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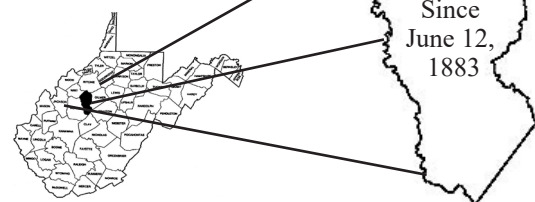
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Candid update on AMC-Calhoun County going forward

By Crystal Laughlin Mersh

I promised you that I would give you a detailed update on the visit from the American Medicines Company (AMC) executive team last week.

We attended the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Business Summit to see if we might be interested in locating in West Virginia. Long story short in December of that year we met with Governor’s Office, Economic Development, Commerce, and a few more groups in Morgantown and the team decided right then on the spot that the first location would be West Virginia. We received a very, very warm welcome and many ideas on how to partner to bring American made medicines for Americans to my home state of West Virginia.

AMC as many startups do operated in stealth mode for about a year for competitive reasons. We then announced the project at the Wes Virginia Chamber’s Women’s Conference shortly thereafter.

AMC in the meantime has been doing engineering design and product development, commercialization and go to market strategies, securing the capital stack, and of course searching for a site.

Our team visited Calhoun two years ago with a less than optimistic view on the possibility of locating here. I was heartbroken, but I knew what they had seen was true and problematic.

I also knew we were on the beginning of a journey here to restore hope, optimism and life to our community. We addressed many issues head on. Some which were not well received and some that will never be acknowledged as problems by those who caused them. This is unfortunately typical of change efforts and to be expected. The good news is that

those folks don’t have an impact sooner or later. In our case, it was sooner.

We have had much change in the last two years. Many changes in leaders and many new leaders and influencers have emerged who are not on the payroll but who genuinely want to be part of the change effort. It is an effort. It takes a plan, focus, resources, heart, and hard work. Nothing worth having comes easy, but that is OK here because we are not afraid of hard work.

Fast forward to last week ... in fact, to the feedback session on Wednesday after the all-day meeting the day before.

The first comment was from one of the other owners, her response was that the transformation is obvious, clear and exciting to see. She saw hope and optimism that she did not see three years ago.

My other business partner’s comment was the excitement and passion for the change effort is palpable. He was very impressed with all the people he met and could see how we can put together a strong workforce by building our own with a technical training program in partnership with the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center and Glenville State University work force development programming.

Then for the tough one ... our start up CEO. On Tuesday while looking out the back of the armory onto some of the most beautiful rolling hills in West Virginia, I got her to conclude that the question is “if we locate here what will we be missing?” Then and there I knew I had her. I said nothing but let her ponder on her own question. She is a brilliant lady. Her education is in biotech engineering and an executive MBA. The daughter of a world diplomat. She is as polished as I am rough.

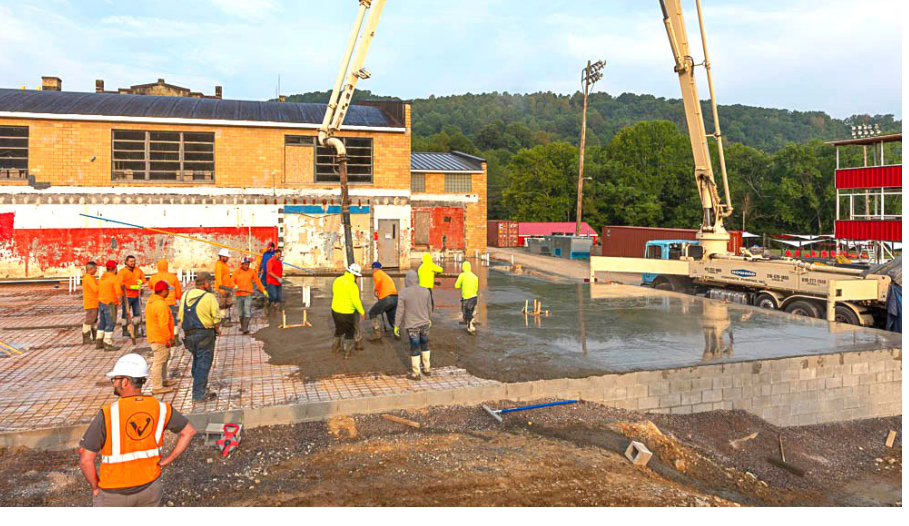
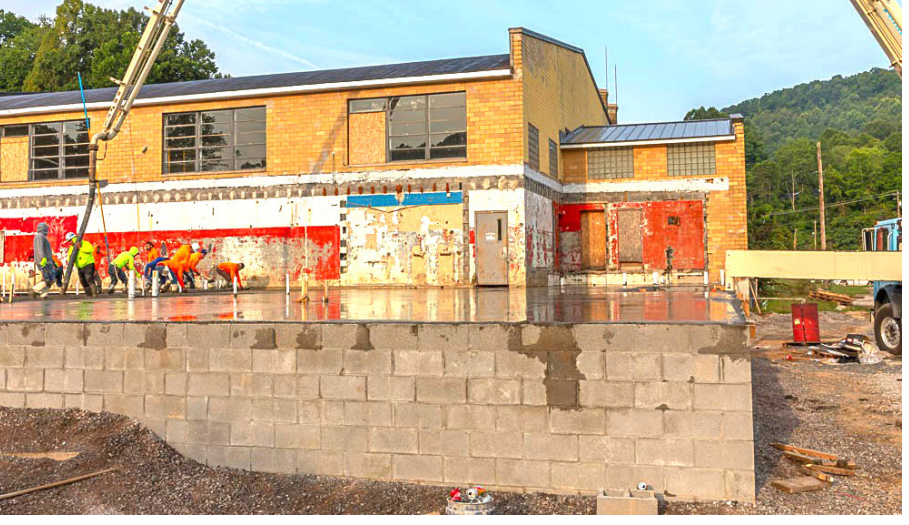


This picture was taken almost three years ago right before the company was formed. Crystal Laughlin Mersh is front row left.

team can easily do that as much of the plans are ready but just need consolidated to a simple document. They also suggested to continue to work on the areas where we have already made huge progress like the cleanup. They were very impressed with how clean the road ways looked and just in general that everything was much tidier. Of course, they were glad to hear that there is state money for dilapidated abandoned structures as well for building new homes both of which we know we need and are planning accordingly. They were pleased with the infrastructure investment and could easily see that this

and we anticipate another visit from the team as they make progress down the path for funding. This executive team are experts, and they have connections at the highest levels of government. They are working tirelessly with our strategic advisors to secure the funding, customers, suppliers, and all that is needed. They also make me very proud. I hope that all of Calhoun can commit to continued progress, because if something happens and we don’t get the funding or this plant, then we will go after another. Our destiny is in our own hands. It is in the hands of people who make things happen.

