

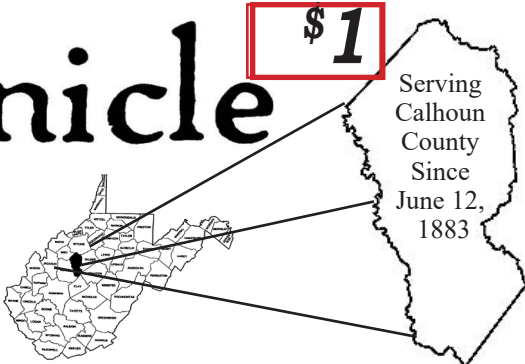


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Davis athletic family line continues when Baron begins his career in Red and White

By Gaylen Duskey

It was 20 years ago, and Calhoun was making history by going to the state basketball tournament for the first time in history.

Marcus Davis was also making history by becoming the leading scorer in school history, taking away that title from his father Tim Davis who, ironically, was in his last year of coaching the Red Devils.

Tim had scored a career 1,808 points at Calhoun and Marcus had to play deep into a victory at Parkersburg Catholic and ended up scoring his 1,809th point on the road instead of doing it at home against Herbert Hoover. Marcus scored 40-something against the Huskies making the official ceremonies happy.

At the time Marcus said had his dad played in an era with the three-point field goal he (Marcus) still would have been chasing the record.

Marcus was going to be named to Class AA all-state first team for the third straight year He has made second team all-state as a freshman He was that good. He had numerous college offers after being offered a scholarship my Marshall basketball coach Greg White as a sophomore.

He also had a ton of football offers from major universities for his defensive play as a linebacker.

But he turned down all the glitz and glamor offers to take a basketball offer at Glenville State because he wanted to stay near his grandfather Robert ‘Tank’ Davis who had been battling spinal cancer and had put it into remission.

At the time he said he was not going to play pro ball so the offer at Glenville State gave him all he wanted.

Alas that did not work out.

Instead, he got married and went to work as a pipeliner and became the fa-

ther of two children, a daughter named Albany, and a son named Baron.

Fast forward to today and Baron is beginning his high school career at Calhoun as a rising freshman.

And he’s supposed to be a good one.

As good as his father and grandfather?

Only time will tell but is hereditary has anything to do with it chances are good.

Starting with the patriarch of the family the name Davis has been affiliated with Calhoun sports.

Tank was aptly named since running into him was akin to slamming into a brick wall. He was a force in football and basketball for the Red and White back during the glory days of Calhoun football under the tutelage of the legendary coach Wayne Underwood.

His son Tim also played both football and basketball serving as a quarterback on the football team and as a high-scoring all-state guard on the basketball team averaging 33.1 points a game as a senior before going on to play at Glenville State.

Marcus was all everything for the Red Devils in football and basketball while being a power hitter for the Red Devils baseball team.

Marcus is now coach of the Red Devils boys’ basketball team much like his father was when he started his varsity basketball career.

Will it be déjà vu all over again when Baron Davis officially begins his varsity basketball career on Dec. 12 at home against Webster County.

One difference between Baron and his predecessors is that Baron never played football as a freshman. He played golf. Calhoun never had a golf team way back when.

But it is Baron’s turn on the stage to see how his Calhoun career plays out.



Baron Davis



Marcus Davis



Tim Davis



Robert ‘Tank’ Davis

Grantsville Town Council Meet for December Council

Courtesy Ridgeview News

The Town of Grantsville held their December meeting on Monday, December 2nd, 2024, in the City office Building with Mayor Robert Petrovsky, Council Members Cheryl Sturms, Linda Staton,

Rissa Staples, Emily Morgan, and Recorder Emily Collins present. One council seat remains open.

Mayor Petrovsky, in an opening discussion stated that a hearing had been held at 10 a.m. on December 3rd, 2024,

with the WVPSC on the final ruling of the rate increase. While a legal advertisement of the meeting date and time was said to be published, Eric Lupardus, who had filed the complaint, was not notified of the meeting, nor Crystal Mersh who

was the second complainant. According to the Mayor a final ruling should be provided by December 23rd, 2024.

Julie Posey of the Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation provided the Council a brief overview of their agency

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Mom’s Place Thanksgiving gives thanks and keeps tradition alive

By Gaylen Duskey

The numbers tell the story but only part of it.

When Mom’s Place Too held its Thanksgiving Day thank you dinner for all its customers and anyone else who needed a place to go to for Thanksgiving 200 or so meals were served by 17 volunteers to those in attendance. The whole thing took about two hours.

