1791: General Adam Stephen died. He fought in the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War, receiving a commendation after the Battle of Trenton and concluding his military career after the American loss at Brandywine. He played pivotal roles in the founding of both Berkeley County and Martinsburg.



July 16, 1869: Philanthropist Michael Late Benedum was born in Bridgeport. He made a fortune in the oil and gas business but is best remembered for establishing the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.



July 17, 1861: The Battle of Scary Creek took place in Putnam County. It was one of the earliest battles of the war and one of the first Confederate victories.



July 17, 1914: Singer Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.

July 17, 1921: Marcenia "Toni" Stone was born in



Bluefield. She would become the first woman to play professional baseball for a previously all-male team. In 1953, she joined the Indianapolis Clowns of the old Negro American League, replacing the team's second baseman, Hank Aaron, who had just joined the National League's Milwaukee Braves.



July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff's forces left at least nine people dead.

## Band of Brothers schedule by Artsbridge



Artsbridge's Summer Music Series in the Parkersburg City Park continues Thursday, July 11th from 6:30-8:00 P.M. with the musical group, Band of Brothers. This event is sponsored by North Bend Wealth Management and the City of Parkersburg. This week will feature Band of Brothers is a Classic Rock Band based out of Parkersburg, WV. They cover classic rock from the 50s to 90s with a little classic country thrown in. With seven members, Band of Brothers covers a wide variety of music such as Bob Seger, The Rolling Stones, Bad Company, The Eagles, The Steve Miller Band, Jour-

ney, The Dooby Bros, and many others.

The band has been playing locally and regionally for nearly thirteen years.

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# West Virginia Folklife Seeks Applications Statewide for 2024-2025 Folklife Apprenticeship Program



The West Virginia Folklife Program, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council is now accepting applications for its statewide Folklife Apprenticeship Program. Hosted biennially, this program supports traditional artists working with dedicated apprentices on a yearlong apprenticeship in their cultural expression or art form. Since 2017, the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program has celebrated traditional artists and helped them pass on cultural knowledge, stories, and techniques to their apprentices. Applications are due August 26, 2024 for the 2024-2025 yearlong program. Applications will be evaluated by a review panel in September, and successful applicants will be notified in October 2024.

Folklife apprenticeships can be based in music, dance, craft, fiber arts, occupational arts, foodways, storytelling, and much more. The traditions may be based in generations of practice in West Virginia or from more recent immigrant communities in the Mountain State. Traditional artists will receive \$3,000, and apprentices \$800 for their participation in the program. Teaching artists must apply with their proposed apprentices. Pairs may request an additional \$400 to pay for supplies related to their apprenticeship. Pairs design their own work plans and are expected to participate in a community presentation, recorded documentation of their apprenticeship experiences, virtual meetings as a cohort, and a final public showcase.

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program is administered by the West Virginia Folklife Program at the West Virginia Humanities Council. It is supported with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation, and support of West Virginia's vibrant cultural heritage and living traditions. Guidelines and applications are available at <https://wv-folklife.org/folklife-apprenticeship-program/>. For more information on the West Virginia Folklife Program, visit [wvfolklife.org](http://wvfolklife.org) and <http://wvhumanities.org/programs/west-virginia-folklife-program/> or contact Jennie Williams at [williams@wvhumanities.org](mailto:williams@wvhumanities.org) or 304-346-8500.

## West Virginia Receives Federal Grant for Implementation of Medicaid and CHIP School-Based Services

The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Medical Services (BMS), in collaboration with the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), has received one of 18 grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through its Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Implementation, Enhancement, and Expansion of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) School-Based Services.

"This grant will enable us to provide essential health services directly within the school environment, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive both academically and personally," said Cindy Beane, DoHS Bureau for Medical Services Commissioner. "By integrating health care into schools, we are breaking down barriers to access and investing in the future of West Virginia's children."

West Virginia will receive at least \$2.5 million over three years specifically for the implementation of school-based health services through Medicaid and CHIP. These funds will support BMS's efforts to connect more children to critical health care services, especially mental health services, at school.

