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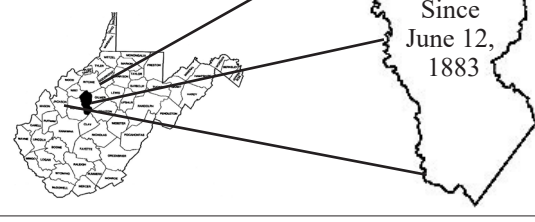
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Were the weekend rains enough to end the severe drought conditions?

By Gaylen Duskey
 Is the drought over? Kinda, sorta, maybe. But maybe not. Yes, we had some rain, some heavy rain with lots of wind, some lightening and thunder with trees and utility lines down in various places Saturday night and again Sunday but was it enough to end the drought? It depends on where you lived because the weekend storms were scattered, and some places got a whole lot more rain than others. Where there was rain the drought conditions may have lessened but overall, it will probably just push the area from “exceptional drought” to “extreme drought.” At least that is according to the website www.Drought.gov, which is ran by the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS). According to NIDIS: “Since 1900, West Virginia has experienced several noteworthy droughts, including 1904, 1930–31, 1941, 1954, 1966, and 1988. During the drought of 1930–31, nearly 100 per cent of the state experienced what currently would be referred to as D4, or “exceptional drought,” for eight months. More recently, a widespread exceptional drought occurred during the summer of 1988, accompanied by a heatwave. During the 2000s, increased precipitation amounts have reduced the severity of drought periods in the state. In fact, five of the top 10 wettest years

on record have occurred since 2000. However, intermittent drought conditions can and still occur between periods of extreme precipitation.” According to the Ridgeview News severe thunderstorms ripped through Calhoun and multiple other counties creating a Monongahela Power outage for thousands of customers. According to a Monongahela Power employee, two trees downed lines, followed by a failed jumper created the extended time to restore service. Trees were across the road on Hog Knob Road and a power line was down with local citizens working on getting the road open. Repairs were made Sunday. Statewide the storms stopped the action in two separate football games. The first line of storms in the afternoon caused a two hour delay right after halftime in the Penn State-WVU game as the Nittany Lions beat the Mountaineers 34-12. A second line of storms caused a delay in the Marshall-Stony Brook game in Huntington. After the storm Marshall throttled Stony Brook 45-3 to opens its season with a victory. Overall, Mon Power listed outages at 5,100 customers while Appalachian Power reported more than 2,500 of its customers without service. Even a two-day celebration planned as the season-ending event at the Grants-



Some storm damage took place on the south side of Grantsville during Saturday's round of storms. Photo courtesy of Shannon Waldron via Ridgeview News

ville swimming pool at Avalon had to shut down. “Well folks we had not planned to come to such an abrupt close but the weather had other ideas,” Crystal Mersh of the 1982 Foundation said. “With the disruption in the electric and the filtration systems we will not be open tomorrow for our closing day as planned. “Our sincere gratitude for a great season and for proving our proof of concept

that we can bring positive income generating ventures to Calhoun County to support the development of our community and economic growth.” The short term weather forecast from the National Weather Service in Charleston does not have much chance of rain but it does offer cooler temperatures. So, was the drought broken? Check the newest drought map at www.drought.gov Thursday to see.

Avalon/1982 Foundation Path Forward

Courtesy the Ridgeview News
By Crystal Mersh
 As promised here is the outcome of the Community Workshop including how you can help and get involved to support the future generations of our community. As you will recall, the purpose of the workshop was to explain the overall project details and outline a pathway by which our short fall in operating expense of \$2 million can be covered. The community both at the meeting as well as on-line and many 1-1 conversations know that it will take coming together and fighting for this amazing opportunity. Basically, we discussed and agreed that we need to prepare for and get to “boot strapping” this project and not waiting on the government to support the project. We can be angry that the grant did not come, or we can do what Houners always do and just make it happen with sheer force. We decided the later was the path to take. The key work streams are the following: Sweat Equity during the start-up phase of each segment of the facility to include the day care, the STEM school and EZ