But those are just the numbers.

Many of the customers at Mom’s Place are more than customers. Many of the regulars are ‘family. Perhaps not blood kin related but family, nonetheless.

Thanksgiving Day the front table family took a hit.

Some spent the day with family and friends but other missed the celebration for various reasons. Some didn’t make it there because of illness while others because of injury including one who had a Mom’s Place meal delivered to a hos-

pital in Charleston.

But that’s what families do.

Lisa Cooper “mom” and the owner of Mom’s Place Too started the tradition when the restaurant was just Mom’s Place and located in Elizabeth.

Cooper began this tradition 20 years ago at her location in Elizabeth and now she’s been providing it on Thanksgiving in Grantsville for 11 years, saying “I am so blessed with community to make this a success.”

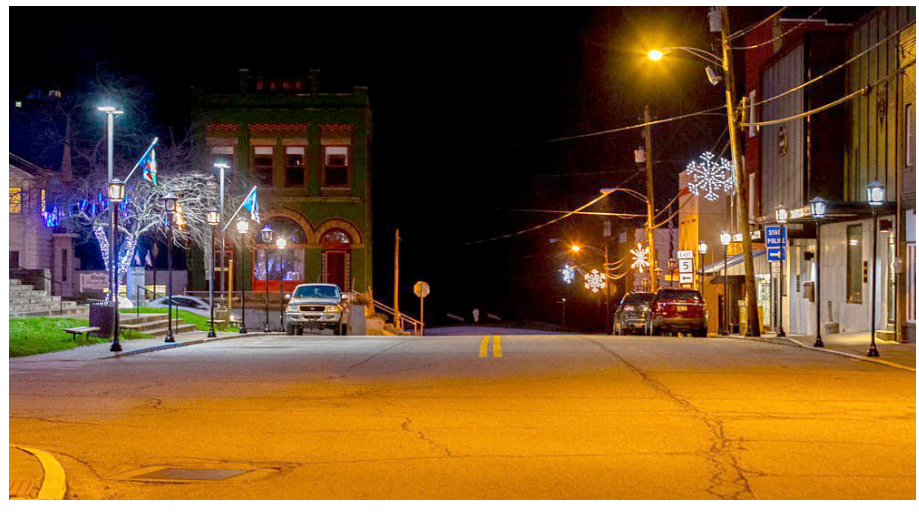
Gordon Food Service donated the turkeys and have done so each year with several others stepping up to donate food and help Mom’s Place host the event. Moe than 30 pies were donated by various people, topping the meal off as if it were a family affair.

Which it was.

Incidentally if you went in the next day and asked about leftovers you could get them as long as they lasted – just like a family would at “moms.”

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Grantsville Christmas Parade is set for Friday Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.

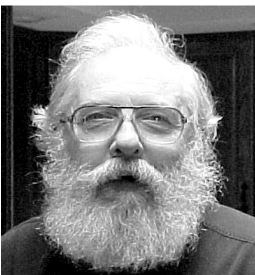


Grantsville as it appeared for the 2023 Christmas Parade and a lit-up Grantsville as it will appear for the 2024 Christmas Parade with new street lights up along Main Street and the newly refurbished buildings along the street. The parade will be broadcast live via Laughlin Aerial LLC will feature music and entertainment, downtown businesses welcoming people and, of course, the arrival of Santa Claus.

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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 area had cold weather with a little snow. Historically, Thanksgiving locally was butchering day for the hogs that were the main source of protein for local families. This year it was cold enough on Friday to cool the meat so it could be worked up to cure as hams, shoulders, bacon, mincemeat and, of course lard for cooking and making pie crusts. The Creston news writer’s great grandmother [who lived in the same house] ate pork and lived to be 99. To quote some, “Had she eaten healthy, she’d lived to be old.”

It was reported that it was so cold in Chicago that the EVs (government mandated electric cars) would not charge. Now, perhaps, all the EV rules can be discarded in the waste bin of history and the taxpayers can recover the costs from those fraudsters who pushed the scheme.

Karson Propst had a great Thanksgiving Day as he bagged a nice 10 point in Creston. On opening day his little cousin Asher had dropped a spike.

Sgt. Thomas Fluharty, USA, retired, is now in rehab so he is on the mend.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Rhodes and daughters and granddaughters were among those who feasted on the Thanksgiving goodies at Shade Tree.

Larry Wease, the local IT guy, now has a sign up directing those with computer woes to his operations on Lamp Black Lane in Creston.

