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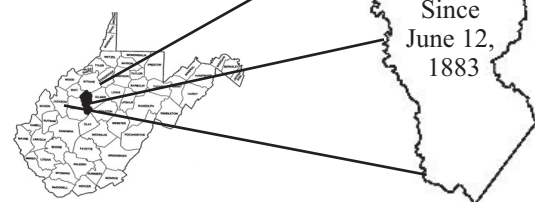
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7-13-2024 an awful event that made all news local

By Gaylen Duskey
 We had wanted to keep everything we publish local and still do.
 But sometimes events of the world become local.
 At 6:11 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, world events became local.
 Shots rang out at a political event in Pennsylvania and President Donald J. Trump was hit. He grabbed his head and pulled his hand down quickly. You could see the blood.
 It was local everywhere in the world as people watched on their television, computer or watch. Today's instant media made this event local. For years we had been losing our innocence and at 6:11 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, our innocence was lost.

Here in Calhoun County people were going about their lives. Some were at gospel sings, some at religious revivals, some swimming and many like me just watching television at home.
 It was just another day.
 Then it wasn't.
 The world had come to Calhoun County.
 And people turned their minds to the world as they talked about what had happened moments earlier in Pennsylvania. They prayed and asked for prayers.
 Now, as much as we'd like to have everything revolve around what we see and do here in Calhoun County we can't. Now we'll know where we were at 6:11 p.m. on July 13, 2024, just like we did on Sept. 11, 2001, or Nov. 22, 1963, and if

anyone is old enough Dec. 7, 1941.
 We'll forever remember President Trump with blood streaming down his face standing up surrounded by Secret Service agents shaking his fist yelling fight, fight, fight as much as we will an airplane flying into one of the Twin Towers in New York City or Jackie Kennedy in her pink outfit trying to protect her dying husband or the smoking American ships in Pearl Harbor.
 This is a nation-changing occasion, an occasion that makes worldwide news local, it is something we will never forget nor should we.
 America responded well to Pearl Harbor and not so well to the assassination of JFK or 9-11. Let's hope we respond well this time.

After Dec. 7, 1941, we came together and won World War II.
 After Nov. 22, 1963, we had two more assassinations – Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy – an unpopular war in Vietnam and violence in the streets.
 After Sep. 11, 2001, we did come together and punish those responsible before falling apart as the out-of-power party kept attacking President George W. Bush until there was civil unrest and an uncivil discourse that continues today.
 After July 13, 2024, how will we react? All we really need to do is to quit demonizing our enemies even if we feel they are wrong. We need to be civil in our discourse starting now.
 God has given us another opportunity. I pray we respond.

Calhoun's self-reliance and willingness to help others to be highlighted

On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew, a disastrous category 5 came ashore near Homestead, Fla., and absolutely devastated everything in its wake before racing into the Gulf of Mexico as a category four storm.
 On Aug. 26, 1992, it came ashore on the Atchafalaya basin of Louisiana as a category three hurricane still devastating everything in its path.
 While Hurricane Andrew was not as devastating when it hit Louisiana the folks in Louisiana had a different approach to it.
 The Louisiana approach was much like the way Calhoun County reacts to tragic situations.
 In Jeanerette, La., electric and telephone service was knocked out and stores in the town had been ravaged. The Piggly Wiggly store was especially hard hit, and its stores were quickly going to be ruined with no electricity. The store manager wended his way to the city building telling the mayor and chief of police “we got ribs and charcoal for a barbecue, you guys willing ...”
 After a barbecue that night work got under way the next day removing debris and working to repair houses as the entire community came together.
 The same thing happens here in Calhoun County as things like the Derecho and the ice storm of the past couple of decades show. People just come together to help each other out.
 That willingness to help each other will be one of the main things on display Tuesday when the county makes its pitch to American Medicines Company about locating its new plant in the county at the site of the old National Guard building across the Little Kanawha River across from Annamoriah Ridge on Route 5.

The group representing the county is Finex InC and is made up of representatives from the government, schools, Minnie Hamilton Health System, Calhoun Banks, local realtors, the Little Kanawha Regional Development Corporation, Glenville State University, local media and Crystal Merish who moved back to Calhoun County three years ago to support revitalization efforts.
 The group will take AMC representative on a tour of the county Tuesday which will include showing all three highlights of the county plus pointing out things that are planned such as adding new housing projects.
 In an article recently published in the Ridgeway News an article written by Calhoun historian Robert Bonar it was noted that Calhoun County's population peaked at 12,455 in 1940 and declined thereafter, with a population of 6,229 in 2020. The current population is listed at 5,849. The county's economy in the late 20th century was based on livestock grazing, light manufacturing, and the oil and gas and pipeline construction industries. Calhoun County's largest employers are, respectively, the county school system, Minnie Hamilton Healthcare Center, and Momentum Pipeline.
 The organization has stated that it will remain intact to seek to bring other businesses to Calhoun as time goes on.

Operation Bootstraps group holds meeting on recreational opportunities



One of the earliest plans that were thought up in the hopes of revitalizing Calhoun County was Operation Bootstraps.
 The theory behind this group was that often people simply had to work to lift themselves up was themselves. In other words, people should grab their own bootstraps and lift themselves up.
 It is a simple concept and recently one group made its move. That was the Bootstraps Recreation team which met Saturday morning and it came up with some good ideas according to board member Eric Lupardus.
 “We discussed the amazing natural resources we have from rivers to roads.” He said. “Our focus quickly turned to the rural opportunity of hosting visitors traveling to our area through trails and back roading.”
 A fall event to focus on overland and jeep style vehicles is planned with a possible obstacle course for beginners to experienced drivers at the event.
 Calhoun gained national recognition last year when Wirt County resident and “Country Roads Coalition” President Jerry Bain brought some of the biggest names in off roading along with social media influencers through Calhoun County in which a highlight was the dark skies and overnight camping at Calhoun County Park.
 “I have been invited to the capitol the past two years during West Virginia Adventure Travel Day that Bain and Sen. Mark Maynard hold to show state representatives just how on and off road tourism will grow our small rural communities through economic growth and entrepreneurship opportunities,” Lupardus said.
 Our group hopes to dedicate teams to several different aspects of tourism such as Horseback trail riding, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, on and offroad motorcycles, UTV riding and much more, he added
 Another special Operation Bootstraps meeting focusing solely on setting goals for the next year that we will achieve through recreation and tourism in our region.
 Please join us to learn more about the opportunities we have right here at our fingertips and bring your entrepreneurial spirit with you.
 If you are interested in the following, then please plan to attend:
 Horseback riding
 Overlanding
 Adventure bikes (on/off road)
 Street bikes (on road)
 Jeeps
 Rally events
 Uphill racing
 Kayaking
 Mountain biking
 Hiking
 Adventure seeking
 Camping
 Swimming
 Boating

- Fishing
 - Starting a campground
 - Owning an Airbnb
 - Off Road Recovery/Towing
 - Careers in Recreation
- The meeting will be held at the upstairs meeting room of the 1982 Foundation building 354 Main St. Grantsville.



TNC Receives Grant to Build Trail at Hungry Beech Preserve

The Nature Conservancy recently received \$83,400 from the American Water Charitable Foundation to support trail development and watershed conservation at its Hungry Beech Preserve. The American Water Charitable Foundation is an organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S.

