

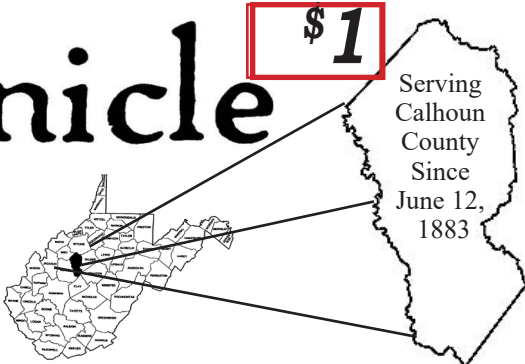


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Relief effort from Calhoun was a mission of love

By Gaylen Duskey

Here in central West Virginia, we don’t have a lot. Material goods and bags of money we have not.

But heart and human kindness we have that in abundance.

When we saw a need in a land where many of us have no connection to – western North Carolina – we stepped into action pulling together things needed down there as various entities before we came together and coordinated our efforts.

First it was the people at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church along with Calhoun businessman Eric Lupardus and then many more people joined in and before we knew it there was a caravan of loaded trucks and trailers headed for Old Fort, N.C.

“This community has stepped up in a tremendous way and we have filled one box trailer already, but due to the overwhelming support and donations we are in need of one more box trailer and truck to deliver more supplies,” Lupardus who served as something of a titular head of the drive, said early in the relief effort.

He further added, “If anyone with a stock trailer or enclosed trailer and is able to donate your time and equipment I will gladly pay for your fuel. You can unload in Old Fort, N.C., and return home or stay and help with efforts on the ground.”

That’s when we (the people of Calhoun County) showed what we were made of when it came to lending a helping hand.

The county’s school students -- Pleasant Hill and Arnoldsburg Elementary – gave what they could, sending things for people their age.

And businesses such as Miller’s Stealz and Deals, Minnie Hamilton Health Systems, the Country Kitchen and many more gave to the effort.

The trailers were loaded Thursday and early Friday were on their way to North Carolina.

The drivers included:

Mike Laughlin and Rhonda Lane

Mike Rogers and his wife, Nina.

Eric Lupardus

“Thank you to the community and businesses that donated for those that have absolutely nothing. I know those on the receiving end will feel the love and know we love them and are here for them,” Lupardus said. “Thank you to our all our Pleasant Hill Methodist Church family who volunteered daily, or almost

daily. My heart is full knowing God takes care of our needs.”

And on the ground at Old Fort, N.C., the Calhoun caravan and volunteers started earning about the ongoing needs that may not have been thought of.

“Please continue to give, I will update the list as we learn more about the needs,” Lupardus said, “(we still need) blankets and warm clothing, men’s and women’s underwear and (women’s) bras, socks, size 4, 5, 6, 7 and toddler size diapers and pull-ups. Also please use a sharpie and mark out the bar codes on items you donate. This will save volunteers time on the ground.”

Lupardus also related a personal thought about the needs and the shortening time before winter.

“Please donate warm clothing and blankets,” Lupardus wrote. “It’s after 1 a.m. right now and I am freezing sleeping in my truck. We had so many people come by needing formula and baby items and it breaks my heart to think these kids are suffering through these cold nights.”

Much more is needed now than we can afford but every effort gets us a step closer to starting the healing and the rebuilding. Further efforts will be detailed when the Calhoun caravan returns to West Virginia.

“Calhoun you made a difference in people’s lives who needed it at their worst! I have never been prouder to be from Calhoun,” Lupardus said. “We literally rolled into base camp with some of the biggest loads of donations. Nine of us rolled in to camp two trailers loads and one truck load.

“Your supplies went to local churches and our people on the ground helped from search and recovery to shoveling homes for the elderly and sawing trees.

“The mountain people need manpower! If you are able to load and unload trucks, help sort and pick supplies for donation centers, use a broom or shovel, rip out sheet rock or have carpentry skills, have hiking skills or backpacking experience or are an equipment operator then please reach out to me or Nathan Allison. We will be working on connections from Black Mountain to Elk Park.

“Please continue to check with Leah Burrows Cheyney and Emily Metheney for locations on both ends of the county to drop off donations. Used clothing must be washed prior to drop off. I also will



Items from Country Kitchen



Old Fort, NC

have another post (on the internet) with photos from our trip and information on needed items.

“I can’t say enough about how much Nathan Allison did also. He was instrumental in our ability to join the recovery efforts with search and rescue. Nathan and I will be headed back out early this week to continue search efforts that we started Saturday.”

The mission is over but now we are looking toward our next mission.

County commission starts final step of water district consolidation

By Gaylen Duskey

The beginning of the final step for the consolidation of Calhoun County’s three public service districts may have taken place Tuesday morning when the Calhoun Commission met.

There had been talk and meetings of the three public service districts as a consolidation effort moved forward that would combine the Grantsville Public Service District with the Mount Zion District and the Pleasant Hill Public Service District into one entity with a sperate head and headquarters.

County Commissioner Roger Propst addressed the situation.”

“For new jobs to come, we must improve the infrastructure necessary to support new businesses. An efficient public water and sanitation system is also critical to attract new businesses and serve the people and small businesses already here,” he said. “The Mt. Zion and Pleas-

ant Hill public service districts are working with the Town of Grantsville Mayor (Robert Petrovsky) and his staff to take the first major step in consolidating the three entities into one Calhoun County Public Service District. I commend the PSDs and Town administration for working cooperatively to make this happen.”

Propst further explained what has happened thus far.

“Early in this process, a group of business leaders and agency representatives met with the Chairman of the Public Service Commission Charlotte Lane at her office in Charleston to discuss a potential consolidation of Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill PSDs and the Town of Grantsville in providing water service to the citizens of Calhoun County. As a result of that meeting, Ms. Lane scheduled a meeting in Grantsville to discuss consolidation with all interested parties. At that meeting, a serious effort began to move consolida-

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Calhoun Class C team posts a playoff win



Owen Starcher, Scarlett Probasco and Asher Starcher are all smiling after Calhoun scored a 19-0 victory over South Harrison in the LKC Youth League Class C playoff game at Elkview. The Red Devils now move on to the second round. Calhoun is now 8-1. The Red Devils’ other two teams fell as the Class A team was beaten by Williamstown, 20-0, while the Class B team lost to South Harrison, 26-0.

School Board hears bus passing incident

Courtesy Ridgeview News

The Calhoun County Board of Education met for their LSIC October Meeting at the Arnoldsburg Elementary School. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, delegations were permitted to speak.

Stephanie Hartshorn addressed the Board regarding an incident involving her granddaughter. Hartshorn informed the School Board that her granddaughter was recently crossing the road after exiting the bus at which time a woman passed the school bus, narrowly missing her granddaughter, even though the bus signs to prohibit it were on. The woman then rolled down her window and exchanged word with Mrs. Hartshorn who informed

the Board Members that “The ball is in their court. If I don’t hear something has been done about this, I’m going to take further steps. She’s lucky I didn’t reach in her car and jerk her out. A bus driver has enough responsibilities with without that.” She provided her contact information and requested to be told of what action the school took.

Second to speak was Brittany King, whose daughter was the child involved in the bus incident mentioned by Mrs. Hartshorn. Ms. King stated that she had received no information from the school that the incident had occurred and that it was her understanding that this was the 4th incident by this individual with no action being taken. She too requested to be

informed of the action taken over the issue.

According to the WV Code 17C-12-7 charging Overtaking and Passing a School Bus a convicted driver shall be fined not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000, or confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and confined. Upon conviction of a second violation of subsection (a) of this section, the driver shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$1,500, or confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and confined. Upon conviction of a third or subsequent violation of subsection (a) of this section, the driver shall be fined \$2,000 and confined not less than 48 hours in jail but not more than six months. In addition to these penalties

prescribed in subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon conviction, suspend the driver’s license of the person so convicted: (1) Of a first offense under subsection (b) of this section, for a period of 60 days; (2) Of a second offense under subsection (b) of this section, for a period of 180 days; or(3) Of a third or subsequent offense under subsection (b) of this section, for a period of one year. (f) Any driver of a vehicle who willfully violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and the violation causes serious bodily injury to any person other than the driver, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be confined in a state correctional facility not less than one year nor more than three years

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CRESTON
News

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
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Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church.

The Creston Community Building Hal-loween party will be held Saturday, Oc-tober 26 at the old school house. Help-ers are still needed as are helpers for the Christmas Party.

Randy Tucker, age 69, passed away on October 6.

Debbie Griffin was consulting with the medical experts at the Cleveland Clinic.

As a result of Hurricane Helene, many elective surgeries have been cancelled or postponed because of a lack of IV fluid that was made in a factory in the area of North Carolina where the geo-directed storm stopped. Congressional testimony from years ago makes clear that “the government” has the tools to use weather for warfare — even against American citizens. In Hawaii the fire was where someone wanted a 15 minute city that was owned by “peasants” and in North Carolina there is a mining permit and, wouldn’t you know, the “second gentle-man” is a big stockholder in one of the promoters. Now, children there is nothing to see here, move on. Nexrad radar for storm direction must be misinformation.

A new hole has appeared in the west-bound side of the bridge crossing the Little Kanawha River at Creston. Folks should be careful.

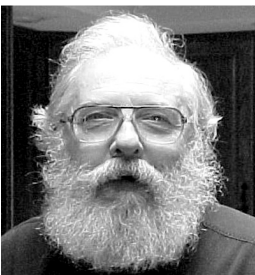
The Wirt Road crew has been doing a professional job mowing the road bank on W. Va. 5. The roadside had been adorned with white & blue asters & gold-en rod, but such is now past and can be mowed.

Eli Ferrell placed fifth & Braiden Fer-rell placed sixth at the regional track meet held on the Poor Farm at Elizabeth. There were several teams there including one from Lincoln County.

Jacques Frost came calling to Creston on Friday morning. Some places he vis-ited last month but it is that time of year. Leaves are starting to turn.

Residents received a notice from Change Healthcare stating that the firm had had a “data breach”. So far no one has determined why the California firm notified folks that had never heard of them.

Exxon/Mobil (the Rockefeller family), Occidental Petroleum & Phillips 66 have



asked the Trump team to keep “the green new deal” a/k/a “The Inflation Reduction Act” since the firms are looking forward to making out like bandits on the “carbon capture” scam. Local residents have re-ceived mailings from the little university up at Morgantown which encourages tax-payers to “join up” on their “forest car-bon programs”. Such might just be like standing in the smoke when one is burn-ing poison ivy.