Bessie and Suellen Marie Arthur were attending to business in Elizabeth. Suellen noted that she had acquired a puppy from Jeremy Ferrell.

The EPA has allowed the State of West Virginia to have primacy over CO2 injection wells now known as Class VI wells of which there are none presently in the state. They’re part of the great climate scam.

Kathleen Cervone and Barbara Wright were visiting with family and friends up in Ohio for Thanksgiving. Jimmy Wright was said to not be doing all that well.

It was reported that EQT in October permitted 15 Utica and 13 Marcellus wells in Marshall County.

The AGA (American Gas Association) is suing the ruling junta over proposed new rules for gas furnaces in homes as the proposed new rules would either raise the cost to \$4,700 or increase the cost \$4,700/unit. Our betters would prefer that the peasants freeze in the dark.

The Sunday School lesson was from Isaiah Chapter 40. The lesson was appropriate for now America has been given a new chance to correct the errors and now make the way straight, now false

gods can be cast aside and the nation be set aright. The appointments for the new government are obviously striking fear in the hearts of the deep state folks so, perhaps, the federal government can be downsized [oh, say by 80%] and the power can be returned to the citizens as our founders intended. As noted earlier if there are some who “cannot be fired” they could be transferred to special offices in Welch where there are empty buildings that could easily be fixed so there would be little offices for them with a table, chair and light.

The PSC (Public Service Commission) continues to be in the news. First there is the plan to abandon over 1000 miles of natural gas gathering lines with Mother Hope & Rusty Hutson Jr.’s plan to convert pay customers over to propane. What about the producing as wells that are on those lines? How many and where? The press release cites all local counties although, apparently, producers have not been notified. Now there is the problem with the “Wild” Frontier Telephone Company. Part of it was “spun off” from Verizon and now, it is said, they want it back. Kelli Arthur who runs a business place in Elizabeth has noted that with new routers, new this and new that that the internet refuses to work and has put the business in a bad place. Citinet said that they would be stringing new ‘state of the art’ lines in a year or so, but time will tell. For certain Verizon couldn’t surely be any worse that Frontier but all things are possible.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil slipped to \$67.72/bbl. With condensate fetching just \$49.72. bbl while Marcellus & Utica light was \$56.72/bbl. The Henry Hub price for natural gas jumped to \$3.43 with DTI (Dominion system) \$2.085 and TCO (Columbia Gas System) \$2.135/MMBTU. Local producers who sold on the DTI system actually were paid just under 95 cents. The price for Y grade natural gas liquids from the fractionation plants was \$27.262/bbl. There are reports of high priced propane which means that someone is “doing well”.

One of Perfesser Gee Haw’s people, Brooke Eastman, continues to write to local folks wanting them to get involved in some big carbon capture scam where flim flammers get to use taxpayer’s forest lands as collateral to “pollute” sorta like buying indulgences back in the Middle Ages. Those who worked with the 4-H noted that there were “some weird folks there” so obviously it is time for “housecleaning” at the taxpayer funded operation. Maybe learning might be encouraged, science, math, chemistry and geology, things that would make West Virginia great again. Just a thought.

One thing I am thankful for is that I am me not them

By Gaylen Duskey

I am not sure if it was bad chicken dumpling soup or some kind of stomach virus or just over indulgence but something put a damper on my Thanksgiving. I felt lousy on Thanksgiving Day after feeling really lousy the night before.

So, when thinking about what I felt thankful for to put in this column the usual things rolled through my mind as I was and am thankful for all my blessings from God, family, friends good memories etc. etc. etc.

And blah blah, blah ...

But I was sick and did not feel well so if asked what I was thankful for my honest answer at that time probably would have been “nothing.”

I missed Thanksgiving at Mom’s Place and was disappointed because I did even though I had a plate of food delivered to me at my house. It was pretty good even though I am not sure I was very hungry because I wasn’t sure I was over being pretty sick.

Then I got to thinking about my friends and their Thanksgiving adventures.

Larry missed Thanksgiving at Mom’s as he spent the time with his family cooking for all those who came to visit him and he is a pretty good cook.

But in the days leading up to Thanksgiving while driving a deer decided to dart out in front of him. He missed the deer but not the pole denting up his pickup.

Then there was Ron. Ron and I have been friends since before we ever attended school and that is a long, long time ago.

A while back Ron’s wife was involved in a deer-car collision tearing up her new car. They had to buy another new car.

Now that seems like enough bad luck but, well, it wasn’t.

One of Ron’s fraternity brothers and a guy I also knew from my days at Glenville State had passed away and Ron planned to attend the funeral down in Putnam County.

