

Little Kanawha River cleanup effort nets 516 tires



How did you spend your Saturday?

Did you go shopping? Take a ride in the country? Cook out? Mow your lawn? Whatever you did could not have been as monumental as what 32 folks did here in Calhoun County as they spent the day floating down the Little Kanawha River picking abandoned refuse – in this case tires – out of the water and hauling them away. Saturday, they traveled about two and a half miles and removed 516 tires from the

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The group put in behind the NuLook Beauty Shop in Grantsville and went downstream removing tires from the Little Kanawha River before ending the journey at

Calhoun Commission Sells Shelter Property for \$75K and Gives Town of Grantsville \$57K

Courtesy of the Ridgeview News. The Calhoun County Commission met Monday – outside.

The meeting opened on the courthouse steps with the auction of the Country Lane Property purchased for the Animal Shelter which ended up not being suitable.

Timothy Sampson was the only bid-

She receives 3-8 messages daily regarding animals needing rescued.

She described times that the calls were threatening toward the animals if she didn't come to get them. She said a woman phoned and threatened to shoot seven puppies if she didn't come to get them. Last week she cared for 16 dogs, 13 cats and three pigs.



the home of Cabot Station Recycling Center Director Lisa Cooper for refreshments. "Five hundred and 16 tires in all gathered from the Little Kanawha River Calhoun

County River Clean-Up #Makeitshine2024^{***} said Brenda Gherke Bush, the organizer of the river cleanup. An awesome group of volunteers. Thanks to all those who helped. Thanks to the land owners for allowing us to take out the tires on your property.

"We filled up three REAP trailers and ran out of room. It was a very successful day."

Pictures from the day show the massive cleanup effort in full swing as the volunteers worked to remove the tires from the river.

Mersh makes comments about Hillbilly Olympics held at Avalon



der at the minimum of \$75,000.

The meeting reconvened in the Little Courtroom shortly after 9 a.m. with two commissioner's present, Craig Arthur and Kevin Helmick. Commissioner Roger Propst was attending a required training.

Local resident Jennifer Studer addressed the Commission regarding the Animal Shelter and expenses incurred by those who foster animals in the county when there are issues with strays, abandoned and abused animals. Studer owned a pet store when she resided in Ohio. After moving to Calhoun County, she became aware of the cat and dog problems in the area. Her heart for animals was evident when she described finding five abandoned puppies that had parvo. Rather than euthanize the dogs, she spent \$1,000 each on four of the puppies for a new treatment. One puppy died on her way to the vet.

Studer old the commission that when a community gets a large dog population they can start breeding with coyotes. They're called coydogs. They get into packs and can attack people and animals. Other issues are diseases like rabies, distemper and Parvo.

"Big plans are great, but the problem is now and growing. Supplies are needed for those taking strays in such as Patty Laughlin." She suggested that there be an organization that would help to get supplies for Laughlin and others. "This needs to be a community project."

Helmick stated that the county is working on the animal shelter. He added that they'd told Laughlin to submit invoices from the expenses she incurs with strays, but she had yet to do it.

Laughlin appeared shortly thereafter at the meeting saying that she was just overwhelmed with the issue of strays. Laughlin pleaded with the community for help. She recognized the help of Teresa Overton and Eric and Brandi Lupardus who had helped to foster as well as other locals who have helped to provide support through the purchase of supplies.

Commissioner Arthur noted that the property sold and that those funds would go toward hopefully solving the problem.

Hortz Motz asked the commissioner what happened to the money collected from dog licensing fees. Helmick said that those funds were used for dogs attacking livestock, adding few who have lost livestock have turned them in for payment leaving \$31,000 in that budget.

Businessman Eric Lupardus commented after the meeting "Today has been a great day for Calhoun

"Commissioner Arthur made the motion to use funds from the sale of the Mt. Zion property towards animal costs and a shelter. Also, a very generous donation from a local family to a possible piece of land for a shelter could mean we are well on our way.

"Patty Turner Laughlin Jennifer Saltz-Studer and Teresa Jones Overton along with an amazing Humane Board and Sheriff Graham Knight have dedicated themselves to the animals in this county and beyond."

In other action:

Madison Harris of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council presented a \$3,000 invoice for Thrasher Engineering who have been working on the Calhoun County Park Bath House project.

Mayor Robert Petrovsky of the Town of Grantsville requested that the Calhoun County Commission provide \$57,650 for the purchase of a new excaAvalon Director Crystal Mersh commenting on Hillbilly Olympics: "What a wonderful day!

"You never really know how a new event is going to go. I have to say that I found this to be one of the best afternoons I have had in a long time. We had folks in attendance from lots of our neighboring counties. It is always good to have the neighbors over on Sunday.

"I was to share a little about the execution of the event. It was flawless and I would even say a delight to organize. Selecting the old appliances from Cabot Recycling was a lot of fun, designing the course too, and even creating the scorecard. I have always loved helping with all our events, but this one was special. I am not sure why. It was stressless and truly enjoyable.

"I must thank a few folks for making the preparations stressless and enjoyable.

"First, our team of Life Guards who had the initial idea and did much of the leg work yesterday, much gratitude to all of them for everything from the execution yesterday to helping to market the event. Thanks to Steve Boggs for setting up the course along with Isiah on Saturday morning. Thanks to Shana Beard Spaur for all the amazing specialty items. The carne asada was perfection. Thanks to all the parents and friends that were there yesterday to lend a hand. Thanks to the kids who jumped in and were line judges and ball collectors. Thanks again to Jim Sullivan for all he does and for being the announcer. And a great big well done to Whitley Cottrell for pulling it all together and for being the judge/scorekeeper.

"And last but certainly not least, many thanks go out to our sponsors for the day ... to Hope Gas for sponsoring the kids to swim and to The Viking Group for sponsoring the golf event.

"We are going to leave the course up so folks can come down and hit a few balls whenever they wish. We will be using the toilets in the commercial areas of the building across the road ... so don't wait. Come practice before the front 9 (holes) disappear. lol

"I am thinking that we may wanna hold a few more of these events. I truly hoped you enjoyed it."

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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.



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. He will be on vacation for two weeks so the next two Sundays there will be only Sunday School starting at 9 A. M.

Ola Mowrey noted that her brother Dennis Norman has a 100% blockage but is alive by "the grace of God". He is scheduled for bypass surgery. They were consulting at the Cleveland Clinic.