Some area folks got to see the northern lights and the pictures were spectacular.

The Columbia Climate Review stated that “journalists” have a “moral obliga-tion” to give biased reports on any article that involves coal, oil, natural gas. That reporters should NOT be objective, pe-riod.

A dark money group gave \$3 million for lawsuits against oil & gas producers for what might be called “nuisance suits”.

Some local folks attended the Pancake Breakfast Saturday at the Morristown community building. Those folks serve good food including buckwheat cakes. Others were at the fire station in Eliza-beth to see AG Patrick Morrissey who is running for governor.

The WEF (World Economic Forum) has proposed a BAN on home grown food claiming that such activity pro-motes global warming. The group said that “farming should be left to the pro-fessionals”. Those who raise their own food are an obstacle to complete control of the entire world’s population. For background one might study the Book of Daniel. The “professionals” likely would include folks like ADM (Archer Daniel Midland) that own some US Senators and are involved in the unhealthy food that has caused childhood obesity to sky-rocket. These are the folks that Robert Kennedy Jr. has talked about that need to have their wings clipped and be removed from government positions.

The Henry Hub price of natural gas is \$2.63/MMBTU but gas sold locally fetched just \$0.8167/MMBTU. Just a tad below the Louisiana price, but, you know, no one down at the Mouth of the Elk is concerned about the citizens of West Virginia or the state’s economy.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil is \$74.56/bbl. With condensate bringing \$56.56/bbl. While Marcellus & Utica light is \$63.56/bbl.

Calhoun does itself proud because it saw a need and took action

by Gaylen Duskey

It is nice to be able to write a column about my friends and neighbors stepping up and doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

When the hurricanes hit America with full force and the local folks said “c’mon folks let’s go” putting aside petty argu-ments and setting up rescue efforts for those in the track of Helene and Milton, it made me proud.

It should make you proud too. What makes America great? It’s people.

And some of our people here set out to make America not even realizing what they were doing is some important. They just think they are helping a neighbor.

Somebody here – I really don’t know who – said it was time to act and now that has turned into action by so many that it brought a lump to my throat and a tear to my eye. And a big dose of pride to my soul.

Some of our people and I am not sure who sad let’s do something for the people of North Carolina and the next thing you knew the folks at Pleasant Hill Methodist had a drive going and Calhoun business-man Eric Lupardus was running all over the place getting donations and round-ing up volunteers and Steve Whited the CEO at Minnie Hamilton Health Systems rounded up a bunch of medical supplies and the next thing you know plans were made to load ‘em up and head off to Old Fort, N.C.

The Calhoun caravan was by no means the longest headed for North Carolina but somehow, I think it may have been the caravan with the most love in it.

It was a thing done by a small commu-nity because it saw a need and did its best to address it.

Frankly I could not be any prouder of our people.

Thank you everyone.

PROGRESS BEING MADE: We are not there yet but we are making progress on our plan to build a Church Directory for the Calhoun Chronicle as you should be able to see elsewhere in this week’s edi-tion.

We are hoping to get every church of every denomination n Calhoun County in our directory to be as all-inclusive as pos-sible.

We also would like to include churches in other counties near the Calhoun border that have Calhounians attending. I know there are churches in places like Stump-town and Smithville that could very well have Calhoun parishioners and we would like to include those churches too.

After all we are all God’s children.

Changing gears slightly I saw an article of a meeting with one of Minnie Hamil-ton’s family – Minnie Hamilton the person not Minnie Hamilton the medical center – and I rally liked it and am planning to publish it this week.

The article ties in with the Calhoun County Hall of Fame that we feel the county needs.

It is our hope that soon people and orga-nizations like the Calhoun Historical So-ciety, the 1982 Foundation, county govern-ment and interested citizens get together to start building the Hall of Fame.

It will be our way to set the narrative of Calhoun County instead of the rest of the state. We have had some great people with Calhoun ties, and it is time we showed our pride.

I had the opportunity to talk with a per-son up on Hog Knob and the conversation turned to people from Hog Knob who ac-complished very much in their lives.

I told him that “right out the road” in a house that used to set out in the woods a Congressional Medal of Honor winner Bernard Pious Bell was born and raised and in that same house a few years later Roy ‘Red’ Stump was raised, and he was the subject of the television show “It’s a Miracle” and was the recipient of three purple heart awards. And, incidentally, not too far behind that site the person living there built a geodesic dome for his house.

The next house out the road was where

the Command Sergeant Major OF the 82nd Airborne not a CSM in the 82nd Airborne was raised. CSM Drexel ‘Whitey’ Ice also had the military intelligence school at Fort Huachuca, AZ, named after him.

His brother Bill Ice was something of a mechanical genius who designed and built a dairy ban that featured various levels and cantilevers along with being covered with a rolled aluminum roof which was years ahead of its time.

I said that the next place out the ridge was where the community school – Hog Knob School – was the site of the only Ku Klux Klan battle in the county. It happened at the home of Jenus Crites (yes, that really was his name) held a party where a wife disobeyed her husband’s (he was a KKK member) order that she not attend the party, and one thing led to another, and a cross was set on fire and partygoers and KKK members started shooting at one another. Fortunately, no one was hurt but there were bullet holes in the house, school building and water tank.

The house I was standing in front of was built by my great-grandfather L.S. Peninger who was a teacher and whose name is on the cornerstone of Calhoun County High School (now Avalon. My grandfather Howard Burns died at the age 38 from complications of being stabbed when he was younger. He was a school board member when the high school burned during the time of the State vs. Barnette a case over religious rights versus states’ rights concerning forced prayer in school that still affects the law in our na-tion today.

My uncle Bobby Gene Burns (Robert Eugene Burns) developed and patented an ATM type machine that was used to al-low credit card purchases of gasoline (I am sure you have used his invention. He also invented the whole house television an-tenna and a water purification system that uses ultraviolet light and a series of baffles to work.

I was born and raised there too. I do a little bit of writing and editing.

Down the road (back toward Route 5) was where noted educator and adminis-trator Ronald Blankenship lived. He also reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC). We seemed to have many people with military ties.

The house setting in the turn (what we called a curve) was where the Beall broth-ers were raised. Jim, the middle son, went to the Air Force Academy and has earned three PHD degrees and was the head of the Philosophy Department at St. John’s College when he retired. He is the author of three or four poetry books and was still working as a consultant to NASA and the CIA.

The other two brothers Bob and Harry (it was Danny back when he was young) are both accomplished musician and have released music albums.

Even the first house where you exited Route 5 for Hog Knob Road was the home of a tremendous athlete. Terry Richards was recruited to play football at Marshall University but had to turn it down because of a severe case of diabetes. That was a blessing in disguise since he would have been a senior on Nov. 14, 1970, when an airplane carrying the Marshall football team crashed killing everyone on board.

All these people lived in about a two mile stretch in a lightly populated area. Imagine the wonderful stories that can be told and the fantastic people that can be discussed in other areas of the county.

We have been blessed by our people and it is time we control the narrative. It’s time for the Calhoun County Hall of Fame. Let’s make it happen folks. Calhoun has a lot to be proud of.

We are not going to profile a Hall of Fame candidate this week because we want some of you willing to let us know about somebody you think is deserving of the Calhoun Hall of Fame or some notable historic event in your community.

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

OBITUARIES



Phylis Emaline Hashman

Phylis Emaline (Deul-ley) Hashman of Chapel Rd, Gassaway, WV for-merly of Mt. Zion, WV went home to be with the Lord on the morn-ing of October 7, 2024, at the home of her daughter where she had resided for the last 6 months.

Phylis was born on March 4, 1935, near Nor-mantown, WV. She was the youngest daughter of Oletta Mowery Deulley. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by three brothers; Cecil (Mary), Carlos (Deulley), and Val Gene (Dorothy) Deulley; her husband Dar-rill Hashman, and infant son Gary Lee Hashman.

Phylis was affection-ately nicknamed as “Sally” by her late husband Darrill and the name was adopted by family and friends.

Phylis was a 1953 grad-uate of Normantown High School where she was voted as the best athlete, laziest, biggest pest, and class clown. On October 25, 1954, Phylis married the love of her life Dar-rill Hashman in Deep Creek, MD. They enjoyed each other for 56 years, 1 month, 3 days, 8 hours, and 10 minutes until his passing on November 28, 2010. Darrill was a Baptist minister, and she traveled with him as often as pos-sible as he pastored churches in Ohio and West Virginia. She claims to have listened to over 450 of his sermons.

Phylis worked as a press operator at Peerless Lau-ndry in Elyria, OH, for 68 cents an hour in the early 1950’s. She served as an auxiliary member and gift shop volunteer at Minnie Hamilton Health System in Grantsville, WV for 28

years. She was also active with the Mt Nebo Gospel Singing Convention serv-ing in the Bookstore. In 2005, she was selected as the Calhoun County Belle representative for the West Virginia State Folk Festi-val in Glenville, WV. She was a member of the Mt Carmel Baptist Church in Normantown, WV.

Phylis enjoyed reading her Bible, quilting, and watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune until her eyesight failed her. She also enjoyed visiting with others and sharing her sto-ries.

Surviving are children, Leon Hashman of Nor-mantown, WV, Monica (Edwin) White of Perkins, WV, and Cindy Hash-man of New Bern, NC. She was known as Mam-maw to grandchildren, Dallas (Nok) Hashman of Buckhannon, WV, Dil-lon (Jacqueline) Hash-man of Glenville, WV, Heather (Kelland) Garland of Simpsonville, KY, and Amanda (Dennis) Fisher of Normantown, WV; great-grandchildren, Brianna Hashman of Buckhannon, WV, Elliette and Eden Hashman of Glenville, WV, and Emma, Ethan, and Addison Garland of Simpsonville, KY. She is also survived by brother-in-law, Norman “Sonny” Hashman of Elyria, OH as well as several nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family would like to thank special friends Wilda Jo Gerwig, Kenny and Pam Mohr, Susan McKen-zie, WV Caring, and many other family and friends for the love, care, and support they generously lavished on Sally over the years and in her last days.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Darrill Hashman Memorial Scholarship c/o Barb McKown Minnie Hamilton Health System 186 Hospital Drive Grants-ville WV 26147.

