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

Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

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 Sun-

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 Mountain-

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 commu-

nity 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 **Bv** 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 shear force. We decided the later was the path

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

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 resources 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 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

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

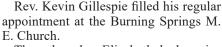
The Calhoun County Commission meets the second Monday of every month in the Calhoun Courthouse meeting room at 9 a.m.

times, and they have a history of making decisions with-

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

CRESTON NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE PHONE 275-3578



The other day Elizabeth had a nice rain and then on Thursday Grantsville had rain but in Creston hardly a drop. However, on Saturday Creston received two very good rains and then some more sprinkles and on Sunday it was overcast for most of the day, which was a blessing. The very good rain increased the flow of the Little Kanawha under the Creston bridge so now one might get wet feet whilst crossing the river. Around Creston leaves had been turning brown and many have fallen, and the rain brought down many more.

Spencer's Sherman Parsons had his grandson with him when they met a fellow with a Trump hat. The grandson noted that he was not old enough to vote but he wanted a photograph with a Trump hat fellow. Both the Spencer and Elizabeth Sherm Parsons were employees of the state road.

Someone knocked down the sign at Shade Tree. Backed into it with a truck

Renee Gray noted that she now has a new deer blind. Old Brer Bar got into her bee hives so, perhaps, she should have invested in "bear blinds". Down at the mouth of Still Run on W.

Va. 5 there are some spectacular sunflower plants that were watered when there was no rain. Back when, the Henderson family who then lived on Henderson's Run had their still there. They later moved and built Henderson Hall south of Williamstown.

Mary Reno fell and broke her ankle, so she is staying with daughter Anna.

Sunday was the annual Homecoming event for the church on Ground Hog.

An article in Farm and Dairy notes that Tenaska, a Nebraska outfit, wants to create a CO2 storage hub in an area in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia with a total of 12 injection wells. All this is part of the big scam "to save the planet" from Carbon dioxide which is needed for all vegetation to grow. From a geological standpoint the atmospheric CO2 has been at a historic low and recent very small increases have stimulated vegetation regreening in places like the Sahara Desert which has to be a good thing. This is tied into the so called hydrogen hub, which is being managed by the Battelle group, an outfit that has "feasted" on government funding for decades. The claim is that the "hub" will generate 21,000 jobs, 18,000 in



construction and then 3,000 permanent. There seem to be problems [elsewhere] with the storage wells with perhaps only two functioning up in North Dakota. Not so long back Mountaineer Giga System, LLC offered the State of West Virginia a royalty of \$3.35/metric ton to sequester CO2 in Mason County. This outfit offered \$1.50/metric ton. Who knows what a fair price would be. The moral of the story is "don't sign any pore lease agreements until basic facts are learned." For starters one might inquire of "Smiley" Carmichaels. Isn't he in charge of "economic development"?

It was learned that Kackles VP pick enacted new rules in Minnesota that, starting next year, believing Christians will not be able to be certified as teachers. This, apparently, would also impact private & parochial schools as well. The Sunday School lesson from the Book of Daniel pointed out the importance of not violating basic beliefs. The total transformation talked about by the Big Eared One has no place for religion or any aspect of western society or freedom for

Kathleen Cervonne now has a new, to her, chariot. The orange jeep had a bad "intersection" with one of the DNR's deer a while back.