Located in Roane County, the Hungry Beech Preserve is home to nearly 30 acres of outstanding cove hardwood and oak-hickory forests, with many of the large American Beech and White Oaks reaching over 13 feet in circumference and exceeding 56 inches in diameter. The preserve also features two ridges and over 80 species of spring flowering plants and many neotropical migrant birds. The new trail will loop through the preserve, highlighting much of what makes this property so special.

“Developing a trail at this preserve will allow easier access to beautiful cove forests, large boulder and cliff complexes and create a unique visitor experience,” said Mike Powell, director of land management and stewardship for The Nature Conservancy in West Virginia. “Located a short drive from Charleston, this will provide a nature experience to a wide group of residents and visitors while protecting headwater streams, ancient streams, ancient forests and a unique assemblage of wildlife.”

The trail will be approximately 2.6 miles and will begin by following the first portion of an abandoned trail, reclaiming

the existing footpath while building a new trail to create a loop. The new trail will take a gentle descent through the stunning forests, meandering through stones and bedrocks that remind one just how old and magical the region can be. The plateaus created by the natural erosion in the area provide an excellent opportunity for a trail system that offers a hike more akin to a Sunday stroll in the park.

“The trail TNC is going to install at the Hungry Beech preserve is going to be a revamp and addition to an existing trail that became grown in and eroded from lack of maintenance,” says Tucker Curran, TNC’s recreation coordinator. “This preserve has spent a lot of time as an unheralded gem in the area, with accessibility issues keeping most folks away. So, for TNC, Hungry Beech has become an opportunity to create a community-accessible recreation area with a trail that suits folks who aren’t looking for strenuous hiking and that also gives them stunning views and an immersive experience.” Carrie Williams, President of the American Water Charitable Foundation added, “The American Water Charitable Foundation is delighted to collaborate with the Nature Conservancy on the trail development and watershed conservation project at the Hungry Beech Preserve. Aligning with our focus on environmental stewardship and community engagement, we are particularly excited about the positive impact this initiative will provide for local families and visitors for many years to come.

West Virginia Department of Health Empowers EMS Crews with New Statewide Protocols

The West Virginia Department of Health (DH) has rolled out new statewide emergency medical services (EMS) protocols designed to empower first responders with faster decision-making capabilities.

Cabinet Secretary Sherri Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP, said the new protocols, which took effect on July 1, 2024, were developed by Dr. P.S. Martin, State Medical Director for the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), Jamie Weller, Chair of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC), and EMS leaders Torie Geis and Shirley Morrison.

“These leaders recognized a need and acted on it. I commend their willingness to work with us to improve the quality of care for West Virginians. This is a perfect example of where collaboration with those on the front lines helped us put a plan into action.”

DH OEMS Director Jody Ratliff explained that the new protocols address many of the modern-day challenges faced by first responders. “The new protocols eliminate a lot of the red tape faced by EMS crews in the past and empower them to think critically on their feet. They

also address many of the communication barriers faced by first responders in rural communities with limited telecommunications access.”

The initiative builds upon Governor Jim Justice’s ‘Answer the Call’ initiative, which has expanded EMS training and workforce capacity by 75 percent. Starting May 1, 2024, the introduction of “treat-in-place” protocols allows eligible patients to receive care at home, reducing emergency room congestion and ensuring ambulance availability for critical cases.

“These advancements mark a significant stride towards optimizing emergency response in our state,” Secretary Young added. “By fostering collaboration with frontline experts, we are enhancing our ability to deliver timely and efficient care when it matters most.”

The West Virginia Department of Health (DH) seeks to advance the health and well-being of all West Virginians by promoting healthy behaviors, working to mitigate public health crises, and increasing access to health-related resources and information.

47th Jones Reunion

The 47th Jones Reunion (descendants of Howard and Bertha Deem Jones) will be Sunday, August 18, 2024, at Calhoun County Park. Lunch around noon and there will be a fund raiser for Saunders Cemetery with a quilt made by Carolyn Gragg and Cathy Jones.

Jarvis Reunion

The Cal Jarvis reunion will be held Saturday, August 31st at the Upper West Fork Park. Registration begins at 11:00 with a covered dish lunch at noon. Come and enjoy the day.
Contact Anita West 304-655-8625

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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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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Calhoun offers the chance for good “news” to keep happening

By Gaylen Duskey

I attended a meeting of or with Finex InC. recently and came away impressed because the people at that meeting agreed with me about how we need to promote and “push” Calhoun County.

As a matter of fact, I am a red and white pom poms waving Calhounian. I think we Calhounians should be cheerleaders and promoters of the county because no one else is going to do it.

No one.

And frankly they probably shouldn’t. But we should and frankly it is time we changed the narrative.

For years Calhoun made the news for stupid things.

Why?

Because stupid things are news.

I use the bridge as my analysis of news.

They build a new bridge and open it. One story about the bridge opening.

Ten thousand people a day drive across the bridge daily. No stories because people drive across the bridge every day.

Some darn fool decides to jump off the bridge and kill himself. There are a whole bunch of stories because people just don’t kill themselves by jumping off a bridge every day.

It became news when the unusual happened and that’s what has happened to Calhoun and, frankly many other counties out in the middle of nowhere,

So, the news stories we see about Calhoun are when a school bus wrecks and injures a bunch of kids; a group of people kill someone like a former candidate for sheriff; a sports harassment gag goes awry; somebody in a devil’s costume shows up at a school board meeting; a guys goes into the state police detachment wearing bandoleros yelling “where’s the communists” and where’s he from? You got it Calhoun.

Oh, we make the news occasionally but for all the wrong darn reasons.

It’s time to change the narrative.

And the people with the Finex InC group have set out to do just that by showing us all the things we have to offer in Calhoun. Right now, the goal is to inspire a pharmaceutical company – American Medicines Company – to locate a new factory in Calhoun at the old national guard armory on Route 5 West across the Little Kanawha River from Annamoriah hill.

And they have some good arguments as to what Calhoun has to offer, frankly, enough to convince the company to locate here.

But I will go one further with what Calhoun has to offer this company that nowhere else has – WARM FUZZY FEELINGS!!!

Bringing the factory to Calhoun would allow the company to be a Hallmark movie. Well, not a Hallmark movie since it is not about Christmas (you should laugh here because that’s funny) but it would give American Medicines Company a whole litany of good news things for several years.

Should they put the factory in Davisville or Morgantown or Charleston etc., the bridge story comes to the fore. They get one story for locating the factory then they get one more when something bad happens. Sorry but that’s just the way it is.

On the other hand, if American Medicines Company locates to Calhoun, it will get great press when it announces its intentions, when it opens, when Calhoun rebounds from its financial malaise and population decline, when new housing developments are built in Calhoun, etc., etc., etc.

Calhoun is the one place where virtually everything good the county does or everything good the company does is news – BIG news. Positive news.

So, yes, American Medicines Company has a lot to offer Calhoun but on the other hand Calhoun has a lot to offer American Medical Company too.

And frankly the company should locate here. It just makes sense.

HALL OF FAME NO. 3: In honor of American Medicines Company being in town – and hopefully reading this column by an old country boy – me – we are going to go with a medical person as our third nominee for the Calhoun Hall of Fame.

We have had several top notch and well-known doctors and nurses from

Calhoun County people such as nurse Minnie Hamilton (they named a hospital after her), Dr. Howard C. Toepfer, Dr. Larry Godfrey, Dr. James A. Dye, Dr. Waitman T. W. Dye, Nurse Melba Elliott and Dr. Charles Albert Stump.