Street Entrepreneur Zone. Fund raising to include upcoming events such as the Molasses Festival, planning for a large spring time auction and gala event, an earlier on-line auction of anything and everything that folks who to contribute (larger items will be auctioned at the live auction/gala in the spring) and leveraging out many out of town resources who can help us via internet fund raising projects. Community engagement at the Fall Festival and Holiday events to continue to develop relationships that can help to fill EZ Street with amazing hand crafted products that highlight our local skills, talents and history. Support letter writing/calls to officials to signal your support and to request support for the project. There will of course be many other opportunities to come, but this is a great start. Your immediate support is needed with items 2, 3, and 4. We will shift focus after Labor Day to these efforts immediately. You can immediately get involved in the following: The sign-up sheet to help with the Mo-

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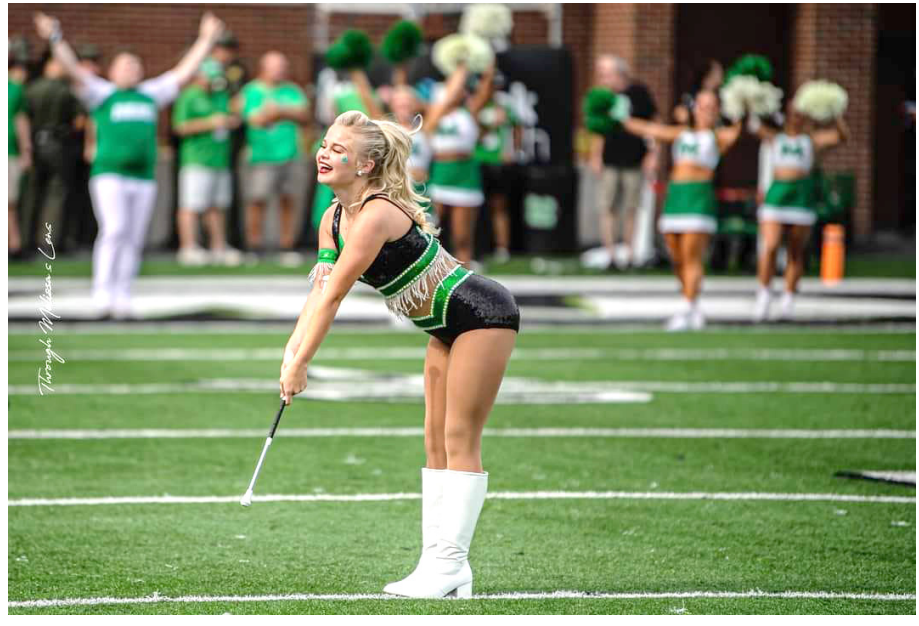


Photo courtesy of RSN Sports

Calhoun girl featured on Marshall football game coverage

Calhoun native Emily Grace Anderson was featured in an internet display by Charleston-based RSN Sports, the state's most comprehensive one-stop network for prep and amateur sports focusing not so much on the sports stats as the story behind

the scenes. Anderson, a freshman at Marshall University was a 2024 graduate of Calhoun High School. Marshall beat Stony Brook 45-3 in a game at Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington. You can check out RSN Sports online at www.rsnsports.com.

Organizational Announcement and Who to Contact for What ...

By Crystal Mersh
 As we have already shared, we are making some changes in our leadership and day to day operations. This

is needed as the phase we are moving into now requires detailed oversight of construction and planning for startup/ scale up. We had a very productive

workshop on startup opportunities, and we want to be sure we can keep this moving forward. We do believe God has a plan and will provide the resour-

es needed in His determined pathway that is best for us. All things happen for a reason. So here is the new team and roles.

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Town council meets discusses water rate increase

By Gaylen Duskey
 The Grantsville Town Council was scheduled to meet Tuesday night and the proposed nearly 60 per cent water rate increase was on the agenda. Unfortunately, printing deadlines for the Calhoun Chronicle prevented reporting what happened at that meeting in this week's edition of the Chronicle. And we apologize for that, however we will have a complete report for whatever actions were taken in the Sept. 12th edition of this publication. Going into the meeting there had been quite a bit of contention between the town, the public and the media. There had been a petition drive by citizens hoping to stop progress on the proposed water rate increase and there had been arguments with the media because of the secrecy which the last town council meeting had been held. In other words, there was the possibility for fireworks.