The Henry Hub price of natural gas [down in Louisiana] was \$2.13/dekatherm while the DTI (Mother Hope) price was \$1.306 while TCO (Columbia Gas/ TransCanada) was \$1.411. Gas sold from Owl Hill [in Wirt County] fetched just 53 cents/Dekatherm. It was again reported that after opening the Mountain Valley pipeline West Virginia shipped out a record volume of natural gas [instead of using it here to generate jobs and wealth]. Despite the current low prices for West Virginia gas there is active leasing & drilling in areas where the Marcellus & Utica have been drilled. Much effort is on the wet liquids area and the con artists [with State of W. Va. Help] want to get the liquids for free, thus robbing the state and taxpayers of great wealth. Y-grade liquids from the gas fractionation plants is priced at \$27.781/bbl. The Williams Company fractionation plant on the Ohio River below Moundsville was flaring gas on Friday.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dipped to \$72.55/bbl. With condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet, bringing \$54.55/bbl. And Marcellus and Utica light crude bringing \$61.55/bbl.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dennis Spaur: Vice President and General Manager. Dennis will oversee all day to day operations as well as the remaining construction in support of The Viking Group. Contact Dennis for matters that in the past you would have contacted me. He will be happy to assist you where

Shana Beard Spaur: Director of Operations, Human Resources and Public Relations. As we move into the planning for the start up, Shana will oversee all general accounting and record keeping including administration of grants, recruitment, hiring and HR compliance, and all media relations. If you have business matters with the foundation, please contact Shana.

Whitney Butler: Manager of Marketing and Events. Whitney will be responsible for planning, coordinating all events, fundraisers and interactions with the community. She will also manage all our social media, plan and execute our marketing campaigns and facilitate engagement as we expand our reach to our neighboring counties and beyond.

Jason Cunningham: has moved to a part time role as he has accepted a very nice role in Charleston with one of the largest construction companies in town. Jason will continue to do our financial reporting and construction related fund

management. Robin Mersh: will be managing the interfaces with all governmental bodies at the local level, and he and I will jointly

share this responsibility at the start, regional, and federal levels.

I would like to thank Whitley Cottrell for all her many contributions of the past year. Whitley has decided to focus on family and enjoy time with the fall sports programs. Whitley has been a major contributor in moving the foundation forward in so many ways. She has developed several creative events that will become anchors in our community for years to

I would also like to again thank **Jason** Cunningham for his excellent work in setting up all our financial operations, accounting processes, tax credit set up, licensing and insurance, and for preparing and winning \$1.5 million is grant funds. We wish Jason all the best in his new role, and we are grateful for his continued part time support.

As there have been some requests related to the position of Vice President of Community Engagement. This position will not be refilled as this focus was duplicative with other roles and is now unnecessary. This allows us to focus on better management of details and improved execution of all we do.

So please join me in congratulating the new team members Dennis, Shana, Whitney, and Robin, and in thanking Whitley and Jason for all their hard work to advance the foundation over the past year and their many contributions that will serve us well into the future.

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 contact@ calhounchronicle.com.

In Calhoun we need folks to lead, follow or get out of the way and quit obstructing now

by Gaylen Duskey

It could have been Thomas Paine or Ted Turner or Gen. George H. Patton or Lee Iacocca or Genghis Khan who said it but somewhere along the line somebody uttered the words "lead, follow or get out of the way."

What it means is what it says.

Pretty simple, right?

Well, yes, but there are those - me included - who sometimes need to turn five words into 50-or-more.

Such is the case at the website grammarhow.com where a man named Martin Lasser wrote about old sayings: "What this phrase is saying is that in a situation in which people need to be productive, you have several possibilities. The first of these is that you can lead people as a

"The second of these is that you can be a follower and do what the leader instructs you to do. The phrase is saying that both leader and follower have important roles in life. "If you're not going to be a leader or

a follower, the phrase posits, then you should get out entirely. This is because you wouldn't be productive if you're not leading or following.' Which basically is covered by saying it

means what it says.

And as for its origin he article said it probably was Paine who originally uttered the phrase.

I know here in Calhoun County where a plan has been put forward where finishing work on Avalon (the old Calhoun County High School) and getting it up and running with its many facets - childcare center, private school focusing on STEM education, an enterprise zone, restaurants, recreational facilities, luxury apartments etc. - would help entice a pharmaceutical company to locate a facility here which would create about 500 jobs along with probably 2,000-2,500 more jobs in ancillary and auxiliary busi-

Despite a very basic and easily understood plan there appears to be a small group in Sunny Cal that does not want to lead, follow or get out of the way. Instead, it seems to want to get in the way and do whatever possible to prevent the plan from going forward thereby preventing maybe 3,000 jobs from coming to the area.