Several Creston residents attended & participated in the activities at the Wirt County Fair, which was well attended, especially the truck pulls, mud bogs. Livestock auction, etc. One of the exhibitors there was Smith Grain & Cattle from over near Ravenswood. They were selling frozen sausage. One local fellow took some home Friday night and then Saturday morning feasted on very tasty sausage with farm grown eggs & rye bread from an Ohio Amish bakery. The local grown sausage can be had in Elizabeth at the Wiggly Pig. When one considers the safety and reliability of the food supply it is imperative to have local, reliable suppliers, not Chinese controlled world corporations.

The Wirt road crew was mowing the berm on W. Va. 5. Just below the former Okey J. Campbell residence there is a break in the roadway so when coming east one can be flipped over the hill down into the river. A similar situation on W. Va. 14 in Wood County just before the Wirt County line was recently addressed.

Wirt County Commissioners John Griffin & Nikki Garrett are attending the mandatory W. Va. State Auditor's County commissioner meeting at Canaan Valley State Park.

Those who have scholars in school noted that there was a massive turnout for school clothes during the "sales tax holiday". Inflation was obvious when it came to the "bottom line" at checkout. The so called "leaders" who spoke of the "transitory nature" were shown to be the prevaricators everyone knew that they were.

The local area was "promised" some rain from the remnants of the hurricane but, as it was reported, the rain came only west to Elkins. Drought continues locally.

W. Va.'s governor's financial woes continue with now a scheduled front door of the court house sale later this month of the Greenbrier Hotel, an outfit that presently something in the range of \$1 million in arrears in the payment of sales tax collected from customers. A federal judge in Delaware has ordered the sale of his main holding company & a federal court in Kentucky is also making moves. He was the deep state pick for being W. Va.'s US Senator. Dr. Fauci was very outraged that folks would consider indicting him for murder of millions after the Wuhan Kung Flu virus that he had his buddies make in the germ warfare laboratory was brought to the US to impact an election and remove Donald Trump. Now it seems that hot lead is the preferred solution for the deep state that wants to control us all forever. Some local folks continue to struggle with the impacts of the GM (genetically modified) disease. Now it has been noted that the so called vaccine using m-rna [messenger ribonucleac acid] was intended to sterilize the world since the elites, like Bill Gates, Klaus Schwab & their ilk said that 8 billion humans were too many and the number should be reduced to some millions. They call it "thinning the herd." Of course, we know how rural folks in W. Va. Rank with them.

Creston folks attended the [Sen. Donna] Boley breakfast at Cheryl's Country Diner and the speaker was Dr. Torrie Jackson, the head one at WVU-P. She noted that the facility, unlike the little college up at Morgantown run by the "very important" perfesser Gee Haw, is financially stable and working on many projects to train local youth for jobs in local manufacturing facilities, etc. She is a graduate of Wirt County High School.

One fellow checked his game camera and found 9 raccoons eating corn along with a deer. Bears are common as well.

Ascent, an oil & gas entity formed by the late Aubrey McClendon, announced that their new drilling plans are to target oil and NGL rich areas. Some W. Va. Operators, who feel protected by "those they own" in state government are having state residents sign leases that do not pay for the valuable gas liquids. Some years back one of the Rockefeller companies had unknowing residents sign lease modifications that gave the "poor" Rockefellers the natural gas liquids such as ethane, propane, butane, etc.

It was reported that US crude oil production hit an all time high while at the same time government folks are taking private land for pipelines to facilitate the CO2 scam.

It was reported that several lawsuits have been filed against K & H Partners who recently shut down their brine injection wells near Torch. Seems the injected fluids [which by rights should have been processed to recover valuable minerals] contaminated shallow wells, etc. K & P is owned by Tallgrass Energy.

Antero, a Denver based driller, announced that their natural gas production had dropped 4% but that their natural gas liquids (NGLs) was up 10%. The Henry Hub (down in Louisiana) price for natural gas dropped to \$1.97 while the "cash price" fell to \$1.80. Locally on the Dominion System [DTI] one will do well to get 90 cents. It is clear that wholesale natural gas prices are not impacted by inflation – now manipulation that is another matter.

Never any questions of valor with Calhoun's CSM Clovis Drexel Ice

by Gaylen Duskey

They call him Muffy, but his real name is PJ Muffintop.

Now that's a heckuva name for a dog but he isn't an ordinary dog.

He is a dog on borrowed time. He is 14 in human years which makes him something like 108 in dog years. He is also deaf and blind, and some folks are saying he ought to be put down because his "quality of life" is not so good.

But I disagree.

When I met him the other night, I thought the affable little fellow was quite nice.

I slicked him on the head, which ironically is about the size of a large muffin, and he responded by licking my hand and nuzzling up beside me. He was by all accounts a sweet little dog. The only problem was he could not see or hear. He had, they said, outlived his usefulness.

But his owner is 87 and she wants to keep Muffy.

But at 87 she is living on tie that is a gift from God which makes her and Muffy a good match for one another ... just a couple of souls playing out the string.

But I am an optimist, and I hope both have a long time to go on this earth.

Frankly Muffy can steal your heart even though he may not know he is doing it.

My wife, who is a caretaker for Muffy's owner, had a chance to come home for a couple of days and while she was here, we had to make our routine trip - to Shoney's in Flatwoods.

Why?

Because it is the only Shoney's that we know of still in existence since the ones in Parkersburg, Marietta, Ohio, and Ripley have all been closed.

So, we made the trip to Shoney's and afterward went to the Flatwoods Wal-Mart. But instead of going into the store I decided to stay out in the car and listen to the radio. I listened and listened and listened and when my wife finally came out the car would not start.

Ooops.

I had run he battery down. Not a good feeling but I was lucky since I had jumper cables, and a sweet young lady was willing to give us a boost and we were on our way home.

Sorta.

We stopped at McDonald's in Flatwoods and ordered a treat. In my case a vanilla milkshake. I drank it on the way home and everything was good.

Sorta. Instead, we had to stop in Glenville on the democrat ticket lied about his military background in what they are calling stolen valor. Apparently, he claimed to have quit the military as a command sergeant major when his rank when he quit was reduced to first sergeant and he also claimed to have a combat background when he did not.

That is especially noticeable to folks around here since one of our leading candidates for the Calhoun Hall of Fame was a command sergeant major when he retired. He was THE sergeant major of the 82nd Airborne. Not a sergeant major in the 82nd Airborne but THE sergeant major of the 82nd Airborne. He was the top noncommissioned office. The big dog.