Ron had an auto accident while enroute to or from the funeral which totaled his pickup and landed him in a Charleston area hospital. He, too, had a Mom’s Place Thanksgiving meal delivered to him as his daughter took him a meal in the hospital. He requested one.

Then there is my friend Roger.

I have known Roger since we were both young men living in Beckley. My first wife and Roger’s wife both worked at Heck’s and became good friends which led to Roger and I being good friends, and that friendship has lasted for more than 50 years now.

Roger lives in North Carolina but owns a hunting camp on Hog Knob now on some land he bought from my mom.

I got a call from him one morning asking me if I could give him and a hunting companion a ride back to Hog Knob from a local automobile repair shop. He told me his truck wouldn’t start but that they thought they found the problem and that parts, supplies and labor would be around \$1,000 but that his truck should be ready to go by the end of the week.

It wasn’t.

But Roger had another problem since his hunting companion felt under the weather and went to the hospital with what was described as pneumonia with a few other complications, and he was hospitalized.

During the infrequent hunting the two were able to get in Roger’s companion got a big eight-point buck while Roger didn’t even get to see a deer least of all another eight-point buck. He did say while he was out hunting one day his water froze off.

He did joke that this hunting trip left him broke and without any venison.

After hearing how my friends Larry, Ron and Roger had ‘celebrated’ Thanksgiving I did find one thing to be thankful for – I was thankful I wasn’t them.

STILL SPIFFING UP TOWN: Preparations for the official opening of the Christmas season I Grantsville – the Christmas Parade on Friday (Dec.6) continues as more lights are put up, more candy is made, and more halls are decked with holly or something as the warm and friendly spirit spreads.

Or so it seems.

I recently looked at some pictures of a spiffed-up Grantsville from the 2023 Christmas in Grantsville and it looked great, but I have to say with all the improvements that have been made in the past year that the town looks so much better than I did then.

Wow!!!

As the lyrics to a classic song goes “the future’s so bright I gotta wear shades.”

That’s a great way to look at things but I do think the future for the town is bright despite some of the setbacks that have been suffered.

Setbacks such as the loss of the town’s Dollar General store and the much higher water rates all at once and some of the petty jealousies and political games that have and are taking place, we are still moving in a positive direction which will, in the end, will make things much

better.

The increased water rates will aid in the consolidation of the Town of Grantsville water department with the Mount Zion Public Service District and the Pleasant Hill Public Service District into one entity under the direction of a professional manager.

They are already in negotiations to purchase a building to serve as headquarters for the new entity near Grantsville.

There will be bumps in the road along the way, but the combined entities will allow for better service and water services being expanded to places it doesn’t already serve with the possibility of the entire county having public water service in the future.

Sure, there will be problems but eventually everyone will be on the same page and working for the same goals.

And the Dollar General?

We will get a new one. Hopefully we will have word within a year.

The future is so bright ...

KEEP INVESTIGATING: Although the people responsible for the illegal campaign signs on the vandalism have not been apprehended or identified, at least publicly, word is the investigation continues.

I hope so. The cowards behind these things need to be caught and punished and we – The Calhoun Chronicle – intend to keep seeking answers until we – the people – get them.

Political shenanigans such as these need to come to an end if we plan to move forward.

And we plan to move forward.

AN INSULT TO AMERICA: Joe Biden pardoned his son Hunter Biden.

A dad takes care of his criminal son because he loves his son.

If it were only that simple.

But it isn’t.

According to an article in Politico Hunter Biden’s pardon looks a lot like Richard Nixon’s.

President Joe Biden’s grant of clemency — an extraordinary political act with extraordinary legal breadth — insulates his son from ever facing federal charges over any crimes he possibly could have committed over the past decade.

Experts on pardons said they could think of only one other person who has received a presidential pardon so sweeping in generations: Nixon, who was given a blanket pardon by Gerald Ford in 1974.

“I have never seen language like this in a pardon document that purports to pardon offenses that have not apparently even been charged, with the exception of the Nixon pardon,” said Margaret Love, who served from 1990 to 1997 as the U.S. pardon attorney, a Justice Department position devoted to assisting the president on clemency issues.

“So rather than merely pardoning his son for the gun crimes for which he was convicted and the tax crimes for which he pleaded guilty, the president’s pardon covers all “offenses against the United States which he has committed or may have committed or taken part in” from Jan. 1, 2014, through Dec. 1, 2024. That language mirrors the language in Ford’s pardon of Nixon, which did not merely cover the Watergate scandal but extended to “all offenses against the United States” that Nixon “has committed or may have committed” between Jan. 20, 1969, and Aug. 9, 1974 — the exact span of Nixon’s presidency.

