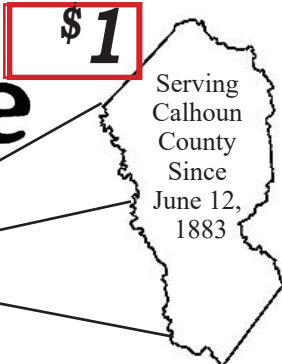




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Calhoun County makes its pitch to American Medicines Company



Courtesy The Ridgeview News
 Tuesday, July 16th, twelve representatives for Calhoun gave their pitch to the American Medicines Company team of Brian Duncan, Nicole, Kathy Meyer, Uriel Kusiatin, Sandy Tigner, and Dilip over five hours.
 It was the opening game in what could be an entirely new season for Calhoun County.
 The group met for the pitch, followed by a tour of the property under consideration, the Army Reserves Center at Annamoriah, a visit to the Science Camp at Calhoun Middle High School, a tour of Calhoun County Park and a final stop at the Sandra Johnson Aquatic Center for an evening celebration of what Calhoun has to offer. A tour bus was provided by Glenville State University.
 A key player, and one of Calhoun's best supporters is Speaker of the House Roger Hanshaw from Clay County.
 He informed AMC that Calhoun County has the full support of the State of West Virginia in seeking to

convince their company to locate a multimillion dollar pharmaceutical manufacturing facility at Annamoriah. Hanshaw told the team that West Virginia ended their fiscal year with nearly \$800 million in surplus tax revenue. West Virginia is doing very well and they intend to invest that funding into business growth and infrastructure projects. He added that the State of West Virginia is willing to put all their resources into making it happen, because it's a good choice for all concerned. We're here to make the point that from a business case it makes sense.”
 Second to address AMC was Calhoun County Commissioner Roger Propst. He conveyed with great pride in his community that Calhoun County is filled with hard working people, and many that have moved from the community because of the lack of opportunity who would love nothing more than to return home. He explained that for decades the county had lost its way, but community leaders and the FINEX InC Group had “moved the

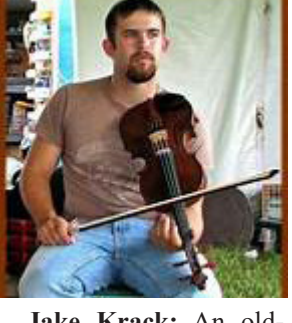
needle in the past few years and our county is in a very different place because of this grass root effort. They're ready to move forward.”
 Shelia Burch, Director of Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation shared the vision and work that the county had put into a new comprehensive plan.
 A living document created and adopted in 2021 which has already seen the need to be amended because of the progress the county has made. She informed AMC that with the help of Hanshaw, Calhoun's progress on Fiber Network through City Net and Frontier Communications continues to expand throughout the area and is available at the property under consideration.
 Also included in her pitch was the wonderful outdoor recreation and tourism available in the area that attracts visitors from other counties to the area.
 “We are a great community, but we are terrible at marketing ourselves,” Burch said, “but we're getting better.”

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Some people who need to be considered for the Calhoun Hall of Fame

These are some of the people who should be considered for a Calhoun Hall of Fame should one be established.
 We welcome any input from our readers with stories and other information and the names of any people you think should also be included.

Famous Calhoun People:

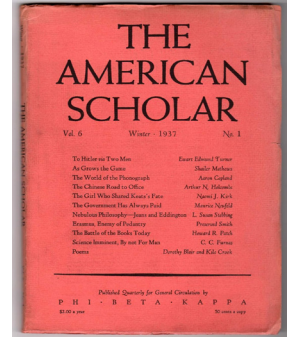


Jake Krack: An old-time fiddle player and winner of many fiddle contest nationally. He performed on the A Prairie Home Companion radio program, and on the Mountain Stage radio program. He also performed at the Millennium Stage of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He performed at MerleFest and in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

Lester McCumbers: He was a frequent visitor to the Appalachian String Band Music Festival in Clifftop, Fayette County, West Virginia, where he won first prize in the fiddle competition for his age group. He won the Vandalia Award in 2005. For four years in the mid-1960s, he and his wife Linda hosted a weekly radio show on WSPZ in Spencer.



Phoebe Cottrell Parsons: Phoebe won the 1987 Vandalia Award and continued sharing her talents with others well into her 90's, even performing a flatfoot dance when she was in the mood. She lived in Calhoun County near the town of Orma until her death in 2001 at age 93.



William Allison Shimser: was an American professor of philosophy. From

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Mt. Zion PSD Receives \$2,350,000 in ARC Grant Funding

Calhoun and Gilmer counties are in line to get \$4,270,000 in funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission according to an announcement Gov. Jim Justice made recently.
 Gov. Justice announced over \$18.6 million in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant funding recommendations for 11 projects across the state.
 The West Virginia Department of Economic Development administers the state's Appalachian Regional Commission program, which is a partnership of federal, state and local participants providing financial and technical assistance for economic development and infrastructure projects.
 The Governor's recommendations will now be sent to ARC for final approval.
 Calhoun is scheduled to receive \$2,350,000 for the Mt. Zion Public Service District for water system improvements. The project will upgrade the existing Mt. Zion water distribution system. The current system experiences significant water loss and frequent failures. The project will reduce maintenance costs and provide more reliable service for 495 existing customers.



In Gilmer County Town of Sand Fork will receive \$1,920,000 for sewer system improvements. This additional funding request was due to delays in obtaining the necessary rights-of-way for the project, during which project costs increased. The additional funds will bring the total ARC investment in the project to \$3,420,000 and benefit 90 customers with improved or new wastewater service in an ARC-designated distressed county.
 Statewide the projects recommended for ARC funding include:
 West Virginia Department of Economic Development — \$220,000
Consolidated Technical Assistance
 The West Virginia Department of Economic Development (WVDED), with ARC funding assistance,

will continue the Consolidated Technical Assistance program. The grant allows WVDED to employ staff to provide technical assistance to ARC applicants and grantees, monitor and administer ongoing projects, draft and implement the West Virginia Development Plan, and operate the West Virginia Main Street and ON TRAC programs.
 West Virginia Department of Economic Development — \$250,000
Competitive Improvement Program
 The project will provide training and consultation services to small and medium-sized firms in West Virginia to increase their competitiveness. The project will address a unique need for which no other funding sources are available. The results of these services will be

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What's going on with Calhoun's Dollar General Stores

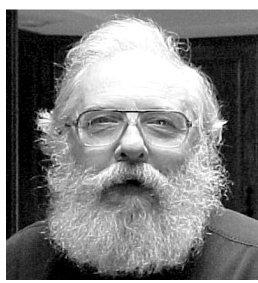


Photo courtesy of Dollar General

While the new Dollar General Store in Arnoldsburg will be a Dollar General Market when it opens the status of the closed store in Grantsville awaits some directions even though in is listed as “temporarily closed” on the company's website. We hope to get answers shortly.

CRESTON NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
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Rev. Kevin Gillespie was on the sick list so there was only Sunday School at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. That involved a study of the Book of Esther, a story that relates to several national & international current events.

Sgt. Thomas Fluharty, USA, retired, fell and broke his hip.

Randall Dawson was killed in an ATV wreck and his daughter was injured.