Ironically CSM Clovis Drexel "Whitey" Ice was a good friend of mine. He was the first person to see me besides my family and the doctor and midwife after I was born. He was on his way to school and stopped in to see the newborn baby – me.

Over the next few years, he became my big buddy, and I called him "Jeep" because that's what he drove on his way to school.

After graduating from high school, he moved away and started his career but whenever he came home to visit, he made a point to stop and see my mom, grandmother and me.

He also recommended I not accept an offer to go to OCS (Officer Candidate School) when I was offered by the Army. He asked if I wanted to make a career of the military and I said "no" so he said I should pass on it.

He was a special friend and advisor and a special man.

Here is a write up about him from a military website:

"Command Sergeant Major Clovis D. Ice US Army retired (deceased) CSM Ice enlisted in the Army in June 1950 and spent the first seven years of his career with Infantry and Armor units in Korea, and at Forts Knox and Ord as an Ammo Bearer, Squad Leader, and Platoon Sergeant.

"In December 1959, he completed a two-year tour in Ethiopia. CSM Ice then was assigned to Fort Bragg as a Traffic Analyst and Platoon Sergeant with the 313th Army Security Agency (ASA) Battalion and the 13th Radio Research Unit. Following training at Fort Devens in 1962, he was reassigned to Fort Bragg and the 403rd ASA Special Operations Detachment (SOD) (Airborne) as a Team Sergeant.

"CSM Ice was an early volunteer and

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$75.84/bbl. With condensate fetching just \$57.84/bbl. While Marcellus & Utica light is \$64.84/bbl.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

I have been a loyal reader of the Chronicle for fifty plus years and have obtained adequate satisfaction in its content. Recently, (for the last few months) there has not been a monthly Magistrate Report, or any Court proceedings printed, nor can anybody obtain worthy information from the Ridge View News. We like to stay in touch with criminal activity within our county and surrounding areas and concerned citizens worry about our own security.

Also we must stay in touch with the performance of our elected officials and what they are accomplishing in their crime fighting services. Lately all has been unobtainable, including the rumors of murders, if any, within the central part of the county as well as the criminal activity that goes through the Magistrate's office.

Is this HUSH, orders of the Magistrate's, the Sheriff, the State Police, or the prosecution, or the circuit Judge? I believe you can answer this question and provide us a reason for this void. Without this information being published faithfully I will become reluctant to further purchase and read the Chronicle. I really don't have much interest in the 1892, oops, the 1982 foundation status.

Sincerely Steve Stalnaker.

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 mechanics, 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.

Editorials, letters to the editor, press releases, meeting notices, and announcements can be sent to <u>contact@</u> <u>calhounchronicle.com</u>. where I decided to stop and get a glass of tea through the drive through. It would be quick. Right?

Oh, no. Did we pick the wrong time and the wrong place ... we were in line at a fast food restaurant for 21 minutes. Twenty-one minutes!!! When we got to the pickup window, we got an apology, but it was unnecessary since you could see the cars leaving the gospel music concert which had been held at the stadium beside the restaurant and you knew why the holdup in the drive through lane.

On the way home I pulled the car over to the side of the road for an emergency bathroom break.

My wife asked why I didn't go while at McDonald's.

"I was afraid of losing my place in line," I said.

It was that kind of a night.

THANK YOU TO TWO PLACES: Two groups did some wonderful community services over the weekend with one being the result of some long range planning and the other just falling into place as it went along.

The first was the river cleanup on the Little Kanawha River on Saturday. We had a group of 32 volunteers take 516 tires out of the river in about a two-mile stretch It was a mammoth task and the folks doing it deserve all our thanks.

The other was by Avalon when it came up with the Hillbilly Olympics.

They had a big crowd and a great time, and I hope it is the "First Annual" Hillbilly Olympics and that is we have one next year that is even bigger than the one we had this year.

A GOOD FRIEND FOR NO. 7: Apparently the vice presidential candidate

pioneer for MI airborne and Special Forces assignments prior to the beginning of hostilities in Vietnam. Additionally, he provided many recommendations resulting in improved early man-pack intercept equipment items designed specifically for airborne operations.

"From 1965 to 1969, he served as Acting Sergeant Major with the 400thand 403rdSOD in Okinawa and Vietnam.

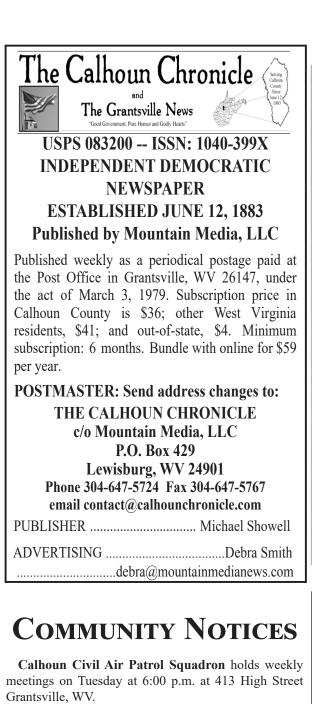
"Between 1970 and his retirement in 1977, CSM Ice served in Vietnam twice, Okinawa once, and at Fort Bragg three times as First Sergeant and Command Sergeant Major. CSM Ice retired from the Army in 1977.

"His numerous awards include the National Defense Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Good Conduct Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Unit Citation (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Vietnam Civil Action Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation (Korea), and the Army of Occupation Medal.

"CSM Ice was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1988, and, in 1990, he was selected as a Distinguished Member of the Corps. CSM Ice passed away in October 1991. Ice Hall in the Noncommissioned Officers Academy at Fort Huachuca was named in his honor in 1993."

No, Calhoun County never had any question about the valor of CSM Clovis Drexel Ice.

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



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 <u>https://calhouncountylibrary.org/</u>.

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



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Aug. 15, 1867: The cornerstone was laid for the Fairmont Branch Normal School (now Fairmont State University).



Aug. 15, 1906: The Niagara Movement began a five-day meeting at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. The organization was founded in 1905 by a group of Black intellectuals, including W. E. B. Du Bois.



Aug. 15, 1946: The first FM radio station in the state, WCFC of Beckley, began regular programming.



Aug. 16, 1851: William Hope "Coin" Harvey was born in Buffalo, Putnam County. Harvey, a social reformer, was nominated for president of the United States by the Liberty Party in 1932.

Aug. 16, 1913: Helen Holt was born in Illinois. In 1957, Governor Cecil Underwood appointed her to fill the unexpired term of the secretary of state, making her the first woman to hold statewide office in West Virginia.



Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender of Fayette County earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of his company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.



Aug. 17, 1946: Oldtime musician Dwight Diller was born in Rand but spent most of his life in Pocahontas County, documenting, teaching, and performing traditional



Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on a 76-acre campus, is the world's largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and



Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brigadier General William W. Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.



Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley's Clinch Mountain Boys.



Aug. 20, 1851: The oldest statue in West Virginia, a nine-foot wood carving of Patrick Henry, was dedicated at the county courthouse in Morgantown.



Aug. 20, 2004: Eldora Bolyard Nuzum died in Elkins. While working for the Grafton Sentinel in 1946, she became the first female editor of a daily newspaper in West Virginia. For three decades, she was editor of the Elkins Inter-Mountain.



Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under General John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

Aug. 21, 1915: Singer Ann Baker was born in Pennsylvania. She later operated a popular Charleston nightclub, The Shalamar, and became known as "Charleston's First Lady of Jazz."

at the old Arnoldsburg Elementary School, Spring Run Road Arnoldsburg, WV (Calhoun County), on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County Farmer's Markets

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

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

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

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

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vator and trailer that according to him would be beneficial to the consolidation process with Mt. Zion and the Pleasant Hill PSD. Helmick said that the County had been taking care of the Pleasant Hill and Mt. Zion PSD and it made sense to take care of Grantsville because of the consolidation efforts. The mayor said that it would be available for the other two PSD's.

Donnie Pitts, Calhoun County Park Board President advised the Commission that the bath house project, which has been planned for years was originally thought to cost approximately \$200 thousand dollars. When the bids came in for the construction, they ranged from \$585,000 to \$644.000. After much consideration it was determined that the funding would be returned if approved by the Commission and they would attempt to build the bath house later. Pitts said the board felt very uncomfortable asking the county to fund such an overpriced project. The board believes it can be locally done for closer to \$100,000 to \$150,000. MOVRC will return with the final invoice for the end of the project and the County Commission will then return the grant opportunity. Pitts also reported that the ball field grading is the current park priority. It's been a rough time to do dozer work because of the dry weather. This will put seeding off until fall because of the drought conditions and they'll be planning to get the fencing and cage up for spring. The park applied for and received grants from the WVU Be Healthy funding that will provide new signage for the trails, two large maps at park entrance and barn, and historic signs and mile markers. A \$10,000 grant was also received for the 18 hole disc golf course, but the funding will not be available until September. They're hoping the course will open by October.

Sheriff Graham Knight reported that home confinement numbers remain the same. Also reported was that all officers are now wearing body cameras that have proven very useful and easy to use. Radios are being installed by Millers Communications for \$1,200 per car. Also on the Sheriff's report was the need to replace the body armor of Deputy Hunt who has lost weight and is two sizes smaller than his current vest. The replacement is \$700 to be taken out of the Sheriff's budget. Sheriff Knight recently spoke with Civil Service Board member Hazel Lane who has made herself available for meetings, but Jacob McCumbers, would not meet out of concern for legalities. They are currently one member short of the required three member board. However, only a quorum in necessary and meetings could have been held. Meanwhile, Deputy Hannah Stephens has missed out on months of a pay raise because of the Civil Service Board's failure to meet. The Civil Service board has not met within one year. Calhoun County Clerk Jean Simers will contact McCumbers and see when a meeting can be held. The county will appoint a new civil service board member as state code directs.

Shelia Burch spoke for the Little Kanawha Area Development Corp. suggesting that the Commission also speak with Wirt County over their issues with an animal shelter. They BEI Zone continues to provide business services and welcomes the community to stop by.

Calhoun FRN requested \$26,949 from the opioid settlement fund to pay for substance abuse recovery, events and assistance. The matter was tabled until the committee is formed and able to meet making a recommendation to the commission.

WVU Extension Office Memorandum of Understanding and provision of \$2,000 to pay for phone and programs was approved by the Commission.

A request for \$500 for the Arnoldsburg Halloween Party was approved by the Commission for payment.

An emergency voting policy was approved allowing absentee voting to be done by any person unable to come to the polling locations due to sickness or hospital/nursing home confinement or other health issues. This will be in effect for the Nov. 5th, 2024, election.

The hiring of a county administrator was continued for the next Commission meeting due to Commissioner Propst's absence.

Samantha Hicks was appointed to the Library Board.

Estate sale

19785 South Calhoun Hwy Orma WV 25286 Arlena Shields residence Household items Furniture Dishes Clothing China cabinet Dressers And much more! My contact number is 304 517 4252 Or 656 7378 if need a payment

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/Andreao;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 Mc-Glothlin (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 Zwoll; 7:23 Blankenship; 7:27 Moss; 7:29 Green; 7:32 Allen; 7:36 Bremar; 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

CCHS Class of 2004 Preparing for 20 Year Reunion in October

The Calhoun County High School Class of 2004 is holding its 20 Year Reunion the weekend of October 11 & amp; 12, 2024 in Mt. Zion, WV, and all classmates are now invited to RSVP to the event.

Currently, the Reunion Committee is asking anyone who wants to attend to go to the Reunion Website at https:// myevent.com/cchs200420th and register under the Classmates page. In early September, the tickets page will be opened so that classmates may pay a small fee that will 100 per centgo to the administration of the event.

The class is also welcoming sponsors from businesses owned or operated by 2004 alumni. Visit the Sponsorship page to make your donation to the event.

The weekend's festivities will start at the middle/high school around 4 pm on Friday evening, giving classmates and their families the chance to tour the building. That evening, they're welcome to at-tend the Calhoun/Clay football game at the high school field, and seating will be available in a designated area.

On Saturday, classmates and their families are invited to the Calhoun County Park Barn for lunch at noon. The afternoon will have time for yard games, graduation video features, and waxing nostalgic. Attendees are asked to bring a dessert to share, any favorite games (like cornhole or Giant Jenga, for example), and any drinks you would want for the day.

Saturday, October 12 is also the 1982 Foundation's Fall Festival, to be held at Avalon (the old Calhoun High School in Grantsville), so when the reunion starts to wind down, everyone is welcome to at-tend the Fall Festival and see what past Alumni can make happen in our hometown.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Susan (Sullivan) Gifford on Facebook or at susangifford27@gmail. com. The Reunion Committee is looking forward to reconnecting and spending an afternoon sharing memories.