Were there any? Read next week's Calhoun Chronicle. Heading into the meeting, the Ridgeview News beseeched people to attend the city council meeting saying “Ridgeview News was once again not notified by a government office of meeting day and time. The Town of Grantsville took a page from the play book of county officials who do not seem to want the public to know of their official meetings and plans. Government meetings are not necessarily fun, but if you're concerned about your utility bills infringing on your pocketbook, you should know what decisions your government officials are making on your behalf. “If they're truly serving the public, they'd do everything within their power to make sure the people they serve know. They do not notify the Ridgeview News of their meetings, they've changed meeting days and times, and they have a history of making decisions with-

out you. Their decisions will have a trickledown effect on the Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill public service district customers as well.” The Ridgeview News planned to cover the meeting live. Elsewhere the method of counting the petitions was questioned. It was posited that the population count includes every person in the town despite their age, which would include children who may not even be able to read or write in the population count. If it included only water customers, then the number of signatures needed would be less which may be something the West Virginia Public Service Commission may be needed to do the count and make a ruling on it before proceeding with the rate increase. Stay tuned for the next episode of “As The Council Turns.”

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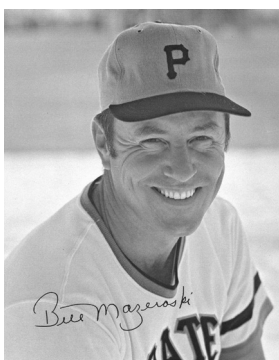
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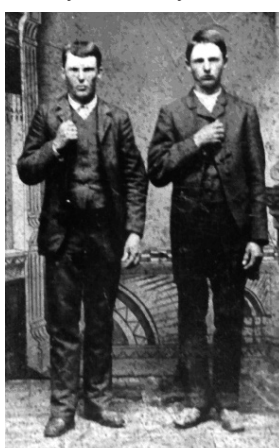
Sept. 5, 1861: Sutton was occupied by 5,000 Union troops. Later in 1861, Gen. Rosecrans bivouacked 10,000 Union troops there, including a future president, William McKinley.



Sept. 5, 1936: Baseball hall of famer Bill Mazeroski was born in Wheeling. He played all 17 years of his career for the Pittsburgh Pirates. His walk-off home run to win the 1960 World Series over the New York Yankees is one of the most famous moments in baseball history.



Sept. 6, 1875: Members of the notorious James Gang allegedly robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback. The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories about outlaw Frank James – brother of Jesse James – hiding out in Wayne County.



Sept. 6, 1942: Award-winning woodcarver, dancer, playwright, and educator Jude Binder was

born in Maryland. In 1982, she founded Heartwood in the Hills, a school for the arts in Calhoun County. For two decades, she also has been Charleston's "FestivALL Princess."



Sept. 6, 1980: The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game for new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful coach in West Virginia University history.

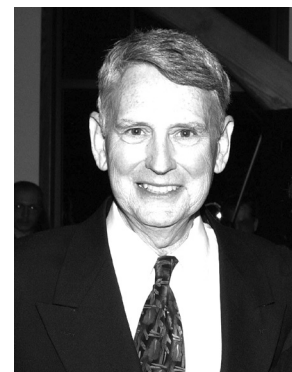


Sept. 7, 1808: Peter Godwin Van Winkle was born in New York City. In 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of the first two U.S. senators from the new state of West Virginia.



Sept. 7, 1848: Christopher Harrison Payne was born in Monroe County. In 1896, Payne became the state's first Black legislator when he was elected to the House of Delegates from Fayette County.

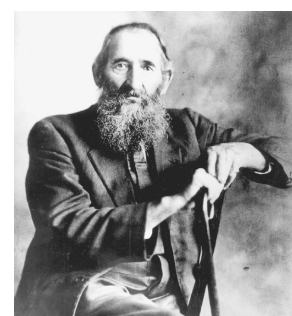
Sept. 7, 1937: Photographer Arnout "Sonny" Hyde Jr. was born in Bluefield. His images of nature and people appeared in magazines, books and calendars throughout the U.S. and Europe.