A funeral service for Phylis was held at 1 pm at the Mt Carmel Baptist Church in Normantown, WV on Thursday, October 10, 2024, with Elder Larry

Fisher and Brother Henry Linden officiating. Friends and family were received for viewing on Wednes-day evening from 5-8 pm at Roach Funeral Home in Gassaway, WV as well as from 12-1 pm prior to the funeral service on Thurs-day at the church.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.



Dortha Lea Starling

Dortha Lea Starling, 95 of Belpre, Ohio died on Oc-tober 12, 2024 at the Bel-pre Landing, Belpre, Ohio. She was born in Grants-ville, WV on July 18, 1929 and was the daughter of the late Wilbert "Slim" Vernon and Bessie Mae Williamson Knight. She had worked for the Foster Creighton Com-pany for many years as a payroll clerk, she was a 1947 graduate of Calhoun County High School, and was a member of the Pleas-ant Hill United Method-ist Church of Grantsville. Survivors include her son Eric Callicoat of Havelock, NC, daughter, Abranah Moening of Ak-ron, Ohio, brother, Johnnie Knight, several grandchil-dren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Virgil Rex Star-ling, sisters, Margarette Duskey, Mary Belle Star-ling, brothers, Jack Knight, and Olen "Rusty" Knight. At her request, there will be no visitation or service. The family is being as-sisted with arrangements by Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre, Ohio. Online con-dolences may be sent to the family at www.Leavitt-FuneralHome.com.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

1) Opinion Editorials (Op-Eds) and Letters to the Editor may contain con-structive criticisms, thoughts, and ob-servations based on reliable informa-tion. 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 sub-ject to revision concerning writing me-

chanics, space available, and accuracy.

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

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

Editorials, letters to the editor, press releases, meeting notices, and an-nouncements can be sent to contact@calhouncronicle.com.

WAG Trap-Neuter-Return on October 26

On Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, the Wel-fare of Animals Group (WAG) will be hu-manely trapping feral cats in the Arnolds-burg area to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neu-ter-Return program).

We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Friday, Oct. 25 as we will be trapping on Saturday morning.

Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact loca-tion. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation. So far, we have spayed and neutered 958 commu-

nity cats (520 females and 438 males). Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Saturday the 26th. If you have any questions, please call Linda Buchanan at 304-354-7506. If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know. Female kit-ens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats. Trap-Neu-ter-Return is provided to Calhoun Coun-ty residents at no cost to the caretaker. Partial funding for Trap-Neuter-Return is provided by The Oakland Foundation, The Bernard McDonough Foundation, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the Calhoun County Commission.

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Oct. 17, 1901: Folk artist S. L. Jones was born in Monroe County. He was widely recognized for his hand-carved, painted wood sculptures. His works are in the collections of the National Museum of American Art, Museum of American Art, Museum of American Folk Art, and West Virginia State Museum.



Oct. 18, 1941: William "Billy" Cox was born in Wheeling. He is one of two bassists to have played regularly with legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix.



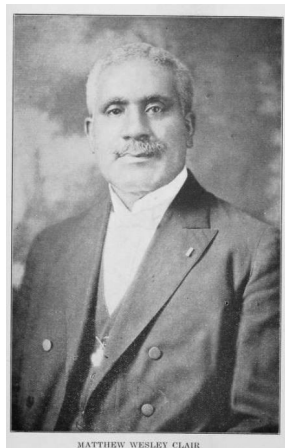
Oct. 19, 1894: Historian and illustrator Julius Allan DeGruyter was born in Charleston. A self-taught painter and illustrator, DeGruyter's art appeared in numerous exhibits and is represented in the collections of the State Museum. The artwork includes scenes of early Charleston.



Oct. 20, 1990: The current USS West Virginia (SSBN-736) was commissioned. The USS West Virginia is an Ohio Class Trident ballistic missile submarine that is 560

feet long, 42 feet wide, and displaces 18,750 tons when submerged.

Oct. 21, 1865: Bishop Matthew Wesley Clair Sr. was born in Union. He was one of the first African Americans elected as a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church.



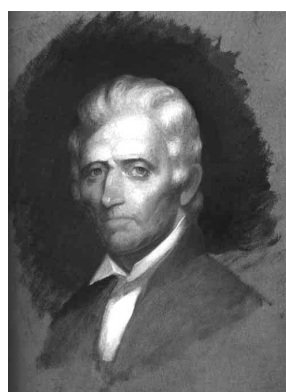
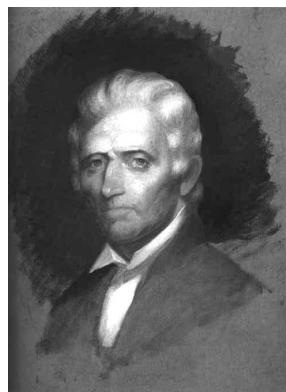
Oct. 21, 1918: Governor Hulett Smith was born in Beckley. In the 1964 gubernatorial primary, Smith carried 53 of the state's 55 counties, receiving more votes than his three opponents combined.



Oct. 22, 1693: Lord Thomas Fairfax was born in Kent, England. He inherited five million acres in Virginia, land that included much of present West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

Oct. 22, 1734: Frontiersman Daniel Boone was born in Pennsylvania. In 1788, Boone and his family settled near the mouth of the Kanawha

River at Point Pleasant. He represented Kanawha County in the Virginia General Assembly in 1791.



Oct. 22, 1821: Collis P. Huntington was born in Harwinton, Connecticut. In 1869, Huntington purchased the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and set about extending its tracks from Richmond across southern West Virginia to the Ohio River. There, in 1871, he established a new city bearing his name.



Oct. 22, 1922: Fiddler Wilson Douglas was born in Clay County. Influenced by fellow old-time musician French Carpenter, Douglas developed a unique style of playing that continues to inspire younger generations. In 1992, he received the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folklife honor.



Oct. 22, 1977: Construction of the New River Gorge Bridge was completed after three years of work. The Fayette County bridge is one of West Virginia's best-known landmarks. It is the third-highest bridge in the United States and third-longest steel span in the Western Hemisphere.

Oct. 23, 1890: The Fast Flying Virginian passenger train wrecked due to a rockslide near Hinton, killing engineer George Alley. It became the source of a folk song known variously as "The Wreck on the C&O," "Engine 143," and "The FFV," among other titles.

Oct. 23, 1943: German prisoners arrived at Camp Ashford in White Sulphur Springs. Built by the U.S. War Department, Camp Ashford was one of two camps in West Virginia that housed prisoners of war during World War II.



Class of 2004 holds 20th reunion



L-R: Zeb Ritchie, Derek Roberts, Zach Bailey, Eric Metz, Susan Gifford, Marcus Davis, Chris Sampson, Shawn Hillegas, Ryan Fitzwater, Zach Houchin, Brittany Frymier, Kevin Yeager, Steven Rogers

Coffee with a Candidate

Come meet the candidate, Shannon Johnson and learn about her experience and platform. Saturday, October 19, 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. at Mom's Place Too Banquet Room. Refreshments will be served.

Veterans Day Markets - Nov. 11 - Statewide

Celebrate our Home Grown Heroes by visiting these Farmers Markets on November 11.

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Circle S Farms at 3731 Walnut Road in Chloe will be participating in the sale.

Large sale/flea market

At Cisco across from the Cisco Church on Route 47/Staunton Pike. Loads of dollar items and more. Oct 22-26 from 10 am-dark daily. Info all 919-545-1440

Trick
or
Treat

October 26

6:00 pm-6:30pm

MHHS Long Term Care

Enter through LTC court yard

Work continuing on Calhoun Chronicle Church Directory

EDITOR'S NOTE: *We are still working toward creating a Church Directory for the Calhoun Chronicle and these are the churches we have thus far.*

We would like for you to look over the churches we have information about and correct anything we may have wrong in the church's summary.

Also, if we missed any churches in the county, please let us know and tell us about your church. We look forward to hearing from you because each and every church is very important.

Also we would like to get information on churches in neighboring counties where Calhoun people may attend such as churches in Smithville, Stumptown and Creston.

We look forward to hearing from you.

APOSTOLIC
None listed

BAPTIST
The Church at Anna-

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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10 a.m. – Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor: Tom Law
Route 5 East Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville, WV

Brooksville Missionary Baptist Church
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Enon Baptist Church

Russett Road
Grantsville, WV 26147
Pastor John Vannoy

First Baptist Church of Grantsville
Pastor Ron Chesser
Associate Pastor Rick Godfrey
Sunday: 10:00 – Sunday school
11:00 – morning worship
Wednesday: 7:00 – Bible study
Pastor Ron's cell: +1 (304) 786-6273
Home: (304) 477-3339

Freedom Baptist Church
Chloe, WV, Campus Pastor Steve Boggs. Open at 10am Preaching at 10:30am Call 304-655-7692 for information: Internet services Done by Pastor (Mike Worf) at Freedom Baptist Church of Okeechobee Florida Sunday morning 10:30am, Sunday night 8pm, Wednesday night 7pm and Friday night 8pm

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Steven Carter, Sunday School – 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m., Sunday Evening – 6 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. (Adult & Youth Programs). Phone 304-354-7780, Find us on Facebook!

CATHOLIC Good Shepherd Catholic Church
701 Mineral Road, Glenville, WV. Pastor: Father Gary Naegele, Mass schedule: Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass and Holy Day as announced in bulletin; Confessions: before Sunday Mass.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
None listed

METHODIST

ALBERT'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor David Weaver, Sunday School 10:00 am,

Worship 11:00 am

Mt Zion United Methodist Church
Pastor David Weaver, Worship 10:00 am, 304-514-1346

PLEASANT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rick Matheney 3757 N. Calhoun Highway, Grantsville, WV 26147.

Prudence Chapel
Minnora, WV along Rt 16
Pastor Tim Hickman, preaching at 11am the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Sunday School at 10am. 2nd and 4th Sundays preaching at 10am and Sunday school at 11am.
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Walker United Methodist Church
located 1627 Walker Rd in Chloe, WV

Pastor Tim Hickman
Sunday services start at 10 AM

Knotts Memorial Church
Pastor Tim Davis
Sunday School: 9 am
Sunday Worship: 10 am
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 pm
Thursday Men's/Women's groups: 6 pm
Congregation Led Services
<https://www.KnottsChurch.com>

NON DENOMINATIONAL

Cornerstone Praise and Worship
527 Highland Street, Grantsville, WV. Pastor: Kevin Church
Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Sunday Evening Prayer Group 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 6pm (adults and youth).
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Two important amendments and levies on ballot

Courtesy Ridgeview News

West Virginia Amendment 1, the Prohibit “Medically Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, and Mercy Killing” Measure, is on the ballot in West Virginia as a legislatively referred constitutional amendment.