All are well known and good Hall of Fame candidates in their own right.

But today our choice as the third candidate is Dr. Curtis P. Artz.

Artz was not a native Calhounian being born in central Ohio and earning his bachelor’s and M.D. degrees from [Ohio State University](http://ohio-state-university.edu).

In 1940, Artz was a resident at the Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital in Parkersburg, and soon after began general practice in Grantsville.

It was while working in Calhoun that his brilliance and intelligence caused him to ask questions and find answers that would go on to change medicine.

First Dr. Artz was commended for his treatment of a 64-year-old man who experienced an accident causing severe trauma to his leg. Artz treated the patient using a dried powdered form of blood plasma, as an alternative to blood transfusion, which was a new development in medical technology at the time. An ambulance transported the patient to a nearby hospital in Parkersburg, where Artz successfully amputated the patient’s leg, saving the patient’s life.

Then in 1943, Dr. Artz treated a three-year-old girl who suffered serious burn injuries but did not survive. However, his work with the young girl led to his work with burns for which he became famous, and it also led to his development of an air bed that is used in hospitals today.

He left Calhoun to join the Army and that is where his fame grew and grew and not only for his accomplishments in the medical field.

In a reports in the Semantic Scholar about the life of Dr. Artz it said: “Many people know something about Artz, since his antics as a surgeon in Korea served as a model on which the book, movie and popular television show M*A*S*H were based. Artz directed the Army’s surgical research team in Korea in 1953, called the 46th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) and admits the television show’s producers came to him when they needed script material.”

In a 1976 interview, Artz described some of his experiences in Korea to Contemporary Surgery, a magazine for surgeons. He recalled, “Some nut didn’t know his coordinates and couldn’t read a map. So, our unit was mistakenly directed to pick up casualties at a point that turned out to be in the middle of a river. It was a bitter cold night, and we sent back a message saying that if they’d send us come pontoons, we’d build a hospital on the river. The rest of the conversation isn’t fit to print.”

M.A.S.H.?

Calhoun has a connection to one of the world’s most famous movies and television shows?

The surprising answer is yes.

But the story of Dr. Artz does not end there. It turns out he really was brilliant and an innovator.

As reported by the Waring Library: “Artz served in the Army and was assigned to the Surgical Research Unit of the Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While there he founded the Army Burn Center and served as director of the Army Surgical Research team in Korea.

“Between 1956, when he left the army and the time he joined MCSC (Medical College of South Carolina), Artz was a faculty member at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine at Jackson, and became the first Shrine Professor of Surgery at the University of Texas at Galveston. He was chairman of the Committee on Trauma of the National Research Council, president of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and president of the American Trauma Society. He was also president of the Southeastern Surgical Congress.

“Much of Artz’s research was in the area of surgical metabolism, shock, and burns.”

Yes, he was a great man and a great doctor and he got his start in Calhoun County.

We should be proud.

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

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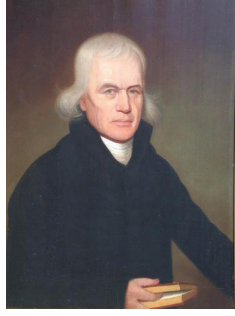
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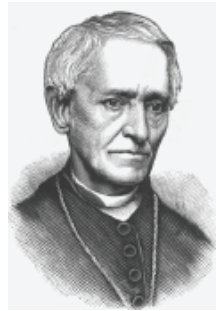


July 18, 1776: Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

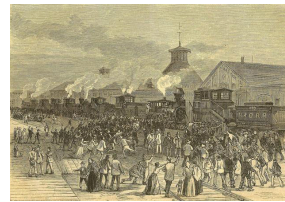


July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. It remained in operation until June 1989.

July 19, 1850: Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Wheeling, naming Richard V. Whelan as its first bishop.



July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on Buffington Island, near Ravenswood. The Confederates were overtaken by federal troops, local militia and three U.S. Navy gunboats.



July 19, 1877: Federal troops arrived in Martinsburg, where the Railroad Strike of 1877 had begun days earlier. The troops ended the violence in Martinsburg, but the deadly strike continued across the country into September. It was the first work stoppage in U.S. history to spread nationally.

July 19, 1946: Author Stephen Coonts was born in Morgantown. After graduating from West Virginia University and serv-

ing in the navy during the Vietnam War, Coonts became a best-selling action and adventure novelist with the 1986 publication of *Flight of the Intruder*.



July 19, 1952: Novelist Jayne Anne Phillips was born in Buckhannon. After graduating from West Virginia University, her short stories and novels began receiving wide recognition. In 2024, she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her 2023 novel *Night Watch*, about a mother and daughter in West Virginia after the Civil War.

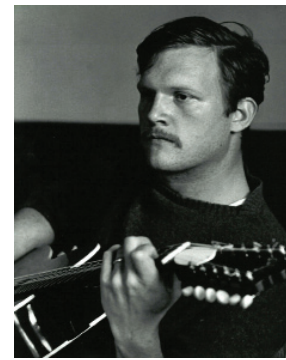
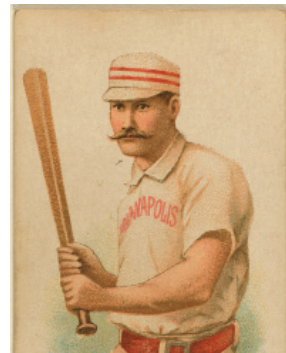


July 20, 2010: Carte Goodwin became the nation's youngest sitting senator. Goodwin was appointed to fill Robert C. Byrd's seat in the U.S. Senate following Byrd's death.



July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. The comedy legend will be forever remembered for portraying Barney Fife on *The Andy Griffith Show*.

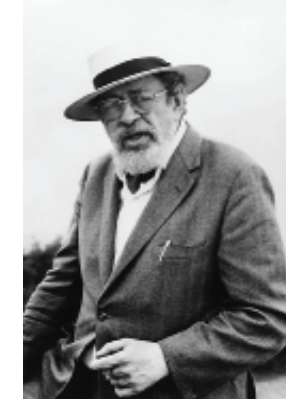
July 22, 1859: Athlete "Jack" Glasscock was born in Wheeling. Glasscock, who played barehanded, was one of baseball's premier shortstops of the 19th century.



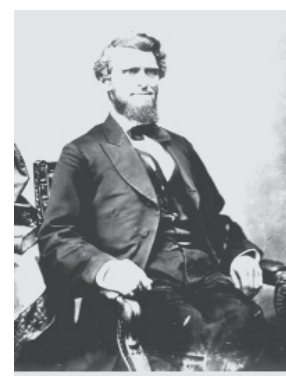
July 22, 1937: Musician Tommy Thompson was born in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Through his group, the Red Clay Ramblers, and a career that spanned four decades, Thompson played a major role in spreading the popularity of old-time music.



July 23, 1863: Financier and industrialist Isaac Thomas Mann was born in Greenbrier County. As president of the Bank of Bramwell and the Pocahontas Fuel Company for three decades, "Ike" Mann held vast holdings in coal, timber and especially financial institutions.



July 23, 1919: Novelist Davis Grubb was born in Moundsville. His renown came with his first novel, *The Night of the Hunter* (1953), a gripping suspense story adapted into a classic film in 1955 and for TV in 1991.



July 24, 1823: Arthur Boreman, West Virginia's first governor, was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. His family moved to Middlebourne, Tyler

County, when he was still an infant.