Concrete poured for foundation of child care center at Avalon



Work is continuing and even speeding up on the Avalon campus with ground-work nearing completion for the childcare center and its cafeteria.

This past week 150 cubic yards of concrete was poured to serve as the foundation for the childcare center and cafeteria which, as soon as the concrete is cured, will allow construction for that facility to begin.

At the same time concrete was poured at the gymnasium entrance which will allow work to be done on that building.

The childcare center and cafeteria will be located roughly on the same spot as the vocational agricultural center and the old cafeteria and band room of the old high school.

Meanwhile work has been ongoing on the back side of the high school where classrooms and a vacant part of the building were located. This is an area where the Varsity Grille will be located. Currently girders are being installed and work has been done to install an elevator in this area.

General refurbishing work is also con-

tinuing in the main building of the old Calhoun County High School and will continue until completion.

Other than the work on the campus itself other things are under way such as setting up a Farmer’s Market.

“We have great news,” Crystal Laughlin Mersh said, “Avalon will be opening our Farmer’s Market this season. We want to focus on fresh produce first and then expand from there. We are very excited that Jennifer Holland will be leading the Farmers’ Market. Jennifer will be announcing

soon the plans for starting and the process.”

The market will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 to 1:00 at the pavilion on Wayne Underwood Field. There is no charge to participate.

Also, the purchase of swimming tickets for the youth of the community is nearing 1,000 passes and should exceed the hoped for goal of 1,100 soon.

And, on top of all that, the menu at the pool’s restaurant – Tiki Taco – has been enlarged several times.

Justice announces State of Emergency for all 55 counties due to dangerous drought conditions

Despite some rain that some of us may have received in the past few days Calhoun County and the surrounding counties of Clay, Braxton, Gilmer, Ritchie, Roane and Wirt are all under a state of emergency because of drought conditions.

To support West Virginia’s farming community, Gov. Jim Justice declared a State of Emergency for all 55 counties due to a prolonged shortage of rainfall that has

caused dangerous drought conditions. The U.S. Drought Monitor indicates extreme, severe, and moderate drought conditions have impacted the entire state.

“This drought has plagued West Virginia farmers, putting them at risk of losing everything,” Gov. Justice said. “We cannot and will not stand by and watch our hardworking farmers suffer from this severe lack of rain. We understand the im-

mense stress and hardship this drought has caused. Right now, our Emergency Management Division is working tirelessly to secure disaster assistance for those in need. Until then, we are committed to doing everything we can to support our agricultural community during this challenging time.”

With this proclamation, Gov. Justice has activated the Emergency Operations Plan,

instructed personnel and resources to be ready to respond to any emergencies, and granted specific administrative powers to the Director of the West Virginia Emergency Management Division to ensure essential emergency services are provided efficiently.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty days unless terminated earlier by another proclamation.

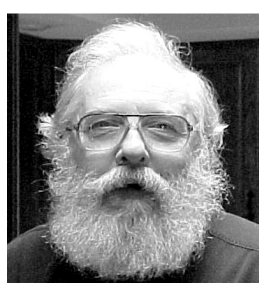
The Grantsville Town Council meets the first Monday of every month in the city building on Main Street at 6 p.m.

The Calhoun County Commission meets the second Monday of every month in the Calhoun Courthouse meeting room at 9 a.m.

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

CRESTON NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
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Mrs. Kevin Gillespie brought the message at the Burning Springs M. E. Church since her husband was up until 4 A. M. With his 89 year old father Silvester in the emergency room.

Garnet was shopping in Pettyville and noticed a Creston resident. She said to say hello to Nancy and put it in the Creston news.

Dry weather continues with, in some parts of the state corn that will not now make ears. The governor has announced a drought emergency. Older residents will remember their family talking about the drought years back in the 1930s when there was also extreme heat. Some smarmy politicians blamed it all on Hoover "because he hated poor people". The current outrageous 'stories' are nothing new. "I was never in charge of the border." Along those lines the nation just watched a bloodless coup de tat. "You will step down and read these words or else!"

JAMA [Journal of the American Medical Association] noted that the US has 5% of the world's population but had 15% of the world's COVID 19 deaths. \$billions had been spent over the years to prevent/deal with medical emergencies, pandemics & plandemics but all this was for naught because of corrupt culture, greed, self-importance, scientific misconduct and outright fraud. Wuhan was chosen as the place to do the research as it was "cheaper" and was not where prying eyes could observe or supervise. It was also learned that Canada gave vials of 7 strains of Ebola to the Chinese communist germ warfare lab along with vials of Hendra & Ripah viruses. Then there are the "biolabs" in Ukraine that have ties to

the first family.

Some local folks had planned to watch the Olympics but after the opening number making fun of Christians and actually mocking God folks determined that there were better ways to spend one's time.

The Creston Neighborhood Watch was busy Saturday evening.

A town in Pennsylvania turned down a Marcellus lease that offered only \$1,500/acre bonus & 16% royalty. World class oil & gas should receive 25% gross royalty but the kleptocrats down at the Mouth of the Elk are allowing the big boys to force folks to sign 14% net leases with no payments for liquids.

EQT which is now the largest producer of natural gas in the nation announced that the plan is to increase the volume of gas going through MVP (Mountain Valley Pipeline) from 2 bcf/day [billion cubic feet] to 2.5 bcf/day. Presently the Henry Hub price of gas is \$2.01/MMBTU.

CNX, part of the Rockefeller empire, announced that they are selling CNG (compressed natural gas) on one of their well pads and not using a compressor.

Local folks are excited at the possibility of a real business opportunity for Calhoun County using the abandoned military facility in the Big [Knight] Bend on the way to Brooksville.

Mrs. Jennifer Grandholm, the US DOE [Department of Energy] boss has announced that there can be no natural gas or heating oil facilities in now buildings that fall under national building code guidelines for "zero emissions".

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dipped to \$77.28/bbl. With condensate fetching just \$59.28/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$66.28/bbl.

If your paper was late – blame me

By Gaylen Duskey

Many of you may have received your Calhoun Chronicle late this past week. Or maybe not at all.

It was my fault.

Not on purpose but my fault.

A couple of weeks ago I was told I needed to go to the post office on Wednesday morning to sort the newspapers into their correct hod.

A hod? What the heck is a hod?

According to Merriam-Webster a hod is:

1: a tray or trough that has a pole handle and that is borne on the shoulder for carrying loads (as of mortar or brick)

2: a coal scuttle

Now at the post office is neither but it is a plastic storage and carrying container for mail or, in this case, newspapers. The hods are used to carry, sort and store the mail.

The folks at the Grantsville post office gave me a quick tutorial on how to sort and identify which newspapers needed to be put in which hod and which little pink card (post office identification cards) need to be put on the hod and where the hods needed to be dropped off.

It was interesting and I drove first to the post office at Arnoldsburg then to the post offices at Big Bend and Big Springs.