Health Net had to be called Saturday night after a woman was seriously injured in an ATV wreck in the Rock Run country.

Some folks have been using kayaks to travel in the river which is low. Drought conditions continue for the area. Folks who had been in Ohio & Pennsylvania noted that most of the soya beans & corn looked like there had been more rain there. On the local scene, some may have to feed hay this summer as pastures are turning brown.

Some naked ladies have shown up in the Creston area and, of course, are getting lots of attention from those who love beauty.

National news has been a major topic of discussion. It was noted that the Russian hoax didn't work, the impeachments didn't work, the attempt to bankrupt didn't work, the lawfare & dubious indictments didn't work and now the assassination attempt didn't work. Now it is said that it will be poisoning, truck bombs and airplanes. Now the senile one said he isn't running so folks need to lay in supplies of popcorn to munch on whilst watching it all play out. Be sure to register so one can vote in November.

The State Road has been using heavy equipment to cut down brush and red buds along I-77. Gotta spend that \$\$\$ and we can't have flowers along the road.

Former Wood County House of Del-

egates member Tom Azinger, age 89, passed away. He was "one of ours". His son Mike is one of Creston's state senators.

Some local folks motored up to Mercer Pennsylvania to attend the Ergon catfish fry there. A large crowd was on hand for the tasty feast. Barton Lampton came up from Jackson Mississippi to oversee the event. Some folks may remember that there is a song about "going to Jackson".

Kinder Morgan, the outfit that owns Tennessee Gas pipelines and a bunch more, stated that by 2030 natural gas production in the country would increase by 5 bcf/day, that is billion cubic feet or a bunch. It was noted that the proposed data centers will require 1.6 bcf/day to operate. With the US Supreme Court ruling in the "Chevron case" it will be much easier to abolish the deep state structure that is working to make America a third world nation where dung is used to cook & heat.

The gas utility in our nation's capital noted that there is an urgent need to replace old leaking gas lines [such as is being done in many communities] but the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and an Indian tribe from Nova Scotia have objected. Could it be that leaking gas lines are "good for the environment?"

Connie Boggs & daughter Jackie & family went on a "Vacation" trip to the beach. Aside from the flat tire, a day in the hospital, blisters on the feet and singed hair it was a wonderful experience.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$81.82/bbl. With condensate fetching \$63.82/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$70.82/bbl. The NYMEX natural gas price dropped to \$2.04/MMBTU.

Calhoun not 'one and done' on its pitch to American Medicines Company

By Gaylen Duskey

In the end it may just be a need of federal funding whether Calhoun County or anywhere else gets a pharmaceutical plants located within its borders.

That funding is the biggest obstacle to American Medicines Company building a manufacturing plant anywhere be that Calhoun County, West Virginia or any place else in the United States.

From what I heard the people from American Medicines Company were impressed during their visit to Calhoun County and told the folks of Finex InC so when the tour ended the day at Avalon (formerly the old Calhoun County High School) Tuesday night.

"We are still in the running," Crystal Laughlin Mersh said Wednesday while reviewing the previous day with Finex InC members.

And that is a major league step in the right direction because in previous years the response would probably have been "oh, well, we gave it a shot."

In sports parlance it would have been "one and done" but now it's at least "two and barbecue" because Calhoun is getting a second look.

How do I know?

Because the folks from American Medicines Company wanted some specifics from the folks at Finex InC about housing and education and how the county would approach those things.

Frankly I think Calhoun County will get the AMC factory, but I am sometimes overly optimistic and do tend to wave my red and white pom poms when it comes to my home county.

Why?

Because I love Calhoun County and I think the folks with Finex InC do too. Why else would they put their time, talent and heart into the effort if they didn't love Calhoun?

I don't know either.

How big of a longshot is it for federal funding being approved to build a factory offering the possibility of bringing 300-500 jobs to an area of rural West Virginia?

Well, Sand Fork in Gilmer County just got more than \$4 million to improve a sewer system for 90 families which was needed and well deserved so providing funding to bring 300-500 to jobs to the same rural area is not so far-fetched at all.

And I still think American Medicines Company will locate in Calhoun County.

But I just may be a cockeyed optimist.

COUPLE STRANGE NOTES: Calhoun County had a couple of residents in Butler County, Pa., when an assassin attempted to kill President Trump and they were rather close to the action.

Steve Beecher was visiting his daughter Sarah, who now lives in Butler County, Pa., Saturday, July 13, 2024, standing a ways back from the platform where President Trump was to speak in front of a building. It was the building the would be assassin climbed on top of.

He said he was standing beside a "really tall guy" when he heard the shooting. The rest is history.

Then there was Friday when we had an outage on top of and outage on top of an outage.

There was a major cyber outage that grounded flights and disrupted businesses and media organizations throughout the world. The outage hit airlines, banks, news media, 911 services and basically caused havoc from America to India to Germany and back.

After that Frontier had a telephone outage according to an e-mail, which I got which said we've confirmed there's a service outage in your area. We're working to resolve the issue and estimate it to be completed within the next 12 hours. Don't worry — we'll keep you updated as we work to address the problem and let you know once your service is restored.

Honestly, I never knew it was out.

Then the electric company said we were going to have an outage in the Grantsville area between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. so I hustled down to Mom's Place Too and ordered dinner before the power went out.

I got my meal — fish — and ate and went

to the post office before heading out of town looking for my son-in-law. When I came back into town and tried to pump gas into my car, I was told the pump was out because of the electricity being off and on earlier.

Who knew. Somehow, I missed all three outages.

One of the good things about living in Grantsville.

NUMBER FOUR HALL PERSONALITY: William Allison Shimer was a Calhoun native who became one of the world's greatest educators and thinkers. Shimer was born in Freed in 1894, and in 1914 he graduated from the Glenville State Normal School.

He continued his education, working his way through Harvard in three years while living in an unheated room, living on a dollar's worth of food a week, and working for 25 cents an hour getting an A.B. degree in 1917.

He earned a master's degree from the University of Rochester in 1922, followed by a second master's degree in 1923 and a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1925.

He taught philosophy at Ohio State and at Bucknell, where he also served as dean of the faculty.

In 1930 Shimer became the executive secretary of the united chapters of Phi Beta Kappa.

He started The American Scholar as a publication collecting scholarly work for a general audience with the he first issue being released in January 1932, and he served as the journal's editor for 12 years.

He joined the armed services in 1943 and served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy.

After World War II, Shimer became president of Marietta College. He remained there until 1947 when he moved to Hawaii, and he taught at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

He became involved with the World Brotherhood (later renamed the Council on World Tensions), an international organization founded under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews to promote understanding among different religions and cultures. Shimer became a professor and librarian at Mauna'olu College, a now-closed community college near Paia, Maui until he retired in 1968.

Along with many articles over the years, Shimer wrote a book entitled Conscious Clay: From science via philosophy to religion, published in 1948 by Charles Scribner's Sons, in which he argued for the existence of God as "the eternal all-inclusive reality".

In Amazon's review of his book, it is written "Conscious Clay: From Science Via Philosophy to Religion is a philosophical exploration of the nature of consciousness and its role in the universe."