“The starting date of Jan. 1, 2014, in the Biden pardon was surely not chosen randomly: Hunter Biden joined the board of Burisma Holdings, a Ukrainian gas company, in April 2014, while his father was vice president. Republicans have accused the younger Biden of illegally profiting off his position on that board.”

When announcing the pardon Biden sounded as if he were on the other side of the prosecutorial events taking place in the country today against President Donald Trump.

“Without aggravating factors like use in a crime, multiple purchases, or buying a weapon as a straw purchaser, people are almost never brought to trial on felony charges solely for how they filled out a gun form,” he continued. “Those who were late paying their taxes because of serious addictions, but paid them back subsequently with interest and penalties, are typically given non-criminal resolutions.”

Biden also evoked Hunter’s battle with substance abuse and asked Americans to “understand why a father and a President would come to this decision.” (Trump has never been accused of illegal substance abuse.)

“There has been an effort to break Hunter – who has been five and a half years sober, even in the face of unrelenting attacks and selective prosecution,” Biden continued. “In trying to break Hunter, they’ve tried to break me – and there’s no reason to believe it will stop here. Enough is enough.”

Yes, it is.

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

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Gov. Justice launches West Virginia Ruffed Grouse and Wildlife Restoration program

Initiative will enhance wildlife habitats and support local economies through innovative land management practices

Gov. Jim Justice announced the launch of the West Virginia Ruffed Grouse and Wildlife Restoration Program, a groundbreaking initiative to enhance wildlife habitats through the strategic planting of soft mast-producing trees and shrubs on recently harvested private timberlands.

This innovative program is designed to provide vital food sources for a variety of wildlife species, including ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer and songbirds, while also benefiting landowners and local economies. It will be administered through a cooperative effort led by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and West

Virginia Division of Forestry.

“We’ve been working for quite some time to launch this program, and let me tell you, I am extremely excited to announce its launch,” Gov. Justice said. “As a lifelong hunter and angler, I’m so proud of the work my administration has done to invest in West Virginia and promote our state’s world-class natural resources. The strides made in this program will greatly boost our wildlife, from grouse to deer and on and on, while also becoming a huge economic driver. This program is the real deal, and I cannot wait to see how it benefits landowners, our wildlife, and our

economy.”

The program allows forest landowners to reclaim up to 5 percent of their recently harvested timberlands with soft mast-producing trees and shrubs. Participants will receive technical assistance, including species recommendations, planting locations, and methodologies, and will be reimbursed for 75 percent of costs associated with the planting projects.

In addition to benefiting wildlife, the program has the potential to create jobs and stimulate local economies. Landowners can purchase trees and shrubs from local sellers or source materials from na-

tionwide suppliers and nonprofit organizations. If landowners choose not to plant the trees and shrubs themselves, professional landscapers and tree planting contractors can take on the task, creating new opportunities for small businesses and local job growth.

This initiative supports a variety of conservation and recreational goals while fostering economic benefits, including job creation in nursery production and planting operations. The program also enhances habitats for wildlife by providing critical food and cover resources in recently harvested areas.

Final wrestling event of 2024 scheduled by Route 33 Wrestling

As the year winds down, Route 33 Wrestling (Rt33W) is gearing up for its final event of 2024, Mistletoe Melee, this Saturday at the Spencer Armory. The night promises to deliver explosive action, surprises, and holiday cheer for fans of all ages.

The evening kicks off with doors opening at 6 p.m., followed by the highly anticipated Year-End Awards presentation at 6:30 p.m., recognizing the outstanding performers and moments that defined the year. The first match of the night, the Rural Rumble, is an over-the-top-rope elimination battle royal where competitors will fight for the coveted Mountain Pass Medal. The winner of the medal earns a game-changing opportunity: the chance to cash it in at any time for a title shot.

In the main event, current Rt33W

Tag Team Champions Grappling, Inc. (Brox Boulder and Titan Troy) face their toughest challenge yet in a high-stakes rematch against “The Leviathan” Michael Anthony and his new partner, the Jagermeister. This bout follows months of controversy surrounding Anthony, whose ruthless actions have sparked outrage, including injuring former tag team partner Hero Napier, and a shocking physical altercation with Rt33W’s own Boss Lady.