Sept. 8, 1862: Confederate raiders led by Gen. Albert G. Jenkins, a Cabell County native, rode into Barboursville. They skirmished with the enemy and then rode into Wayne, Logan and Raleigh counties.



Sept. 8, 1947: Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) moved to its current location on the south side of the Kanawha River.



Sept. 9, 1839: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield was born in Mingo County. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.



Sept. 10, 1782: Frontier heroine Betty Zane is credited with saving Fort

Henry in Wheeling during an attack by British and Indians during the Revolutionary War. According to one account, Zane sprinted across a field to retrieve gunpowder from the Zane family cabin.

Sept. 10, 1861: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry took place on the Gauley River. Union Gen. William Rosecrans sent in brigades one at a time as they arrived at the battlefield, allowing the outnumbered Confederates to repulse the piecemeal attacks. During the night, the Confederates retreated before they could be defeated in the morning.

Sept. 10, 1887: Author and scholar John Frederick Matheus was born in Keyser. He became a prominent writer of plays, short stories, and other works during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s.



Sept. 10, 1996: Movie and TV actress Joanne Dru died in Los Angeles. Dru, the older sister of Hollywood Squares host Peter Marshall, was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films.



Sept. 11, 1913: Ritter Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around the hill.

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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 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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lasses Festival booth has been posted by Shana Beard Spaur. Just let Shana know when u can help.

We need heritage producers for demonstrations/product sales for the Fall Festival. Please have interested parties contact Shari Hardway Johnson to exhibit/sell. Booths are free for those who do demos.

Get signed up for the Antique Car and Tractor Show. Please contact Lexi Gregory for a sign up form/entry fees.

And I will be looking for some sweat equity support soon as we are going to install the Hillbilly Golf Course as a more permanent fixture. We will work on this in October. Please contact me if you can help with this.

Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation (LKACF) recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. An anniversary celebration was held on August 1st at the Two Runs Community Building in Palestine, WV, where community members, donors, and nonprofit leaders gathered to commemorate this significant occasion.

Founded in 2004 as a regional affiliate of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF), the LKACF partners with generous people to build permanent philanthropic resources that strengthen our region. What started as a single grantmaking fund in 2004 has now grown to a collection of 18 named funds dedicated to the betterment of Calhoun, Gilmer, and Wirt counties.

Since its inception, the LKACF and PACF have awarded more than \$1.79 million in grants and scholarships throughout its three-county service area. Re-

More details will come soon on how you can support the two auction events.

We will also be starting up our candy making operations in the fall ... time to be determined but we hope we will have some for the fall festival.

And watch out page for further details of how you can support a letter writing campaign/calls to agencies in support of the project.

Thanks to all who came, and the many who followed up who could not make it in person. It is a humbling experience to know that the community is behind the project clearly sees the impact for the future and are willing to do the leg work to make it happen.

cent grantees include the Arnoldsburg Volunteer Fire Department, Calhoun County Public Library, Gilmer County Ambulance Service, Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Department, and Wirt County Board of Education. These grants highlight the Foundation's unwavering commitment to enhancing local communities through targeted support.

This milestone underscores the generosity of donors who have entrusted LKACF with their philanthropic gifts. The Foundation administers several grant opportunities, each uniquely designed to address the needs of local nonprofits, reflecting the passion of individuals and families dedicated to community improvement.

For more information about the LKACF and the PACF, please contact Julie Posey, Senior Development and Stewardship Officer, at 304-428-4438 or julie.posey@pacfwv.com.

The Flower Bulb of the Year 2024: Crown imperial (Fritillaria imperialis)



Crown imperial (Fritillaria imperialis)

Crown imperial (*Fritillaria imperialis*) is a majestic flower bulb that has been admired in gardens around the world for many centuries. With its impressive height and regal appearance, it is hardly a surprise that this flower has been awarded ‘Flower Bulb of the Year 2024’.

Planting crown imperial

Late fall, when nature is preparing itself for the cold winter months, is the time to plant crown imperial bulbs in the ground. These bulbs prefer well-drained soil and a sunny or half shade spot in the garden. Plant the bulbs with the tip facing upwards at a depth of about 6 – 8”. Once planted, they will go into ‘hibernation’ and prepare for springtime.