"Schools offer a special platform for delivering comprehensive healthcare services to children," said Sheila Paitsel, West Virginia Department of Education Director of Special Education. "These resources are essential because they allow children to stay in school and receive the care they need. From preventative and behavioral healthcare to physical care, school-based services offer families accessible, convenient care from trusted partners where children grow and learn."

School-based services (SBS) play a crucial role in the health and well-being of children and adolescents. The school setting offers a unique opportunity to enroll children in Medicaid, facilitate access to health coverage, and provide direct health services to any Medicaid-enrolled child. Schools are instrumental in enhancing the early identification of health needs and connecting students to a wide range of health care services, including vital behavioral health resources.

"The school-based services that this funding supports are crucial to the well-being and development of children," said Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Administrator. "This funding also emphasizes the essential partnership between CMS and schools, and our shared commitment to ensuring health care is accessible to kids where they are – in school."

This partnership is uniquely positioned to help reduce disparities, promote achievement, and build a reliable system of support for our nation's youth. Medicaid and CHIP cover more than 39 million children – nearly half of our country's children. Through targeted support to provide essential resources, innovative programs, and an environment where children can thrive, CMS is proud to work with state partners to invest in our children's future and a brighter, more prosperous society for us all."

To learn more about West Virginia's Medicaid and CHIP programs, visit [dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/default.aspx](http://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/default.aspx) or [chip.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx](http://chip.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx).

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

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- A tag team championship match between current

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For more details, visit [facebook.com/rt33wrestling](https://facebook.com/rt33wrestling). We hope to see you there!

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For more information, please visit us at: [linktr.ee/route33wrestling](https://linktr.ee/route33wrestling)




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# Hope Scholarship Program opening for many more students

State Treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, announced that the Hope Scholarship Program has met state law requirements for opening up to all school-age children residing in West Virginia beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year.

“I’m thrilled to announce that Hope Scholarship Program enrollment numbers have met the threshold established by the Legislature to expand this program to all West Virginia school children beginning in the fall of 2026,” Moore said. “This will be a monumental leap forward for school choice, allowing tens of thousands of additional West Virginia families to access this program.”

Passed by the Legislature in 2021, the Hope Scholarship Act initially made the program available only to West Virginia children who were either entering kindergarten or enrolled in public school for a qualifying period of time. However, the Act expands eligibility for the program beginning in the 2026-2027 school year to all school-age children residing in West Virginia if certain enrollment figures are met as of July 1, 2024.

Under the law, if the total number of Hope Scholarship students and applicants is less than 5 percent of net public school enrollment for the previous school year as of July 1, 2024, the program will be open to all existing school age children in the state beginning on July 1, 2026.

Based upon data provided to Hope Scholarship Board staff by the West Virginia Department of Education this week, the total number of Hope Scholarship students and applicants (9,980 as of Monday, July 1) is well below 5 percent of the net public school enrollment threshold for the previous school year (12,416).

“We believe, based on Department of Education estimates, that this will open up Hope Scholarship eligibility to an additional 30,000 to 40,000 West Virginia students in 2026,” Moore said. “This expansion will allow all West Virginia families to use this program as they pursue the educational opportunities they believe work best for their children.”

Moore has sent letters to legislative leaders and Gov. Jim Justice notifying them that the statutory criteria have been achieved.

While the expanded eligibility is set to begin in the

2026-2027 school year, applicants must still meet the current eligibility criteria established by state code to receive the Hope Scholarship for the upcoming 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

Under the current criteria, to qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.

Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year (2023-2024 for the upcoming school year) immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.

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More information about the program is available at: [www.hopescholarshipwv.com](http://www.hopescholarshipwv.com).

# State Department IDEAS Program awards Marshall grant to build study abroad capacity

Marshall University along with BridgeValley Community and Technical College have been awarded a joint grant of \$50,000 with the focus of creating a study abroad consortium for Marshall and BridgeValley students. It’s one of 37 grants awarded this year that will help establish, expand and broaden American student mobility overseas in support of U.S. foreign policy goals.