"Written by William Allison Shimer, this book draws on insights from science, philosophy, and religion to offer a comprehensive understanding of the nature of consciousness. The book begins by exploring the scientific study of consciousness, including the latest research in neuroscience and cognitive psychology. It then moves on to examine the philosophical implications of consciousness, including the nature of the self, free will, and the relationship between mind and body. From there, the book delves into the role of consciousness in religion, exploring the concept of God as a conscious entity and the possibility of an afterlife.

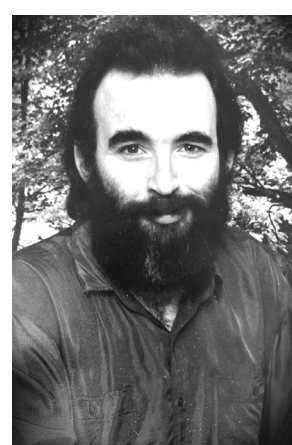
"The author also explores the relationship between consciousness and morality, arguing that a deeper understanding of consciousness can lead to a more ethical and compassionate society. Throughout the book, the author presents a compelling argument for the importance of consciousness in our understanding of the world and ourselves.

"Written in clear and accessible language, Conscious Clay is an engaging and thought-provoking read for anyone interested in the nature of consciousness and its role in our lives."

Well, OK then.

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

OBITUARIES



Franklin D. Sampson

Franklin D. Sampson, age 62, of Cambridge, Ohio, died Friday, July 19, 2024, at The Beckett House in New Concord. He was born October 15, 1961, in Massillon, son of Judith E. Weaver Samp-

son of Cambridge and the late Billy Franklin Sampson. Frank was a 1980 graduate of Cambridge High School. Early in life, he worked in factories and for the Army Corps of Engineers on the Mississippi River. Later, he worked as a court abstractor for several years. He was a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Post #386, Cambridge. Frank enjoyed studying genealogy and ancestry and was an avid Elvis fan. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping, and he loved to travel.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his siblings, Tina D. Sampson Campbell of Kimbolton,

Cheryl D. Sampson-McGuire of Tuscon, Arizona, and Ronald D. Sampson and Lyle D. Sampson, both of Cambridge; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his friend and travel companion, Mark Taylor of Gallipolis.

Friends may call Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 2-6PM at the Kimbolton Firehouse. Inurnment will take place at Orma Methodist Cemetery in Orma, Calhoun County, West Virginia at a later time. McVay-Perkins Funeral Home, 416 East Street, Caldwell, is caring for the family. An online guestbook may be signed at www.mcvay-perkins.com

lessons he honed early on helped shape children and grandchildren who later went on to become cardiac ICU nurses, flight nurses, respiratory therapists, mechanics, mortuary science students, etc.

Bernard left behind his wife of 45 years, Kathleen Harris of Mt. Zion, and their children Alicia Swearingen of Grantsville, WV and Pat Keaffaber of Charleston WV. Also left behind were his four very loved grandchildren, Jaden Swearingen (20), Kade Swearingen (18), Orion Swearingen (15), and Ihla Cone (4) all of Chloee/Grantsville, WV; and two sisters, and two brothers all of Grantsville.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, Bernard also left behind three bonus children through marriage who were just like his own. Those bonus children include Jason Swearingen of Clouse Jason Swearingen of Charleston, WV, on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., officiated by Pastor Kevin Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

Bernard was preceded in death by his aforementioned parents, his young-

est daughter Kacy Michelle Harris, sister Louis Harris, and brothers Ronnie Harris, Clyde Harris, and Harley Harris.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Bernard's longtime friend Mary Lou Mullenex, and to Open Heart Recovery for the amazing care and compassion they showed the Harris family in Bernard's final hours. No words can describe the true outpouring of love received in OHRU from Pulmonary Associates, Ashleigh Franklin, RN, Jo Beth Staton, RN, Caleb Kiser, RN, Jennifer Skiles, RN, Christie Frame, RN, and Dr. Michael Ritchie.

Visitation will be held at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, WV, on Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. A committal service will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Parkersburg, WV, on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., officiated by Pastor Kevin Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



Bernard Roger Harris

On July 18, 2024, Bernard Roger Harris, 78, of Mt. Zion, WV peacefully departed this earth at CAMC Memorial surrounded by his family. Bernard was born in Calhoun County, WV on April 12, 1946, to the late Harley John and Sara M. Harris.

If anyone was ever asked to describe Bernard, they would say he was a huge jokester who loved to visit and talk with anyone he ever came across. He never met a stranger, and he had a huge love in life for guns and his grandchildren.

Bernard was not considered a highly educated man having never learned to read or write, but he was educated in a more worldly way that was completely invaluable to his family and all he met. Those life

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

1) Opinion Editorials (Op-Eds) and Letters to the Editor may contain constructive criticisms, thoughts, and observations based on reliable information. Each submission is reviewed and accepted on an individual basis.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Calhoun County Library hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Online 24 hours at <https://calhouncountylibrary.org/>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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July 25, 1864: A colony of eight Catholic nuns set out from Washington, D.C., and Frederick, Maryland, for Parkersburg. The sisters, who created a monastery there and named it DeSales Heights, ran a boarding school for young women for 75 years.



the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.



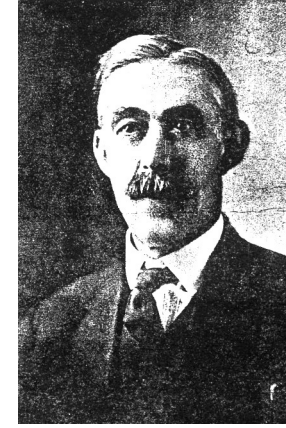
July 27, 1909: Coach "Dyke" Raese was born in Davis, Tucker County. He directed West Virginia University to its first major sports national championship, winning the 1942 National Invitation Tournament in basketball.

July 28, 1915: Frankie Yankovic was born in



July 27, 1896: Clark Kessinger was born near Charleston. He was among

Davis, Tucker County. Yankovic did more to popularize polka music than any other performer.



July 29, 1873: Malcolm Malachi "Mack" Day was born. As sheriff of McDowell County, he claimed that God had called him to enforce Prohibition, even arresting an uncle and his own son.

July 29-31, 1915: Camp Good Luck, believed to be the world's first 4-H club encampment, was held at Elkwater in southern Randolph County.

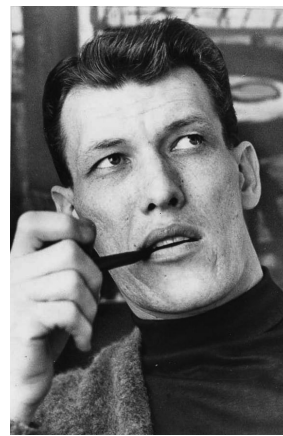
July 29, 1918: Novelist Mary Lee Settle was



born in Charleston. Her literary reputation rests on the "Beulah Quintet," a sequence of five historical novels spanning four centuries.



July 30, 1973: The Frederick Hotel in downtown Huntington closed to transient trade. After it was built in 1905, it was touted as the most elegant hotel between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.



July 31, 1932: Actor Theodore Crawford "Ted" Cassidy was born in Pittsburgh but was raised in Philippi. He was best known for his role as Lurch in The Addams Family.

First Dog of West Virginia Bobblehead Unveiled

The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum unveiled the first bobblehead of Babydog, the English bulldog owned by West Virginia Governor Jim Justice. Babydog stole the spotlight during an appearance at the Republican National Convention on Tuesday, July 16th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The first Babydog Bobblehead is being produced by the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum.