Crown imperial flowering

After several months of hibernation, spring heralds the long-awaited flowering of crown imperials. In April/May, sturdy stems will rise from the ground, crowned with clusters of bell-shaped flowers in colors ranging from deep orange to bright yellow. Together, the flowers form a majestic crown, hence the name: crown imperial.

Crowd pleaser

With its striking growing height, this bulb really stands out among other spring bloomers. In addition, the flowers’ bright colors and distinctive scent often attract bees and other important pollinators, making them not only visually appealing but also creating biodiversity in the garden.

Perennial and easy-going

Water the crown imperials occasionally during periods of drought and during flowering. After flowering, you can leave the flowers of imperial crowns to wilt and the leaves and stems to die off. Remove wilted flowers before they go to seed. This allows the bulbs to store nutrients for the next growing season. In this way, crown imperials will return year after year to adorn your garden with their stunning flowers.

Tip

Do you have problems with mice or moles in the garden? The scent of crown imperial bulbs will keep moles and mice at bay.

More information is available at www.flowerbulbs.com.

How to Test Your Soil

The health of your soil is crucial for maintaining healthy grass and plants. Starting with the soil ensures better grass quality. Regularly fertilizing your lawn is beneficial, but you need to know the specific nutrients necessary to see improvement.

For instance, excessive nitrogen might not enhance your grass’s quality or growth, especially if it’s uneven across your lawn. The most effective initial step is to use a soil testing kit to identify the necessary nutrients for your lawn.

To test your soil, collect samples from various parts of your lawn using a plastic probe or baggie. Then, register your soil testing kit online and mail the dry soil sample to a turfgrass expert or local cooperative extension for analysis.

What is a soil test?

A soil test identifies the macro and micronutrients in your soil and assesses the nutrients needed for optimal pH levels. Based on the results, companies often recommend amendments to enhance soil quality.

These tests vary in form but generally involve collecting a soil sample in a small container or baggie for analysis, which can be mailed or delivered to a turfgrass expert.

Why should I use a soil test?

A soil test is a cost-effective method to determine your soil’s needs, including pH and essential nutrients, ensuring optimal performance. It prevents the unnecessary application of fertilizers, like nitrogen, by revealing existing nutrient levels, thus avoiding environmental harm

from runoff.

This allows you to make informed choices about fertilization tailored to your soil type and its specific pH, ultimately enhancing your lawn and garden’s health.

How to test soil pH

The process of submitting a soil sample depends on each organization’s requirements. Some may send you a container, while others instruct you to use your own. Our soil test kit will be sent to the address you provided with a brown paper bag to collect samples in and a postage-paid envelope.

Always adhere to the specific collection and submission guidelines provided. Gathering soil from various parts of your yard and mixing these into a single sample to minimize variability and provide a more representative soil analysis is advisable.

Instructions for collecting a soil sample

Get a Soil Test Kit

You’ll start by collecting several soil samples in plastic probes or baggies, so make sure to have these ready. They should be thoroughly cleaned before use, so they don’t contaminate your sample. For our soil kit, we make it easy by providing you with a brown paper bag for collection.

Collect Soil Samples

Choose four representative areas of your lawn or garden. Use a shovel or soil probe like the ones listed below to collect the samples. Each sample should remove soil from the top 2–4 inches from the soil’s surface using a shovel like the one below or soil probe.

Clean Out the Soil Samples

Afterwards, remove any plant material, mulch or natural soil organisms like worms and drop the soil samples into a plastic bucket. Mix the samples well to make sure it’s blended.

Fill Your Container

Gather the soil and fill the sample bag with about 1 pint. Our soil kit has an indicated fill line on the bag.

Mail Your Sample

Combine your samples and mail them to the lab for analysis. Our soil kit comes with a postage-paid envelope to make this task easy.

Track Your Sample and Interpret Results

A national agriculture lab will test your soil with an in-depth analysis. If you use one of our soil kits, track your sample’s progress by logging into your online account.

Once your soil test is ready, easy-to-understand results and treatment recommendations will be delivered.