“When you work in this business, you know to expect some chaos,” said the Boss Lady. “But what Michael Anthony has done in the past few months has been nothing short of reckless. Injuries happen in wrestling, but there’s no excuse for putting your hands on someone outside the ring. That said, I couldn’t be

prouder of the way our roster has stepped up this year, and I’m confident this event will show just how special Rt33W is. If you’ve never been to a Rt33W event, now’s the time to come and see what all the excitement is about.”

The evening will also feature three mystery matches with randomly selected opponents and secret holiday-themed stipulations, adding an extra layer of intrigue and unpredictability. During intermission, Santa Claus himself will make an appearance, offering fans a chance for photos and spreading festive cheer. Concessions, merchandise, and autograph opportunities round out the family-friendly event.

Route 33 Wrestling: Mistletoe Melee marks the final chapter in what has been a memorable year for the company

and its fans. Don’t miss the opportunity to witness the culmination of a thrilling 2024 and kick off the holiday season with unforgettable action.

Tickets are available at the Armory door, at Smoker Friendly in Spencer, or on Route 33 Wrestling’s Facebook page. About Route 33 Wrestling, LLC

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

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

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which partners with generous individuals to build permanent philanthropic resources that strengthen the region of Calhoun, Wirt, and Gilmer Counties. LKACF has awarded \$1.79 Million since 2004 to support those three Counties.

Ms. Posey stated six “neat things” she wanted the Council to know about LKACF.

1. We build Permanent endowment funds for the community, stewards of gifts given to them for grant and scholarships with \$1.3 million made available across, Calhoun, Gilmer and Wirt Counties.
2. LKACF is constantly growing as a foundation having provided funding to the Town of Grantsville, Grantsville City Park, Grantsville Music Conservatory and the Calhoun County Park.
3. LKACF is supported by multiple people and organizations.
4. LKACF is super resourceful their funding sources.
5. LKACF is here just for the Calhoun community.
6. LKACF needs everyone’s help to let people know that there is a foundation with an invitation to get involved in the advisory board or donate.

A Staff Christmas dinner was approved for December 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. in conjunction with the Mt. Zion PSD and Pleasant Hill PSD. Mayor Petrovsky stated that it would cost less than the amount of \$300 allocated for the dinner.

A donation of \$600 was approved for the Grantsville Christmas Committee to assist in decorating the town for the Christmas season. Mayor Petrovsky told the council that the City could now afford contributions such as this because they are no longer having to supplement the water department.

The Council approved unanimously for \$711 in the opioid settlement fund to be given to the Calhoun FRN who has the means to use it through their programming and resources. The City will leave their options open for future years of Opioid Settlement funding, should they have a Town Police Officer that can utilize that type of funding. Council added that receipts should be provided on how the funding was spent.

In regards to the O&M agreement between the Town, Mt. Zion PSD and Pleasant Hill, Mayor Petrovsky informed the council that an amendment would have to be made to page 2, paragraph two of the agreement due to confusion. Once the O&M agreement is approved and in place the Town of Grantsville will no longer sell water to the Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill PSD’s but rather, all entities will be combined for the consumption and resale of water.

In an approved motion, the open council seat made vacant by the appointment of Emily Collins to the position of Town Recorder will be advertised for two weeks in the Calhoun Chronicle in their December 11th and 18th editions. Deadline for filing a sealed letter of intent will be December 27th, 2024 at the close of business.

Recorder Emily Collins provided a statement of invoices due to the Town Council with the following account funds reported

General Fund - \$4,368.23
Water Department - \$45,614.52
Sewer Department - \$10,711.43
Total of all accounts - \$60,694.18

Motion approved by all council members for the payment of bills an adjournment.

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Calhoun winter sports getting under way this week

By Gaylen Duskey

Calhoun County Middle/High School begins its winter sports season on many fronts this week with only the high school boys’ basketball team waiting to the following week to officially get under way although it will hold a couple of scrimmage contests.

The 2024-25 season got under way when the Calhoun High School girls basketball team traveled to Doddridge County to play the Bulldogs.

Calhoun has 15 players including four seniors on the roster and are coached by Kevin Boak with assistance from Red

Devil standouts Katie Jones and Savannah Cunningham.

After its opening game at Doddridge the Lady Red Devils play again at Richwood Friday before playing host to powerhouse Gilmer County Dec. 11. The junior varsity game is scheduled for 5:45 p.m.

Next to begin play is the middle school girls’ team when it entertains Pleasants County Thursday night at 6 p.m.

The middle school girls’ team has 13 players and is coached by Mark Great-house with Trista Arnold as his assistant.