AAA: Gas Prices Soaring in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 10 cents higher this week at \$3.447 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.447 Average price during the week of August 5, 2024 \$3.346

Average price during the week of August 14, 2023 \$3.590 The following is a list of the average

prices in several West Virginia locations: Bridgeport \$3.447 \$3.416

\$3.416		Clarksburg
\$3.336		Huntington
\$3.435		Martinsburg
\$3.563		Morgantown
\$3.284		Parkersburg
\$3.574		Weirton
\$3.520	Wheeling	
Trand	e	Analysis

Frend Analysis: Falling by three cents since last week, the national average for a gallon of gas now stands at \$3.44. This is the lowest price for gasoline since the first week of June. Today's national average is nine cents less than a month ago and 40 cents lower than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand fell from 9.25 million barrels per day to 8.96 last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks rose from 223.8 to 225.1 million barrels. Gasoline production increased last week, averaging 10.0 million barrels per day. Crude oil production hit an all-time high of 13.4 million barrels per day.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate rose by \$2.03 to settle at \$75.23 a barrel. The EIA reports that crude oil inventories decreased by 3.7 million barrels from the previous week. At 429.3 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 6% below the five-year average for this time of year.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at gasprices.aaa.com.

MOVHD urges residents to continue tick awareness

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department urges residents to continue to be tick aware. Over the years, the tick population and areas in which they reside have grown, and the warmer winters have allowed more to survive.

give proper treatment. Do not rely on internet tests or treatments.

Make sure you are using DEET or Picaridin as insect repellents - both of which have decades of proven safety ectiven and

Under front legs

- Between toes
- Between back legs
- Talk to your veterinarian about tick prevention prodextremely

has had tick-borne Lym irginia a high rate o disease since 2017, with others such as anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever also reported.

Lyme disease occurs if the bacteria avoid the immune system at the tick bite, causing flu-like symptoms. Certain strains of the bacteria can cause more severe symp toms of neurological and/or cardiac issues in about 1-10 percent of Lyme disease cases.

About 30,000-50,000 Lyme Disease cases are reported every year in the United States. Around 250-6,000 cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever are reported, making it more rare, but more dangerous if not receiving prompt treatment.

There is plenty of tick-borne disease misinformation circulating online. Remember, getting bit by a tick does not mean you will get a disease -- many factors are in-volved including whether or not the tick is carrying the bacteria and for how long the tick is feeding. If you are bitten and showing symptoms like fever, headaches, chills, muscle aches/pain, and/or rash, contact your healthcare provider, who can test for these diseases and

are using them according to the product's instructions.

Homemade repellents are not as effective.

Spending any time outside can put our human and pet residents in the path of ticks. After coming back inside, make sure to do a full body check.

- Check:
- Under the arms
- In/around ears
- Inside belly button
- Back of knees
- in/around hair Between legs
- Around waist

Take a shower immediately and wash and dry the clothes worn outside on high heat.

On pets, you should comb them immediately after coming back inside and check:

- in/around ears
- Around tail
- Around eyelids
- Under collar

ogs. chemicals, so talk to your veterinarian before applying any kind of tick prevention products to them.

The CDC gives tips on how to remove a tick.

You should:

• Use clean, fine-tipped tweezers to grasp tick as close to skin as possible

 Pull upward with steady, even pressure (do not twist/ jerk)

• After removal, clean the area and your hands with soap and water

- Do not crush tick with fingers dispose of it by:
- Putting it in alcohol
- Putting it in a sealed bag
- Wrapping it tightly in tape

 Wrapping it tightly in tape
Flushing down toilet
The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves
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Counties. Visit the website, movhd.com for more information. Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook and @MOVHealthDept on Instagram and Twitter.

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

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

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3-5 Kindergarten Readiness Program

The 3-5 Kindergarten Readiness Program is a year-around schoolreadiness program that provides children and families opportunities to become familiar with their school environment, make new friends and engage in early learning activities. We work in partnership with communities, fostering authentic connections between school and family.

- 🧭 Week Play and Learn Groups
- "Transition to School" Activities \checkmark
- Book Bag Exchange/Building Home Libraries \checkmark
- Ø **Developmental Screenings**
- Parent Academy and Home Visits *Select Location
- Social-emotional, early numeracy, physical/ motor, thinking / cognition, early literacy and language skills

Save the Children



Calhoun County Board of Education

August 12, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting

(Invoice list available for review at Calhoun County

CALHOUNCOUNTYSCHOOLS **Calhoun County Board of Education** MOUNT ZION, WEST VIRGINIA August 12, 2024 **Regular Board Meeting** 5:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Board Acknowledgements
- **IV.** Delegations
- V. Approval of July 1, 2024 (Special/Reorganization-al) Minutes, July 15, 2024 (Regular)
- Minutes and July 29, 2024(Special) Minutes (Attachment A)
- VI. Discussion and Reports (Attachment B):

Discussions:

Reports:

- A. Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center Reports (July 2, 2024 and July 16, 2024) - Horst
 - Motz
 - Superintendent
 - **B.** Superintendent Reports 1. Director and School Reports
 - MIP Update
 - 3. SBA Update
 - Solar Update
 - 5. Instruction/Curriculum
 - 6. Master Schedules
 - 7. Professional Development

 - 8. Filling Open Positions Between Board Meetings Superintendent Recommendations:
 - VII. Old Business (Attachment C):
 - A. Policies for Approval
- 1. CHAPTER: Curriculum TITLE: Freedom of Expression School-Sponsored Media
 - VIII. New Business (Attachment D):

A. Finance for Approval August 12, 2024

- 1. General Fund Invoices \$ 102,573.55
- 2. Supplements \$ 56,581.00
- Transfers \$
- 4. July 2024 Financial Statement

Board of Education Office) B. Superintendent/Board Goals Approval C. Calhoun County Schools Excess Levy **D.** Contracts 1. Joyce Williams 2. Debra Smith 3. Mountain State Educational Services - CFO Mentor **E.** Volunteer Requests IX. Personnel (Attachment E): A. Policy 5000 Moves FY 2024-2025 1. Bart Harper, Social Studies/Science Teacher, CMHS to Middle School ALC Teacher, CMHS effective 8/12/24 **B.** Retirements Professional Service 1. Timothy McCumbers, Multi-Classified Service Personnel, Maintenance/Carp/Mechanic I/Electrical/HVAC/Handyman/Watchman/Plumber I/ Welder/Heavy Equipment Operator/Sanitation Plant Operator/Grounds man effective September 6, 2024 Extracurricular **C. Resignations** Professional 1. Julie Summers, After School Tutor-Teachers, CMHS Job ID 26771 2. Jo Hanna Deuley, Substitute Teacher 3. Valerie Bircher, Social Studies Teacher, CMHS Job ID 27361