We did this and I thought it was a "one and done" for me because that's what I was told it was so the following Wednesday (last Wednesday) I stayed home and took care of some other things I needed to do.

But when I showed up at the post office – whoa!!!

Where was I this morning? You weren't here. It was a mess. We didn't separate them. We shipped them to our main plant (Charleston I think) to let it sort it out.

I said I was not told I needed to be here, so I didn't come. I didn't ask why they never called me, but I surmise that may have been to teach somebody a lesson. And it did but the only people suffering were the customers who did not get their newspapers on time.

And all I can say is I am sorry.

I do not blame the post office because the situation does need to be rectified and it will be. I am just sorry our customers had to get caught in the middle.

I must be honest I have years of newspaper experience, but it all has been in the editorial end of things. I have never worked in circulation or advertising and my lack of experience there can quickly be seen.

Now, I guess, I will need to learn how the circulation department and advertising department work too.

Lord, please help me.

HALL OF FAME CANDIDATE NO. FIVE: This one is a little personal to me since he was my teacher, my coach and, whether he knew it or not, my friend. That was because the lessons he taught became many of the tenets of my life.

Dick Sturm, also a coach, teacher and mentor, said of Ivory Wayne Underwood "he was not a great man because he was a great coach, he was a great coach because he was a great man."

And nothing could be truer. He was both a great coach and a great man and anyone who knew him is better off for it.

He started his head coaching roll at Calhoun High School in 1946 and posted a 125-33-7 record with undefeated teams in 1948, 1950 and 1959. Despite being undefeated here it was a different time, the Red Devils never made the playoffs because at that time only two teams in each division made the playoffs and Calhoun was in the same division (Class A) as schools such as Parkersburg, Beckley, Charleston and Huntington.

"Lots of nights he would get of out bed and work on plays he was devising," said

his son Sidney in an interview with the Hur Herald. "They were always offering him deals to leave Calhoun, but we all liked it here."

"Coach Underwood was a different individual. Very mild-mannered. He didn't rant and rave," said former player Dick Sturm and also a hall of fame coach. "He traveled around the county conducting summer activities for young men and so on. We played baseball and he would take kids from one area over to another area to play and spend time with those, not only the participation in athletics but it gave us knowledge of kids in other areas."

Sturm says Underwood was truly ahead of his time.

"Defensively, he developed a pattern that was later picked up secondary rotations and things like that it was later picked up by the New York Giants. A couple of years before that, Coach Underwood installed it there at Calhoun.

Friday nights at old Underwood Field in downtown Grantsville were special.

"Probably that was one of the largest gathering of people in Calhoun County was on Friday night football," Sturm said.

Lives changed in Calhoun County on October 26, 1967, when Underwood passed away suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 53. He was at the school he loved.

"That was devastating to the whole county. He was so well-respected and admired by people," Sturm said. "He had chances to leave, but he and his family just loved Calhoun County."

He was born in West Union and attended Doddridge High School before going to Davis & Elkins. He transferred to Marshall when his coach Cam Henderson left D&E to become head football and basketball coach at Marshall.

From the Marshall Hall of Fame "Henderson's first Marshall football team turned in a 4-6 record, but things changed quickly. With Wayne paving the way along the line and Forest as an assistant coach, Marshall went 6-3-1 in 1936 and then in 1937 won the Buckeye Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title with a 9-0-1 record.

"Wayne won All-Buckeye Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in 1936 and 1937 and received honorable mention on the 1937 Associated Press Little All-America Team. After graduating from Marshall Wayne – and Forest – played professional football, Wayne with the Nashville Rebels of the American Football League in 1938, the Cleveland Rams of the National Football League in 1939 and the Cincinnati Bengals of the American Football League in 1940."

Wayne's older brother Forest became the football coach at Huntington East High School and was named the West Virginia Coach of the Year in 1946, served as an assistant coach at Marshall from 1955-65 and later was a delegate in the West Virginia legislature from 1975-81. Forest and Wayne's younger brother, Ted, was a football player and later head coach at Salem College and is a member of that school's hall of fame.

Wayne Underwood was inducted into the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1982 and the Marshall Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987.

The Little Kanawha Conference (LKC) coach of the year award is the Wayne Underwood Award as is the award given to the top male athlete at Calhoun High School.

If you ever were a sports fan in Calhoun County you have heard the name Wayne Underwood and I am here to tell you "He was not a great man because he was a great coach, he was a great coach because he was a great man."

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

OBITUARY



Billy Dean Burch

Billy Dean Burch of Millstone, West Virginia, passed away at his daughter's residence in New Brockton on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. He was 91 years old. Memorialization will be by cremation with burial held at later date in West Virginia. Mr. Burch was the oldest son born

March 9, 1933, in Calhoun County, West Virginia, to the late William Edward "Bud" and Maggie Burch. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers, Rob, Don, Jerry, and Richard, as well as his wife of sixty years, Rebecca Jane "Beck" Burch. Mr. Burch was a cattle farmer

for many years, and he took great pride caring for his herd. At auction, anyone who purchased from him knew they were getting a high quality cow. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he will be greatly missed by his loved ones. Survivors include his daughter, Cathy Nolin (Keith) of New Brockton, Alabama; son, Cleo Burch (Shelia) of West Virginia; sister, Carol Baker (Raymond); as well as 4 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Sorrells Funeral Home and Crematory of Enterprise, (334) 347-9598, is in charge of arrangements. To sign a guest register, please visit www.sorrellsfuneralhomeenterprise.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Water proposal

Long Term West Virginia Water Management and Training Proposal West Virginia, especially its rural counties, have had a history of water issues, including, but not limited to, water quality, supply vulnerability and contamination along with training and retaining trained workers.

It is our belief that we can overcome and manage these issues, in cooperation with state input and funding, to the benefit of all West Virginians.

Calhoun County is in what we feel to be, in a unique position to help. Again, this is just a proposal to gauge interest and if it is deemed feasible, we can put together a detailed plan with hard numbers and all the required parties consent.

In that vein, we will only interject briefly some of the main idea: Calhoun County, like most rural communities, struggles to train and retain qualified water personnel. But Calhoun is well positioned in several respects. We have Glenville State University and the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. By using either one or both, we can develop a water training program that will allow prospective employees and students to choose the career path of their choice.

For the most immediate impact, we propose to develop with the career center to train both current workers and prospective students in all phases of water and wastewater plant operations, including but not limited to water treatment and sewage plant maintenance, leak detection and pipe replacement, water main installation and repair, and all other skills necessary to maintain and keep the plant in operation.

For those interested in going beyond, we suggest that we partner with Glenville

State and or WVU to develop a program in Water and Waste Water Science. Those students could, depending on career objectives, pursue either an A.A. degree or bachelor's degree. Thesis students would still get the benefits of attending the career center by having to complete their curriculum but would also complete advanced studies. Courses could include engineering related to water delivery and chemical treatments, etc., as well as managerial other support deemed by professional educators and trainers.