The unique program will expand educational opportunities abroad for West Virginia students, with a special focus in the STEM Fields. The project will establish a faculty-led study abroad program in Ireland for both Marshall and BridgeValley, set to take place in the summer of 2025. The initiative will increase the capacity for both schools, but also pave the way for more innovative study abroad programs in the future.

The consortium’s primary goal is to enhance access to short-term study abroad programs and bolster the education abroad support system at Marshall and BridgeValley.

The principal investigator on the grant is Dr. Zelideth Maria Rivas, assistant provost for global education.

“Marshall University is excited to enter into this study abroad partnership with BridgeValley,” Rivas said. “While Marshall continues offering study abroad options for students, this will be the first study abroad opportunity to Ireland. Our collaboration with Dundalk Institute of Technology will emphasize Ireland’s rich cultural heritage, preparing students to enter an increasingly global workforce. Marshall is proud to lead West Virginia by pursuing partnerships with our community colleges which currently do not have the capacity to of-

fer study abroad options.”

Since 2016, the IDEAS Program has awarded 216 grants to 205 institutions in 49 U.S. states and territories to establish, expand and broaden their U.S. study abroad programs in over 95 countries around the world. In addition to the IDEAS grant competition, the program also offers opportunities for international educators at U.S. colleges and universities to participate in free virtual and in-person study abroad capacity-building activities.

For more information about other study abroad resources and other exchange programs offered by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, visit <https://eca.state.gov>. The IDEAS Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the United States Government and supported in its implementation by World Learning.



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Decedent	Decedent’s Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Argel Dean Stull	1671 Deermont Ave. NW Massillon, OH 44647	April 3, 2024	April 21, 2021

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
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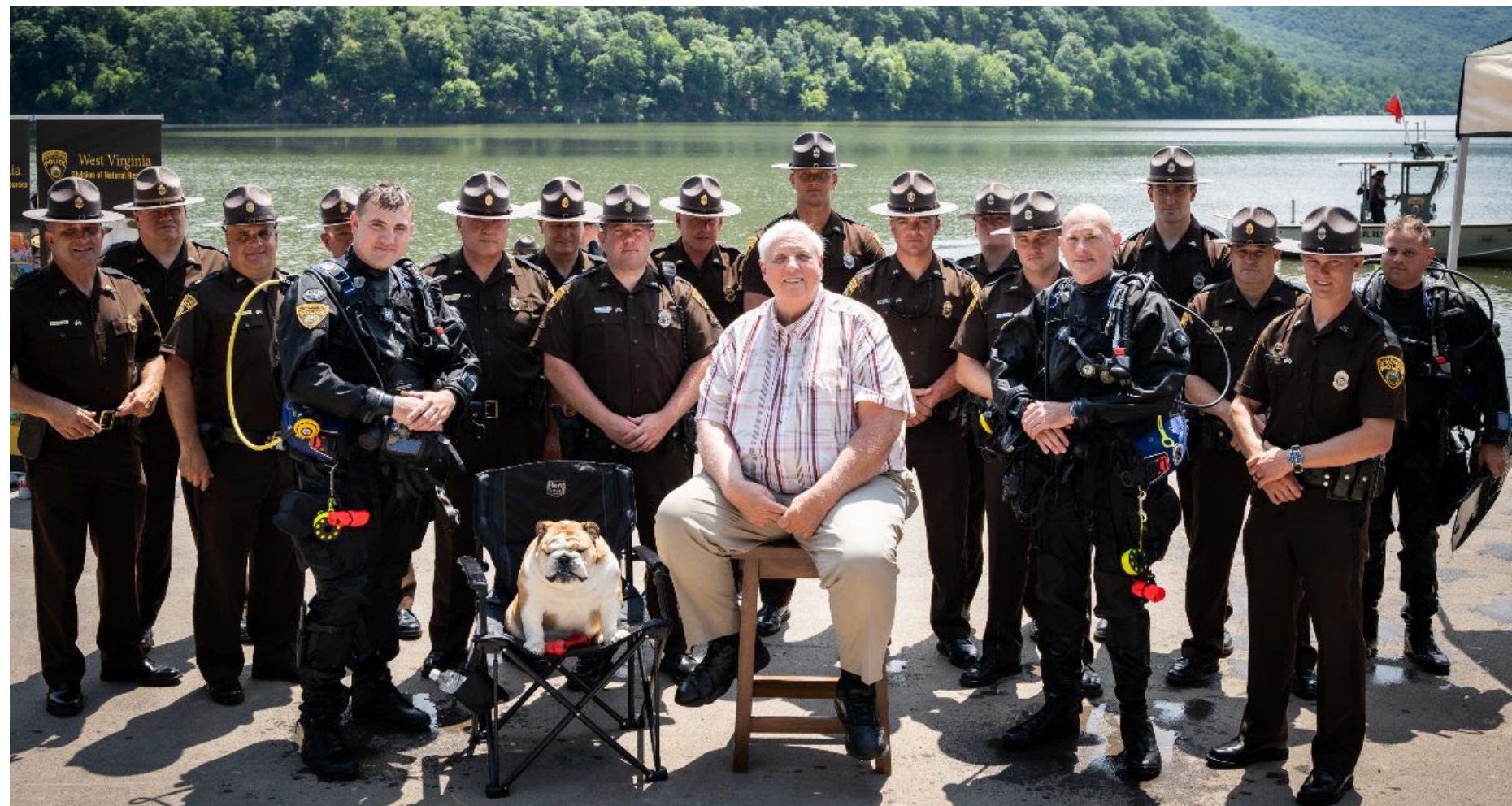
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*Jason Simard*  
Jason Simard, Clerk  
Calhoun County Commission