July 24, 1919: Sam Taylor of Mercer County became the first West Virginia State Police trooper. During his tenure, Taylor tracked moonshiners and bootleggers, and helped set up new state police detachments.

July 24, 1929: Corne-



lius Charlton was born in East Gulf, Raleigh County. Charlton was killed in battle during the Korean War, and he was honored posthumously with the Medal of Honor.



July 24, 1942: Actor Chris Sarandon was born in Beckley. A film, stage and television performer, some of his credits include *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *The Princess Bride* and an Oscar nomination for *Dog Day Afternoon*.

July 24, 1983: Kansas City Royals player and Glen Dale native George Brett was involved in the "Pine-Tar Bat Incident." After hitting a game-winning home run against the New York Yankees, the umpires ruled that Brett's bat contained too much pine tar and called him out. The ensuing melee at home plate is classic baseball lore.

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, Beres Gardens, Minnora. Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Grantsville Farmer's Market, Season details not yet available.

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Gov. Justice announces 4 per cent personal income tax cut trigger, marching West Virginia closer to eliminating tax

Gov. Jim Justice announced that an additional four per cent reduction in personal income tax rates will take effect on January 1, 2025.

The reduction was triggered after the state's revenue collections surpassed the rate of inflation, as stipulated in House Bill 2526, which the Governor signed in 2023.

This trigger puts the state on a path to eliminating its personal income tax.

"This is another huge achievement for West Virginia," Gov. Justice said. "We've worked hard to make sure our state's economic growth translates to real benefits for our citizens. Nothing will drive population, opportunity, and economic growth in West Virginia like eliminating our personal income tax. Today's announcement should absolutely be celebrated, but I know that we can achieve even more by continuing to reduce income taxes. We need to continue marching towards zero income taxes in West Virginia. I'll only be your governor for a few more months, but I'll always continue to do everything in my power to help this state and our people. At the end of the day, the amazing surpluses we've seen are great, but that money belongs to the people. They deserve to see it in their pockets, and the best way to maximize these surpluses is reducing the personal income tax."

With Fiscal Year 2024 revenue collections, excluding severance tax collections, reaching \$5.34 billion and an inflation-adjusted target of \$5.24 billion, the excess amount has triggered this latest rate reduction.

"As the state succeeds, the people deserve to keep more of their money," Revenue Secretary Larry Pack said. "This personal income tax trigger was put into place so as West Virginia does well economically, the people receive their share of that success. We're creating a better environment for economic growth and opportunities across the state. The hardworking people of West Virginia truly deserve it. It is certainly a proud moment for our state, and we're really excited about the bright future ahead."

Earlier this month, Gov. Justice requested the West Virginia Legislature consider an additional 5% personal income tax cut in an upcoming special session. The Legislature will also consider a childcare tax credit, which Gov. Justice proposed during his 2024 State of the State Address, among other funding matters.

To date, Gov. Justice and the West Virginia Legislature have delivered over \$1 billion in tax cuts to the people of West Virginia. More information is available on the West Virginia State Tax Department's website.

Calhoun County Board of Education

MOUNT ZION, WEST VIRGINIA

July 15, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
5:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Board Acknowledgements
- IV. Delegations –
- V. Approval of June 10, 2024 (Regular) Minutes (Attachment A)
- VI. Discussion and Reports (Attachment B):

- Discussions:
Reports:
- A. Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center Report (June 11, 2024) – Horst Motz Superintendent
 - B. Superintendent Reports
 - 1. Director and School Reports
 - 2. Legislative changes requiring new policies or policy changes
 - 3. MIP Update
 - 4. Summer School
 - 5. SBA Update
 - 6. Solar Update
 - 7. Board Member Responsibilities
 - 8. Master Schedules
 - 9. Professional Development
- Superintendent Recommendations:

VII. New Business (Attachment C):

- A. Finance for Approval June 15, 2024
 - 1. General Fund Invoices - \$ 737,341.74
 - 2. Supplements – \$ 759,785.34
 - 3. Transfers - \$ 247,721.95
 - 4. June 2024 Financial Statement
(Invoice list available for review at Calhoun County Board of Education Office)
- B. Calhoun Middle High School Band Booster By-Laws

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- C. Volunteer Requests
 - 1. Gina Toppings
 - 2. Zenna Zwoil
 - 3. Tess Bradburn
 - D. Policies Out for Comment
 - 1. CHAPTER: Curriculum TITLE: Freedom of Expression School-Sponsored Media

VIII. Personnel (Attachment D):

- A. Retirements Professional
 - 1. Connie Hall , Computer Teacher, CMHS effective August 2, 2024
Service
Extracurricular
- B. Resignations Professional

- Service Extracurricular
 - 1. Nathan Allison, Authorized/Certified (Non-Paid) Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- C. Employment Summer School 2023-24
 - 1. , Summer School WV Tourism Camp Teacher, Job ID 22053
Professional FY 2024-25
 - 1. Melinda Jett , Substitute Teacher
 - 2. _____, Art Teacher, CMHS Job ID 16262
 - 3. , Elementary Teacher, AES Job ID 23024
 - 4. , Middle School Social Studies Teacher, CMHS Job ID 26139
 - 5. , English Teacher, CMHS Job ID 26140
 - 6. , Middle School General Science Teacher, CMHS Job ID 26141
 - 7. , Long Term Substitute Preschool/Preschool Special Needs Teacher, AES Job ID 26355
 - 8. , Long Term Substitute Preschool/Preschool Special Needs Teacher, PHE Job ID 26364
Service FY 2024-25
 - 1. , Payroll Supervisor/Personnel Assistant, Central Office Job ID 26091
 - 2. , Multi-Classified Paraprofessional/Aide (Itinerant) AES/PHE Job ID 26146
- Extracurricular
 - 1. , Athletic Director, CMHS Job ID 24670
 - 2. , Middle School Cheerleading Coach, Job ID 24667

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IX. Expulsion Reviews

- 1. 2023-24-02
- 2. 2023-24-04
- 3. 2023-24-05

X. Adjournment

Future Board Meeting Dates:

- August 12, 2024, (Regular Meeting), Board of Education
- September 16, 2024, (Regular Meeting), Board of Education
- October 14, 2024, (Work Session) Arnoldsburg Elementary School
- October 14, 2024, (Regular/LSIC) Arnoldsburg Elementary School
- November 12, 2024, (Regular/LSIC) Pleasant Hill Elementary School
- December 16, 2024, (Regular/LSIC) Calhoun Middle High School

Gasoline prices rising across West Virginia

Average gasoline prices in West Virginia have risen 6.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.45/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,154 stations in West Virginia. Prices in West Virginia are 11.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 8.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 2.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.83 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in West Virginia was priced at \$2.95/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.19/g, a difference of \$1.24/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.95/g while the highest was \$4.19/g, a difference of \$1.24/g. The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.49/g today. The national average is up 5.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 5.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. Historical gasoline prices in West Virginia and the national average going back ten years: July 15, 2023: \$3.36/g (U.S. Average: \$3.54/g) July 15, 2022: \$4.62/g (U.S. Average: \$4.55/g) July 15, 2021: \$3.03/g (U.S. Average: \$3.16/g) July 15, 2020: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.20/g) July 15, 2019: \$2.70/g (U.S. Average: \$2.79/g) July 15, 2018: \$2.84/g (U.S. Average: \$2.87/g) July 15, 2017: \$2.31/g (U.S. Average: \$2.24/g) July 15, 2016: \$2.28/g (U.S. Average: \$2.21/g) July 15, 2015: \$2.77/g (U.S. Average: \$2.78/g) July 15, 2014: \$3.72/g (U.S. Average: \$3.60/g) Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Pittsburgh- \$3.75/g, up 3.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.72/g. Charleston- \$3.51/g, up 6.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.44/g. Virginia- \$3.47/g, up 8.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.38/g. "Much like last summer, the nation's average price of gasoline has remained somewhat stuck in the mid-\$3 per gallon range with a mixed bag of prices: small declines in some states and modest increases in others as we wait for what could be the next major trend," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Hurricane Beryl had no major impact on prices, but some drivers in Texas had trouble finding gasoline due to power outages, a situation that continues to improve. For now, we'll continue to see small price fluctuations as we await news of any hurricane-fueled refinery disruptions or other supply challenges as we head into the busiest weeks of the summer travel season." GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy's averages, graphs, maps and historical pricing data covering the U.S. and Canada is available 24/7 at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