A “yes” vote supports amending the West Virginia Constitution to prohibit people from participating in “the practice of medically assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of a person.”

A “no” vote opposes amending the West Virginia Constitution to prohibit people from participating in “the practice of medically assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of a person.” Meaning you want them to allow assisted suicide, euthanasia or mercy killing of a person.

Amendment 1: Life or Death?

This amendment would prohibit people from participating in “the practice of medically assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of a person.” This practice is sometimes referred to as assisted death, assisted suicide, or aid-in-dying. This includes prohibiting healthcare providers and physicians. This amendment would

not prevent the administration or prescription of medication to alleviate pain or discomfort while the patient’s condition follows its natural course, nor does it prohibit withholding or withdrawing of life-sustaining treatment at the request of the patient or patient’s decision maker. The amendment also does not prevent the state from providing capital punishment.

Physician-assisted death is legal in nine states — California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, Washington—and the District of Columbia. Oregon became the first U.S. state to legalize physician-assisted death in 1997. It was decriminalized in Montana following a court ruling. Three states—Colorado, Oregon, and Washington — legalized assisted death by ballot initiative. Six states — California, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, and Vermont — legalized assisted death by legislation. The last state to legalize assisted death by ballot initiative was Colorado in 2016.

For the state legislature to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot, a two-thirds vote in each chamber is re-

quired during one legislative session. The amendment was introduced as House Joint Resolution 28 (HJR 28) on January 31, 2024. On February 15, 2024, the House of Delegates voted 88-9 to pass HJR 28. On March 9, 2024, the Senate voted 28-4 to approve an amended version of HJR 28. As HJR 28 was amended, concurrence was required in the House of Delegates. Later on, March 9, 2024, the House voted 88-10 to refer the constitutional amendment to the ballot.

The second matter of importance is the Calhoun County School Levy.

Again and again, Calhoun County has attempted to pass a school levy without success. The primary reasoning considered was that the economic status of Calhoun County was in such a state that the residents did not feel they could justify another increase or did not understand the need for the school to have the increase in funds.

The tax increase (although none is ever appreciated) is not of a significant amount, but the impact and needs is great.

Michael Fitzwater Superintended ad-

ressed the Levy. With the following key points for which the levy will support the school:

School Safety and Security: The levy will provide funding for, but not limited to, a school nurse, a preventative resource officer, and a Technology System Specialist.

Facilities and Equipment: Funds will go toward playground equipment for CMHS, improvements and maintenance of county-wide athletic facilities, and compliance with local, state, and federal regulations. Additionally, it will support maintenance and custodial supplies.

Extracurricular Support: The levy will help fund extracurricular trips, providing more opportunities for our students.

Summer School: Funding will be available to support summer school programs.

Supplemental Salaries: The levy will offer supplemental salaries for all staff members.

Elementary Art Programs: The levy will provide an art cart for elementary students at PHE and AES, enhancing creative opportunities for our youngest learners.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An Untold Event

While a senior at CCHS in 1978, I was trying to decide where in the medical profession I might find a career, since I had always wanted to work in healthcare. To help with that challenge, I met with the high school counselor to see if he could help. That meeting turned out to be insightful and led to an appointment with the Calhoun General Hospital Administrator where we discussed the various disciplines in medicine. It was also during this meeting that the administrator told us that the hospital had a school based there to train students to become radiologic technicians. And upon successful completion of the program, students would be qualified to take the exam to become licensed. Following that meeting, I considered all that I learned and being a hard-working farm-boy from the West Fork with limited means, but with determination, a strong work ethic and desire to stay in the county, I soon applied to the school and was shortly after accepted into the program.

I started the program on June 1, 1978, which consisted of arriving at the hospital every morning (Mon – Fri) and spending the day with the other technologist learning anatomy, physiology, anatomical positioning for radiologic imaging, learning the theory of radiation generating techniques using equipment that combined milliamps, kilovolts and fractions of seconds to generate and send a beam of

photons from a cathode ray tube, through a patient and into a cassette containing x-ray film. Other training included patient handling, supporting fluoroscopic procedures, and working with other departments such as ER, ICU and Surgery. The program ran year-round for 24 months, and after the first 6 months of training, I was entrusted by the department head to begin taking emergency room calls on Mondays and Wednesdays nights.

During the two-year program, the hospital provided me with a small monthly stipend. I was also paid minimum wage for the nights that I took call, but only for the time that I was called out to the emergency room to take x-rays of sick or injured patients. And while the program did not cost anything to attend, the amount of work that was put in by students performing billable procedures more than made up the difference in the cost of training.

I thrived in the program and upon completion, was given a certificate stating that I successfully completed the Calhoun General Hospital School of Radiologic Technology on May 31, 1980. I was also immediately hired as a staff technician for the second shift. And I also set about applying to the Board of Medical Radiologic Technicians to take the test which was required to work in the field. As part of the application process, I provided a copy of my training certificate, information about

the school, a photo of myself and the application fee. It took about 2 weeks to get a response back from the board and to my dismay, I was denied access to the test, because as the board indicated, they did not recognize the school I attended as accredited. Later, it was found that the school had not kept its standing and lost its accreditation a few years before I started the program. I subsequently appealed to the licensing authority to reconsider my application, given my training, experience and ability to pass the test using practice exams. But, to no avail the board ruled that I had not attended an accredited school, therefore I was not permitted to take the test.

Upon receiving that feedback, I went to the leadership of the radiology department and the hospital administration with the ruling and was told they would investigate the matter. In the meantime, I was told by the board that I would no longer be able to work at the hospital. Months followed with no word from hospital personnel, so I enrolled in Glenville State College in August of 1980 and brought legal action. In the complaint, I asked to be compensated for the time I spent at the hospital and for lost opportunity. Unfortunately, there were many different parties involved, and all with their own counsel, causing the case to linger on for over a decade and ultimately settling for

a fraction of the claim. During all the legal maneuvering, parties filed bankruptcy, others moved out of state or were released from the case, and others had the means to resist and delay. I was also not the only student enrolled in the program, there was another that had just completed her first year in the program and like me had to leave at the same time. She also received the same proportional settlement, but later went onto nursing school, completed the program and worked many years in healthcare.

That summer of 1980, I was set on becoming a licensed radiologic technician, staying in the county on the farm and starting a family. Instead, I went on and graduated from GSC in 1984 with a degree in business and have spent the past 40 years working in the energy industry where I’ve managed teams of personnel and software applications for businesses across the country.

These events were never adequately told, and after all these many years, I felt the need to tell them. I look back and am proud of my service to the community, the experience gained, and relationships built. Though a slight sting still exists when I think of that young man at the time whose plans were thwarted by the actions or inactions of others.

Kind regards,
Jim Allison

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*Select Locations

Clay County mauls Red Devils, 55-14

The Calhoun County Red Devils welcomed an old foe to the Calhoun Athletic Complex last Friday night. Long-time rival Clay County made its first visit to Mount Zion since the 2017 season and made the most of their trip by taking a 55-14 decision from the host team.

Clay County scored four times in the first quarter to put the game out of reach and added a pair of scores in the second quarter. The Panthers, exhibiting wonderful sportsmanship, began using the entire play clock early in the game, thus reducing the number of plays they ran during the evening.

The Red Devils’ first score of the game came on a ten-play drive as the second quarter was ending. Charter Cottrell, playing in his first game of the season, carried the ball seven times on the drive, including the final play that netted the touchdown. Logan Tingler kicked the extra point to make the score 41-7 entering the half.

Calhoun County accepted the second half kickoff and scored their second and final touchdown of the evening. Once again, Cottrell chewed up most of the yardage on the drive, but this time Brennan Carpenter ran the ball in for the score. Logan Tingler added the extra point to make the score 41-14.

Clay County pulled most of their starters from the game in the second half, and its junior varsity scored twice to set the final score at 55-14.

Clay County’s Joel Elliott caught three touchdowns from Noah Collins, while Seth Robinson rushed for another two six-pointers in the first half. Collins finished the game completing 11-of-13 passes for 268 yards,

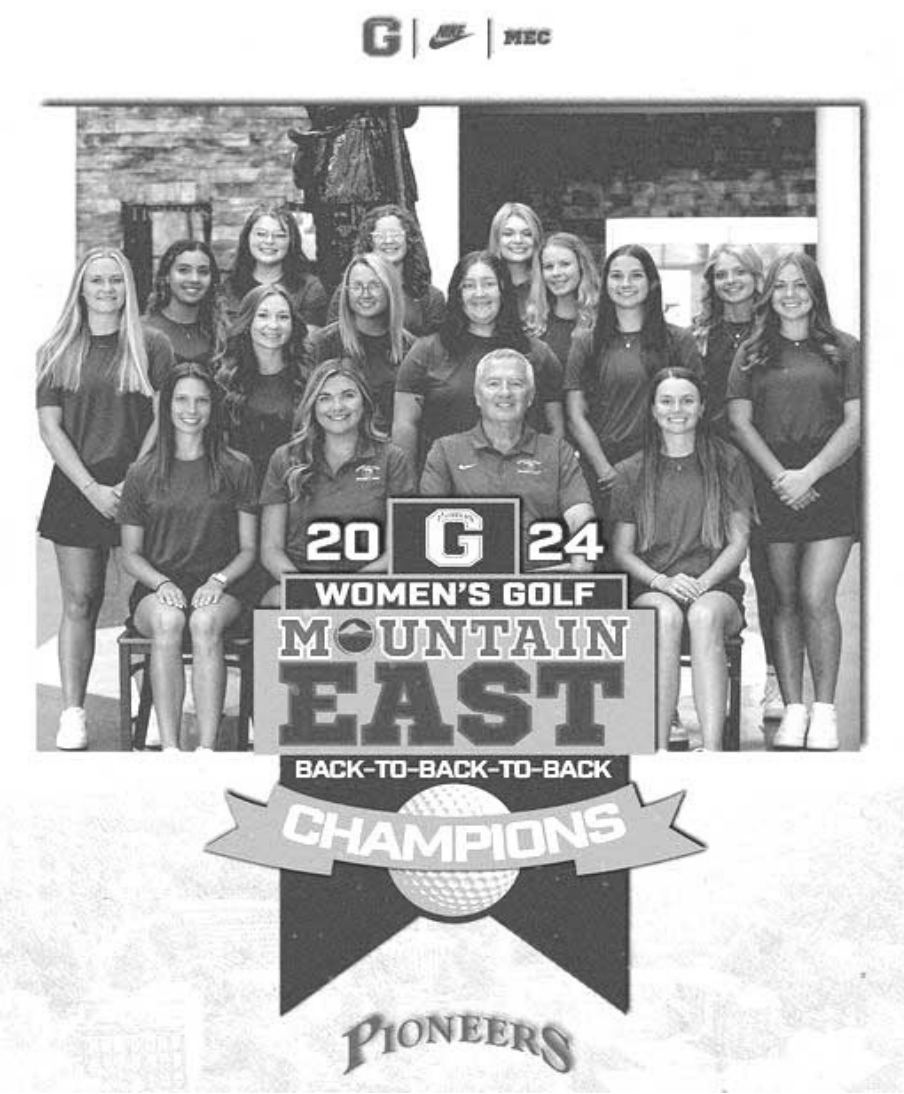
while Elliott hauled in three catches for 117 yards. Robinson gained 72 yards on just five carries.