Sitting on a circular red, white, and blue base bearing her name, the bobblehead of Babydog has her mouth open and tongue exposed in a playful pose. A replica of the original First Dog of West Virginia, the white, tan, and brown Babydog Bobblehead showcases her cute, stubby legs, along with an abundance of folds around her face.

The bobbleheads, which will be individually numbered to 2,024, are only available through the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum's Online Store. Expected to ship in December, the bobbleheads cost \$30 each, plus a flat-rate shipping charge of \$8 per order.

Babydog, who will turn 5 years old on October 27th, was a Christmas gift to Governor Justice and his wife, Cathy, from their children in 2019. The family also has two Boston terriers named Lucy and Ellie. A favorite of West Virginians, Babydog often travels with Governor Justice. According to the West Virginia Governor's official website: "Whether it be special appearances on the biggest of stages, like the Governor's State of the State address, or simply meeting people and shaking paws in her travels, Babydog always makes everyone smile everywhere that she and the Governor go."

On the second night of the RNC on Tuesday, July 16th at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Justice, who expected to win the race for U.S. Senate in November, took the stage to address the crowd. Shortly after beginning his speech, Justice said, "I know that a lot of you want to meet my



little buddy. So, if Babydog could come on out here." With that said, Babydog trotted across the stage and was hoisted onto a chair next to Justice as the crowd cheered its approval.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, people of West Virginia were encouraged to get vaccinated with the slogan "Do It For Babydog" as Justice made Babydog a mascot for his vaccination sweepstakes. Called "a mainstay in West Virginia politics," Babydog is also featured on Justice's Senate campaign website. A section reads: "At the heart of Jim Justice's campaign team is Babydog, the beloved English bulldog. (Babydog) symbolizes warmth, love, and connection. (She) spreads cheer and fosters unity."

"We're excited to offer the first bobblehead of Babydog, the First Dog of West Virginia," National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum co-founder and CEO Phil Sklar said. "Already popular among West Virginians, Babydog added many more people to her growing fan club with her appearance at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. This bobblehead will be a must-have for fans of Babydog!"

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Organization: Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley / Local Elected Officials
Date: Friday, July 26th, 2024
Time: 10:00 am

Place: Parkersburg City Building—2nd Floor
1 Government Sq, Parkersburg, WV 26101
Contact Person: Katie Dillon (681) 588-0420
Comments: Agenda available upon request.

Holbert Reunion

The Holbert Reunion will be held July 27th at the Calhoun County Park Barn from 9 to 5. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a family get together with games for kids too.

Cal 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.

HALL OF FAME

1932 to 1943 he served as the first editor of the Phi Beta Kappa Society's literary journal, The American Scholar. After a stint as president of Marietta College, he spent the latter part of his life teaching in Hawaii and working for the World Brotherhood, an international organization founded under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was born at Freed and graduated Glenville State Normal School (now Glenville State University) before working his way through Harvard.

Bernard Pious Bell: Born and raised on Hog Knob he won the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II.



Clovis Drexel (Whitey) Ice: He was the Command Sergeant Major of the 82nd Airborne and had the Army Intelligence School at Fort Hauchuca. AZ., named after him. He lived on Hog Knob.



John Marshall Wolverton: was a U.S. Representative from West Virginia. Born in Big Bend, West Virginia located in Calhoun County, Wolverton attended country schools and Glenville and Fairmont State Normal Schools. He graduated from the law department of the West Virginia University. He was admitted to the bar and opened a practice in Grantsville. Wolverton was elected as a Republican to the Sixty-ninth Congress.

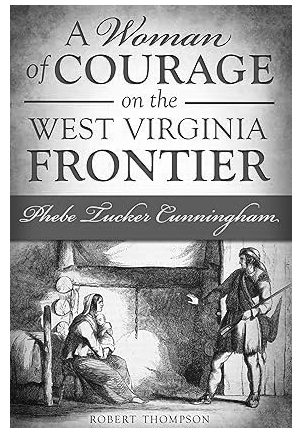
Roy D. (Red) Stump: Was awarded three Purple Hearts and was featured in the television show "It's a Miracle" in 2001 after a reunion with his best friend from the army who thought he (Stump) dies in Belgium of wounds he received. Ironically, he lived in the same house as Bernard P. Bell.



James H. Beall: Adviser to NASA, CIA, FBI etc. Holds three doctorates. Ironically also from Hog Knob. His jobs include project scientist science and analysis division BKD, Rockville, Maryland., 1979-1981. National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council resident research associate Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, 1981-1983. Member of faculty Saint John's College,



1983. Senior consultant East. O. Hulburt Center Space Research Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, 1983. member science and engineering advisory board High Frontier, Arlington, Virginia, 1991. Professor space science, computational science, and informatics George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, 1992. And he is the author of two books of poetry.



Phoebe Tucker Cunningham: The Shawnees captured Phoebe in 1785 in what Calhoun County is now and murdered four of her children. She was held captive by the Shawnees and was later able to get away thanks to the help of Simon Girty.



Micheal Glen Stump: A member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame he became the head wrestling coach at Calhoun County High School in 1987, holding that position until his retirement in 2015. During that time, he coached 21 state champions and had 24 state runners-up. Five of his wrestlers were awarded the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award at the state wrestling tournament. His teams won 10 Little Kanawha Conference titles, 10 regional titles and were state runners-up in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2015. For his dedication and coaching success, he was recognized with many awards: the Dix Manning AA/A Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2015, the National Federation of State High School Mideast Section-

al Coach of the Year in 2008, the West Virginia Schools Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1998-99, 2008-09, and 2014-15. He was the recipient of the Wayne Underwood Coach of the Year in the LKC in 2009-10.



Ivory Wayne Underwood: A member of the West Virginia Sports-writers Hall of Fame he coached Calhoun High School becoming head coach in 1946 and coaching until 1963 when he suffered some health setbacks posting a phenomenal 125-33-7 record, which included three undefeated seasons. He is also a member of the Marshall University Athletic Hall of Fame and a former professional player with the Cleveland Rams and Cincinnati Bengals. He had a heart attack while at school and passed away in 1967.



Minnie Blanche Hamilton: Spent 50 years in the nursing profession and was selected to the Hall of Fame of the West Virginia Public Health Association in 1985, she received the Merit Award from the West Virginia Public Health Association in 1968, Calhoun named its hospital after her in 1983 and in 1984 they created a scholarship in her name at WVU-Parkersburg. She was a school nurse in Calhoun in the 1930s later becoming Calhoun's Public Health Nurse in 1947. While in that position she approached the community for assistance and established a store of clothing for the needy.



Dr. Howard C. Toepfer: A general practitioner who delivered practically every baby for in Calhoun for decades. He was from Tarentum, Pa., and moved the Calhoun County after getting his doctorate because Calhoun "needed a doctor." He stayed here and raised his family here and delivered most of the babies born in a 20-30 year period because the county had no hospital.