Why? I don't know. I have some thoughts as to why, but I honestly don't

My suggestion to them is to get out of the way and if the plan falls apart then you can haughtily say "I told you so."

But if it works then you could enjoy the fruits of others' labor and even say "I was with you all the way."

THEY READ THE CHRONICLE: I had a chance to grab a bite to eat at Mom' s Place Too and talk with a classmate of mine – Charles Ray – for a bit.

Knowing that I am editor of the Calhoun Chronicle he told me a story of his days in Vietnam as a young soldier right

out of high school. "That was my senior trip," he said, adding unless you considered an outing to North Bend State Park where the students had to keep quiet and sit in a circle to be a senior trip.

I don't remember a senior trip either. I don't even remember a trip to North Bend either. But at least as a student at Glenville State College (now Glenville State University) I did not have too take a senior trip to southeast Asia.

I was lucky. Charles was not so lucky and ended up in Vietnam.

But even in Vietnam he got the Calhoun Chronicle in his mail.

He said he remembered getting the Chronicle back then while it still contained all the community news reports. He said there was one report where something in the outdoor outhouse caught fire and burned the outhouse down.

"Those guys thought that was hilarious and after that you had to fight for the Chronicle if you wanted to read it," he said, "It was something else."

That is the kind of Chronicle I wish we had because it meant we were dealing with a much more innocent time.

ANOTHER BIG BILL: Even though I got my water leak repaired – I think it was my only leak - I still had a horsesized water bill arrive today. This one was for \$473.51 with \$183.31 for 18,600 gallons of water, \$280.20 for sewer and \$10,00 for city service. If I am late paying it another \$47.35 will be added. I do not plan to pay late.

But it does tell me that the next scheduled council meeting is Sept. 3, 2024, at

That will be the second reading of the proposed rate increase.

If you want to go to that meeting, I suggest you get there early because of limited seating. I also suggest checking with the town at 304-354-7500 to make sure the date or time has not been changed.

I guess my leak must have gotten worse since the usage for the last period was 18,600 gallons while the period before than was 13,600 gallons or 5,000 less gallons used.

Whew. I hope my usage for the next period is less because the leak was fixed and the needle on the meter was not spinning like a top. In fact, it was not moving at all.

NUMBER NINE NOMINEE: Dr. Waitman T. Wiley Dye was born in Virginia. It was probably Calhoun County, Va., but it could have been Gilmer County, Va., because back then records were not many and accuracy was not always possible since virtually all births were in a house somewhere because there really were no hospitals or medical facilities in rural central western Virginia,

So, Dr. Waitman Dye may not have been a native Calhounian but that really doesn't matter because he did most of his doctoring in what had become Calhoun County, W.Va., after first breaking off from Lewis County then Gilmer County.

According to the website Find A Grave the brief history of Dr. Waitman T. Wiley Dye reads: "Son of Benjamin Dye and Roena Petty Dye. Dr. Waitman T. Wiley Dye married Sophia Rogers, a daughter of George W. and Cynthia Ann (Wolverton) Rogers.

"Dr. Dye was a graduate of Starling Medical College in Columbus, Ohio and practiced medicine in Gilmer and Calhoun counties in West Virginia from 1886 until the late 1920's.

"Dr. Dye's siblings were Dr. James Alexander Dye, George W. Dye, Mahala C, Judson B. and Rowland Clarence Dye. Children of Dr. Waitman T. W. Dye and Sophia Rogers Dye were Eva Blendalena Dye who married Frederick S. Hathaway Aug 3, 1910. And Waitman T. Wiley Dye Jr. 1892-1892."