When is the best time to collect and submit a soil analysis?

Warm Season Grass

The optimal time to collect and submit a soil sample depends on your location and grass type. For warm season grasses like zoysia and Bermuda, test soil between March 15th and April 30th.

Cool Season Grass

Cool season grasses like Kentucky bluegrass should be tested between August and September.

New Lawns

Test your soil before applying chemicals to kill off your old grass and before installing the new sod, seed or plugs. This allows you to assess the soil conditions and make any necessary amendments prior to laying the new sod.

Testing the soil before installation provides valuable information about nutrient levels, pH and more. This gives you the chance to address any deficiencies or imbalances by adding appropriate amendments before planting anything new, giving your lawn the best environment for healthy growth.

How often should I test my soil?

Every 1–3 years to maintain lawn and garden health. More frequently if you notice issues such as poorly performing turfgrass or ornamentals.

After storms or excessive rain, as flooding can alter soil salinity.

During prolonged dry periods to check if nutrient levels have been affected.

After major changes like construction or extensive landscaping to understand new soil conditions.

Where to take soil samples for testing?

There are two main options for getting a soil test done: Soil Test Kit from a Company

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results and recommendations tailored to your location and needs.

Local Cooperative Extension Office

Another option is to contact your local cooperative extension office. They can provide instructions on collecting and submitting a soil sample for testing, and the extension office typically provides the analysis and recommendations.

Whichever route you choose, carefully follow the instructions provided for collecting and submitting the soil sample to ensure accurate and helpful results.

How long does it take to receive my soil testing results?

When you submit your analysis to a local cooperative extension office, timelines may vary, however, our timeline is 48 hours after the lab receives your sample.

What is the best lawn soil test kit?

Sod Solutions offers homeowners an affordable, easy-to-use and fast soil testing service that delivers clear recommendations for addressing soil and nutrient deficiencies. Our soil kit also keeps your soil's history so that you can go back and see changes or alterations over time.

How do I read a soil analysis?

Soil test results can vary, typically provided as a paper or digital report detailing nutrient deficiencies and abundances in your soil.

Our soil test simplifies this by recommending specific products based on the analysis, eliminating the need to interpret complex data

Tests may range from basic N-P-K (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium) assessments to more comprehensive analyses including pH, sulfur, calcium, magnesium and trace minerals like iron and zinc.

The pH scale ranges

from 1 (very acidic) to 14 (very alkaline), with optimal nutrient absorption between pH 6.0 and 7.0.

It's crucial not to over-apply macronutrients and to balance essential micronutrients and carbon, which are vital for maintaining soil and plant health.

How do I improve my soil after a soil analysis?

Soil test results may come with product recommendations. Still, if not you'll need to understand how to read fertilizer labels to choose the right products for your soil.

Alkaline soils typically need nutrients to make them slightly more acidic (6.0-7.0 pH range). In contrast, acidic soils need nutrients to increase alkalinity.

One recommended solution is the Lawnifi Fertilizer Annual Subscription Program. Lawnifi uses Catalyst Technology to nano-size its nutrients, allowing for more efficient plant absorption and delivery.

This results in needing 80 percent less nitrogen while still achieving better results and improving soil health by balancing C:N ratios.

Want to learn more about achieving a great lawn? Check out more Sod University tips here and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

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WVDNR reminds hunters about upcoming youth hunting seasons



Squirrel and black bear youth hunting seasons set to open in September.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced that youth hunting seasons for squirrels and black bears are set to open in September.

West Virginia's squirrel season for youth hunters will be Sept. 7-8 and the first split of the state's black bear season for youth hunters will be Sept. 14-15.

"Hunting in West Virginia is a time-honored tradition that has been passed down for generations and we want to encourage parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to share their love for hunting and the outdoors with their family this fall," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "West Virginia has several seasons dedicated to taking a young person hunting, but don't limit their exposure to these dates only. The more you take your kids into the woods and expose them to hunting, the more they'll want to carry on these traditions."