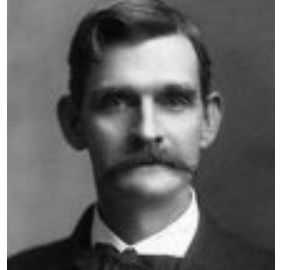


Dr. Larry Godfrey: He was the head of the medical division of the united forces in the first gulf war. Won Bronze Star in Vietnam. His father Don worked for the Town of Grantsville. He graduated from Calhoun High School in 1967 and joined the army and was sent to Vietnam after being injured he returned to American and enrolled at Glenville State College (now University) and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He got his doctorate from the WVU Medical College and graduated from the U.S. War College. He was working as a surgeon in the Turks and Caicos' Islands when he passed away.



Dr. James A. Dye: He was born at Freed

and received his primary education in Calhoun schools. He received his degree in medicine from Ohio State University and then the Starling Medical School in 1891 and spent 62 years as an early doctor in the West Fork area of Calhoun.



Dr. Waitman T. W. Dye: He was a graduate of Starling Medical College in Columbus, Ohio and practiced medicine in Gilmer and Calhoun counties in West Virginia from 1886 until the late 1920's. He was a colorful character and pioneer doctor in Calhoun, mostly in the West Fork area.



Nurse Melba Elliott: She entered the U. S. Navy Nurse Corps from New York in 1942 and was first stationed at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital. Later she helped set up the U. S. Naval Hospital on Long Island, and then served at Mare Island, California and U. S. Naval Base #18 in Guam where she treated casualties from the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns and survivors from the USS Indianapolis.



Dr. Charles Albert Stump: He was an outstanding athlete in high school before going to college and into the military. After returning to Calhoun her served as a doctor before going on to go back in to the military then moving to Florida.

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Bennett joins GSU golf program

Landon Bennett joined a growing list of Calhoun athletes participating in sports at Glenville State University when he accepted an offer to play for the Pioneers golf team.

Bennett is one of eight current athletes from Calhoun on the Pioneers including Drew Goad in wrestling, Daniel Kargol in cross country and track, Briar Stehman and Ian Persinger boxing, Josie Montgomery in golf and basketball, Savannah Cunningham in cross country and track and Megan Harding in golf.

Bennett is from Arnoldsburg and was a standout basketball player and golf for the Red Devils earning all-conference honors in both and was a second team Class A all-state player in basketball.

His golf resume:

- Qualified for the State Golf Tournament in 2021, 2022 & 2023
- All-LKC First Team selection in 2023
- 2022 & 2023 Wirt County Invitational All-Tournament Team
- 2023 St. Mary's Invitational All-Tournament Team
- 2023 All-Tournament Team selection at the Battle of the Bridges Invitational
- 2021 Regional Champion

He will be majoring in land management at Glenville State.

Fans can follow Glenville State Men's Golf on Instagram @GSU_MENS_GOLF for news and score updates plus many more all season long.



Photo: Ridgeview News

July Results for West Fork Riding Club

The show results for the July 6th show are:

1. Open halter: 1st Amber Bryd with Signatures Moonlight Jewel, 2nd Iris Miller with Sunny, 3rd Kylee Stout with Spartan, 4th Katelyn Daniel with Meadow View Northern Independence, 5th Kelsey Ferguson with My Blue Eye Duchess
2. Lead Line: Caroline Moles with Pete, Xavier Lyons with Sissy, Isaac Starcher with Punky, Camry Bailey with Captain, Hadley Barr with Jazzy, Gatlin Bruffey with Ghost, & Riggs Murphy with Rowdy. All are winners.
3. Costume Class: 1st Brylynn Scarbro with Spartan, 2ndKaylee Westfall with Tinkerbell, 3rd Vivianne Bruffey with Ghost, 4th Lydia Hill with Indigo
4. Pee Wee Poles: 1st Allianna Hill with Cash, 2nd Jesalynn Peters with Sid, 3rd Ella Groff with Spartan, 4th Kelsey Ferguson with My Blue Eye Duchess, 5th Caroline Moles with Petey, 6th Iris Miller with Sunny, Participation: Braylea McKown with Mae and Dayton Nicholas with Whiskey
5. Juvenile Poles: 1st Brianna Harrison with Hazel, 2ndClarice Page with Petey, 3rd Holli Harper with Sissy, 4thAlyssa Wilson with Oakley, 5th Kylee Stout with Spartan, Participation: Camry Parsons with Henry
6. Open Poles: 1st Jamie Sinclair with Dolly, 2nd Clarice Page with Petey, 3rd Braylea McKown with Mae, 4th AlyssaWilson with Oakley, 5th Jenna Knotts with Harley, 6thJesalynn Peters with Jack Daniels, Participation: Camry Parsons with Henry, Holli Harper with Sissy, and Brianna Harrison with Hazel
7. Pop Drink: 1st Holli Harper & Brianna Harrison with Hazel, 2nd Carissa Sands & Camry Parsons with Jackson, 3rd Allianna Hill & Adrian Siers 4th Jesalynn Peters & Katlynn Foster 5th Ally Dobbins & Lauren Lovejoy with Captain, 6th Brittany Lamb & Brandy Starcher with Satin, Participation: Camry Bailey & Issac Starcher with Punky
8. Flag Race: 1st Brianna Harrison with Hazel, 2nd Clarice Page with Petey, 3rd Braylea Mckown with Mae, 4th Holli Harper with Sissy, 5th Lexi Williams with Zeke, 6th Camry Parsons with Henry, Participation: Ella Groff with Spartan, Kelsey Ferguson with My Blue Eye Duchess, Jesalynn Peters with Jack Daniels, Camry Bailey with Punky, Ally Dobbins with Captain, and Isaac Starcher with Punky
9. Potato Drop: 1st Braylea McKown with Mae, 2nd Lexi Williams with Zeke, 3rd Ella Groff with Spartan, 4th Jesalynn Peters with Sid, 5th Kylee Stout with Spartan, 6th Kelsey Ferguson with My Blue Eye Duchess, Participation: Iris Miller with Sunny, Caroline Moles with Petey,