The 12-member high school boys’

team which held a Wednesday scrimmage at Ritchie County before playing host to Tygarts Valley on Friday at 7 p.m. The Red Devils are coached by Marcus Davis with assistance from Matt Sampson and Jake Perkins. The Red Devils have one senior on the rooster.

The team officially begins its season Dec. 12 at home against Webster County.

The high school and middle schools wrestling teams are both in action Saturday with the high school team wrestling in the Raider Cup at Spencer starting at 9 a.m. and the middle school team at Wirt County at same time.

No roster has been submitted for the high school wrestling team which last season was coached by Andrew Cummings.

The middle school team of Dwane Weekley has 10 wrestlers on the roster. Brian Ritchie is an assistant coach.

Later that day the middle school girls play their second game when noon when they are at Tyler at noon. The middle school boys team opens its season at the same time at home against Tyler.by

Levi Allen coaches the team and is assisted by Joe Helmick. There are 18 boys on the roster including 10 eighth graders

CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Senior Basketball(G) Roster

| # | Pos. | Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Avg |
|---|------|---------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| | | Abigail Waldron | 12 | | | |
| | | Ashlyn Boak | 12 | | | |
| | | Lauren Lovejoy | 12 | | | |
| | | Brealle Arthur | 12 | | | |
| | | Tiara Rogers | 11 | | | |
| | | Faith McClain | 11 | | | |
| | | Lena Smith | 10 | | | |
| | | Kayleigh Cunningham | 10 | | | |
| | | Amera Hosey | 10 | | | |
| | | Paige Sterns | 10 | | | |
| | | Josie Richards | 9 | | | |
| | | Paisley Cummings | 9 | | | |
| | | Kendall Snodgress | 9 | | | |
| | | Kylie Caudill | 9 | | | |
| | | Remedy Riddel | 9 | | | |

CALHOUN COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Mid/Jr Basketball(G) Roster

| # | Pos. | Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Avg |
|----|------|------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | | Brooke Tinger | 7 | | | |
| 2 | | Mandy Johnson | 6 | | | |
| 4 | | Addison Caudill | 6 | | | |
| 5 | | Bristol Hoskins | 7 | | | |
| 12 | | MacKenzie Wright | 8 | | | |
| 14 | | Emma Frail | 7 | | | |
| 15 | | Paislee Perkins | 8 | | | |
| 21 | | Braylea McKown | 7 | | | |
| 22 | | Camry Parsons | 8 | | | |
| 23 | | Allison Harris | 8 | | | |
| 25 | | Khloe Cobbett | 8 | | | |
| 33 | | Elaina White | 7 | | | |
| 35 | | Colbie Wilson | 6 | | | |

CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Senior Basketball(B) Roster

| # | Pos. | Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Avg |
|----|---------------|-------------------|----|-------|----|-----|
| 0 | PG/Guard | Baron Davis | 9 | 5’10” | | |
| 2 | PG/Guard | Brennen Carpenter | 10 | 6’0” | | |
| 3 | Guard | Coby Staples | 9 | 5’7” | | |
| 5 | Guard | Brayden Wood | 12 | 5’8” | | |
| 10 | Forward | Hoyt Helmick | 9 | 5’9” | | |
| 11 | Forward | Cooper Morris | 10 | 6’2” | | |
| 12 | Guard/Forward | Charter Cottrell | 10 | 6’0” | | |
| 15 | Guard | Ethan Harris | 9 | 5’9” | | |
| 20 | Guard | Gavin Hicks | 9 | 5’10” | | |
| 24 | Guard | Evan Collins | 9 | 5’7” | | |
| 42 | Guard/Forward | Garrett Carpenter | 10 | 5’11” | | |
| 50 | Forward | Micah Allen | 10 | 5’11” | | |

CALHOUN COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Mid/Jr Basketball(B) Roster

| # | Pos. | Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Avg |
|---|------|-------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| | | Jace Lemon | 8 | | | |
| | | Cohen Blankenship | 8 | | | |
| | | Michael Richards | 8 | | | |
| | | Caleb Allen | 8 | | | |
| | | Avery Wood | 8 | | | |
| | | Trevor Mayle | 8 | | | |
| | | Preston Sauer | 8 | | | |
| | | Kyrian Mounts | 8 | | | |
| | | Greyson Hill | 8 | | | |
| | | Jayden Frame | 8 | | | |
| | | Mason Laughlin | 7 | | | |
| | | Cyrus Helmick | 7 | | | |
| | | Brody Crislip | 7 | | | |
| | | Kason Stamper | 7 | | | |
| | | Braydon Hardaway | 7 | | | |
| | | Mason Cunningham | 7 | | | |
| | | Mark Plumby Jr. | 7 | | | |
| | | Graeson Barton | 6 | | | |