Friday night’s game was the resumption of a rivalry that dates back to 1924. The two teams had not met since a 42-6 Panthers win at Mount Zion in 2017. Calhoun County has not defeated Clay County since the stunning 50-7 victory in Clay during the 2005 season.

The Red Devils travel to Pine Grove this Friday to take on the Lumberjacks of Valley High School. Kick-off is at 7:00.

Clay	28	13	7	7	- 55	
Calhoun	0	0	7	7	0	- 14
Clay - Joel Elliott 5 pass from Noah Collins (Jaxon Brown kick) 10:27 1st						
Clay - Seth Robinson, 31 run (J. Brown kick) 8:28						
Clay - Robinson, 56 pass from Collins (J. Brown kick) 4:57 1st						
Clay - Elliott, 45 pass from Collins (J. Brown kick) 2:59 1st						
Clay - Collins, 20 run (kick failed) 10:24 2nd						
Clay - Elliott, 67 pass from Collins (J. Brown kick) 4:23 2nd						
Cal - Charter Cottrell, 1 run (Logan Tingler kick) 0:18 2nd						
Cal - Brennan Carpenter, 8 run (Tingler kick) 9:10 3rd						
Clay - Jakoby Nichols, 66 run (J. Brown kick) 8:53 3rd						
Clay - Ayden Brown, 6 pass from Collins (J. Brown kick) 11:55 4 th						

Cook leads Glenville State to sweep of MEC Women’s Golf titles



DANIELS, W.Va. – The Glenville State women’s golf team swept the overall and individual titles at the MEC Championships. The three-day, 54-hole stroke play event was held at the Resort at Glade Springs’ par 72 Cobb Course.

The Pioneers’ Kerri-Anne Cook rallied during Wednesday’s final round to claim the individual title and help Glenville State to a one-shot team title over the University of Charleston. The 2024 team title is the Pioneers’ third consecutive MEC championship.

Cook, a freshman, posted a two-over 74 during the decisive round to outlast UC teammates Mari Filippa Larsen and Lucia Martin, both of whom finished three shots back. Cook posted a 79 during Monday’s first round and a 76 on Tuesday to make the cut, but trailed Larsen by two shots entering the final day of competition. Larsen posted a final round 79, while teammate Martin concluded the three days with a 77.

Meanwhile, Glenville State also had to rally to overtake the Golden Eagles for the team three-peat. The Pioneers had a 10-shot lead after Monday’s opening 18 holes, but trailed UC by three strokes after Tuesday’s penultimate round and cut. Cook started her march toward a team title on No. 10, but saved her individual and team push for Wednesday’s second nine holes, where she recorded birdies on Nos. 2 and 5.

Glenville State’s Maria Escobar and UC’s Ines Fernandez rounded out the top five individual scorers. Escobar and Fernandez joined the top three finishers — the medalist, Cook, and runners-up Larsen and Martin — on the MEC all-tournament team.

Rounding out the top 10 individual scorers: Kendall Wall, Glenville State; Gabrielle Harrison, Charleston; Lizzie Bickar, Glenville State; Gadea Melgar-ejo, Charleston; and Alice Anderson, Charleston.

Calhoun to host youth league cheer competition

Calhoun will be hosting the LKC youth cheer competition on Saturday October 26th. This will be a huge fundraiser for us and we need everyone to jump in and help. While this is a cheer competition, we need football parents help as well. This money raised here not only purchases cheer equipment but football as well. So, everyone jump in and help. We will start early, and it will last most of the day

A and B team cheer will be morning until around noon. C and Flag cheer will be in the afternoon



Brooke Tingler.



Savannah running.

Red Devil cross country team meets

Calhoun cross country runners competed in several meets the past few days. Here are some results.

Wirt Wetlands Middle School Boys
Overall, second with 42 points. Individual: 3 Ferrell, Eli M0 Calhoun 11:48.47 Scorer; 4 Ferrell, Braidin M0 Calhoun 12:10.56 Scorer; 7 Plumby, Mark M0 Calhoun 12:22.83 Scorer, 13 Smith, Zac M0 Calhoun 13:07.67 Scorer, 15 Cunningham, Silas M0 Calhoun 14:07.89 Scorer, 18 Rowe, Brody M0 Calhoun 16:59.75 Displacer

Middle School Girls
8 Barnhart, Vada F0 Calhoun 13:47.80, 12 Tingler, Brooke F0 Calhoun 14:06.20, 15 Sands, Carissa F0 Calhoun 14:14.27

High School Girls
23 Smith, Gabi F0 Calhoun County 26:33, 33 Waldron, Abigail F0 Calhoun County 32:50.70

LKC Middle School Girls
18 0 7133 Brooke Tingler K 00:12:42.69 Calhoun Co. MS, 27 Vada Barnhart K 00:12:59.47 Calhoun Co. MS, 32 0 7132 Carissa Sands K 00:13:13.02 Calhoun Co. MS.

Middle School Boys
Overall 7th: 1 6 4411 Braidin Ferrell 00:10:37.20, 6 2 8 4412 Eli Ferrell 00:10:42.50 8 3 31 4413 Mark Plumby

00:11:38.51	30	4	38	4415	Zac Smith
00:12:23.75	37	5	60	4414	Brody Rowe
00:15:45.57	50				
Ritchie Invitational Middle School Boys Overall 7th, 125 points					
1	8	Eli Ferrell	8	11:42.2	
2	21	Braidin Ferrell	7		
12:16.3	3	24 Mark Plumby	7		
12:31.3	4	32 Zac Smith	8		
13:14.0	5	40 Silas Cunningham	6		
14:44.0	6	(45) Brody Rowe	7		
17:14.2					
Middle School Girls					
9	Carissa Sands	8	Calhoun		
Middle	F 13:53.1	7:27			
10	Vada Barnhart	6	Calhoun		
Middle	F 13:53.1	7:27			
14	Brooke Tingler	7	Calhoun		
Middle	F 14:10.6	7:37			
High School Boys					
29	Jackson Clawson	10	Calhoun		
County High	M 21:32.6	6:57			
High School Girls					
30	Gabi Smith	10	Calhoun		
County High	F 28:06.4	9:03			
43	Abigail Waldron	12	Calhoun		
County High	F 32:40.4	10:31			

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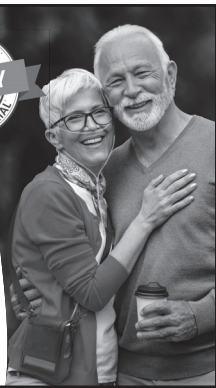
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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FYE JUNE 30, 2024	
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,369,895
Investments	376,725
Inventory	-
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes	139,941
Deposit with Retirement Board	127,175
Food service receivable	-
Lease receivable	-
Other receivables	15,139
Prepaid Worker's Compensation	14,937
Other prepaid expenses	-
Due from other governments:	
State aid receivable	55,442
PEIA allocation receivable	218,102
Reimbursements receivable	1,074,868
Capital assets:	
Land	105,200
Land improvements	993,317
Buildings and improvements	34,502,534
Furniture and equipment	1,798,541
Vehicles	1,775,715
Construction in process	29,132
Less accumulated depreciation	(19,694,680)
Total capital assets, net of amortization	19,509,759
Right-of-Use Assets:	
Land	-
Buildings	-
Equipment	53,156
Vehicles	-
Subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs)	-
Less accumulated amortization	(26, 622)
Total deferred outflows of resources	26,534
Total assets	28,928,517
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension	429,712
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	276,844
Other	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	706,556
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 29,635,073
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	
Liabilities:	
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	\$ 1,028,257
PEIA premiums payable	211,098
Compensated absences	6,896
Accounts payable	161,047
Other post employment benefit payable	18,661
Due to Other Fiscal Agents	666,764
Long-term obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and contracts	205,000
Accrued interest	-
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Financed lease liability	10,278
Financed purchases and other	-
SBITA liability	-
Due beyond one year:	
Bonds and contracts	1,465,000
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Financed lease liability	22,065
Financed purchases and other	-
SBITA liability	-
Asset retirement obligation (ARO) liability	-
Net pension liability - Proportionate Share	469,451
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share	81,159
Total liabilities	4,345,576
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Pension	74,368
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	101,541
Other	30,538
Total deferred inflows of resources	206,447
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	\$ 4,552,023
Net Position:	
Net investment in Capital Assets	17,839,759
Restricted for:	
For Nonspendables and Ecumberences	436,367
Debt Service	376,724
Special projects	806,194
Capital projects	283,796
Unrestricted	5,340,213
Total net position	\$ 25,083,053
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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUNDS FYE JUNE 30, 2024	
	Fiduciary Funds- Custodial Multi-County Vocational Centers
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 139,007
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -
Receivables	\$ 749,097
Net Capital Assets	\$ 2,685,953
Total Assets	3,574,057
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Total deferred outflows of resources	64,133
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 3,638,190
LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 81,732
Due to other funds	-
Total liabilities	81,732
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Total deferred inflows of resources	35,086
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	\$ 464,762
Net Position:	
Capital Assets - Net Depreciation	2,685,953
Nonspendable	\$ 22,672
Restricted	206,452
Assigned	-
Unassigned	606,296
Total Net Position:	\$ 3,521,373
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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FYE JUNE 30, 2024	
	Fiduciary Funds- Custodial Multi-County Vocational Centers
Additions	
Other Local sources	\$ 32,044
State sources	\$ 2,466,327
Federal sources	\$ 266,618
Transfers in	\$ 51,286
Total Additions	2,816,275
Deductions	
Instruction	\$ 981,061
Supporting Services	844,979
Capital Outlay	648,512
Transfers Out	51,286
Total deductions	2,525,838
Change in fiduciary net position	290,437
Fiduciary net position - beginning of the year	574,109
Fiduciary net position - end of the year	\$ 864,546
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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FYE JUNE 30, 2024				Program Revenues		Capital Grants and Contributions		Net (Expenses) Revenue & Changes in Net Position	
Functions	Expenses	Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities	
Governmental activities									
Instruction	\$ 7,464,197	\$ -	\$ 2,203,403	\$ 33,331	\$ (5,227,463)				
Supporting services:									
Students	1,024,584	411,699		471,701	-			(141,184)	
Instructional staff	269,778	-		268,431	-			(1,347)	
General administration	149,681	-		-	-			(149,681)	
School administration	638,201	-		(653)	-			(638,854)	
Central services	393,399	-		-	-			(393,399)	
Operation & maintenance of facilities	1,463,399	-		209,447	29,132			(1,224,820)	
Student transportation	1,234,415	28,861		66,657	-			(1,138,897)	
Other support services	(9,695)	-		-	-			9,695	
Food Services	1,480,880	-		1,369,125	-			(111,755)	
Community services	127,779	-		-	-			(127,779)	
Interest on long-term debt/finance leases	74,488	-		-	-			(74,488)	
Total governmental activities	\$ 14,311,106	\$ 440,560	\$ 4,588,111	\$ 62,463	(9,219,972)				
General revenues:									
Property taxes								3,574,524	
Unrestricted state aid								6,450,972	
Unrestricted investment earnings								323,347	
Unrestricted grants and contributions								91,328	
Extraordinary item - other post employment benefits								-	
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets								(61,762)	
Gain (loss) on termination of ROU assets								-	
Transfers in								-	
Transfers (out)								-	
Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers								10,378,409	
Change in net position								1,158,437	
Net position - beginning								23,924,616	
Prior period adjustments - (See Note __)								-	
Net position - beginning, as restated								23,924,616	
Net position - ending								\$ 25,083,053	