- Xavier Lyons with Sissy, Camry Bailey with Punky, Kaylee Westfall with Tinkerbell, Katie Elkins with Maggie, Dayton Nicholas with Whiskey, Kaycee Conley with Satin, Hadley Barr with Jazzy, Isaac Starcher with Captain, Vivianne Bruffey with Ghost and Allianna Hill with Cash
10. Stick Horse Race: These guys are all winners, Harper Barr with Weeman, Caroline Moles with Petey, Kaylee Westfall with Bullseye, Hadley Barr with Jazzy, Kaycee Conley with Satin, riggs Murphy with Frito, Charlotte Bain with Speedy, and Isaac Starcher with Rainbow
11. Pee Wee Barrels: 1st Braylea McKown with Mae, 2ndAllianna Hill with Cash, 3rd Ella Groff with Spartan, 4th Jesalynn Peters with Sid, 5th Xavier Lyons with Sissy, 6th Kaylee Westfall with Tinkerbell Participation: Caroline Moles with Petey, Vivianne Bruffey with Ghost, Kallah Reip with Kota, and Hadley Barr with Jazzy
12. Juvenile Barrels: 1st Brianna Harrison with Hazel, 2ndAlyssa Wilson with Oakley, 3rd Clarice Page with Petey, 4th Holli Harper with Sissy, 5th Lexi Williams with Zeke, 6th Kylee Stout with Spartan, Participation: Grayson Hill with Cash
13. Open Barrels: 1st Holli Harper with Sissy, 2nd Brianna Harrison with Hazel, 3rd Clarice Page with Petey, 4th Jamie Sinclair with Dolly, 5th Braylea Mckown with Mae, 6th Jenna Knotts with Harley, Participation: Alyssa Wilson with Oakley, Lexi Williams with Zeke, Jesalynn Peters with Jack Daniels, and Greyson Hill with Cash
14. \$100.00 Barrels: Only pays first place 1st Holli Harper with Sissy, Participation: Jamie Sinclair with Dolly, Alyssa Wilson with Oakley, Braylea Mckown with Mae, Clarice Page with Petey, Brianna Harrison with Hazel, and Jesalynn Peters with Sid
15. Straight Barrels: 1st Holli Harper with Sissy, 2nd Clarice Page with Petey, 3rd Braylea Mckown with Mae, 4th Lexi Williams with Zeke, 5th Brianna Harrison with Hazel, 6th Ella Groff with Spartan, Participation: Camry Parsons with Henry, Iris Miller with Sunny, Jesalynn Peters with Jack Daniels, and Allianna Hill with Cash
16. Open Trail: 1st Jody Blankenship with Whiskey, 2nd Camry Parsons with Henry, 3rd Kylee Stout with Spartan, 4th Jocey Cutshall with Maggie 5th Clarice Page with Petey, 6th Camry Bailey with Captain, Participation: Jenna Knotts with Harley, and Jesalynn Peters with Jack Daniels
17. Pee Wee Pleasure: 1st Iris Miller with Sunny, 2nd Kelsey Ferguson with My Blue Eye Duchess, 3rd Brylynn Scarbro with Why Not Me, 4th Jody Blanken-

- ship with Whiskey 5th Jesalynn Peters with Sid, 6th Allianna Hill with Cash, Participation: Xavier Lyons with Sissy, Hadley Barr with Jazzy, and Ella Groff with Spartan
18. Open Western Pleasure: 1st Ella Groff with Sunny, 2ndKatelyn Daniel with North Country Nolan, 3rd Kelsey Ferguson with My Blue Eye Duchess, 4th Lexi Williams with Zeke, 5thTristan Evans with Kota, 6th Holli Harper with Sissy, Participation: Jenna Knotts with Harley, Jesalynn Peters with Jack Daniels, Dayton Nicholas with Whiskey, Brianna Harrison with Hazel, Carissa Sands with Jackson, Kylee Stout with Spartan, and Clarice Page with Petey
19. Juvenile Pleasure: 1st Gavin Lindenthal with Why Not Me, 2nd Lexi Williams with Spud, 3rd, Lauren Lovejoy with Socks, 4thCamry Parsons with Henry, 5th Holli Harper with Rampage
20. Spotted Saddle Horse: 1st Brandee Allen with Shadow's Lucky Clover, 2nd Lexi Williams with Spud, 3rd Camry Parsons with Henry, 4th Jocey Cutshall with Small Town Secret, 5thWesley Van Buren with Sugar Foot,
21. Walk/Trot: 1st Kelsey Ferguson with My Blue Eye Duchess, 2nd Ella Groff with Spartan, 3rd Iris Miller with Sunny, 4th Jody Blankenship with Whiskey, 5th Holli Harper with Sissy, 6th Jenna Knotts with Harley, Participation: Brianna Harrison with Hazel
22. Pee Wee Marshmallow Race: 1st Jesalynn Peters with Sid, 2nd Ella Groff with Spartan, 3rd Xavier Lyons with Sissy, 4thAllianna Hill with Cash, 5th Iris Miller with Sunny 6th Katie Elkins with Maggie, Participation: Camry Bailey with Punky, Hadley Barr with Jazzy, Jody Blankenship with Whiskey, Kallah Reip with Kota, Ally Dobbins with Petey, Isaac Starcher with Punky, Dayton Nicholas with Whiskey, Grayson Starcher with Punky, and Vivianne Bruffey with Ghost
23. Marshmallow Race: 1st Holli Harper with Sissy, 2nd Jenna Knotts with Harley 3rd Lexi Williams with Zeke, 4th Clarice Page with Petey, 5th Camry Parsons with Henry 6th Braylea Mckown with Mae, Participation: Brianna Harrison with Hazel, and Katie Elkins with Maggie
24. Stock Race: 1st Jenna Knotts with Harley, 2nd Holli Harper with Sissy, 3rd Clarice Page with Petey, 4th Brianna Harrison with Hazel, 5th Braylea Mckown with Mae, 6th Lexi Williams with Zeke, Participation: Camry Parsons with Henry, Jesalynn Peters with Jack Daniels, and Allianna Hill with Cash
25. Slow Pace: 1st Brittany Lamb with Satin, 2nd Leanna Blankenship with Medieval Art, 3rd Allianna Hill on Indigo

26. Slow Rack: 1st Gavin Lindenthal with Why Not Me, 2ndBrandee Allen with Shadow's Lucky Clover, 3rd Jocey Cutshall with Small Town Secret, 4th Jesalynn Peters with Sid, 5th Amber Byrd with Signatures Moonlight Jewel, 6th Wesley Van Buren with Sugar Foot, Participation: Willis Lynch with Rose
27. Country Pleasure Rack: 1st Amber Bryd with Signatures Moonlight Jewel, 2nd Lexi Williams with Spud, 3rd Gavin Lindenthal with Why Not Me, 4th Willis Lynch with Rose, 5thRoger Chenoweth with Socks, 6th Jocey Cutshall with Small Town Secret
28. Ladies Pleasure: 1st Machell Bennett with Tubbs, 2nd Amber Byrd with Signatures Moonlight Jewel, 3rd Brandee Allen with Hold My Halo, 4th Leanna Blankenship with Medieval Art, 5thJocey Cutshall with Small Town Secret, 6th Britany Lamb with Satin. Participation: Jasmine McGlothlin with Kojax
29. Gentleman's Pleasure: 1st Roger Chenoweth with Socks, 2ndWesley Van Buren with Sugar Foot, 3rd Willis Lynch with Rose, 4th Tristan Evans with Dutch
30. Juvenile Pace/Rack: 1st Gavin Lindenthal with Why Not Me, 2nd Camry Parsons with Henry, 3rd Lexi Williams with Spud
31. Style Rack: 1st Brandee Allen with Shadows Lucky Clover, 2nd Gavin Lindenthal with Why Not Me, 3rd Camry Parsons with Henry
32. Country Open Fast: 1st Willis Lynch with Rose, 2nd Leanna Blankenship with Medieval Art
33. Trail Pleasure Rack: 1st Lexi Williams with Spud, 2ndBrandee Allen with Shadow's Lucky Clover, 3rd Gavin Lindenthal with Why Not Me, 4th Wesley Van Buren with Sugar Foot, 5th Amber Byrd with Signatures Moonlight Jewel,
34. English Pleasure: Lauren Lovejoy on Socks
35. Jack Benny and Lucille Ball: 1st Amber Byrd withSignatures Moonlight Jewel, 2nd Machell Bennett with Tubbs,
36. Open Gaited Pleasure: 1st Gavin Lindenthal with Why Not Me, 2nd Machell Bennett with Tubbs, 3rd Lexi Williams with Spud, 4th Amber Byrd with Signatures Moonlight Jewel, 5th Jocey Cutshall with Small Town Secret, 6th Lauren Lovejoy with Socks, Participation: Brandee Allen with Hold My Halo
37. Gaited Western Pleasure: 1st Lauren Lovejoy with Socks, 2ndGavin Lindenthal with Why Not Me, 3rd Machell Bennett with Tubbs, 4th Lexi Williams with Spud, 5th Brandee Allen with Hold my Halo, 6th Jocey Cutshall with Small Town Secret,
38. Open Fast Pace: 1st Willis Lynch with Rose



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Town of Sand Fork — \$1,920,000

Sand Fork Sewer System Improvements

This is a request for additional ARC funding of \$1,920,000 for the Town of Sand Fork Sewer System Improvements project. The request is due to delays in obtaining the necessary rights-of-way for the project, during which project costs have increased. The additional funds will bring the total ARC investment in the project to \$3,420,000 and benefit 90 customers with improved or new wastewater service in an ARC-designated distressed county.