West Virginia provides many opportunities for youth hunters, including seasons for squirrels, black bears, white-tailed deer and waterfowl in the fall and wild turkeys in the spring. Youth hunters must be at least 8 years old and less than 18 years old. Kids ages 15-17 must comply with all licensing requirements. Kids between ages 8-14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult over 21 who cannot carry a weapon and must remain near the youth at all times to render advice and assistance. West Virginia hunting licenses can be purchased online at WVhunt.com.

The WVDNR is also reminding hunters that youth hunters are required to check big game harvests with their own WVDNR account. Accounts can be created online and game checks may be completed online at WVhunt.com.

To learn more about youth hunting in West Virginia, check page 29 in the Hunting Regulations Summary or visit WVdnr.gov/youth-hunting.

Trapper's convention set in Glenville

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their 55th Annual Convention Sept. 20-21 at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road, Glenville.

September 20th, gates open at 9 a.m.

Board of Directors Meeting at 7 p.m.

Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast Friday evening.

Demos and Seminars both days,

Dying/Waxing Traps both days.

Kids Scavenger Hunt 10-4 Friday and 9-2 Saturday.

Basket Making various times both days.

September 21st, gates open at 8 a.m.

Free Trappers Education Classes for all ages with registration at 8:30 a.m. and classes beginning at 9 a.m.

Class Graduation at 1 p.m.

Events for Adults and Kids.

General Membership Meeting, awards ceremony at 1 p.m., and benefit auction at 2 p.m.

Hot Dog Roast, Potluck, and Bonfire at 5 p.m.

Vendors will be present both days. Dining hall open both days from 11-12:30. Primitive camping available.

For more information contact Jeremiah at 304-916-3329 or log onto www.wvtrappers.com.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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. Vicki Lee Sirna	88 Lexington Ave. West Warwick, RI 02893	December 2, 2023	November 30, 2022
2. Leman Troy Stallman	35 Austin Rd. East Greenwich, RI 02818	May 24, 2021	June 20, 2000

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
1. Daniel Sirna	88 Lexington Ave. West Warwick, RI 02893	Spouse	September 4, 2024
2. Daniel Sirna	88 Lexington Ave. West Warwick, RI 02893	Son-in-Law	September 4, 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 4th day of September 2024.

Jean Simers
Clerk of the County Commission
Class II Legal

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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 Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Randall Eli Johnson	Savannah Church	1417 Walnut Rd., Chloe, WV 25235
Larry James McDonald	Tonya McDonald	2413 Shirley Rd., Youngstown, OH 44502

September 4, 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 **November 4, 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.

Jean Simers
Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission

Pleasant Hill Church to Hold Homecoming

The Pleasant Hill Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to their church Homecoming on Sept 8th, 2024, at 10:45 a.m.

There will be special singers and speakers, and lots of Memories! A covered dish dinner will follow the service. Everyone is welcome.

Calhoun County Committee on Aging September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	3 Chili w/onions peppers Cheese Salad Fruit whole Wheat Bun	4 Barbecue Chicken Potatoes Green Beans Apricots Whole Wheat Bun	5 Rib with onion Green Beans Peaches Potatoes Whole Wheat Bun	6 Beef Macaroni Tomato sauce Brussel sprouts Ww bread fruit
9 Bake Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy w/onions Beets Whole Wheat Roll Fruit	10 Chicken patty Tomato Peas & Carrots Fruit Whole Wheat Bread	11 Fish w/bun Corn Tomato Fruit salad French fries	12 Hamburger on Whole Wheat Bun Red Tomato, onion, Iceberg Lettuce Leaves Potatoes Banana pudding	13 Chicken pasta Stem vegetables Red peppers Fruit Whole wheat bread
16 AI Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy w/onion Peas Mandarin Oranges Whole Wheat Bread	17 Kraut w/ Italian sausage Potatoes Butter Beans and onion Peaches Ww Corn Bread	18 Cream tomatoes Cube potatoes Sausage Ww Biscuit Fruit	19 Chicken tenders Potatoes Seasoned Vegetables Orange Pineapple Gelatin Whole Wheat Bread	20 White Beans w/Ham Mustard greens Onions Ww Cornbread Fruit
23 Chicken salad Vegetable salad Peaches	24 Vegetable beef soup Waldorf Salad Apple crisp Ww bread	25 Cook's Choice	26 Pinto Beans Onions Turnip Greens Applesauce Ww Cornbread	27 Fish Peas and Carrots Vegetables and macaroni salad Fruit Whole Wheat Bun
30 Pork BBQ Slaw Potatoes Peaches			Menu Subject To Change Without Notice	2% Milk & Margarine Served Daily