Free legal help available for survivors of April 2-6 severe weather

A free legal help hotline is now available for survivors of the April 2-6, 2024, severe storms and straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides. The hotline is available to connect survivors who cannot afford an attorney to free legal services in qualifying counties. Survivors can call 866-255-4370 or apply online at any time at: <https://legallaidwv.org>.

- Help is available for legal issues like:
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Disaster Legal Services program partners cannot help in all cases. For example, they cannot take cases where a settlement could include legal fees or an award. But they can refer those cases to other legal help.

The Disaster Legal Services (DLS) program works with state and local partners to provide free legal help for low-income disaster survivors. The service is a partnership between the American Bar Association Young Lawyers

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For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit emd.wv.gov, West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, www.fema.gov/disaster/4783 and www.facebook.com/FEMA.



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USDA Makes Record-Breaking \$14.3 Million Investment in Farm to School Grants

Grants will increase local foods in school meals and improve nutrition security for children

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA is awarding a record-breaking \$14.3 million in Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grants to 154 projects in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. These investments will help 1.9 million children eat more tasty, nutritious foods in school, while supporting farmers and producers in their local and regional communities.

"Farm to School is a huge win for children, schools, farmers, producers and communities," said Secretary Vilsack. "When schools have access to fresh, local food options with homegrown flavor, they can serve delicious, healthy dishes that kids are excited to eat, while also supporting the local economy. These grants continue our work to address both food insecurity and nutrition insecurity, ensuring that we're not only feeding kids, but we're also feeding them well."

This investment in the Farm to School Program supports the Biden-Harris Administration's National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health to end hunger and increase healthy eating by year 2030.

The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program helps child nutrition program operators incorporate local foods into meals served through USDA's National School Lunch Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program and SUN Programs: USDA's Summer Nutrition Programs for Kids.

Farm to school opens opportunities for children to learn about nutrition and agriculture through hands-on experiences, such as planting, watering, and harvesting fruits, vegetables, and herbs. The program can also provide a pathway for more children to achieve nutrition security, which is the consistent and equitable access to healthy, safe and affordable food.

USDA continues to show its commitment to equity by reaching historically underserved and marginalized communities through this year's farm to school grants:

- Fifty-four percent of students served by these projects are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.
- More than one-third (35%) of awarded projects serve rural areas.
- Members of communities of color lead 40 percent of the awarded organizations, all with projects serving those same communities.
- Eight projects are led by and serve American Indian or Alaska Native communities.

Producers can receive the grants for their farm to school projects, too. Three agricultural producers are among this year's grantees.

More than 67,000 schools currently participate in farm to school. More information about the impact of these grants across the country is available on

In addition to grantmaking, USDA recently finalized regulations that encourage more schools to purchase their foods from local producers. Schools now have the op-

tion to require unprocessed agricultural products to be locally grown, raised, or caught when making purchases for school meal programs, making it easier for schools to buy local foods. More information about these new options is available on the Procuring Local Foods webpage.

For more information about how school meals will be strengthened in upcoming years, see this video:

2024 Updates to the School Nutrition Standards - Overview

"Kids learn how to eat; it's not programmed in them," said USDA Food and Nutrition Service Administrator Cindy Long. "What they're exposed to at a young age makes a real difference. When we support children in establishing good eating habits, we're setting them up to reach their full potential."

Since the Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program's inception in 2013, the Department has awarded more than \$98 million in Farm to School Grants, funding more than 1,200 projects across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico. These projects have reached more than 28 million students. For more information on how your community can get involved with Farm to School activities, please visit the FNS website.

The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program is one of many ways that USDA supports states and school nutrition professionals to provide kids with nutritious school meals that support their health and well-being. Through a variety of programs and initiatives, USDA has provided nearly \$13.7 billion in financial support to schools across the country since January 2021. This support includes a recent award of \$10 million in grants through USDA partners - Full Plates Full Potential and the Illinois Public Health Institute - to support innovation in the school meals marketplace in Northeast and Midwest regions of the country by incentivizing collaboration between schools, the food industry, and other stakeholders, as part of the Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative. The initiative empowers schools to serve delicious and nutritious meals through a series of investments supporting both schools and the school meal supply chain.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. The USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.



Insured Sound

Artsbridge announces upcoming schedule



Alex & Hope

Greg Ring plays keyboard, sax, flute, sings, and does most of the musical arrangement for the group. Susan Owens is the lead vocalist, and her wide vocal range lends itself to render the styles of greats such as Whitney Houston, Etta James, and Linda Ronstadt. Rick Barnhart is the bass player and has also played with Contemporary Gospel group "Returned". Don Staats is the lead guitarist, and his vocals help to bring a nice harmony to the sound of their music. Matt Piatt learned to play drums early on from his late father, Fave Piatt. Matt grew up with the band and joined as drummer in 2006, after playing with Christian Rock Group "RED".

Opener Alex & Hope are musicians from Northern Ohio. They currently serve as

directors, co-founders, and performers for The Company at The Valley Gem in Marietta, Ohio, where they regularly perform music of all styles, as well as act in and direct theatrical productions. Since meeting in college while doing musical theatre together, the two have continued to collaborate as vocalists for multiple competitive vocal groups, university ensembles, and most recently, as an acoustic duo. Their musical influences include a diverse range of artists, such as Stevie Nicks, Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, & Kacy Musgraves.

The Artsbridge staff, board, and volunteers look forward to seeing everyone this

Thursday at City Park. A freewill offering will be collected each week. Donations are always appreciated! Please note that in the event there is rain the concert will be moved to the Horseshoe Pit Shelter. Also, please check the Artsbridge Facebook page for updates regarding Summer Music Series and upcoming events.


Artsbridge's Summer Music Series in the Parkersburg City Park continues Thursday, July 18th from 6:30-8:00 P.M. with the musical group, Insured Sound. This event is sponsored by Generations Home Health and the City of Parkersburg. This week will feature duo Alex & Hope as an opener. Artsbridge is excited to share that they have several food vendors available for patrons this week!

First established in 1975 by the late drummer Dave Piatt, Insured Sound has provided 49 years of first class entertainment for audiences across Ohio and West Virginia. Insured Sound's rich vocal and top-notch musicianship have been enjoyed at festivals, fundraisers, reunions, wedding receptions, and countless others. This well-known group plays everything from classic ballads to the sounds of Motown, and cover artists like Frank Sinatra and The Eagles. The band promises to entertain from the first note to the last. The members are Greg Ring, Susan Owens, Rick Barnhart, Don Staats, and Matt Piatt.