Dr. Dye, his wife and his daughter are all buried at Bethlehem Cemetery in

The late Norma Shaffer Knotts, a wellknown Calhoun historian researched records from the Calhoun Chronicle and wrote a story which appeared in the Hur Herald, which is an online publication of another noted Calhoun historian Bob

And Dr. Waitman T. Wiley Dye led an interesting life although he almost died way too many times while making his rounds during some bad Calhoun County

According to a Hur Herald report on the website Geni.com he had an interest-

"It was not the first nor the last encounter with death by one of Calhoun's pioneer physicians. Over 100 years ago (Jan. 1900) Dr. W.T.W. Dye and Dr. A.C. Blair left Grantsville, climbed the steep Pine Creek Hill above the town on their horses, and set out for Richardson, a prosperous village along the lower West Fork.

"Their mission on this coldest of nights was to amputate Al Nichol's leg.

"Blair stopped at Peter Hicks' place on Big Fork, known as Darky Fork, to get a cup of coffee. The hospitable Hicks family dwelled in the narrow valley, one of two early black communities in the county.

"Dye went ahead, up the hollow to the Joker Ridge, where he waited for his fellow physician. Getting off his horse and standing in the snow and blowing wind, he almost perished.

"Then, they rode by single file around the narrow Joker Ridge toward Hur, years before an official highway was constructed. Dr. Blair was in the lead. Arriving in the vicinity of Hur, riding very fast, Dr. Dye's mare left the road and jumped into a field, throwing him over an embankment. Blair, being numb with cold, did not miss his comrade for some time. After traveling back on the narrow trail, he could not find him.

"Giving up the hunt, he went to the home of Slathial Buck and waited until the break of day.

"Dye was unable to get on his horse, and in that struggle took off his overcoat, his gloves and ear muffs, almost perishing with cold. He then managed to find a hay stack and pulled out some hay and stretched out to die.

"Dr. Blair, along with the Buck family and most likely other neighbors, began a search for the missing physician. A newspaper account says, "He was found in time to be brought around," and was hauled home on a sled and to quickly im-

"There was no account of what happened to Mr. Nichols and his bad leg."

There are other excellent historical stories in the annals of The Hur Herald www.hurherald.com about Dr. Waitman Dye and others that you should read.

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

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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

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.

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 Shon is open Mon & Wed 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fri 10 - 1, providing af-

fordable 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-

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

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

West Virginia Encyclopedia www.wvencyclopedia.org

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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 walkoff 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: Awardwinning 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 Vir-



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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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

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.

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.

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 oc-

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 schol-

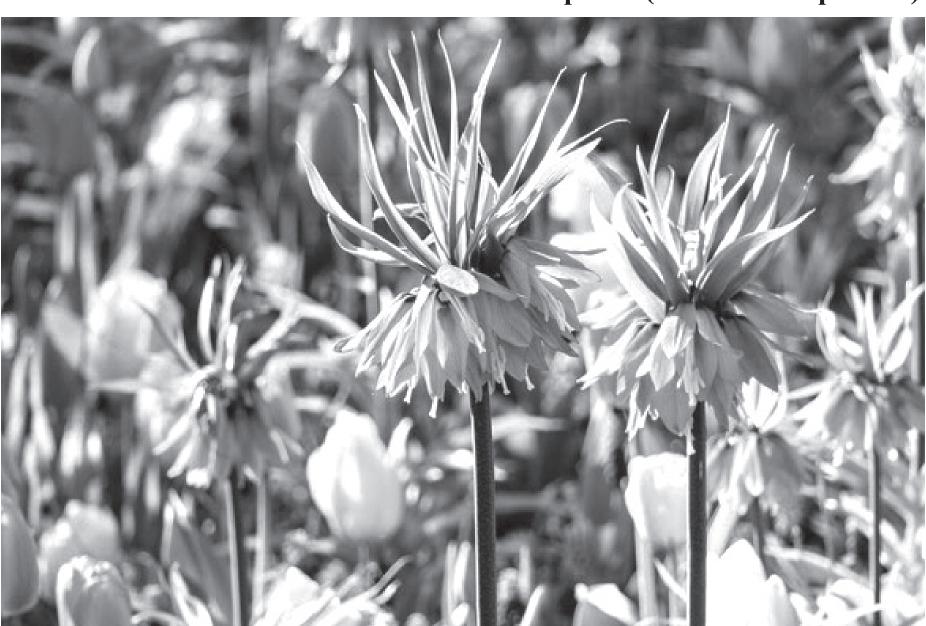
arships throughout its three-county service area. Re-