Service

- 1. Jo Hanna Deuley, Substitute Multi-Classified Aide
- Aide/Specialized Health Care Procedures

- Extracurricular

- D. Employment
- Professional 1. Jill Trippett, Substitute Teacher Job ID 26729

Service

- 1. Charles O'Neal, Bus Operator Activity Run South, Job ID 26865
- 2. Chris Lacy, Bus Operator Activity Run North, Job ID 26869
- 3. Samantha Moles, Multi-Classified Aide II/Bus Aide/Supervisory
- Aide/Specialized Health Care Procedures/ECCAT -2nd Grade AES Job ID
- 27914 (rescinded application and acceptance of position on 8/8/24 via e
 - mail) Mikayla Toney, Multi-Classified Aide II/Bus Aide/
- Supervisorv Aide/Specialized Health Care Procedures/ECCAT -2nd Grade AES Job ID
- 27914
- 5. Crystal Toney, Secretary III/Accountant II, CMHS Job ID 28056
- Extracurricular
- 1. Ian Persinger, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Job ID 27051 (pending
- certification)

2. Lacy Hicks, Certified/Authorized Non-Paid Assistant Varsity Cheerleading

- Coach, Job ID 27952 (pending certification)
- 3. Muriah Nutter, Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, Job ID 27951 (pending
 - certification)
 - X. Adjournment

Future Board Meeting Dates:

• September 16, 2024, (Regular Meeting), Board of Education

• October 14, 2024, (Work Session) Arnoldsburg Elementary School

• October 14, 2024, (Regular/LSIC) Arnoldsburg Elementary School

• November 12, 2024, (Regular/LSIC) Pleasant Hill **Elementary School**

• December 16, 2024, (Regular/LSIC) Calhoun Middle High School



CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Calhoun Board of Education August 12, 2024 Special Meeting Work Session 4:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Work Session:

- Superintendent Goals
- Board Goals
- Levy Call

- 2. Donna Schoolcraft, Multi-Classified Aide II/Bus
- Aide/Specialized Health Care Procedures/ECCAT -

1. Timothy Davis, Head Coach Middle School Boys Basketball

II/Bus Aide/Supervisory Aide/Supervisorv Kindergarten, PHE, Job

ID 27049

IV. Adjournment

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Miller Receives 2024 West Virginia Women in Agriculture Award at **State Fair**

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) spoke at the 99th Annual West Virginia State Fair and received a 2024 West Virginia Women in Agriculture Award from the state's Department of Agriculture for her contributions to the industry.

"I am thankful to have received the 2024 West Virginia Women in Agriculture Award at the West Virginia State Fair. Agriculture helps strengthen our state's economy and environment in many ways. It's an industry that's full of many rewarding opportunities and diligent workers. Operating my family farm has taught me so much and has played a big role in how I have considered legislation during my political career. I am grateful for this experience, and I will continue to look out for West Virginia farmers and agriculture," said Congresswoman Miller.

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WAG Trap-Neuter-**Return on Aug. 25**

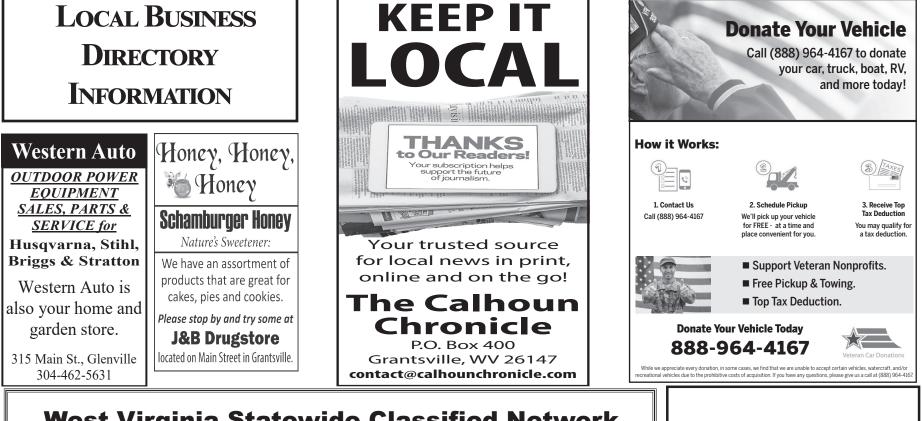
On Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping feral cats in the Orma area to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program).

We would appreciate it if you would not put food out for them on Saturday, Aug. 24 as we will be trapping on Sunday morning. Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation.

So far, we have spayed and neutered 954 community cats (516 fe-

males and 438 males). Please keep your per-sonal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Sunday the 25th. If you have any questions, please call Linda Buchanan at 304-354-7506. If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to Calhoun County residents at no cost to the caretaker. Partial funding for Trap-Neuter-Return is provided by The Oakland Foundation, The Bernard Mc-Donough Foundation, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the Calhoun County Commission

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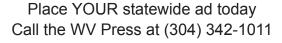
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NOTICE

The Calhoun County Board of Education hereby gives notice that pursuant to W.Va. Code 3-10-1 & 3-10-7, the election to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term in the office of the County Board of Education, eligible districts being Lee, Washington, Sherman or Center, will be on the ballot for the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Candidates seeking election shall file a certificate of announcement and pay the filing fee to the clerk of the county commission no earlier than the first Monday in August and no later than 77 days before the general election.

Eligibility requirements for county board members can be found in W.Va. Code 18-5-1a, Candidates must reside in either the districts of Lee, Washington, Sherman or Center.

Jenna Jett, President Calhoun County Board of Education

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In the Matter of The Adoption of MICHAEL ANDREW HOLMES

Civil Action No. CC-07-2024-A-5

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: LISA IVONNE SULLIVAN

The object of the above-styled action is adoption of Michael Andrew Holmes. It appearing that the whereabouts of the biological mother are unknown, it is Ordered that she appear before the Honorable Anita Harold Ashley on the 22nd day of August, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., to provide an answer or any defense that she may have to the Petition for Adoption.

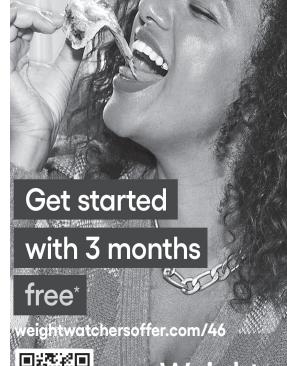
A copy of the Petition for Adoption may be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located at the Calhoun County Courthouse located at 363 Main Street, Grantsville, West Virginia.