Ring of honor and new Japan wrestling star to visit Spencer



Open Weight Champion Gorgeous Morgan Taylor



Reese Ramone (L) grapples with Audrey Allen (R)



The Boss Lady

Courtesy the Ridgeview News

Route 33 Wrestling (Rt33W), Spencer’s woman-owned independent wrestling company, will host its 23rd live event on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at the Spencer Armory.

The event promises an action-packed evening of pro wrestling entertainment, headlined by special guest World Famous CB, also known as Cheeseburger, who has made a name for himself in Ring of Honor and New Japan Pro Wrestling, wrestling the likes of Kenny Omega, Bobby Fish, and the Young Bucks, to name just a few.

The night will kick off with the Rural Rumble Battle Royal, where competitors will vie for the prestigious Mountain Pass Medal. Following the Rumble, “The Show Pony”; Reese Ramone will face off against The Unwiling Tatiana in what promises to be a hard-hitting match. Friends “The Babushka Baron”; Jeffrey John and “The Mór of Irish Strong”; Riley Rose will go toe-to-toe in friendly – but no doubt intense – singles competition. The evening will culminate in a high-stakes Open Weight Championship Match, featuring challenger Tyler Grayson taking on the reigning champion, “The Notorious” Gorgeous Morgan Taylor.

In addition to the wrestling action, at-

tendees can browse vendor tables, enjoy concessions benefiting the Calhoun Cabaret performing arts company, and take advantage of autograph and photo opportunities with Rt33W’s superstars.

“We’re incredibly excited to continue bringing live pro wrestling to Spencer,” said The Boss Lady, owner and promoter of Route 33 Wrestling. “This event is all about showcasing our hard-working athletes, creating wonderful memories for our fans, and bringing the community together for a night of unforgettable wrestling.” Doors open at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14th, with the first bell at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase online, at Smoker Friendly, or at the door. Children five and under enter free with a paying adult.

About Route 33 Wrestling, LLC Founded in 2017 by stuntwoman and actor-combatant Jessi McCumbers (aka. “The Boss Lady”), Route 33 Wrestling is a 100 per cent woman-owned and-run pro wrestling company located in the heart of Spencer.

Route 33 Wrestling’s core goals are to make quality live sports entertainment accessible to all, and to put the “professional” in “professional wrestling.”

To learn more, visit linktr.ee/route-33wrestling.



World Famous CB, aka. Cheeseburger

Gov. Justice announces \$35 million investment from Prime 6 to establish new manufacturing facility in Upshur County

Gov. Jim Justice announced that Prime 6, a leading innovator in sustainable wood products, will establish a new manufacturing facility in Buckhannon. This significant \$35 million investment is expected to create 75 jobs in the region.

“I am extremely proud to welcome Prime 6 to Upshur County and West Virginia,” Gov. Justice said. “Wood has always been a part of our rich history, shaping our economy and way of life for generations. Prime 6’s decision to put down roots with their new facility not only carries on that rich tradition but proves we

are the best place to be for growing forward-thinking, sustainable businesses. This facility will bring incredibly good-paying jobs to the hardest working group of people Prime 6 could invest in. I thank them for believing in West Virginia as much as I do.”

Prime 6’s new facility is set to begin operations in the coming months, with job openings to be announced soon. The company’s presence in Buckhannon is expected to have a positive ripple effect throughout the local economy, benefiting suppliers, businesses and residents.

Prime 6 is renowned for its unique approach to up-cycling wood waste, transforming it into high-quality products for the hospitality industry. All of the company’s products are USDA certified.

“We are excited to welcome Prime 6 to West Virginia,” Mitch Carmichael, Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, said. “Their commitment to sustainability and community aligns perfectly with our state’s values, and we look forward to supporting their continued growth and success in Buckhannon.”