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

More information is available at www.flowerbulbs.

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 indepth 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 anal-

ysis?

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?

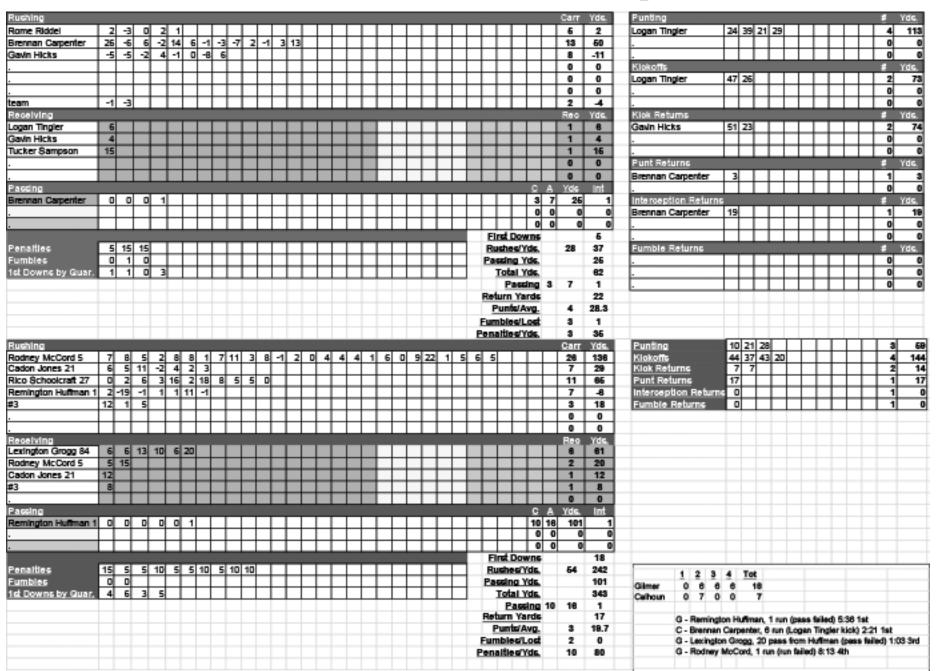
Soil Test Kit from a Company

There are two main options for getting a soil test done:

You can purchase a soil test kit from a company like ours and mail the sample back to them. We have a professional lab that analyzes the sample and provides detailed



Red Devils fall to Gilmer in season opener, 18-7



By Robert Bonar

The Calhoun County Red Devils opened the season at home last Friday against a familiar opponent, the Titans of Gilmer County High School. The Red Devils took a 7-6 lead into halftime, but the Titans scored a pair of second half touchdowns to collect an 18-7 decision.

Neither offense was able to do much in the first quarter. Five plays into the game, Calhoun County lost a fumble. The next four possessions – two for each team ended in punts.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Gilmer County mounted a long drive that culminated in the first points of the game. The try for extra points failed, but the Titans held a 6-0 lead.

The Red Devils got a shot in the arm after the kickoff, when freshman Gavin Hicks returned the kick 51 yards to set the home team up at the Titan 26-yard line. Hicks, Brennan Carpenter and Rome Riddel took turns carrying the ball down to the Titan 6, and Carpenter found the end zone with 2:21 to tie the score. Logan Tingler kicked the extra point to give Calhoun County the lead 7-6 when the first half ended.