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WVDA urges landowners to sign up for invasive insect suppression program

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is urging landowners to sign up for the Cooperative State-County-Landowner (CSCL) Lymantria dispar (spongy moth) Suppression Program. The program is focused on protecting the landowners' forested acreage from devastating effects caused by the invasive Lymantria dispar. The sign-up period runs from July 1 until August 31, 2024.

"West Virginia's forests are one of our state's most important resources. From tourism to our timber industry, our forests are an important economic driver," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "As we face more invasive species, such as the spotted lanternfly, we hope people will take advantage of programs like these."

The CSCL Lymantria dispar program will start accepting egg mass survey applications from landowners statewide on July 1. Application forms and brochures are available at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/plant-industries/forest-health-protection/>. Landowners may also obtain applications at local WVU Extension offices and WVDA field offices in Charleston (304-558-2212) or New Creek (304-788-1066). A non-refundable survey deposit of five dollars (\$5.00) per acre, not to exceed \$2000.00, must be submitted with the application. This deposit will be applied toward payment for treatment if the landowner qualifies.

Homeowners Associations (HOA) must provide a complete listing of all property owners who want to opt in or opt out of the treatment program, and the HOA must also include this information on the map submitted. The WVDA will determine if the property owners who do not want to participate can be logistically removed from the proposed treatment area. This may potentially disqualify the HOA from the program. All lot owners objecting to treatment will be buffered an additional 150 feet outside their property boundaries. The HOA coordinator for the block should contact property owners to discuss treatment material, as the entire block will need to be treated with either BTK or Mimic.

"The Lymantria dispar (recently known as gypsy moth) is a non-native, invasive insect that feeds on hundreds of species of trees and shrubs, including West Virginia hardwoods," said WVDA Plant Industries Assistant Director Butch Sayers. "Defoliation by Lymantria dispar caterpillars can weaken trees, making them more susceptible to other pests and diseases. This treatment program helps safeguard our forests from further damage."

The minimum acreage required to participate in the program is 50 contiguous acres of wooded land. Adjoining landowners may combine their properties to meet the acreage requirement. Once applications and deposits are received, a forest health protection specialist will visit the landowner's property to determine if the level of Lymantria dispar infestation meets program guidelines. A final decision to participate in the program must be confirmed by signing a contract with the WVDA by early December 2024.

For more information, contact WVDA Assistant Director Quentin "Butch" Sayers at qsayers@wvda.us or WVDA Lymantria Dispar Program Coordinator G. Scott Hoffman at gshoffman@wvda.us.

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CRESTON NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
PHONE 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. The Creston area continues to have hot summer weather. The green weenies keep claiming fossil fuels are causing “global warming” because of the release of CO2 into the atmosphere. A new report in Science Direct confirmed a study last year showing that increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere does not have any impact on temperature and, it is clear, that the climate hoaxers know this is true. The level of CO2 that would cause warming is 300 ppm (parts per million) & the present level is 400. The last time such was the level wild horses & camels lived in the wild arctic and the oceans were 9 feet lower.

A world study of energy showed that in 2023 82.5% of the world’s energy came from fossil fuels and 2.3% came from the much hyped wind & solar. There were no figures

as to how much came from “pixie dust” but the amount was likely very low.

Teresa Heinz Kerry (the rich widow that John married) announced an additional \$9.3 million to fight the use of fossil fuels. Along those lines there has been an attack against the proposed modifications of the power plant in Pleasants County. Presently a 20 inch gas line is being laid to the facility.

Local residents are concerned about the attempted assassination of former president Trump by those in the deep state and the one world order/new world order folks. The one world order folks who say we’ll have nothing and be happy have now announced that, under their wonderful new plan, clothes will only be washed once a month – gotta save water you know.

Former State Senate president Smiley Carmichaels gave a talk at

the Boley Breakfast at Cheryl’s Friday. He noted all sorts of improvements in the state’s economics rating W. Va. As #1 in various items. On business friendly W. Va. Went from 49 to 17 and on workforce participation W. Va. still rates #47 with a large number of residents who do not participate in the work force [and are kept by those who do work]. He said that, maybe, perhaps there would be a fertilizer plant in McDowell County to utilize the vast amount of natural gas that is being produced in the state and is being shipped overseas to profit not West Virginia nor its citizens. Presently the LNG business is at 52.9 bcf [billion cubic feet]/day. The Henry Hub price dipped to \$2.268 while gas in West Virginia went for \$1.62/mcf. Thus, for each thousand cubic feet of gas sold one could buy two first class stamps with a little left over. Back when gas sold for 20 cents one could buy 6 first class stamps and two penny post cards. Over the weekend postage went up 5 cents to 73 cents for a letter.

Rusty Hutson Jr., who has Diversified Energy and owns tens of thousands of oil & gas wells in W. Va. another purchase of wells in east Texas. Are futures brighter now down in the Lone Star State?

One reads that federal agencies are very busy registering illegal aliens to vote in the November election.

A bald eagle was seen feeding on

carriage out on the Creston Flats. Some while back a fellow who lives over on the other side of the county was in his house looking at his sheep cote where one of his ewes had just had twins. In a flash an eagle swooped down and carried one of the lambs away.

A main line protestant church has enacted new rules that allow for several situations that “are frowned upon” in Bible teachings including infanticide which would, perhaps, indicate worship of Molech. Some congregations are considering leaving the denomination but the “church leaders” who might be compared to the scribes & pharisees of New Testament times, say, “Oh no, you can’t do that! There were trust agreements signed decades or centuries ago and we own the buildings. Bow down & worship us.» The legislature is being asked in the August special session to address this issue voiding such agreements that are, say 30 years old or older that had previously been forgotten & overlooked. Perhaps the Legislature can actually do something for the state’s residents.

Wilma & Kim Mowrey & other family members attended a family wedding up in Ohio.

The price of Pennsylvania grade crude oil is \$81.62/bbl. With condensate fetching \$63.62/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$70.62/bbl.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0498-SWF-CN
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.,
a corporation, Charleston, Kanawha County.

Application for a certificate of need to operate pursuant to WV Code § 24-2-1c(b) in Kanawha County.

NOTICE

On May 31, 2024, the Applicant, Waste Management of West Virginia, Inc., filed an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate a transfer station in Kanawha County.

Rats are proposed as follows:

Municipal Solid Waste:	\$37.44 per ton, plus applicable Landfill charges and applicable taxes, fees and assessments
Recycling:	\$120.00 per ton, plus applicable Material Recycling Facility charges and taxes, fees, and assessments
Minimum Charge:	\$11.58 for Municipal Solid Waste and \$21.88 for Recycling, plus applicable taxes, fees, and assessments

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene within thirty days following the date of this publication. Failure to timely protest or request to intervene may affect your right to protest this application. All protest or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or request to intervene. All protests or requests to intervene should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. If no protests are received within the thirty day protest period, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the application based on the evidence submitted in the application.

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.

Thomas B. Wright III establishes scholarship for students in the Lewis College of Business

The Marshall University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Thomas B. Wright III Scholarship to benefit students in the Lewis College of Business and Brad D. Smith Schools of Business. This scholarship is generously endowed by Thomas B. Wright III.

After earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in management and economics from Marshall, Wright went on to earn a Master of Science degree in administration from Central Michigan University.