By training students on site, part of their training would include hands on operation in the actual plants, plus possible summer jobs working as operators in training gaining valuable hours which could be applied to certification. For seasoned workers, classes could be offered that could train in the latest technology and legalities. For university students, a minor in Water Science could also be possible. West Virginia has the highest water rates in the country, in part, due to lack of trained workers and infrastructure.

This basic proposal is just that -- a starting point to address long-term solutions to issues that water facilities face daily.

It will take the cooperation and coordination of governmental institutions and lawmakers to the educators and water plants. If feasible, our county, with governmental affirmation, would be privileged to enter the above named entities to gauge their interest in such an endeavor. We leave that up to those who have that decision making ability.

Signed
Michael Plato

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.

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

chanics, space available, and accuracy.

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

3) Phone numbers must be included to facilitate editorial questions and fact-checking processes.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County Farmer's Markets

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

Arnoldsburg Farmer's Market, West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg. Fridays 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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

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

To add your community service information to this listing email contact@calhouncronicle.com.



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Aug. 1, 1921: Baldwin-Felts detectives shot and killed Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers as they approached the McDowell County Courthouse in Welch. As Matewan's police chief, Hatfield had assisted the United Mine Workers' campaign to organize Tug Fork miners.

Aug. 1, 1940: Justice Franklin Cleckley was born in Huntington. In 1994, he became the first Black justice to serve on the West Virginia Supreme Court. The Supreme Court once referred to Cleckley's handbooks on evidence and criminal procedure as "the bible for West Virginia's judges and attorneys."



Aug. 2, 2009: Golfers Sam Snead and Bill Campbell became the first two inductees into the

West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame.

Aug. 3, 1897: Fire destroyed much of downtown Lewisburg. The town rebuilt and evolved in the next century into the hub of one of the state's major farming areas and a center for education and the arts.



Aug. 3, 1907: Harley Orrin Staggers Sr. was born in Keyser. Staggers served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 32 years.



Aug. 4, 1824: John Jay Jackson Jr. was born near Parkersburg. Jackson was

a prominent judge who became notorious among those trying to organize labor unions in West Virginia. He blocked an effort by Mother Jones and United Mine Workers leaders to organize the miners of northern West Virginia.



Aug. 4, 1897: Musician William Jennings "Billy" Cox was born near Charleston. Cox, known as the "Dixie Songbird," ranked as one of West Virginia's premier country music vocalists and songwriters during the 1930s.

Aug. 4, 1930: Lewisburg set the record for the state's hottest temperature ever: 112. Six years later, Martinsburg would tie it.

Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic

primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph soon became the senior senator from West Virginia and served for 26 years.



Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Parkersburg Area Community Foundation Seeks Applicants for Women's Opportunity Fund – Linda H. Culp Memorial Scholarship

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) is accepting applications for the Women's Opportunity Fund – Linda H. Culp Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to assist working women who are looking to advance in their professions and further their career paths.

The scholarship is designed specifically for women who are already in the workforce and looking to enhance their skills and professional development. It is not intended for recent high school graduates or current graduating seniors. Previous participants are also encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must reside in one of the following counties: Wood, Wirt, Ritchie, Calhoun, Gilmer, Roane, Pleasants, Jackson, Mason, Doddridge, or Tyler in West Virginia; or Meigs, Athens, or Washington in Ohio.

"This scholarship represents a unique opportunity for working women in our community to further their

education and professional growth," said Jennifer Randolph, Scholarships and Communications Officer at the PACF. "We are honored to continue Linda H. Culp's legacy by supporting the career advancement of women in our region."

The application can be accessed through the PACF website at www.pacfwv.com/scholarships and must be submitted by August 30th, 2024.

For more information or assistance with the application process, please contact Jennifer Randolph at 304-428-4438 or email jennifer.randolph@pacfwv.com.

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the region by fostering philanthropy, supporting vital community programs, and ensuring long-term charitable resources. PACF serves Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood counties in West Virginia, and Washington County, Ohio.

Bonnie's Bus to make a stop in Grantsville

Bonnie's Bus mobile mammography unit will visit Lincoln, Clay, Calhoun, and Harrison counties offering three-dimensional (3D) digital screening mammograms and breast care education to women.

A service of WVU Medicine-WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Bus will be at: Southern West Virginia Health Systems in Hamlin from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 20. For an appointment, call 304-854-1321.

Clay County Health Department from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 21. For an appointment, call 304-587-4269.

Minnie Hamilton Health System in Grantsville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 22. For an appointment, call 304-354-9244.

Health Access, Inc. in Clarksburg from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 23. For an appointment, call 304-622-2708.

The screening mammograms are billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, if available. Patients who are underinsured or uninsured and meet enrollment criteria will be assisted in enrolling in the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) to cover the cost

of their screening mammogram. Uninsured women living in West Virginia who are 40 and older can receive a free screening mammogram on the Bus through the generosity of grant funding and donations. A physician's order is needed for a mammogram.

Bonnie's Bus has provided more than 30,000 mammograms for women throughout West Virginia and led to the detection of more than 170 cases of breast cancer since 2009. Many of those screened are underinsured or uninsured and qualify for screening through the WVBCCSP.

Bonnie's Bus works in collaboration with a statewide partnership of clinicians, public health professionals, women's groups, and other community leaders working to help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer in West Virginia. Made possible by a generous gift from West Virginia natives Jo and Ben Statler to the Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Bus is operated in partnership with WVU Hospitals. The Bus is named after Jo Statler's late mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson.

For information on Bonnie's Bus, see WVUCancer.org/Bonnie.

Cedar Grove Baptist Church Homecoming

August 11, 2024 at noon. Please bring a covered dish and join us for fellowship! Everyone is welcome to attend.

McCumbers to appear

Buck McCumbers and the Hillbillies (Buck McCumbers & Company) will be playing at Jerry Run Summer Theater in Hacker Valley (Cleveland), W. Va. on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024. The show starts at 7 p.m.