Gilmer County received the second half kickoff and drove deep into Red Devil territory. Brennan Carpenter snuffed out the scoring opportunity by intercepting Gilmer's pass inside the 10-yard line.

Following the interception, Calhoun County's drive stalled, giving Gilmer County a short field. The Titans took advantage and scored on a seven-play drive to retake the lead 12-7.

The Titans scored again after forcing a three-and-out from the Red Devils and held an 18-7 lead with 8:13 remaining in the game.

Rodney McCord, who rushed for 135 yards on 26 carries, had the touchdown for the Titans. Calhoun County quickly moved the ball deep inside

Gilmer County's end of the field, but a Titan interception inside the five essentially clinched the game for the

Gilmer County ran out the remainder of the clock to

send Calhoun County to its first loss of the 2024 season.

Gilmer took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter on a run by Remi Huffman who scored on a one yard run, but the extra point attempt failed. Gilmer took the lead for good when Huffman hit Lexington Grogg with a 20-yard scoring pass late in the third quarter.

The loss was the 16th in a row for the Red Devils, and the fifth straight to the Titans, who have now taken eight of the last nine games in the series.

Calhoun's offense was limited to just 52 total yards in the game. Carpenter led the way with 13 carries for

For Gilmer, Rico Schoolcraft complemented McCord with 65 yards on 11 carries. Huffman finished 10 for 16 passing for 101 yards with Grogg catching six balls for 61 yards.

Calhoun County rests this week, and returns to action next Friday, Sept. 13 at Wirt County. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Gilmer, meanwhile plays Doddridge Fri-

Just like being there as Calhoun sports returns to the air on WVRC-FM

By Gaylen Duskey

"Are we on?" someone asked and just like that Calhoun County athletics returned to the airwaves with WVRC-FM last Friday night after a hiatus of several

And while the return to the airwaves is not a return to the radio airwaves per se it was a big return to a Calhoun presence on the internet as WVRC has a Calhoun channel on both its YouTube broadcast presence and its Facebook broadcast presence.

The website addresses are https://www.youtube. com/@WVRC1047FM/calhoun and https://www.facebook.com/wvrcfm and both have excellent streaming

Friday night I decided to stay home and monitor the broadcasts for this article, and it was quite enjoyable watching the game on my 45-inch television. It was almost like being there, but it wasn't.

Missing was the atmosphere. The camaraderie. The sights and sounds. The smells. The hot dogs.

I mean it was a good time, but it wasn't as much fun as being in the ball park with all the action going on around you.

The broadcast team of Tim Davis, Mike Fitzwater, Rick Fitzwater and Bob Bonar Jr., did a tremendous job with the play-by-play and color comments with the only faux pas was at halftime when Bonar's microphone did not work while trying to give the halftime

Other than that, and Gilmer's 18-7 comeback win everything went fine.

The game, which got under way at 7:32 p.m., and was termed the Route 5 Rivalry by Davis, was mostly a defensive battled save for a burst here and there like a 27-yard by sophomore quarterback Brennon Carpenter on the second offensive play of the game.

The game was a scoreless tie at the end of one and the play descriptions and the plays were coordinated as the broadcast was more of a broadcast than it was coaches commenting on game films.

Gilmer finally grabbed a 6-0 lead when Remi Huffman scored from a yard out with 5:36 left in the half only to have Calhoun come roaring back quickly as freshman Gavin Hicks brought the kickoff back to the Gilmer 24 where he was tacked by Zack Wine saving

a touchdown. It only took the Red Devils a couple of plays before Carpenter scored from six yards out to tie the score before Logan Tingler, a rare straight-on kicker, booted the extra point to give Calhoun a 7-6 lead.

The older, more experienced Titans scored twice in the second half to score a come from behind victory.

It was Calhoun's 16th loss in a row but as an old sports axiom goes "you better get 'em now" and that's because the Red Devils have but two upperclassmen and a strong youth league program.