Your parental rights, if any, may be terminated in the proceeding. You may appear and defend any such rights within the required time after such service. Any person who is properly served and fails to respond within the required time after its service may not appear in or receive further notice of the adoption proceedings.

Entered this 6th day of August, 2024.

Sherla R Barretson

Sheila Garrettson Calhoun County Circuit Clerk





IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: TAMMY LYNETTE JETT TO TAMMY LYNETTE LOCKNEY

ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME

This 26th day of July, 2024, came the Petitioner, TAMMY LY-NETTE JETT and by leave of Court filed her Petition setting forth that she is a resident of Calhoun County, West Virginia, that she is the daughter of LEAH JEAN LOCKNEY and CECIL DAVIS and that she was born on the 24th day of December, 1970.

And, it appearing to the Court that the Petitioner has been a bona fide resident of Calhoun County, West Virginia, for at least one (1) year prior to the filing of her Petition for change of name and that the Notice of the application for change of name setting forth the time and place has been duly published in the Calhoun Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation for one (1) week. She states that the desire to change her name is not based on any evil or fraudulent intent, and that the Court having considered said Petition, and being of the opinion that the application made therein should be granted, preceding under the stature in such cases made and provided, to-wit: Chapter 48, Article 5, Section 1 on the Code of West Virginia, as amended, doth hereby change the name of TAMMY LYNETTE JETT to TAMMY LYNETTE LOCKNEY and she shall hereafter, be lawfully known as TAMMY LYNETTE LOCKNEY.

It is further ORDERED that the clerk is to send a certified copy of this order to the Department of Vital Statistics.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: KAITLYN GRACE JETT

TO KAITLYN GRACE LOCKNEY

ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME

This 26th day of July, 2024, came the Petitioner, KAITLYN GRACE JETT and by leave of Court filed her Petition setting forth that she is a resident of Calhoun County, West Virginia, that she is the daughter of TAMMY LYNETTE DAVIS and RONZEL DEWAYNE JETT and that she was born on the 28th day of February, 2001.

And, it appearing to the Court that the Petitioner has been a bona fide resident of Calhoun County, West Virginia, for at least one (1) year prior to the filing of her Petition for change of name and that the Notice of the application for change of name setting forth the time and place has been duly published in the Calhoun Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation for one (1) week. She states that the desire to change her name is not based on any evil or fraudulent intent, and that the Court having considered said Petition, and being of the opinion that the application made therein should be granted, preceding under the stature in such cases made and provided, to-wit: Chapter 48, Article 5, Section 1 on the Code of West Virginia, as amended, doth hereby change the name of KAITLYN GRACE JETT to KAITLYN GRACE LOCKNEY and she shall hereafter, be lawfully known as KAITLYN GRACE LOCKNEY.

It is further ORDERED that the clerk is to send a certified copy of this order to the Department of Vital Statistics.

ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
1. Timothy Allan Beardsley	200 Beardsley Rd.	April 15, 2024	September 21, 2018
	Lowell, OH 45744	-	-
2. Paul S. Meredith	5908 E. Leisure Lane	March 15, 2023	January 30, 2000
	Cave Creek, AZ 85331		
3. Edsel D. Moss	6181 Meldon Drive	November 20, 2016	November 22, 1980
	Mentor, OH 44060		

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
1. Linda M. Beardsley	200 Beardsley Rd. Lowell, OH 45744	Spouse	August 7, 2024
2. Charles S. Meredith	5908 E. Leisure Lane Cave Creek, AZ 85331	Son	August 7, 2024
3. Doris A. Moss	108857 Johnnycake Ridge Rd. Concord, OH 44077	Daughter	August 7, 2024

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street; PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later.

Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Administration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law.

Enter this 7th day of August 2024.

Jean Simers Clerk of the County Commission Class II Legal



NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthou

sion of Califoun County, west virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, west virginia;			
Decedent	Personal	Address	
	Representative		
Thomas Harold Morehead	Lora Lynn Morehead	606 Long Rd., Walton, WV 25286	
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August 7, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before October 7, 2024. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

lean Simers Jean Simers, Clerk Calhoun County Commission

G WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **Division of Highways**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until September 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com. The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Tariff Form No. 8-C (Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUB-LIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will decrease revenues approximately \$33.1 million annually, a decrease of 16.63%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC PROPOSED			
	\$	%	
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	INCREASE/	INCREASE/	
	(DECREASE)	(DECREASE)	
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	(\$13.69)	(13.60%)	
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	(\$56.59)	(16.83%)	
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$0.18	0.02%	
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LCS)	(\$3,170.49)	(24.59%)	
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LCS) 1/	\$2.65	0.03%	
Industrial Sales (Rate Class LCI-D & LCI-DS)	(\$6,104.96)	(25.85%)	
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	(\$8,352.21)	(22.93%)	
Daily Balancing for Transport	\$17.22	3.84%	
1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.			
FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV - PROPOSED			

FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV - PROPOSED			
\$	%		
INCREASE/	INCREASE/		
(DECREASE)	(DECREASE)		
(\$24.09)	(23.03%)		
(\$121.62)	(25.70%)		
(\$1,683.61)	(31.59%)		
(\$39.32)	(18.63%)		
CE COMPANY - P	ROPOSED		
\$	%		
INCREASE/	INCREASE/		
(DECREASE)	(DECREASE)		
(\$15.01)	(20.91%)		
(\$73.78)	(26.84%)		
FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY - PROPOSED			
\$	%		
INCREASE/	INCREASE/		
DECREASE	DECREASE		
(\$5.33)	(7.22%)		
(\$22.23)	(11.02%)		
	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE) (\$24.09) (\$121.62) (\$121.62) (\$139.32) CE COMPANY - P \$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE) (\$15.01) (\$73.78) S COMPANY - PR \$ INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$5.33)		

Resale customers of the Company include Consumers Gas Utility Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Co., and Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville)

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323



ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS PLEASANT HILL PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA BIG SPRINGS PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS

General Notice

Pleasant Hill PSD (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: BIG SPRINGS PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the Pleasant Hill Public Service District, P.O. Box 327 Grantsville WV 26147 (mailing address) at the office of the District located at 122 Nobe Road, Five Forks, WV 26136 until September 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work: Piping and structure improvements at the Big Springs pump station near Five Forks, Calhoun County. **Obtaining the Bidding Documents**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:



Tariff Form No. 8-C (Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C)) PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing decreased rates, tolls

and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will decrease revenue approximately \$38,675,000 annually, a decrease of approximately 25.4%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	DECREASE	DECREASE
Residential	\$ 10.85	12.24%
Commercial	\$ 50.62	14.85%
Industrial	\$ 763.20	15.12 %
Resale	\$ 1,703.30	19.86 %

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, and City of Philippi.