# Gov. Justice, WVDNR introduce new Law Enforcement Dive Team



Members of the dive team include J.B. Smith (Dive Instructor), Z.T. France and J.R. Hieronimus from District 1, Captain M.S. Lott from District 2, Officer S.C. Rader from District 3, officers J.D. Gills and Z.F. Mills from District 4 and officers C.L. Cronin, J.N. Holcomb and I.R. Sweet from District 6.

Gov. Jim Justice announced recently the formation of a Natural Resources Police dive team within West Virginia's Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section.

This team will assist the agency's law enforcement efforts in boating incidents, cases of missing persons, and evidence recovery. During the ceremony at Bluestone State Park, the team demonstrated their expertise by diving to the bottom of Bluestone Lake to retrieve a dog bone, which they then presented to Babydog.

"I'm beyond proud to see this new dive team in action, helping keep our state's beautiful natural resources and people safe," Gov. Justice said. "These dedicated officers are truly top-notch and ready to dive in and tackle any challenge that comes their way. Thanks to the Natural Resources Police and everyone involved in making this team happen. Your hard work is another shining example of our commitment to protecting our people and preserving our great state's natural beauty."

The WVDNR Law Enforcement Section's dive team consists of 10 officers stationed throughout the state to ensure rapid response time and assist local and state agencies with their investigations. Members underwent

two weeks of intensive open-water training with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division's Aquatic Investigations and Recovery Team. In addition to receiving initial certification, dive team members have completed over 100 hours of training on various methods, skills, and equipment.

"On behalf of our Law Enforcement Section, I would like to thank Colonel Chisholm Frampton and his staff at the South Carolina DNR for their assistance and guidance in training our dive team," WVDNR Director Brett McMillion said. "We are thrilled to announce the addition of this new special unit to our already incredible Natural Resources Police force and look forward with confidence that this professional dive team will provide an additional law enforcement investigative service that will help fulfill our agency's mission and better serve the citizens of West Virginia."