The Red Devils will also have broadcasts of other sports as the year goes on and thus far the broadcasts look like a winner.

Stay tuned.

Golf Roster

Cameron Jarvis – 12th

Faith McClain – 11th

Laney Arnold – 10th

Remedy Riddle - 9th

Baron Davis – 9th

Paisley Cummings – 9th

Cross Country Roster

Abi Waldron - 12th

Mark Plumby Jr.

Braidin Ferrell

Eli Ferrell

Zac Smith

Gabi Smith

Brody Rowe

Jackson Clawson

Vada Barnhart

Brooke Tingler

Carissa Sands

Jules Williams

Silas Cunningham

Calhoun Athletics 2024 Rosters

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Calhoun Football Roste	er 2024		
Player Name Player #	Grade	Captains	
Tucker Sampson	3	9	
Gavin Hicks 14	9		
Coby Staples 17	9		
Michael McGuire	57	9	
Camden Carpenter	64		
Kolton Persinger	65		
Evan Burch 66			
Hoyt Helmick 72			
Nic Butler 73	9		
Brennen Carpenter	2	10	
Lance Grogg 4	10		
Garrett Carpenter	44	10	
Rome Riddel 50	10	XXX	
Kristian Fredrick	60	10	
Orion Swearingen	71	10	XXX
Michael Arthur 77	10		
Landon Hardway	11	11	XXX
Brayden Phillips	8	12	
Logan Tingler 18	12	XXX	
Caraban	1 11		

Coaches ball Trevor Mayle #10

HC-Jeff Goodrich

ASST: Zac Yeager

Trainer: JJ Bremar

Trainer: Colleen Goodrich

Middle School Foot-

ASST: lan Persinger ASST: Connor Boggs

Ezra Anderson #14 Sam Bailey #55 Cohen Blankenship #78 Jace Lemon #2 Kyrian Mounts #24 Preston Sauer #21 Michael Richards #4 Cyrus Helmick #3 Dayvon Mitchell #60 Landon Hawkins #62 Braydon Hardway# 1 Caden Osborne #64 Logan Butler #54

Matthew McGuire #51.

Seth Bailey #7 Jacob Whytsell #66

Clayton Foster #63

High School Cheer-

leaders Mason Snider Cameron Cottrill Holly Carper Kassidy Frederick Hannah Knicley Lana Laughlin Chloe Capell Raylee Cunningham Morgan Ferrell Amera Hosey Maddison Jones Addison Laughlin Reonna Stamper Jules Williams Addison Collins

Middle School Cheer-Ariana Bremer Chiara Brenneman Caylee Cottrell Ellie Hall Jayden Hall Aleeya Hosey Riley Hupp Kayleigh Morris Karlee Nelson Mollie Parkin Paityn Roberts Jaelyn McCumbers Sadie McGlothlin

Izabella Vigil

Marching Band Members

6th Michell McGuire Payton Quick AJ Stevens Micah McHenry 8th Lilly Falls Danika Starcher Regan Smith Izabella Zwoll Rylan Smith Lydia Starcher 9th **Bret Richards** Jasmyn Tingler, Brody Richards Kaylee Adams Allie Ogle

Griffen Parsons

Rhyleigh Garrett

Destiny Langford

Anessa Kirby

Abby Reed

Erica Cassias

Kylee Quick

Addie Welch

Laina Kelly

Ashlyn Fletcher

Kadence Remele

Maggie Robinson

10th

11th

12th

Kassidy Frederick

High School Volleyball Roster 12th Grade Lauren Lovejoy #8 Brealle Arthur #21 Ashlyn Boak #18 Abi Waldron #11 11th Grade Madison McCumbers #22