SCHOOL BUS ROUTES SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Bus Route 1 – Chris Lacy (Bus #11) A.M. Run: 6:30 Yellow Creek (Start Rt. 16 Side New Testament Baptist Church); 6:50 Backfork (Turning just past Hildreth Well Service); 6:53 Route 16 South; 6:57 Klipstine; 7:09 Nobe; 7:13 turn at Nobe/Fingerboard; 7:23 Route 16 South Calhoun Hwy; 7:27 Pleasant Hill School; 7:33 Court House; 7:55 Calhoun M/H School; 8:00 Bus Garage **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 2 – Jim Sullivan (Bus #6) A.M. Run: 6:30 Food Pantry; 6:33 Old Pro Hardware; 6:44 Satterfield's pipe yard; (Broomstick) 6:46 church; 6:47 1835 Broomstick; 6:50 Lovada Rd turn off; 6:55 Mill Ridge Rd; 6:57 133 Broomstick; 7:10 White Pine Road / Slab Fork; 7:12 2445 White Pine; 7:15 Road Fork Rd; 7:17 2050 White Pine; 7:20 Horse Ridge Rd; 7:22 798 White Pine Rd; 7:23 379 White Pine; St Rt 16 N 7:25 Pleasant Hill School; 7:35 Town Hill Rd; 7:37 Calhoun Bank / Manor; 7:38 Hospital Drive; 7:39 Jones; 7:42 Mail Pouch Barn; 7:43 Collins; 7:45 Casner; 7:57 Calhoun/Middle High School. **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 3 – Rick Sampson (Bus #30) A.M. Run: 6:16 leave house; 6:43 Prosperity Church Leading Creek; 6:48 Coal Fork Road; 6:44 turn at Jones residence; 6:59 Turn around; 7:07 Lofgren residence; 7:08 Snider residence; 7:10 Milliron Residence; Turn right onto Rt 16 south; 7:13 Justice residence; 7:14 Williams Road; 7:17 Wilson residence; 7:22 Vaughn Road; 7:25 Moore residence; 7:29 Osborne residence; 7:30 Bramblewood (turn); 7:35 PHE; 7:45 Dooley residence; 7:55 CMHS. **P.M. Run:** Reverse for A.M. Run.

Bus Route 4 – Janet Summers (Bus #10) A.M. Run: 6:30 Turn @ bottom of hill at the head of Walnut

Rd., (Allen First Pick Up), 6:31 King, 6:33 Caudill/Aide, 6:35 Lovejoy, 6:36 Sillaman, 6:36 Bennett, 6:39 Nicholas, 7:00 Daniels, 7:12 Rush (Crummies Creek), 7:16 Lane, 7:18 Stewart, AES at 7:30, CMHS at 7:45 **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 5 – Greg Hawkins (Bus #7) A.M. Run: 6:40 Bus Garage; 6:46 US 33/119 Starcher; 6:47 Gungle; 6:49 Walls at Crummies Creek; 6:51 Sand Ridge (turn), 6:58 turn on Sycamore Road, 7:00 Starcher; 7:01 Strange-Paylor; 7:02 Keener; 7:05 Bracewell; 7:09 County Park; 7:14 Mt. Zion Church turn to go in Mount Zion Rd (Pine Creek), 7:20 Turn around; 7:24 Fork of Pine Creek; 7:45 Mt. Zion Church; 7:30 Calhoun Middle/High School (pick up Elementary students); 7:33 S. Calhoun Hwy Propst; 7:34 Miller; 7:37 Roberts; 7:38 Goodrich; 7:45 Arrive at Arnoldsburg School. **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 6 – Terri Allen (Bus #26) A.M. Run: 6:20 Upper Nicut Road (Turn); 6:28 Little Walnut Hill Rd; 6:28am Willow Creek; 6:45 Mt. Run Rd(turn); 6:54 Frozen; 6:59 Lower Nicut; 7:02 Enter Bear Run, 7:08 Turn at Bear Run Community Park, 7:16 Crooked Run, 7:18 S. Calhoun Highway, 7:30 Arnoldsburg Elementary, 7:45 Calhoun Middle/High School. **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 7 – Barb Norman (Bus #9) A.M. Run: 6:25am Route 16S turn into Barnes Run Road; 6:50am Cremo Church (turn); 7:05am Top Hur Hill (turn right and come out of Dennis Fork); 7:21am Route 16 South; 7:27am Calhoun Homes; 7:30am Calhoun Middle High School; 7:33 Rt 16 N Hall Residence; 7:36am Mt Zion PSD; 7:37am Calhoun Auto Care; 7:58am Pleasant Hill School.

PM Run: reverse of A.M. Run **Does not transport MS/HS students to Grantsville in the evenings.**

Bus Route 8 - Barry Miller (Bus #29) A.M. Run: 6:20 East on 5; 6:38 Arthur Rt 5; 6:52 Richards; 6:55 Top of Annamoriah Hill; 6:56 Bel Bottom of Annamoriah Hill; 6:57 Pull off wide spot before Annamoriah Bridge (Lemuels Run); 7:00 Trask (Knight Lane); 7:00 Davis; 7:03 Yoke Oil Gathering; 7:11 Tony/Beam; 7:12 Yeager/Andrea; 7:22 Metz House; 7:25 am Courthouse; 7:27 Basnett; 7:30 Minnie Hamilton; 7:33 Grantsville Manor/Calhoun Bank; 7:40 Pleasant Hill School; 7:58 CMHS **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 9 - Tricia Harris (Bus #20) A.M. Run: 6:41 Milo Road Reip Residence; 6:42 Mary's Fork; 6:45 Beech Rd to Sam's run; 7:03 Road Run; 7:14 Rt 33 E at Liberty Hill; 7:20 Old Arnoldsburg School, 7:25 Arnoldsburg Elementary; 7:50 CMHS; 7:55 Bus Garage. **PM Run:** Reverse of AM run.

Bus Route 10 – John Griffiths (Bus #18) A.M. Run: 6:25 Route 7 Left Fork Road; 6:38 Sassafras Ridge; 6:49 Rush Run; 7:03 Route 33/119E Sampson Residence; 7:06 Turn onto Route 7 at Stumptown; 7:10 Wolf Run Road; 7:14 Sassafras Grantsville End; 7:25 Old BFG Building; 7:30 Wayne Underwood Field/Foodland students; 7:35 PHE (drop off Elementary Students), 7:53 CM/HS. **P.M. Run:** reverse of A.M. run.

Bus Route 11 – Jasmine McGlothlin (Bus #2) A.M. Run: 6:26 Blowing Timber Rd.; 6:36 Sang Run; 6:46 Hannah; 6:50 Beech/Oka Rd. Intersection; 6:53 Sampson; 6:58; Old Miller Hollow Road; 7:00 Little White Oak; 7:05 Turn at Low Water Bridge on Little White Oak; 7:10

(Intersection Oka and 16); 7:19 Wolfe Run; 7:21 Zwooll; 7:23 Blankenship; 7:27 Moss; 7:29 Green; 7:32 Allen; 7:36 Bremer; 7:40 Arnoldsburg Elementary; 7:55 Calhoun Middle/High School. **P.M. Run:** Same as morning route.

Bus Route 12 – Kenneth McCumbers (Bus #15)–A.M. Run: 6:45 Jesse's Run Road 6:46-7:09 Altizer Road out to 33/119; 7:15 Beginning of Henry's Fork (only turning); 7:16 – 7:30 - 33/119 to AES. 7:30 Arnoldsburg School. 7:35 – 7:50 Arnoldsburg to Millstone to CCMHS. 7:50 Calhoun Middle/High School. **P.M. Run:** Reversal of morning route CCMHS to Arnoldsburg Elementary, then to Henrys Fork, then to Altizer Road, then to Barnes Run.