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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FYE JUNE 30, 2024			
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,265,361	SBITAs. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.	-
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to:		The repayment of the principal of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. However, such repayment has no effect on net position.	195,000
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.	
However, in the statement of net position, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.		Cost of assets disposed	(997,361)
Depreciation expense	(1,106,191)	Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed	172,966
Capital outlays	1,429,683	Differences in the ROU and accumulated amortization on ROU asset terminated agreements are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		Right-of-Use assets terminated	-
However, in the statement of net position, the cost of lease assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.		Accumulated depreciation of assets terminated	-
Amortization expense	(8,874)	Compensated absences are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which compensated absences (increased) decreased.	
Capital outlays	-	Accured vacation payable	80,356
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	-
However, in the statement of net position, the cost of SBITA assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.		Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net if employee contributions is reported as pension expense.	
Amortization expense	-	District pension contributions	77,999
Capital outlays	-	Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(63,706)
Certain receivables will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures. This is the amount by which such receivables increased (decreased).		Governmental funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net if employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense.	
Property taxes receivable	83,351	District OPEB contributions	103,063
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	26,788
Other miscellaneous conversion adjustments	-	Asset Retirement Obligations (AROs) are reported in the statement of net position, but are not reported in government funds. This is the amount by which the ARO has increased.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from the general obligation bonds issued during FYE JUNE 30, 2024. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.		Finance Lease payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which finance lease payables decreased.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the current year amortization of the premium on the general obligation bonds. The current year amortization of the premium is a reduction of interest expense rather than revenue for purpose of this statement.		Financed purchases are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which financed purchases decreased.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from finance leases. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.		SBITA payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which SBITA payables decreased.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from financed purchases. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.		Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 1,158,434
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from		*The notes are an integral part of the financial statements; however, to conserve space, they are not included in the publication, but available for review at the Board office.	

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 30, 2024			
Salaries expenditures:		CUMMINS CROSSPOINT	720.00
Board officials:		CWS BUSINESS MACHINES & PRODS	763.97
Tambree Yoak	\$ 1,280.00	CWS THE DOCUMENT SOLUTION	30,122.12
Jenna Jett	2,720.00	DAVID GAUL	1,479.00
Mitchell Morgan	2,560.00	DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP	8,241.00
James Gregory	2,560.00	DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION	3,000.00
Jason Arnold	960.00	EAST PENN MANUFACTURING CO	3,205.14
Horst Motz	4,480.00	ELDON SHORT	21,822.50
Jason Barr	1,760.00	ELECTRONIC SPECIALTY CO.	3,591.89
Superintendent		EMBASSY SUITES	1,556.10
Kelli Whytsell	\$ 17,322.23	ERLEWINE CONCRETE COMPANY	2,000.00
Michael Fitzwater	91,500.26	FARMER'S FRIEND, INC.	1,237.50
Total salaries paid to other professional personnel	5,819,723.07	FIRST BOOK	707.99
Total salaries paid to service personnel	2,619,944.11	FRANKLIN FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	431.00
Total salaries paid to students for work performed	11,850.00	FRONTIER	26,204.81
Total salary expenditures	\$ 8,576,659.67	FRONTIER WEST VIRGINIA, INC.	19,088.55
Non-salary expenditures:		FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	5,874.63
Expenditures paid in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250):		GATOR ENTERPRISES & DOCUMENT	1,640.57
2R SOLAR, LLC	95,589.00	GILMER CO. PSD	3,687.06
4IMPRINT INC.	13,371.61	GILMER COUNTY CPR EQUIPMENT FU	600.00
ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE	3,742.00	GLADE SPRINGS RESORT	1,071.00
ADVANTAGE OCCUPATIONAL MED	2,159.30	GLENVILLE DEMOCRAT/PATHFINDER	263.43
ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGY	8,531.00	GLENNVILLE FOODLAND	2,750.83
AFLAC PREMIUM HOLDING	1,273.92	GLOBE MICROSYSTEMS, LLC	1,500.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	145,847.21	GRAINGER	345.32
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE INS CO	2,475.55	GRANTSVILLE FOODLAND	2,928.38
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE CO	97,391.28	HANK'S SALES & SERVICE INC.	475.00
ANDREW S MILLER	825.00	HARDMAN SUPPLY COMPANY	24,946.16
APPALACHIAN FORESTRY PRODUCTS	2,650.00	HD MEDIA COMPANY LLC	405.50
APPALACHIAN SIGNALS & PRODUCTS	88,146.97	HD SUPPLY, INC DBA	581.94
APPLE INC.	996.00	HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	148,328.68
APTEGY, INC	8,350.00	HOBART SALES & SERVICE	15,454.72
ARNOLDSBURG SCHOOL	6,354.04	HOOTEN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	34,030.00
BEST LIFE THERAPY	30,516.00	HOPE GAS	16,212.77
BEVERLY KINGERY	16,000.00	HORACE MANN LIFE INSURANCE CO.	3,200.00
BLICK ART MATERIALS	3,154.54	HOSA, INC	375.00
BOWLES RICE LLP	8,216.88	HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	2,652.50
BREWER & COMPANY OF WV, INC.	2,100.00	HPS MI INC	3,275.00
BROTHER UP	48,000.00	INTERGRATED SPEECH SOLUTIONS	140,401.50
BUREAU - CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE	12,235.41	INTERSTATE PROMOTIONAL DISTR	380.00
CALHOUN BOARD OF EDUCATION	660.69	IXL LEARNING	6, 145.00
CALHOUN CHRONICLE	3,516.36	J. T. MARTIN FIRE AND SAFETY	654.00
CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	115,892.17	J. W. PEPPER & SON, INC.	395.99
CALHOUN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	19,665.17	J.T. MARTIN FIRE AND SAFETY	2,215.85
CALHOUN-GILMER CAREER CENTER	8,120.00	JAMES E. MULLINS	57,600.00
CASTO TECHNICAL SERVICES	8,275.67	JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	2,248.15
CEDAR CREEK STATE PARK	276.00	KEV GROUP INC	4,013.55
CHARLESTON FILTER SERVICE	5,137.60	KIMBALL MIDWEST	2,591.31
CHARLESTON GAZETTE	367.00	KNIGHT SOUND & LIGHTING	102,647.61
CINTAS CORPORATION	39,535.03	KNOTTS CONSULTING, LLC	5,000.00
CLASSLINK INC	4,519.40	LANCE SIMS	1,430.00
COLLEGEBOARD	2,658.29	LEEDY ELEVATOR INSPECTION SER	1,000.00
CPR INSTITUTE OF INDIANA	3,507.00	LEGALSHIELD	9,361.90
CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE	1,499.50	LINCOLN ELECTRIC	750.00
		LINGUACARE ASSOCIATES, INC.	12,929.11
		LITTLE KANAWHA FAMILY MEDICINE	700.00
		SEPTIC PUMPING	8,480.00
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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FYE JUNE 30, 2024									
	11 General Current Expense	61 Special Revenue	65 Special Revenue School Activity Fund	71 Special Revenue ESSERF	21 Debt Service Fund	31 Bond Construction Fund	41 Permanent Improvement Fund	51 Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Revenues:									
Property taxes	\$ 3,336,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,336,356
Other Local sources	335,604	(20,966)	412,224	-	296,285	-	-	-	1,023,148
State sources	8,308,784	960,664	-	-	-	-	-	29,132	9,298,580
Federal sources	72,051	2,092,750	-	1,423,645	-	-	-	-	3,588,445
Miscellaneous sources	8,487	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,487
Total revenues	12,061,282	3,032,448	412,224	1,423,645	296,285	-	-	29,132	17,255,017
Expenditures:									
Instruction	6,104,410	877,546	418,879	848,791	-	-	-	-	8,249,626
Supporting services:									
Students	336,948	487,673	-	226,407	-	-	-	-	1,051,029
Instructional staff	4,434	192,157	-	60,090	-	-	-	-	256,6/81
General administration	216,560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	216,560
School administration	672,010	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	672,110
Central Services	357,369	43,089	-	2,886	-	-	-	-	403,344
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,276,544	-	3,516	218,301	-	-	-	-	1,498,361
Student transportation	1,435,119	16,113	-	71,771	-	-	-	-	1,523,002
Other support services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food services	-	1,424,698	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,424,698
Community services	116,717	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,717
Capital outlay	137,849	47,797	-	-	-	-	-	124,721	310,367
Debt service:									
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	195,000	-	-	-	195,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	74,488	-	-	-	74,488
Finance Leases:									
Principal payment expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SBITAs:									
Principal payment expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	10,657,961	3,089,074	422,396	1,428,344	269,488	-	-	124,721	15,991,984
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,403,322	(56,626)	(10,171)	(4,699)	26,797	-	-	(95,589)	1,263,034
Other financing sources (uses):									
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	2,327	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,327
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from finance lease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from financed purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from SBITAs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	393,270	118,886	29,573	-	-	-	-	175,589	717,318
Transfers (out)	(669,423)	(52,594)	-	4,699	-	-	-	-	(717,318)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(273,826)	66,292	29,573	4,699	-	-	-	175,589	2,327