The announcement of the new dive team kicks off the WVDNR's Law Enforcement Section's participation in Operation Dry Water, a nationwide campaign to promote safe and sober boating. During the July 4 weekend, Natural Resources Police officers will be on heightened alert for violations of boating under the influence during

Operation Dry Water's enhanced enforcement initiative.

"A lot of people will be taking their boats out and we just want to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves in a way that is safe and responsible," Natural Resources Police Colonel Bobby Cales said.

Natural Resources Police are also reminding boaters to perform safety checks on their boats, including checking that horns and lights are operational, and that personal floatation devices are accessible and available for all passengers.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources' Law Enforcement Section, which is the state's oldest statewide law enforcement agency, employs more than 120 Natural Resources Police officers who enforce the state's game and fish laws and rules and laws relating to littering, forestry, state parks, environmental and solid waste, pleasure boating and whitewater rafting. Natural Resources Police officers also patrol the Hatfield-McCoy Trails system and assist the State Police and other law enforcement agencies and first responders and oversee the state's hunter education and boating safety education programs. To learn more about the WVDNR Police, visit [WVdnr.gov/law-enforcement](http://WVdnr.gov/law-enforcement).

## Attorney General Morrissey: Federal Court Halts Biden's LNG Export Ban

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey, along with a collation of 16 states, has won a stay of the Biden administration's ban on new liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

The U.S. District Court Western District of Louisiana Lake Charles Division granted the coalition's motion for preliminary injunction and ordered the LNG export ban "be stayed in its entirety, effective immediately."

"This is a big win for the country's energy industry and the millions of jobs it supports against the attacks from the Biden administration to further its radical climate change agenda at the expense of our economy," Attorney General Morrissey said. "This administration's Energy Department has no such authority to justify this

ban— authority on matters like this lies with Congress and Congress alone."

The Attorney General also co-led a 22-state letter in February urging the administration to end its pause on LNG exports.

On Jan. 26, Biden halted all new approvals of LNG exports to non-Free-Trade Agreement countries effective immediately. That decision ignores the Natural Gas Act's presumption in favor of exports, decades of Department of Energy policy and state and private reliance on exports.

West Virginia is the country's fourth largest producer of natural gas. As the coalition's motion explained, the LNG ban threatens the tens of millions of dollars of sev-

erance taxes that West Virginia derives from natural gas and the thousands of jobs supported by the industry in the state.

The court's order noted that the states had shown "evidence of harm" from the ban "specifically to Louisiana, Texas, and West Virginia in the loss of revenues, market share, and deprivation of a procedural right."

International trade in LNG has spiked in part because of the abundant natural gas resources in the U.S.

The U.S. is the world leader in natural gas production and became the top exporter of LNG in 2023—exporting an unprecedented 86 million metric tons. There are also nearly 187 million Americans using natural gas, supporting more than four million jobs.

## West Virginia Department of Health Offers New Portal to Help Access Vaccine Record

*Courtesy Ridgeview News*

The West Virginia Department of Health's (DH) Bureau for Public Health has launched a new resource for residents in need of their vaccination records. The new system allows patients to review their immunization history and print their own official records at [MyIRMobile](http://MyIRMobile).

"Immunizations are an important part of staying healthy," said Sec. Sherri Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP. "This is just another tool to empower people with the most up-to-date information possible when it comes to their healthcare."

Data is pulled directly from the West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WV-SIIS) and can be accessed from any computer or smart device, reducing the administrative burden on healthcare provider staff. Patients, parents, and le-

gal guardians will be able to access their personal records through the portal.

Using a simple registration process, MyIR allows users to create and activate an account, utilizing a 2-step verification process to match the registration information and locate an exact match in the immunization registry. Users can also add dependents under the age of 18 to their MyIR account. Once a registered account is verified, vaccination records will be available for users to view and print on demand. The certified vaccination records provided by the portal will be accepted by places that require proof of immunization.

MyIR is HIPAA-compliant, and records are only available to authorized users.

Support for MyIR is available by phone at (304) 356-4047 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



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