Bus Route 13 – DeWayne O'Neal (Bus #8) A.M. Run: Walker Church 6:30; Stinson Store 6:37; Camp Run Rd 6:45; Mud Fork Church 6:47; Duck Nelson 6:49; Rogers 6:53; Johnny Morris 6:55; Ezekiel Quick 6:56; Double Eagle 6:58; Moore Lane 7:00 25292 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:01; 24954 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:02; Chloe Lane 7:04; Chloe Hardware 7:05; 22261 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:07; 22201 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:08; 22167 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:09; Sears Run Rd 7:11; 21452 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:12; Arnoldsburg School 7:30; CMHS 7:45. **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 14 – William Mitchell (Bus #23) A.M. Run: 6:30 am Little Creek Road, Creston Rt. 5, Annamoriah Rt. 5, Munday Road (turn at Sawyer Road), Big Root Road Rt 5 E (turns), Rt 5 E Hilltop, Route 16 Pleasant Hill School-drop off 7:30am, Route 16 South Calhoun Middle High School 7:50. **P.M. Run** reverse of A.M. run

All Bus Routes and Times are Subject to Change

PACF Now Accepting Applications for Fall Community Action Grants Program

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and its Regional Affiliates of Doddridge County, Ritchie County, and the Little Kanawha Area are now accepting applications for the fall cycle of the Community Action Grants Program. The application process is online, and the deadline for submission is midnight on September 23rd, 2024.

Organizations can apply to the Foundation and/or any of its affiliates using a single online application form, the Com-

munity Action Grants Application. To access the form, please visit the Foundation's website at www.pacfwv.com/Grants.

To be eligible for a Community Action Grant, applicants must be private, nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a public institution. Either the applicant or the program to be funded must be located within the Foundation's eleven-county service area,

which includes Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood counties in West Virginia, as well as Washington County, Ohio. Priority counties for grant support are Wood, Wirt, Doddridge, Ritchie, Roane, Calhoun, and Gilmer.

The Foundation provides support for capital and equipment projects, program development, technical assistance, training, capacity building projects, and, under special circumstances, operating

support. Submitted applications will be considered for support from a wide range of grant funds available to support charitable projects throughout the region.

For more detailed information on eligibility and grant priorities, please refer to the Foundation's grantmaking guidelines available on their website at www.pacfwv.com/Grants. For further assistance, please contact Amy Nahley at 304-428-4438 or info@pacfwv.com.

Parkersburg Area Community Foundation Launches the Building a Sustainable Future Endowment Fund

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Building a Sustainable Future Endowment Fund, aimed at providing resources to support sustainable and energy efficient projects/programs within the Foundation's service area. Priority will be given to supporting nonprofit organizations directly to increase their energy efficiency and to help them save on operation costs.

The fund will distribute a minimum of \$25,000 in awards each fiscal year through the Community Action Grants Program. Nonprofit organizations and community groups are encouraged to apply for funding to advance initiatives aligned with the fund's objectives.

Examples of energy efficiency and sustainability projects include, but are not limited to:

- Energy efficiency improvement projects such as insulation and windows
- High efficiency heat pumps and hybrid electric water heaters
- Solar and other forms of renewable energy
- Support for battery-electric vehicles (BEV) or hybrid vehicles (PHEV)
- Electric Vehicle chargers and installation
- Educational programs
- Design support for energy improvement projects

The fund and its mission are generously supported by donors Jan and Chip Pickering. "We learned about this new grant program and knew we needed to support it," said Chip Pickering, a local businessperson and energy efficiency specialist. "To help area nonprofits with improvement projects which will increase their energy efficiency while reducing pollution and reducing ongoing operating costs -- it just makes sense."

Individuals who would like to support this grant program and help area nonprofits improve their energy efficiency and lower their operating costs are invited to donate to the Building a Sustainable Future Endowment Fund by mailing a check, made payable to the PACF and with the fund name on the memo line, to PACF, PO Box 1762, Parkersburg, WV 26101 or donate online at www.pacfwv.com/give.

"We look forward to seeing innovative proposals from organizations who want to be more efficient in their energy usage and lower their operation costs," commented Amy Nahley, Senior Program Officer for the PACF, "It's a timely opportunity for our nonprofit community."

For more information about the Building a Sustainable Future Endowment Fund and grant application details, visit www.pacfwv.com/grants or call 304-428-4438.

CALHOUN COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

AUGUST 2, 2024

ELIMINATION DINNER

Location: Arnoldsburg Community Building

12 OZ RIBEYE STEAK OR GRILLED CHICKEN

BAKED POTATO, SALAD, ROLL, & DESSERT

DONATION
\$30
PER DINNER

GRAND PRIZE \$500

Every 25th number drawn gets \$25

DOORS OPEN
5:30 PM

DINNER
6:00 PM

WINNER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Contact Daisy Bailey at 304-462-7061

Calhoun football practice set to get under way

According to head coach Jeff Goodrich Calhoun County High School football will get under way soon with mandatory practices beginning Monday Aug. 5th, and a mandatory parent player meeting will be held in

the commons area at the school on Aug. 4th at 4 pm. Calhoun will have a player lock in Sunday evening after the meeting at the school so they will spend the night since two-a-day practices begin Monday at 8 am

on August 5th. The Red Devils will practice 8-11 am and from 2-5 pm on Aug. 5th. Players will remain at the school the entire day.

Calhoun Mid/Jr Football Schedule

09/05/24	6:00 PMA -	SOUTH HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
09/12/24	6:00 PMH -	SUMMERSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
09/19/24	6:30 PMH -	SPENCER MIDDLE
09/26/24	6:00 PMA -	BRAXTON COUNTY MIDDLE
10/03/24	6:00 PMA -	WALTON MIDDLE
10/10/24	6:00 PMA -	GILMER COUNTY
10/17/24	6:30 PMH -	CLAY COUNTY MIDDLE

Calhoun Senior Football Schedule

08/30/24	7:00 PMH -	GILMER COUNTY
09/13/24	7:00 PMA -	WIRT COUNTY
09/20/24	7:00 PMH -	WAHAMA SENIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL
09/27/24	7:00 PMH -	TOLSIA
10/04/24	7:00 PMA -	BUFFALO
10/11/24	7:30 PMH -	CLAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
10/18/24	7:00 PMA -	VALLEY (WETZEL)
10/25/24	7:00 PMA -	BRAXTON COUNTY
11/01/24	7:00 PMA -	WEBSTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
11/08/24	7:00 PMH -	RITCHIE COUNTY

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, 2nd Kaylee 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, 2nd Clarice Page with Petey, 3rd Holli Harper with Sissy, 4th Alyssa 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 Alyssa Wilson with Oakley, 5th Jenna Knotts with Harley, 6th Jesalynn 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, 2nd Allianna 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, 2nd Alyssa 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, 2nd Katelyn Daniel with North Country Nolan, 3rd Kelsey Ferguson with My Blue Eye Duchess, 4th Lexi Williams with Zeke, 5th Tristan 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, 4th Camry 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, 5th Wesley 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, 4th Allianna 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, 2nd Brandee 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, 5th Roger 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, 5th Jocey Cutshall with Small Town Secret, 6th Brittany Lamb with Satin. Participation: Jasmine McGlothlin with Kojax
29. Gentleman's Pleasure: 1st Roger Chenoweth with Socks, 2nd Wesley 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, 2nd Brandee 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 with Signatures 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, 2nd Gavin 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



2024 CROSS COUNTRY SEASON IS HERE!!!

Calhoun Middle/ High School Cross Country Season Begins on July 29th, 2024. At Calhoun County Park, Starting at 2PM.