Extraordinary Item:									
Other post employment benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	1,129,496	9,666	19,402	0	26,797	-	-	80,000	1,265,361
Fund balances - beginning	4,567,271	336,182	462,426	(21,482)	349,927	-	200,000	3,796	5,898,120
Prior period adjustments - (See Note __)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning, as restated	4,567,271	336,182	462,426	(21,482)	349,927	-	200,000	3,796	5,898,120
Fund balances- ending	\$ 5,696,767	\$ 345,848	\$ 481,828	\$ (21,482)	\$ 376,724	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 83,796	\$ 7,163,481

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FYE JUNE 30, 2024									
	11 General Current Expense	61 Special Revenue	65 Special Revenue School Activity Fund	71 Special Revenue ESSERF	21 Debt Service Fund	31 Bond Construction Fund	41 Permanent Improvement Fund	51 Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES									
Assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,888,068	\$ -	\$ 481,828	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,369,895
Investments	-	-	-	-	376,725	-	-	-	376,725
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes receivable, net	124,341	-	-	-	15,601	-	-	-	139,941
Deposit with Retirement Board	127,175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,175
Prepaid Workers' Comp	14,937	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,937
Food service receivable, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	1,372	13,767	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,139
Other prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments:									
State aid receivable	55,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,442
PEIA allocation receivable	218,102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	218,102
Reimbursements receivable	5,868	570,175	-	498,825	-	-	-	-	1,074,868
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	84,736	284,736
Total assets	#####	583,942	481,828	498,825	392,325	-	200,000	84,736	9,676,960
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS PLUS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 7,435,305	\$ 583,942	\$ 481,828	\$ 498,825	\$ 392,325	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 84,736	\$ 9,676,960
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities:									
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	\$ 1,028,257	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,028,257
Other post employment benefits payable	18,661	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,661
PEIA premiums payable	211,098	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211,098
Accounts payable & Payable to others	119,135	36,172	-	4,800	-	-	-	940	161,047
Due to other fiscal agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	233,972	201,921	-	515,507	-	-	-	-	951,400
Total liabilities	1,611,124	238,093	-	520,307	-	-	-	940	2,370,463
Deferred inflows of resources	127,416	-	-	-	15,601	-	-	-	143,016
Total deferred inflows of resources	127,416	-	-	-	15,601	-	-	-	143,016
Fund Balances:									
Nonspendable	127,175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,175
Restricted	-	-	462,426	-	349,927	-	-	-	812,354
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	-	200,000
Assigned	309,192	36,025	-	43,260	-	-	-	106,678	495,154
Unassigned	5,260,399	309,823	19,402	(64,742)	26,797	-	-	(22,882)	5,528,797
Total fund balances	5,696,767	345,848	481,828	(21,482)	376,724	-	200,000	83,796	7,163,481
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED	\$ 7,435,306	\$ 583,941	\$ 481,828	\$ 498,825	\$ 392,325	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 84,736	\$ 9,676,960

INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES									
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position differ to:									
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds									19,509,759
Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds									26,534
Other deferred charges are not reported in the funds									-
Property taxes receivable and food service billings receivable will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and are therefore deferred in the funds									112,479
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds									
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions									429,712
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions									(74,368)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB									276,844
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB									(101,541)
Some liabilities, including net pension and OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds									
Bonds payable, due within one year									(205,000)
Bonds payable, due beyond one year									(1,465,000)
Unamortized bond premium									-
Accrued interest on bonds									-
Accrued sick leave payable									-
Compensated absences									(6,896)
Net pension liability - proportionate share									(469,451)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share									(81,159)
Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Liability									-
Finance lease liability, due within one year									(10,278)
Finance lease liability, due beyond one year									(22,065)
Financed purchases and other, due within one year									-
Financed purchases and other, due beyond one year									-
SBITA liability, due within one year									-
SBITA liability, due within one year									-
Net position of governmental activities									\$ 25,083,050

*The notes are an integral part of the financial statements; however, to conserve space, they are not included in the publication, but available for review at the Board office.

Non-salary expenditures - Continued from previous page		MT ZION PSD	38,552.01	PITNEY BOWES INC - RESERVE	3,180.00
MARIA MIGDAL	400.00	MULTI-FRESH, INC	31,584.15	PLEASANT HILL PSD	4,122.86
MATHENY MOTOR TRUCK CO.	9,410.01	MURRAY SHEET METAL COMPANY INC	790,465.55	PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL	6,354.04
MATTHEW D CLINE	1,500.00	NATIONAL LIFE GROUP	1,500.00	POWERSCHOOL	4,219.78
MATTHEWS	907.50	NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER WVU	380.00	QUILL CORPORATION	4,263.00
MATZ EQUIPMENT SERVICES	375.00	NATIONAL RESTARUANT ASSOCIATION	2,393.34	R.D. WILSON-SONS & COMPANY	48,326.05
MCGRAW-HILL EDUCATION, INC	2,883.00	NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY	580.00	RANDALL I BRYAN JR	28,499.88
METALTECH STEEL COMPANY, LLC	7,015.21	NEWTECH SYSTEMS, INC.	3,929.37	RDS	345.00
MINNIE HAMILTON HEALTH CARE	8,637.00	ORKIN PEST CONTROL	8,341.33	RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE CO.	1,500.00
MITCHELL I	1,589.00	OSTERLE AUTO GLASS AND PAINT	440.00	RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC.	784.40
MON POWER	369,154.29	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	750.00	RESTAURANT EQUIPPERS, INC.	4,727.39
MOUNTAIN MAMA AUTO SUPPLY, LLC	9,198.43	PARCS SUPERSTORE	1,004.17	RETIREE HLTH BENEFIT TRUST FUND	25,639.48
MOUNTAIN STATE EDUCATIONAL SER	77,132.65	PEARSON CLINICAL ASSESSMENT	657.72	RHONDA HAINES	250.00
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY	81,968.73	PITNEY BOWES INC	6,323.31	(2)	
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Grappling, Grudges, and Gold: Live pro wrestling to make an impact in Spencer

Wrestling fans across the state are gearing up for Route 33 Wrestling’s highly anticipated event on Saturday Nov. 9th, set to take place at the Armory on Main Street in Spencer.

As the bi-monthly promotion closes in on its final two shows of 2024, the stakes have never been higher. The night will see the culmination of a year-long feud between former tag team partners, The Jagermeister and DragonHeart Jim Finley. Once known as the formidable duo DragonMeister, their partnership came to a shocking end last November when Jagermeister blindsided Finley during a match, aligning himself with rivals Hero Napier and Michael Anthony of Dumb Ways to Die. “This is one of the most emotionally charged rivalries we’ve seen,” said The Boss Lady, owner and director of Route 33 Wrestling. “Jager and Dragon haven’t seen each other since the incident last November, but you can feel the tension between them. I’m honestly a little nervous to see what happens when they enter the ring.” In addition to the grudge match, Dumb Ways to Die will defend their Tag Team

Championship—a title they secured thanks to Jagermeister’s betrayal—against Grappling, Inc., featuring Brox Boulder and Titan Troy of Ironton, OH. The night’s lineup also includes Gorgeous Morgan Taylor making his third defense of the Open Weight Championship against former champion Gary Gandy, who faced Kevin Owens on WWE’s SmackDown in 2017. The family-friendly event will offer concessions, vendor tables, and chances for fans to meet their favorite wrestlers through photo and autograph opportunities. Nov. 9th tickets are available at a discount via Route 33 Wrestling’s Facebook page and at Smoker Friendly on Ripley Road. Doors open at 6 pm, with the first match kicking off at 7 pm sharp. Looking ahead, Route 33 Wrestling will close out the year with its final event on Saturday, Dec. 7th, also at the Armory. Fans attending the Nov. 9th show can get an early jump on discount tickets for the December event, available exclusively at the venue that night.

Founded in 2017 by stuntwoman and actor-combatant Jessi McCum-



The Boss Lady Keeps an Eye on the Action

bers (aka. “The Boss Lady”), Route 33 Wrestling is a 100% 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.” For more information, please visit: link-tr.ee/route33wrestling

Minnie Hamilton 1900-1981 A healing individual and a cracker jack card player

EDITOR’S NOTE: This a well written story about a former Calhoun resident and a perfect example of why we feel a need for a Calhoun Hall of Fame. We have had so many people with such a big impact on the county and the world. Hopefully some day we will be able to work with the Calhoun Historical Society and the people of Calhoun County to make such a hall of fame happen. Until then enjoy this story about a famous Calhoun resident.

By Shari Hardman Johnson
Ridgeview News

Minnie Hamilton is a name synonymous with Health Care in Calhoun County. But not only for the health facility that bears her name. The generation who understands the historical facts regarding the name, Minnie Blanche Hamilton, is an aging population that doesn’t always take the time to explain why a person’s contribution to their community can make an eternal difference. In the earlier days of the 1900’s, from the year 1933, Minnie Hamilton was familiar to children as the school nurse.

The adults who remember her, say her name with great honor and respect; while telling the tales of the fear she created in them as the “shot lady.”

During the Molasses Festival 2024 I met Mrs. Anne Swiger. The Great Niece of Minnie Hamilton who had returned to the County where her Aunt Minnie made such an impact. Anne told Ridgeview that the Minnie Hamilton that she knew was a “card playing Cracker Jack,” not a nurse.