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.

This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY'S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Current	Proposed
MDFQ	\$12.424	\$12.952
Storage Balancing Fee	\$0.470	\$0.483
Firm Standby Fee	\$1.751	\$1.833
Fuel Retention	3.5%	4.0%

Any change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office

• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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Spencer, West Virginia

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. In order to be considered a valid and responsible Bidder, the Bidder must obtain a copy of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office prior to the Bid opening date.

Bidding Documents purchased as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for <u>\$25.00</u>,

per set by being downloaded from a source designated by the Issuing Office.

Amounts paid are not subject to refund.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained om sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at:

Boyles and Hildreth, Consulting Engineers

108 Court Street Spencer, WV 25276

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. A certified check payable to the Pleasant Hill Public Service District or a BID Bond executed by the Bidder and a Surety Company in conformance with the requirements of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS, in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the BID, shall be submitted with each BID, to guarantee the Bidder's entrance into a Contract, if given the award. No BID Bond shall be waived or returned because the Bidder failed to or cannot comply with any requirements as set forth in the BIDDING DOCUMENTS or any applicable statutes of the United States, the State of West Virginia and/or all local ordinances.

The Pleasant Hill PSD reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids. Owner further reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to be nonresponsible. Owner may also reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder. Owner also reserves the right to negotiate Contract terms with successful Bidder and Owner reserves the right to waive all minor informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work.

Bidders on this Work will be required to comply with the Presidents Order No. 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act (Copeland Act), and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The successful Bidder must comply with the provisions and minimum rates for wages for laborers and mechanics in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act and the West Virginia Division of Labor minimum wage requirements. The successful Bidder agrees to promptly provide all information and perform all work in accordance with the West Virginia Jobs Act, §21-1C of the West Virginia Code and the West Virginia Alcohol & Drug Free Workplace Act, §21-1D of the West Virginia Code.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the time of the opening of the Bids. Any Contractor submitting a Bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he has a proper, current, valid license, in accordance with the requirements of West Virginia State Code §21-11-6 and §21-11-11, to perform the contemplated work and meets all the qualifications required by the statutes of the State and subdivision in which the work is to be performed.

All Bidders must also include their Contractor's license number on any Bid(s) submitted. A Subcontractor shall furnish such person's Contractor's license number to the Contractor prior to the award of the Contract as referenced to in the West Virginia State Code §21-11-11.

All Bidders shall understand that their Bid will not be read, and rejected immediately, if proper Bid surety does not accompany the Bid or if the Bid is found to be incomplete or non-responsive. A determination, which may be in certain instances considered contingent upon review and opinion of legal counsel, will be made by the Owner, or his agents or representatives, prior to reading the Bid or the announcement that the Bid will not be read. It shall be understood that it is the Bidder's responsibility to provide a complete, fully responsive in all aspects, and valid Bid and valid Bid surety conforming to the requirements outlined in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Pleasant Hill PSD

- Tambree Yoak By:
- Title: Chairperson
- Date: August 15 & 22, 2024

You never know where you will see Lindsey Schoolcraft



You never know where you will see Lindsey Schoolcraft, but odds are there won't be an animal far from her. This past week she was at the West Virginia State Fair showing lambs, handing out ribbons in the middle of a crowded show arena, collecting blue ribbons from produce, presenting ribbons for horses that weigh a ton without an ounce of fear, finding the babies of the fair or just having fun. And, of course hanging out with Gov. Jim Justice and his wife and Babydog he first dog of the state.

Missing state WWII aviator's remains recovered

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that U.S. Navy Reserve Lieutenant Jay R. Manown Jr., 26, of Kingwood, W.Va., killed during World War II, was accounted for May 23, 2024.

In the fall of 1944, Manown was an aviator assigned to Navy Torpedo Squadron 20 (VT-20), USS Enterprise. On Sept. 10, Manown and two other crew members aboard a TBM-1C Avenger (Bureau Number 17018), took off from the USS Enterprise on a mission to conduct air strikes against enemy targets in Malakal Naval District, Palau Islands. Witnesses from other aircraft in the formation saw Manown's plane struck by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crash into water near Malakal. There were no indications that Manown or the other crewmembers exited the stricken aircraft prior to the crash, and all efforts to recover their remains were unsuccessful.

Following the war, the American Graves Registration Service, the organization that searched for and recovered fallen American personnel, conducted exhaustive searches of battle areas and crash sites in Palau, concluding their search in the summer of 1947. Investigators could not find any evidence of Manown or his aircraft. He was declared non-recoverable on July 16, 1949.

From 2003 to 2018, the BentProp Project (now known as Project Recover), with members from Scripps Institution of Oceanography and University of Delaware, and DPAA conducted multiple investigations resulting in the location of a site associated with the incident. Later, in May 2019, Ships of Exploration and Discovery Research (SHIPS), another DPAA partner organization, excavated the site and recovered possible osseous remains and other material evidence. In Sept. 2021, a subsequent excavation was completed by Project Recover and Legion Undersea Services (Legion), where additional remains and material evidence were recovered. Finally, in July 2023 Project Recover and Legion completed a third excavation at the site, collecting further osseous materials and material evidence. This evidence was all sent to the DPAA laboratory for analysis. In 2023 the



Jay Ross Manown Jr., courtesy Find A Grave

DPAA laboratory scientifically identified the other two crewmen from Manown's crash site, further supporting the belief that Manown's remains were also recovered.

To identify Manown's remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological and circumstantial analysis. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Manown's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in the Philippines, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Manown will be buried on October 29, 2024, in Kingwood.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army



Jay Ross Manown Jr. in the middle, courtesy family to Smithsonian Magazine

Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490. DPAA is grateful to Project Recover, Ships of Exploration and Discovery Research (SHIPS), Legion Undersea Services (Legion), Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and the University of Delaware, and to the government of Palau for their assistance in this recovery.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil, find us on social media at www. facebook.com/dodpaa or https://www.linkedin.com/ company/defense-pow-mia-accounting-agency.