Things To Know:

- All Athletes Grades 6th-12th Are Welcome.
- All Athletes Must Have A Completed Physical.
- Dual Athletes Are Welcome.
- ZERO TOLERANCE For Bullying.
- Must Maintain Grades. School Comes First.
- Must Maintain Required Attendance.
- Most Practices Are At Calhoun County Park.
- Most XC Meets Are On Saturdays.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out!

Head Coach: Kayla Ware
Email: kayla.ware@k12.wv.us
Phone Number: 681-578-9592

Assistant Coach: Josh Hixon
Email: joshua.hixon@k12.wv.us
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: Appearing on the ballot for the 2024 General Election scheduled for November 5, 2024, is a proposed amendment to the West Virginia Constitution as authorized by HJR 28 (2024 Regular Session). The title of the proposed amendment is "Protection of persons against medically assisted suicide" and its summary purpose is "to protect West Virginians against medically assisted suicide."

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Warner and County Clerks to celebrate August 1 as National Poll Worker Recruitment Day

The state of West Virginia has teamed up again this year with the county clerks, the U.S. Elections Assistance Commission (EAC), and other states in a national poll-worker recruitment effort heading into the 2024 General Election.

According to Secretary of State Mac Warner, National Poll Worker Recruitment Day is a national effort to address the ongoing need for poll workers and to inspire civic engagement. Warner's administration has been recognized nationally for its efforts over the last seven years for working with veteran's groups, the WV Board of Realtors, and students to recruit poll workers.

"Poll workers are critical to facilitating the election process and instilling confidence in voters," Secretary Warner said. "To ensure that we have accessible, safe, and accurate elections we need to fully staff every polling place with trained poll workers."

Since 2020, the WV Secretary of State's Office has teamed up with the EAC and other stakeholders to promote National Poll Worker Recruitment Day and encourage registered voters to be poll workers for early voting and on election day. Currently there are 1,704 voting precincts throughout West Virginia, which requires more than 8,000 poll workers to

adequately, safely, and securely manage those precincts on election day.

"Being a paid poll worker is a great way to participate in our democracy right here in West Virginia," Warner said. "The most secure way to cast a confidential election ballot, free and clear of any undue influence or intimidation, is to do so at a polling place staffed by trained poll workers selected by the political parties. Ensuring there are enough poll workers to assist voters is always a priority for the Secretary of State's Office and the county clerks."

Poll workers in West Virginia must be registered voters. Individuals who volunteer to be poll workers in their home county are paid an amount set by the county commission for their services.

Secretary Warner is asking any registered West Virginia voter who would like to learn more about becoming a poll worker for the upcoming November 5 General Election to complete the short and easy Poll Worker Application on or before August 1.

For additional information on elections in West Virginia including voter registration and absentee ballots, please contact your local county clerk or visit the WV Secretary of State's secure website at GoVoteWV.com.

BUILD WV – Housing Development Tax Credit

Passed in the 2022 Legislative Session, the BUILD WV Act aims to assist West Virginia's growing communities in attracting much-needed housing development projects. The credit offers a State Sales and Use Tax exemption for building materials and a 10-year property value adjustment refundable tax credit to offset building costs. West Virginia is one of the fastest growing in-bound states, and the demand for new, residential properties has never been higher.

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development (WVDED) oversees the program and reviews all applications. A non-refundable application fee of \$5,000 is required to apply. Projects must apply and be approved prior to the completion of construction.

The BUILD WV Act allows for the following incentives for approved BUILD WV Projects:

Sales Tax Exemption – Purchases of building materials, tangible personal property, and services by a construction contractor or subcontractor directly used in the construction of a certified BUILD WV project are exempt from consumer sales and service tax.

Property Value Adjustment Credit (PVAC) – PVAC credit can be taken against personal or corporate income tax of the eligible taxpayer, beginning in the tax year in which construction of the project property is completed and ending in the 10th taxable year thereafter. This tax credit is refundable, up to \$100,000 per project.

Potential for B&O Tax Exemption – To

be determined by individual municipalities, authorized by an ordinance.

Please read WV §5B-2L-7, §5B-2L-8, §5B-2L-9, §5B-2L-10, §5B-2L-11 for additional specifications and requirements.

Projects eligible for the BUILD WV Act will meet the following criteria:

Be located in a certified BUILD WV District, as designated by the Secretaries of Commerce, Economic Development and Tourism

Generate approved costs in excess of \$3,000,000 OR includes at least six residential units or houses

Create a significant and positive economic impact on the state

Will directly or indirectly improve opportunity in the area where the project will be located for the successful establishment or expansion of other commercial businesses

Provide additional employment opportunities in the state

Please read WV §5B-2L-16 for the entire list of approval considerations

BUILD WV Districts

For the latest information on approved BUILD WV district locations, please reach out to the contact below.

If you are interested in learning more or discovering if your project may be eligible, or located within a BUILD WV District, please reach out to the WV Department of Economic Development.

Contact:
Meghan Smith
304-993-3564
meghan.e.smith@wv.gov

Calhoun County Has Been Awarded Federal Funds Under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Calhoun County has been chosen to receive \$4,000.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities; National Council of the Churches of Christ; The Jewish Federations; The Salvation Army; United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

A Local Board made up of local service agencies in the area will determine how the funds awarded to Calhoun County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this

phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Calhoun County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Community Resources, Inc. participating.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter.

Program funds must contact Community Resources, Inc., PO Box 309 Grantsville, WV 26147, or call 304-354-9265 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is August 15, 2024.

Attorney General Morrissey's Mobile Office Sets August Stops for Mid-Ohio Valley

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with Mid-Ohio Valley residents in August to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. "These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure." Brooke Albright, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

Aug. 8: 11 a.m. to noon – Vienna Senior Center, 706 29th St., Vienna

Aug. 13: Noon to 1 p.m. – Wood County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 1 Court Square, Parkersburg

Aug. 20: 11 a.m. to noon – Pleasants County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 301 Court Lane, St. Marys

Aug. 27: 11 a.m. to noon – Wirt County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 1 Court Square, Elizabeth

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Brooke Albright at 304-777-9906. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

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

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

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

"This is a big win for the country's energy industry and the millions of jobs it supports against the attacks from the

Biden administration to further its radical climate change agenda at the expense of our economy," Attorney General Morrissey said. "This administration's Energy Department has no such authority to justify this ban— authority on matters like this lies with Congress and Congress alone."