Brylie Wilson #14 10th Grade Kayleigh Cunningham #12

Paige Sterns #15 Gabi Smith #9 Summer Rogers #5 Madison Cunningham #20 9th Grade

Aubrey Laughlin #13 Caydence Moss #17 Kendall Snodgrass #3

Middle School Volley **Ball Roster** 8th Graders

Allison Harris #11 Paislee Perkins #4 Katelynn Carder #16 lyree Reynolds #13 Ellie Tawney #18 Camry Parsons #17 7th Graders Bristol Hoskins #14 Gwen Sampson #1 Emma Frail #10 Clara Barnhart #12 Paisley Harper #8 Reagan Morgan #6 Amelia Bopp #9 6th Graders Addison Caudill #15 Mandy Johnson #3 Vada Barnhart #00 Colbie Wilson #5

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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

How long does it take to receive my soil testing

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 overmacronutrients apply and to balance essential micronutrients and carbon, which are vital for maintaining soil and plant

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.

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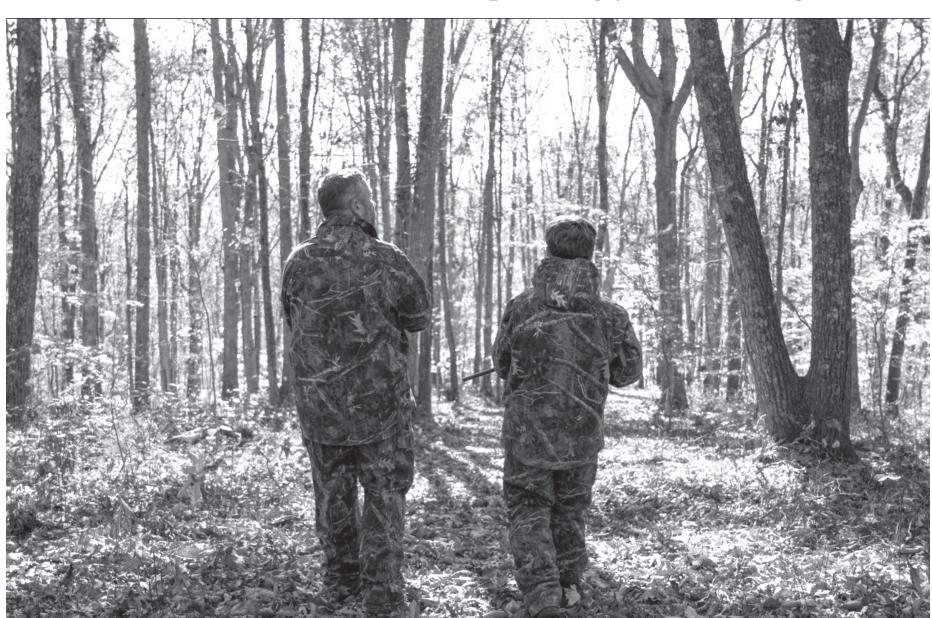


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WVDNR reminds hunters about upcoming youth hunting seasons



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.

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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.

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

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

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's Address Decedent **Date of Death Date of Will** Vicki Lee Sirna 88 Lexington Ave December 2, 2023 November 30, 2022 West Warwick, RI 02893 2. Leman Troy Stallman 35 Austin Rd. May 24, 2021 June 20, 2000 East Greenwich, RI 02818

Name of Person Filing		Relation to	Date of First
Affidavit	Address	Decedent	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.

Dean Simes 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 Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

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

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 refer-

ence to a fiduciary commissioner.

notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

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
Bake Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy w/onions Beets Whole Wheat Roll Fruit	IO Chicken patty Tomato Peas & Carrots Fruit Whole Wheat Bread	II Fish w/bun Corn Tomato Fruit salad French fries	12 Hamburger on Whole Wheat Bun Red Tomato, onion, Iceberg Lettuce Leaves Potatoes Banana pudding	I3 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 Unwilting 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 Tay-

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 andrun pro wrestling company located inthe 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

residents.



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 ex-

pected to have a positive ripple effect throughout the

local economy, benefiting suppliers, businesses and

Prime 6 is renowned for its unique approach to upcycling 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."