Following his education, Wright joined Hallmark where he served in roles as director of corporate staffing, director of HR in a seven-plant manufacturing division, director of corporate diversity, manager of college relations, and manager of affirmative action planning.

He was recruited in 1996 to join Thorn Americas as vice president of field human resources.

In 1999, Wright was recruited back to Hallmark Cards as the director of HR – corporate divisions and served in that capacity until his promotion to senior vice president and corporate officer of human resources. As the senior vice president and corporate officer of hu-

man resources, he held responsibility for human resources in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Mexico.

Following a career leading his own firm, Tom Wright Consulting, Wright was recruited to join EPR Properties where he performed the role of senior vice president of human resources and administration and then transitioned to an executive advisory role in the company for the CEO before his first stab at retirement.

In November of 2020, Wright was asked to serve as the interim senior vice president – chief human resources officer for Children’s Mercy Hospital of Kansas City, eventually becoming executive vice president – chief human resources officer and executive director of the Leadership Center within the Berry Institute.

He is an alumnus of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce’s Kansas City Tomorrow Leadership Program. He has been recognized as one of Kansas City’s 100 Most Influential African Americans, was named Outstanding Black Alumni at Marshall University, and was recently inducted into the Hall of Distinction of Marshall Univer-

sity’s Society for Human Resource Management chapter. He was inducted into the Lewis College of Business Hall of Fame in 2023.

Wright is the proud father of three sons, Thomas IV, Jonathan and Bryan, and a grandfather to three. Wright recently celebrated his fourth wedding anniversary to his wife, Joanne, a nationally recognized master sculptor with Hallmark Cards for 41 years prior to her retirement.

The scholarship recipient will be a full-time student in the College of Business who is a West Virginia resident, in good academic standing with a 2.5 GPA or higher and has need per the standards of the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

The award will be renewable for up to four years, or eight semesters. The dean of the College of Business, or their designee, will select the recipient and renew the award in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

For information regarding the Thomas B. Wright III Scholarship, please contact Marshall University’s Office of Student Financial Assistance at 304-464-9266.

NOTICE TO MON POWER CUSTOMERS WITH RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS THEIR PROPERTY

Mon Power has contracted to maintain portions of its rights-of-way with an aerial saw consisting of approximately ten 24-inch rotary blades powered by a motor and suspended on a vertical boom beneath a helicopter. This maintenance method allows for the quick, safe, and efficient trimming of trees along our transmission lines. The aerial saw will be operating January through September 2024 in the following counties in West Virginia:

Calhoun, Gilmer and Roane Counties (TMU-308 Glenville-Goff Run 138kV Line)

Beginning at the Goff Run Substation off of US Rt’s 33 and 119 east of Spencer West Virginia in Roane County. The line runs in a northeasterly direction crossing US Rt’s 33 and 119, Old Golf Course Rd, CR 1/1 Steel Hollow, CR 16 Triplett Rd, CR 1/1 Egypt Ridge, and Steel Hollow Rd. The line then enters Calhoun County crossing the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River, CR 12 Altizer Rd, CR 9/7 Husk Ridge, CR 14 Rowles Run Rd, CR 3 Joker Ridge Rd, CR 35/12 Pine Creek Rd, the Little Kanawha River and SR 5 north of Grantsville, CR 16 N Calhoun Hwy, CR 35/17 Bull River Run, CR 35/18 Kimble Rd, CR 35/33 Laurel Creek, and CR 35/21 Wright Rd. The line then enters Gilmer County crossing SR 5, the Little Kanawha River, CR 15 Grass Run Rd, Cedar Creek, CR 17 Lower Cedar Creek Rd, Tower Dr, the Little Kanawha River, and SR 5, and then terminates at the Glenville Substation off of SR 5 north of Glenville West Virginia.

For more information about Mon Power’s Transmission Aerial Saw Program, call 1-800-686-0022. When contacting, please alert our Representatives that your call is pertaining to our Transmission Aerial Saw Program.



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Calhoun, Clay, Nicholas and Roane Counties (TMU-306 Goff Run-Linden Road 138kV Line, Linden Road-Powell Mountain 138kV Line)

Beginning at the Goff Run Substation off of US Rt’s 33 and 119 east of Spencer West Virginia in Roane County. The line runs in a southeasterly direction crossing near CR 5/14 Daniels Run, CR 40 Slate Rd, CR 36/1, CR 48/3 Kaufman Rd, CR 48 Otto Rd, CR 48/2 Chambers Fork, CR 50/5 Clover Rd, CR 50 Keffer Hill, and CR 2/5 Linden Rd where the line taps into the Linden Road Substation. The line continues in a southeast direction crossing CR 27 Linden Bright Rd, and continues into Calhoun County near CR 20/8 Sang Run Rd, crossing CR 20/9 Big Run Rd, CR 1/5, Beech Fork, White Oak Rd, CR 17/2, and CR 28 Mud Fork Rd. The line then enters into Clay County crossing CR 38/1 W Fork Rd, CR 38 Clinic Dr, SR 16, Interstate 79 and Big Otter Creek, CR 19 Ossia Rd, Deadfall Run Rd, CR 16/2 Otterlick Rd, James Dunfield Rd, SR 4 Duck Rd, the Elk River, CR 11 Widen Ridge Rd, CR 11/4 Lantz Rd, Rock Camp Rd, CR 15/2 Swandale Rd, CR 52 Rush Camp, Buffalo Creek, and CR 15/4 Taylor Fork Rd. The line then enters Nicholas County and runs along Turkey Creek, crossing CR 19/26 Spruce Run Rd and US Rt 19, terminating at the Powell Mountain Substation off CR 19/41 Hookersville Rd north of Muddlety West Virginia.

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The Calhoun County Commission will be selling property located at 88 Country Lane, Mt. Zion, WV 26151. The property includes a dwelling and pole barn and it includes two parcels of land - 0.81 acre and 4.59 acres. This property is appraised at \$118,000.00 with appraisal available upon request. The sale will be held on the Calhoun County Courthouse steps on August 12 at 9:00 with a minimum bid of \$75,000.00. If you have any questions, please contact the Calhoun County Clerk’s office at (304) 354-6725.

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LEGAL NOTICE
July 3, 2024

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from VCG Luna, LLC, CON File #24-12-13027-A, to become the sole member of Amedysis West Virginia, LLC and Tender Loving Care Health Care Services of West Virginia, LLC. Capital Expenditure \$28,746,330.

Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority’s website at www.hca.wv.gov.

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WV Department of Education Announces 2025 Teacher of the Year Finalists

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2025 West Virginia Teacher of the Year. Chosen from among the state's county Teacher of the Year winners, these finalists exemplify dedication to student achievement and well-being through classroom innovation and engaging instruction.

Finalists represent school districts statewide and are as follows:

- Krista Blankenship is a third grade teacher at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Fairmont. She graduated from Fairmont State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in Education. Additionally, she holds an Elementary Mathematics certification from Marshall University. Blankenship has taught in Hampshire, Monongalia and Marion counties throughout her 18-year career. She is an active member of various committees at her school and has secured projects and grant donations totaling more than \$10,500 toward a school-wide high tunnel project and a "Trout in the Classroom" project. Blankenship is passionate about creating a welcoming environment in her classroom, believing that building relationships with her students and their families is the most crucial part of education. This belief inspires her to spark a love of learning in her students through engaging teaching strategies.