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

On Jan. 26, Biden halted all new approvals of LNG exports to non-Free-Trade Agreement countries effective

immediately. That decision ignores the Natural Gas Act's presumption in favor of exports, decades of Department of Energy policy and state and private reliance on exports.

West Virginia is the country's fourth largest producer of natural gas. As the coalition's motion explained, the LNG ban threatens the tens of millions of dollars of severance taxes that West Virginia derives from natural gas and the thousands of jobs supported by the industry in the state.

The court's order noted that the states had shown "evidence of harm" from the

ban "specifically to Louisiana, Texas, and West Virginia in the loss of revenues, market share, and deprivation of a procedural right."

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

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

DoHS Hires First Statewide Intellectual and Developmental Disability Coordinator

The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS) today announced the hiring of Susan File to serve as the first Statewide Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Coordinator. In this newly established role, File will serve as the central point of contact in West Virginia dedicated to addressing opportunities for and barriers to services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"We are thrilled to welcome Susan File to our team," said Christina Mullins, DoHS Deputy Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. "Her extensive experience and dedication to behavioral health will be invaluable as we work to enhance services and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the state."

As IDD Coordinator, File will spearhead a pilot project for community engagement specialists tailored to IDD to facilitate community discharge placements. She will continue the implementation of Project ECHO with WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities, providing a platform to assist providers in learning new information and skills. Additionally, File will offer leadership to ensure the Department's mission, values, and outcomes are achieved statewide.

"I am honored to take on this role and look forward to working with the com-

munity, providers, and stakeholders to improve and expand services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in West Virginia," said Susan File, DoHS Statewide Intellectual and Developmental Disability Coordinator.

File brings over 22 years of experience in the behavioral health field. She previously served as a behavioral health program manager for the Office of Inspector General (OIG), overseeing all State-licensed behavioral health facilities and acting as a liaison between the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification (OHFLAC) and DoHS's Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) and other bureaus.

Most recently, File served as the president of File Consulting, LLC, a consulting business focused on behavioral health and improving quality assurance and compliance for agencies. She also served as executive director of a privately-owned, non-profit licensed behavioral health center. File has a bachelor's degree in psychology from West Virginia State University.

File will report to Christina Mullins, DoHS Deputy Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, in the Office of the Cabinet Secretary. Her first day is Monday, July 29, 2024.

To view and apply for careers in the behavioral health field, visit dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

Pediatric specialists Anderson and Jones provide advanced care at Marshall Health



Madison S. Anderson, M.D.



Alexis M. Jones, FNP-BC

Madison S. Anderson, M.D., and Alexis M. Jones, FNP-BC, are now part of the pediatric care team at Marshall Health, a member of Marshall Health Network.

Anderson specializes in pediatric hospital medicine, a medical specialty dedicated to caring for hospitalized children in a family-centered environment. Anderson joins the nationally recognized team of providers at Hoops Family Children's Hospital, a 72-bed children's hospital within Cabell Huntington Hospital, where she provides medical coverage for admitted patients on the pediatric floor as well as newborns in the newborn nursery and neonatal therapeutic unit.

Anderson earned her medical degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, followed by a pediatric residency and pediatric hospital medicine fellowship at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. In addition to her clinical care role, Anderson also serves as an assistant professor of pediatrics at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, where she leads the pediatric residency as program director. Anderson's clinical and research interests focus on quality improvement

measures in the care of hospitalized pediatric patients and medical education. She is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Jones joins the gastroenterology team at Marshall Pediatrics with more than nine years of experience as a nurse practitioner. Jones was a nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Hoops Family Children's Hospital before becoming a nurse practitioner. She joined the endocrinology team at Marshall Health in 2017 before returning to pediatric medicine in 2023.

As a nurse practitioner with Marshall Pediatrics, Jones evaluates and treats patients with gastroenterology-related diseases and complications, focusing primarily on abdominal pain, constipation and physical growth. Her many years of specialized pediatric care and experience as a nurse practitioner bring expanded care and increased access to pediatric patients in need of advanced gastroenterology care.

Jones is accepting new patients at Marshall Pediatrics, 1600 Medical Center Drive in Huntington. For appointments and referrals, call 304.691.1300.

Public at the Marathon du Mont-Blanc Golden Trail Series Interest on every level!



With the Marathon du Mont-Blanc as the 2024 Golden Trail World Series season's half-way mark, an analysis of the figures shows increasing interest for the circuit and trail running; whether in terms of media coverage (up 80% compared to 2023 at the same time), social media (an increase of 30,825 Instagram followers) and video content broadcasts (Eurosport views are up 30% compared to 2023).

- The first part of the GTWS season in figures:
- 929 ITRA points for the top 10 men signed on to the GTWS races.
- 768.4 ITRA points for the top 10 women.
- 27 nationalities represented among the athletes.
- 967 articles published in the media since the start of the year.
- 38 countries are talking about the Golden Trail Series on the Internet.
- 2.7 billion is the potential media audience for the Golden Trail Series since 1st January.
- 18.95 million views on Instagram.
- 30,825 more followers since the beginning of the year.
- 3,567 comments on the post with the most reactions this year so far.
- 38,688 likes for the most liked post.
- 9,405 is each story's average reach. 598 stories were published since the beginning of the year.
- 3 million views of our "Chasing Dreams" series on our YouTube channel. 19 TV

channels also broadcast the series across 105 countries. This represents 230 hours and 32 minutes of TV broadcasting by 1st July, for a potential audience of 223 million homes and 572.6 million digital views in total.

Main channels: Eurosport (71 countries), Bein Sports (World), SuperSport (Africa), Star Sports (China), Tencent (China), Samsung TV (World), LG Channels (USA) and more.

4.7 million views of the Golden Trail World Series live streams and TV Highlights by 1st July after 4 competitions. In addition to these views, 16 TV channels broadcast our content across 98 countries for a potential audience of 228.8 million homes and a total reach of 570.6 million.

Main channels: Eurosport (71 countries), Bein Sports (World), iQIYI (China), Sport en France (France), SuperSport (Africa), Unreel (World), ORF (DACH), Gol TV Play (Spain), RTVE (Spain), Air India, SMG (China), DMI (Dubai), SABC (South Africa), Great Sports (China), China Southern Airlines, Thai Airways and KLM, and more.

38 mentions of the Golden Trail World Series in the TV news following race results. 19 TV channels mentioned the GTWS in their news for an audience reach of 20 different countries and a potential audience of 591 million homes.

Main channels: SMG (China), Africa 24 (Africa), Antena 3 (Spain), SRF (Switzerland), EBU (Europe), ABU (APAC), Reuters (World) and more.