Webster County

Webster Springs Public Service District — \$1,624,000

Webster Springs Sewer System Upgrade

The project will make necessary repairs to the Webster Springs Public Service District's existing wastewater collection system and wastewater treatment plant. The system is experiencing significant inflow and infiltration due to aging pipes, plant components, and existing pumps at the end of their useful life. The project will reduce the frequency of untreated sewage entering local streams and benefit 655 existing customers with

improved service.

Barbour County

City of Philippi — \$2,640,000

City of Philippi Reservoir Raw Water Line

The project will install a water transmission line from a newly constructed reservoir to the City of Philippi. The project will provide the city, which provides water to most of Barbour County, with an auxiliary water source in case of drought or contamination of the primary water source. The project will benefit 1,603 existing customers in an ARC-designated distressed county.

Summers County

City of Hinton — \$3,255,000

Hinton Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Phase 2

The project will separate existing combined sewers in the Bellepoint area of Hinton in Wyoming County. The combined sewers contribute to excessive inflow and infiltration in Hinton's system. This project is part of a multi-phase project and will benefit 1,249 existing customers in an ARC-designated distressed county.

McDowell County

Town of Davy — \$1,062,000

Davy Source Water and Distribution System Upgrade

The project will upgrade the existing Town of Davy water treatment plant in McDowell County. Significant portions of the plant facility are deteriorating and have reached the end of their useful life. The project will provide a more reliable and improved service to the town's 174 customers in an ARC-designated distressed county.

Calhoun County

Mt. Zion Public Service District — \$2,350,000

Mt. Zion Water System Improvements

The project will upgrade the existing Mt. Zion water distribution system in Calhoun County. The current system experiences significant unaccounted for water loss and frequent failures. The project will reduce maintenance costs and provide more reliable service for 495 existing customers.

Gauley River Public Service District — \$2,000,000

Gauley Bridge Route 39 Water Line Replacement

The project will replace approximately 6 miles of water lines along Route 39 between Belva and Gauley Bridge in Fayette and Nicholas Counties. The existing water lines are near the end of their useful life and contribute to unaccounted water loss in the system. The project will include the installation of new fire hydrants and benefit approximately 1,291 existing customers.

Artsbridge's Summer Music Series



Highway 7

Artsbridge's Summer Music Series in the Parkersburg City Park continues Thursday from 6:30-8:00 P.M. with the musical group, Highway 7 Band. This event is sponsored by WV Central Credit Union and the City of Parkersburg. This week will feature PT Dabbs as the opener. Artsbridge is excited to share that they have several food vendors available for patrons this week!

Highway 7 is a 3-member group known for their versatility, covering genres like bluegrass, classic rock, and modern hits. The band stays busy and performs at a variety of popular venues and festivals, including American

Legion, JP Henry's, Mothman Festival, and many others. With music spanning across genres and generations, Highway 7 promises to keep the audience on their toes and ready to dance.

Opener PT Dabbs has been playing music in the MOV for more than 35 years. He has performed with various bands and is a current member of Henrie Lane. He has opened for 38 Special, Sammy Kershaw, Tanya Tucker, The Guess Who, The Marshall Tucker Band, and others. He enjoys the music he plays, but his favorite aspect of performing is connecting with his audience.



PT Dabbs

Gasoline prices slightly lower this week

Average gasoline prices in West Virginia have fallen 3.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.41/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,154 stations in West Virginia. Prices in West Virginia are 5.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 7.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 4.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.79 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in West Virginia was priced at \$2.99/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.69/g, a difference of 70.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.99/g while the highest was \$3.69/g, a difference of 70.0 cents per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.47/g today. The national average is up 3.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 9.9 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 22, 2023:	\$3.34/g
(U.S. Average:	\$3.57/g)
July 22, 2022:	\$4.49/g
(U.S. Average:	\$4.38/g)
July 22, 2021:	\$3.03/g
(U.S. Average:	\$3.15/g)
July 22, 2020:	\$2.14/g
(U.S. Average:	\$2.19/g)
July 22, 2019:	\$2.69/g
(U.S. Average:	\$2.75/g)
July 22, 2018:	\$2.82/g
(U.S. Average:	\$2.82/g)
July 22, 2017:	\$2.30/g
(U.S. Average:	\$2.28/g)

July 22, 2016:	\$2.23/g
(U.S. Average:	\$2.17/g)
July 22, 2015:	\$2.72/g
(U.S. Average:	\$2.75/g)
July 22, 2014:	\$3.67/g
(U.S. Average:	\$3.56/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Pittsburgh- \$3.73/g, down 2.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.75/g. Charleston- \$3.47/g, down 4.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.51/g. Virginia- \$3.41/g, down 5.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.47/g. "Most of the country has seen a reprieve from rising gasoline prices, thanks to weaker-than-expected gasoline demand, building supplies and a quiet period in the tropics," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While a good portion of the nation saw average gas prices decline, severe weather completely knocked out power to a major refinery outside Chicago early last week, immediately impacting gasoline supplies to Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan, and pushing prices up considerably. We've often said how critical refineries are, and with a long power outage, we're seeing the impact very quickly, but relief will eventually arrive. For now, as we approach the end of summer vacations, I'm hopeful gas prices will continue to edge slightly lower in the week ahead." 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>.

Disaster Recovery Center Opening in Roane County

A state-federal Disaster Recovery Center opened in Spencer Monday to help West Virginia residents affected by the severe storms and flooding of April 11-12, 2024.

The center is located at:

Roane County Mobile Disaster Recovery Center

Old National Guard Armory Parking Lot 206 E Main St.

Spencer, WV 25276

Hours of operation:

Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closed on Sundays

West Virginia residents who were impacted by the April 11-12 severe storms can visit a disaster recovery center to get help registering for FEMA disaster assistance. To locate a center, check the FEMA app or visit DRC Locator (fema.gov).

Other recovery experts from the U.S. Small Business Administration will also be available at the Disaster Recovery Center to address additional needs.

The FEMA registration deadline for the April 11-12 storm is Sept. 3, 2024.

If you have received a letter from FEMA about your application status, visit the DRC to learn more about next steps.

Staff at the center can help you submit additional information or supporting documentation for FEMA to continue to process your application and answer any questions you may have.