With my introduction to Anne by local musician Rick Falls, the stories began to flow of how Minnie traveled the dirt roads of Calhoun County. Rick recalled the sound of her car, a green Rambler,

that became so familiar to the children they’d run when they heard the sound. Rick laughed when he said that the “Rush boys would hit the hills, and we wouldn’t see them for 3 or 4 days!” He said it got to the point that she’d park and walk a mile in so she could catch them off guard to make sure every child received their vaccinations. She traveled to 50 or more one room schools to provide typhoid, small pox and diphtheria immunizations. It is said of her that she single handily eradicated polio in Calhoun County.

Minnie Hamilton not only provided immunizations but prenatal care and helped with childbirth as well. She taught prevention in churches, stores and homes. With health care lacking to the rural communities, Minnie took the burden on to make sure her community was covered.

In 1938 Minnie answered a call from the federal government to aid in the health of migrant field workers. During the World War II era she worked from Exmore, Virginia to Homestead, Florida. Telling later that she had heard a “beaconing voice” telling her to return to Calhoun County in 1947. Minnie Hamilton retired at the age of 72 and passed away at the age of 81 in 1981.

The story of Minnie Hamilton and many others who have contributed to the lives of people in Calhoun County should be shared with a new generation who need to understand that communities don’t just spring up from out of the earth, but they spring up from the seeds that are sown by our ancestors, watered by their children and tended to by their grandchildren.

If you’d like to remind us of someone who made a difference in the lives of Calhoun County, send your information to talk2shari@gmail.com or call me at (304)377-6036.

West Virginia Department of Health, Office of State Fire Marshal Ask Residents to Prioritize Smoke Alarm Safety During Fire Prevention Week

The West Virginia Department of Health (DH) alongside the Office of the State Fire Marshal are encouraging residents to safeguard their homes and prioritize smoke alarm safety. Governor Jim Justice set the precedent for these preventive actions when he declared that the State of West Virginia would be observing Fire Prevention Week.

“Fire safety is crucial and something that we should be thinking about year round,” shared Cabinet Secretary Sherri Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP. “Fire Prevention Week is the perfect time to start implementing these safety checks into your routine. Even small changes can make the biggest impact on your health and wellbeing, and, hopefully, can prevent a life-threatening emergency.”

While they often go overlooked, smoke detectors are a first line of defense against fires and are responsible for reducing one’s chance of dying in a fire by nearly 50 per cent. Alarms should be located on every level of the home and outside every sleeping area. They should be tested monthly via the ‘test’ button and should be equipped with new batteries every 12 months. Smoke detectors should be fully replaced every 10 years.

To avoid chirping or ‘nuisance alarms,’ thoroughly clean any cobwebs or dust away from the alarms or utilize the system’s hush feature. Never disable an active smoke alarm.

Further safety measures include in-

stalling carbon monoxide detectors in central locations of the home, purchasing a fire extinguisher or ensuring ones already in the home are working properly, filling a go-bag with necessities in the case of an evacuation, teaching children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do if they hear one, practicing home fire drills, developing a family escape plan, and setting a meeting place in the event of a fire or other emergency.

“Fire spreads more quickly now than ever before in residential settings due to contents and materials occupying these structures,” shared State Fire Marshal Ken Tyree. “With these things to consider and to help ensure the safety of all occupants, have operating smoke alarms and, if possible, automatic sprinkler system protection and a fire escape plan. It is important that escape occurs within three minutes of a fire starting.”

If a fire does occur, leave the residence immediately and call 9-1-1. Do not go back inside for any reason.

For more Fire Prevention Week resources visit the American Red Cross website or contact your local fire station.

The West Virginia Department of Health (DH) seeks to advance the health and well-being of all West Virginians promoting healthy behaviors, working to mitigate public health crises, and increasing access to health-related resources and information.

For more information, visit dhhr.wv.gov.

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SCHOOL BOARD

and fined not less than \$2,000 nor more than \$5,000.

The Arnoldsburg School Staff provided a Local School Improvement Council Presentation. Led by Principal Jeremy Johnson, the staff provided updates of School Goals, Improved GSA Scores and other programming, activities and community events. Those providing updates and information about student progress was Kaitlin Burch, Kristi Ritchie, Laura Webb, Jacob McCumbers, Kelly O’Hare, Debra Smith, Brittany Parsons, Jackie Allen, Maria Arnold, and Connie Summers.

Board Members Hartz Motz provided an update on the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center. Enrollment continues to be about the same as last year, although new classes are being offered.

- Auto Mechanics - 25 enrolled
- Carpentry - 15 enrolled
- Electrician Certification - 7 enrolled
- Health Occupation - 20 enrolled
- Law nd public safety - 12
- Computer Science - 14
- Pro Start Culinary - 14
- Welding 20 (In need of an instructor.)

Calhoun Gilmer Career Center now offers public service request forms for car maintenance such as oil changes and other services for the community. Appointments are necessary.

Superintendent Michael Fitzwater reported that the new front doors and man-trap will be installed at Calhoun Middle High School in a few weeks as well as a new secretaries office. There will be a new entrance to school that will limit access.

Also provided was an SBA (School Building Authority) update advising that the Engineering firm hired was ZMM.

Solar Power update - The electric and pipes at Pleasant Hill Elementary have been installed and will soon be started at CMHS hoping to be completed by November when they’ll make switch from MonPower over Thanksgiving break. The schools will be 50-60% solar powered with a continued reliance on MonPower.

Fitzwater stated that some parents would not b pleased that the State’s attendance policy has been changed to allow no excused education to leave for students. Students will be permitted 10 days of absence only. The State believes that school attendance matters, and if student attendance increases so will the grades.

In regard to the Instruction and curriculum of Arnoldsburg Elementary, Mr. Fitzwater stated that “Arnoldsburg does a great job with academics and pushing for excellence and their test scores are proving it. It’s nice seeing the bench marks and they’re doing a good job getting community and parents involved.” In addition, he said that for Calhoun Middle High School improvement is a tall order that Mrs. Paxton, the school principal, is prepared to make a difference. He noted that his pet peeve was the grading of High School through the SAT, which is a snapshot that isn’t always good. Saying also that it was challenged to motivate 17 year olds to do well on the SAT, especially if they were a 17 year that was not planning on going to college.

The Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Pay Schedule was approved as well as the following fiscal matters: General Fund Invoices - \$ 96,286.68 and Supplements – \$ 2,346,747.00.

Volunteer Requests were approved for Angie Slider, Maggie Probasco, Amber Francis, Megan Heiney, Mackenzie Bell, Brandi Grogg, Mandi Johnson, Joseph Jarosz, Twila Nicholas, Cheryl Greathouse, Lainece Mace, Wade Mace, Kim Mace, Trevor Lynch, Connor Boggs, Mary Beth Sauer, Brandon Brock, Alicia McCumbers, Tara Teykaerts, Joshua Hand, Jordyn Long, Lynnita Gregory, Bryan Gungle, Debbie Jones, Joseph Helmick, Kathryn Holbert, Marsha Lovejoy, and Joetta Campbell

Resignations were accepted from the following staff:

- Anita Stephenson, Community In Schools Facilitator (Itinerant CGCC-CMHS), effective January 3, 2025 (or as soon as a replacement is found)

- Kelsey Fisher, Math Teacher, CMHS
- Adam Young, Assistant Principal, CMHS effective November 4, 2024.
- Anita Stephenson, After School Site Coordinator, CMHS effective 9/25/24
- Kelsey Fisher, Mu Alpha Theta Advisor
- Kelsey Fisher, Student Council Advisor
- Employment passed by the Board were:
 - Shauna Yeager, Substitute Teacher, Job ID 26729
 - Carl Collins, Substitute Teacher, Job ID 26729
 - Lacy Whytsell, Restricted Substitute Teacher, Job ID 26729
 - Robin Crispin, Substitute Teacher, Job ID 26729
 - Nickoli Sowa, Substitute Teacher, Job ID 26729
 - Angela Naylor Teacher, CMHS Job ID 29338
 - Andrea Bailey, Long Term Substitute Multi-Categorical Special Education
 - Terry Jones, Long Term Substitute Math Teacher, CMHS Job ID 32734
 - Jo Lynn Wilson, Substitute Cook, County, effective 9/20/24 Job ID 27024
 - Janet Summers, Substitute Cook, County, Job ID 27024
 - Jo Lynn Wilson, Substitute Custodian, County, Job ID 27025
 - Janet Summers, Substitute Custodian, County, Job ID 27025
 - Amber Byrd, Substitute Custodian, County, Job ID 27025
 - Debra Smith, Substitute Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus
 - Kayla Montgomery, Substitute Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Healthcare Procedures, (County-Itinerant), Job ID 27013 (pending background check)
 - Nekka Poore, Substitute Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Healthcare Procedures, (County-Itinerant), Job ID 27013 (pending background check)

- Abigail Summers, Substitute Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Healthcare Procedures, (County-Itinerant), Job ID 27013 (pending background check)
- Janet Summers, Substitute Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Healthcare Procedures, (County-Itinerant), Job ID 27013
- Ethan Heiney, Multi-Classified Service Personnel, Maintenance/Carpenter/Mechanic I/Electrical/HVAC/Handyman/Watchman/Plumber I/Welder/Heavy Equipment Operator/Sanitation Plant Operator/Grounds Man Job ID 29361
- Extracurricular Positions Hired:
 - Mark Greathouse, Head Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Job ID 31709
 - Joseph Helmick, Authorized / Certified (Non-Paid) Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball Coach Job ID 31710 (pending certification)
 - William Snodgrass, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach Job ID 31711
 - Dwane Weekley, Middle School Head Wrestling Coach Job ID 31713
 - Loretta Batten, After-School Tutor Teachers, PHE (1) Job ID 26765
 - David Gaul, After-School Tutor Teachers, CMHS Job ID 26771 effective 10/7/2024
 - William Mitchell, Alternate Activity run Bus Driver Job ID 26867
 - Ivy O’Neal, Alternate Activity run Bus Driver Job ID 26867
 - Ruby Duehring, Mentor for New Teachers – CMHS Job ID 32170
 - Pat Homborg 11. WV Guide Posts Graduation Coach Job ID 32333
- No Expulsion Hearing was heard due to student/parents’ failure to appear.
- At a prior board meeting it had been said that School Board Meetings would be broadcast live. Seeing that video was set up, Ridgeview News asked a staff member if the meetings would be broadcast live to which she was told that the meetings are recorded and archived but live broadcasting was not required, therefore it would not be done.