- Emily Dunkle is a dedicated agriculture educator and FFA advisor at Greenbrier East High School in Lewisburg. With five years of experience, she excels in guiding students toward valuable knowledge and practical experiences in agriculture education. Her student-centered approach and commitment to hands-on learning create a dynamic and engaging educational environment for her students. Dunkle holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education from West Virginia University, and she is pursuing a Master of Science in Agriculture Education from Murray State University. She was recently named the 2024 New Career Technical Education Teacher of the Year, awarded the 2023 Teacher Turn the Key Award and is the 2024 Greenbrier East High School Teacher of the Year.

- Bryan Hott is a fourth grade teacher at Mill Creek Intermediate School in Bunker Hill, with 11 years of experience teaching fourth grade overall and music. He earned a Bachelor of Music Education, a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and summa cum laude honors with his Master of Arts in Teaching from Shepherd University. Hott has served on the superintendent's advisory committee, Berkeley County Schools mathematics advisory committee, the Covid-19 advisory committee, closing the achievement gap committee, instructional planning task force, leadership team, hallway/team leader, technology leader, social committee, West Virginia Heritage Day chair, hiring committee, local school improvement council, school fundraising chair, Watershed coordinator and field trip coordinator. Hott was named state Math Teacher of the Year by the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics in 2020 and a Caring Educator for Berkeley County Schools in 2018. His many accolades demonstrate his commitment to student learning and success.

Registration opens for the 2024 Governor's Energy Summit

The West Virginia Office of Energy (WVOE) announced today that registration is now open for the 2024 Governor's Energy Summit on October 29-30 at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center. The Summit brings together industry leaders, policymakers, educators and stakeholders to deliberate and explore groundbreaking solutions to advance energy resources and efficiency in West Virginia.

"The annual Energy Summit is not only about generating power in West Virginia," says Nicholas Preservati, director of the Office of Energy. "It's also about generating ideas, fostering partnerships and forging a path toward a brighter future."

The event will feature two days of expert presentations and professional collaboration that will shape the trajectory of energy production in the state, laying the groundwork for West Virginia to become and remain a national energy leader.

For more details or to register, visit the Energy Summit page on the West Virginia Office of Energy's website.

Members of the media are encouraged to attend the 2024 Governor's Energy Summit. Please RSVP to Chelsea Morrison at chelsea.t.morrison@wv.gov.

About the West Virginia Office of Energy

The West Virginia Office of Energy is responsible for the formulation and implementation of fossil, renewable and energy efficiency initiatives designed to advance energy resource development opportunities and provide energy services to businesses, communities and homeowners in West Virginia.

Sandwich sale

The Calhoun County Grief Support Group will be selling pulled pork lunches on Tuesday July 30 from 11:00-2:00.

The lunch is a pulled pork sandwich with a small container of coleslaw for your sandwich, bag of chips, cookies and a drink (soda or water) for \$10.00.

We will be set up in front of FRN (old Oshway law office).

Please come out and help us raise money for our committee so we can help more people in our community.

- Seth Skiles is a passionate music educator and a West Virginia native serving as an elementary music specialist at Rock Branch Elementary School. Skiles earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from Anderson University. He obtained a master's degree in church music with a conducting concentration from Belmont University. After teaching elementary music in the Nashville area, Skiles returned to West Virginia, bringing acquired educational practices and cultural experiences to his home school district. He is certified in the John Feierabend First Steps in Music curriculum and is pursuing National Board Certification. Skiles' professional development experience includes the University Mozarteum Orff Institute's International Elemental Music course in Salzburg, Austria; conducting intensives through Rider University's Westminster Choir College; West Virginia University's World Music Pedagogy course; Disney Institute's Approach to Leadership Excellence course; and state music education conferences in Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia. His passion for arts education influences the classroom environment, creating a learning atmosphere driven by student engagement and proactive learning.

- Kimberly Yahya is a 15-year veteran teacher at Athens Elementary School where she teaches fourth grade mathematics. Yahya earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with an endorsement in general science grades 5-9 and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Concord University. Yahya is a reading bee coach, leadership team member, social committee chair and county math trainer. She was also chosen to represent Mercer County in the West Virginia Leaders of Numeracy Network. Yahya is always willing to train, collaborate and share her knowledge with other teachers. She creates lessons incorporating the Mathematical Habits of Mind that are strategically designed to meet the needs of her students. Through a classroom full of laughter, singing and dancing, Yahya builds strong bonds with her students that will last a lifetime.

"Teachers are the seed-sowers and trailblazers within our schools," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Their care and involvement in the lives of children extend well beyond academics because they are called to nurture and support the whole child. As a result, they are the caring adults who are changing lives and communities every day. These finalists represent the best of West Virginia, and I am grateful for the work they do."

Learn more about the Teacher of the Year program by visiting the West Virginia Teacher of the Year page.

Trapping scheduled for Arnoldsburg area by WAG

On Sunday, July 21, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping feral cats in the Arnoldsburg area 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 it if you would not put food out for them on Saturday, July 20 as we will be trapping on Sunday 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 914 community cats (496 females and 418 males).

Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Sunday the 21st. If you have any questions, please call Linda Buchanan 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.



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JULY 22-27

TENT REVIVAL



MONDAY JULY 22 - THURSDAY JULY 25 @ 6:00PM
PREACHING & SINGING: RANDY PERRY MINISTRIES

FRIDAY JULY 26 @ 6:00PM
TEEN NIGHT

PREACHING: TYLER HUDSON GUEST SPEAKER: TREVOR LYNCH
SINGING: LAUREN SPARKS
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2024



RITCHIE COUNTY FAIR & EXPO

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July 28 - August 3

Visit Facebook Page – Ritchie County Fair & Expo

Sunday, July 28

Horse Show 1:30 p.m.
Hoover Field – Free Admission
Gates open at noon

Thursday, August 1

Swine Showmanship/Market Show 9:00 a.m.
Rabbit Showmanship/Market Show 1:00 p.m.
Sheep and Goat Showmanship/Market Show 3:00 p.m.
KOI Drag Racing Registration, Hoover Field 5:30 p.m.
KOI Drag Racing Elimination, Hoover Field 7:00 p.m.
Pretty Baby Registration (picnic shelter near stage) 5:30 p.m.
Pretty Baby Contest 6:00 p.m.
Mickey and Minnie Character Meet & Greet 6:00 p.m.
Eclipse Barbershop Quartet (main stage) 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 2

Poultry Showmanship/Market Show 9:00 a.m.
Beef Showmanship/Market Show 1:00 p.m.
Ridgeline Band, Russell Ahner - Main Stage 5:00 p.m.
Emergency Services Meet & Greet 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Hay Bale Toss (basketball court) 6:00 p.m.
Bingo & Bluey Character Meet & Greet 6:00 p.m.
Championship Bull Ride, Hoover Field 7:00 p.m.
Children's Pedal Tractor Pull (near main stage) 7:30 p.m.
Carnival Rides 5:00-11:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 3

Antique Car Show 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Minions and Stitch Character Meet & Greet 1:00 p.m.
Youth Livestock Awards 1:00 p.m.
Youth Livestock Sale, Main Grounds 1:30 p.m.
Minion and Stitch Character Meet & Greet 4:00 p.m.
Roping Contest (bull ride arena) 6:00 p.m.
Championship Bull Ride, Hoover Field 7:00 p.m.
Minions and Stitch Characters Meet & Greet 7:00 p.m.
Midnight Outlaws (music, main stage) 9:00 p.m.
Carnival Rides 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-11:00 p.m.



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