Learn more at www.fema.gov/disaster/4787 July 2024 2

Survivors do not have to visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to register with FEMA. If it is not possible to visit a center, call 800-621-FEMA (3362). The toll-free telephone line operates from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week.

If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit emd.wv.gov, West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, www.fema.gov/disaster/4787 and www.facebook.com/FEMA.

Previously missing results

May 14, 2024, Primary Election Vote Totals

Calhoun County

Commissioner 1 Republican
Eric Lupardus 810

Commissioner 2 Republican
Alice Miller Holmes 377
Aryeh 'Ari' White 242
Roger Propst 524

Prosecuting Attorney Republican
Michael Hicks 884

Sheriff Republican
Jeff Starcher 375
Graham Knight 799

Assessor Republican

NA

Surveyor Republican

NA

Commissioner 1 Democrat
Kevin Helmick 332

Commissioner 2 Democrat
Jacob McCumbers 388

Prosecuting Attorney Democrat
Shannon Johnson 352

Sheriff Democrat

NA

Assessor Democrat
Jason Nettles 432

Surveyor Democrat

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In a housing study by Glenville State University it showed that there was a need to increase the housing opportunities in both Calhoun and Gilmer by 20-30 new homes each year to accommodate the influx of people moving to the area. The West Virginia Home Owners Association is working with LKADC and Glenville State University to aid in finding developers and contractors for the areas.

Adding to the conversation was Steve Whited, CEO of Minnie Hamilton Health Systems who stated that Minnie Hamilton has 100 acres for development in the area and there is an additional 1,000 acres in Calhoun that can be developed.

The 1982 Foundation will be adding two luxury apartments upstairs of their office building on Main Street as well as apartments on the Avalon Property, formerly the old Calhoun High School. Housing opportunities like these and others will ensure that Calhoun can support the families that the new industry will bring.

“The excitement is infectious,” Burch continued. “Developers who have been sitting on property are now looking to develop this year because they see the great things happening.”

The group discussed the current per capita income being \$39,000. Much of that income is earned out of county and out of state by people who would gladly return to the area to work in an industry paying upwards of \$100,000 a year for those at AMC.

“We’re a community in transition,” said Propst as he reminisced about the South Side of Grantsville housing being filled with residents employed by the oil and gas industry in the mid-20th century.

“It was a booming time,” he said, “but we’ve had a lot of opposition throughout the years with leaders in the same political party worried about losing control. But new ideas are coming. For instance, Harvard University has been working with Minnie Hamilton to learn more about rural medicine this community is making progress.”

Real estate agent Derek Villers provided a description of the 12.5 acres, plus an additional 50 acres of the Smith/Sayer property that will be available to the American Medicine Company. “Close to Wirt, Wood, Ritchie, and Roane, it is the best laid land in Calhoun County,” he said.

It has all the infrastructure that will be needed available and the property is without restrictions on the deed. Villers informed the AMC group that Calhoun County has a lot of people moving to the area because of the lack of control in other states, high property taxes. New York and New Jersey people are coming because we have the largest eco system.

Villers introduced a photograph of the family of Ari White, recent residents of New Jersey who left because of over taxation and being forced by a political movement. “Ari’s wife Amanda is the chemistry teacher at Calhoun Middle High School, and Ari, who owned a small electric engine business in New Jersey is a multitalented man that can do just about anything, and the community has embraced them.”

Mark Sarver of Glenville State University told AMC that the university is very responsive to the industry needs. With their education opportunities and great resources available they’re looking forward to making it happen and working with American Medicines Company.

Martha Haymaker, CEO of Calhoun Banks, explained to AMC that the people of Calhoun County are loyal to the area.

“They don’t leave,” she said, “part of that reasoning comes from having a beautiful commute to work without interference. Unlike what city residents face in their commute. We are accustomed to driving to get anywhere. That sacrifice is very small in comparison to what living in Calhoun affords.”

She too addressed the housing issue but cited that there was a short term plan to take care of.

President of the Calhoun County Commission, Craig Arthur, who has worked diligently on addressing the infrastructure problems in Calhoun, told AMC that this is the county’s current focus. He described how many people can’t understand the concept of having to haul water into their home because its water is unavailable locally. The county has extension projects on both ends of the county that will provide much needed water. One such water project that has been going on since 2015 is now moving with



Speaker of the House Roger Hanshaw



Mike Fitzwater

the help of Hanshaw.

“Calhoun has a lot of loyal people who have worked to make the progress,” Arthur said. “Our churches are important. Faith is an important aspect. We’re a giving group. If people fall ill, or have a traumatic event in their life, the people will give to make sure people have the best of what they need. It makes us unique.”

Other local traditions Arthur highlighted were the local Wood and Molasses Festival where area talent could be seen, and older generations could teach the younger those trades. In this era of homesteading interest, it has long been a tradition for residents to raise their own Gardens and can the result.

“Many of our people may not be college graduates,” Arthur said, “but they’re the most intelligent people you’ll

ever meet. If you give us opportunity, you’re going to see us shine”

Described by Crystal Mersh as the competitor of the group, Michael Fitzwater, Superintendent of Schools spoke saying “Momentum is everything and Calhoun had lost its momentum – but it’s swinging.”

He too gave credit to Hanshaw and Gov. Jim Justice and Mitch Carmichael for the excitement brewing in Calhoun by the help they’ve given. Calhoun County Schools is the first West Virginia School operated 60 per cent by solar energy.

“Great things are happening,” he said.

In addition, Calhoun was given five electric school buses, the most in the state. Three electric charging stations will be in the county.

“We are closers” Fitzwater said about getting things done.

Fitzwater also wanted AMC to know the level of loyalty Calhoun County people have for their community. He shared the terrible accident of his brother on July 2, 2001, when he rolled a farm tractor in a very rural area of the community. He described how his parents stayed for months with his brother in the hospital, but the community fed him and took him wherever he needed to go, making sure he was cared for, built a handicap access to their home for his brother, and what an impression that made on him as a young person.

He also shared about the bus accident on March 4, 2024, in Calhoun, describing how the community came together. In awe that within 13 minutes the children hurt were evacuated from the scene.

“The Community raised a ton of money for the kids involved. Fundraisers are done to take care of ourselves. Small America takes care of ourselves,” he said.

Crystal Mersh, CEO of the 1982 Foundation said that when people see the pharmaceutical industry owners, they view them as the filthy rich and in control. But AMC believes that “We can do well and do good.” And that’s their intention.

She described Calhoun as the forgotten people. Having the highest unemployment rate in the state most of the time. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for Calhoun County people to have the option to stay where they want to be. Calhoun, from children to adult, fearless, smart and willing to work.

Eric Lupardus, a businessman and now candidate for county commission has understood the difficulties in business operations in Calhoun County. He and his wife Brandi have each operated their own local businesses and he shared how he fell in love with the community because of the goodness and loyalty of the people. He is a supporter of industry and opportunity and wants to see families like that of Brian Cottrell able to raise their children without having to work so far away from home and miss out on the special times in a child life.

Mersh’s final exercise of the meeting was to ask everyone to close their eyes and imagine it was the opening day of the American Medicine Company in Calhoun County, “what would it look like.”

Propst closed with the words to AMC, “We want you. We need you. This is going to make national news in bringing pharmaceuticals back to the United States. Our people will return. Why not Calhoun County?”

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