CALHOUN COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Mid/Jr Wrestling Roster

| # | Pos. | Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Avg |
|---|------|------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| | | Kevin Wilson | 8 | | | |
| | | Dayvon Mitchell | 8 | | | |
| | | Sam Bailey | 8 | | | |
| | | Ezra Anderson | 8 | | | |
| | | Zac Smith | 8 | | | |
| | | Colin Grogg | 8 | | | |
| | | Seth Bailey | 7 | | | |
| | | Keegan Sampson | 7 | | | |
| | | Silas Cunningham | 6 | | | |
| | | Cooper Summers | 6 | | | |

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(2023-C-000137 - Calhoun County - GARNET GAS CORPORATION)

To: EDNA ANN STEVENS ESTATE C/O KIM STEVENS, CARL EDMONDS, JR., LORI ANN HUSTON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS & ASSIGNS OF JAMES FENTON EDMONDS, PAUL WOODROW EDMONDS, EDNA ANN STEVENS, JOSEPH VICTOR PULSINELLI, CARL EDMONDS, JR., LORI ANN HUSTON & KIM STEVENS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 3900 0000

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| | | |
|---|----|--------|
| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2022 - 19656 | \$ | 88.91 |
| Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number | \$ | 0.00 |
| Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 20064 | \$ | 23.45 |
| Additional taxes with interest | \$ | 0.00 |
| Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest | \$ | 105.35 |
| Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest | \$ | 243.22 |
| Additional Statutory Fees with Interest | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. | \$ | 460.93 |

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand November 15, 2024
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of CALHOUN County, State of West Virginia

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- Ajax Pipe Line Company, LLC
- Liberty Pipeline Company, LLC
- Essential Energy Investments, Inc.
- Essex Energy Investments, Inc.
- Shale Gas Production, LLC
- Reserve Oil & Gas, Inc.

Persons with claims against the companies are hereby requested to present such claims in accordance with West Virginia Code §31D-14-1407 and the instructions below.

Any such claim must include the following information : (1) Name of the claimant; (2) Address of the claimant, including telephone number; (3) Amount of the claim; (4) Statement as to the basis for the claim; (5) Date the claim accrued; (6) Description and Date of any complaint, judgement or other court order relating to the claim; and (7) Statement as to whether the claim is secured and, if so, a description of the collateral, if any.

Claims against the companies should be addressed to the attention of Doug Douglass, 929 Charleston Road, Spencer, West Virginia 25276.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

| Decedent | Personal Representative | Address |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bernard James Leach | David E. Leach | 14438 Pease Lane, Skiatook, OK 74070 |
| Nina Carolyn Lane | Michelle Lane Gaydos | 22395 S. Calhoun Hwy, Chloe, WV 25235 |
| | | |

December 4, 2024

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

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Jean Simers
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(2023-C-000044 - Calhoun County - GARNET GAS CORPORATION)
To: CAROLYN J. WILSON, RALPH BARRY WILSON C/O MICHAEL B. WILSON, GARY HENRY WILSON C/O MICHAEL B. WILSON, MICHAEL WILSON, RICKY WILSON, KELLY MAE PROCTOR, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS & ASSIGNS OF MELVIN WILSON, RALPH BARRY WILSON, GARY HENRY WILSON, MICHAEL WILSON, RICKY WILSON, KELLY MAE PROCTOR, MICHAEL BRADLEY WILSON & CAROLYN J. WILSON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT LEE MAP 27 PARCEL 0005 0000 3007
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| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest for tax year ticket number 2022 - 11362 | \$ | 105.76 |
| Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number | \$ | 0.00 |
| Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 11676 | \$ | 37.62 |
| Additional taxes with interest | \$ | 0.00 |
| Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest | \$ | 136.85 |
| Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest | \$ | 281.53 |
| Additional Statutory Fees with Interest | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Amount due and payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. | \$ | 561.76 |

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DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 3910 0000
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| Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due to the date of certification for ticket number | \$ | 0.00 |
| Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 20064 | \$ | 23.45 |
| Additional taxes with interest | \$ | 0.00 |
| Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest | \$ | 105.35 |
| Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest | \$ | 243.22 |
| Additional Statutory Fees with Interest | \$ | 0.00 |
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Home for the Holidays: A Time for Celebration and Reflection on Aging Loved Ones’ Well-Being

Bridging Resources West Virginia can help you get the answers you need to find support for your loved ones during the upcoming holiday season. As the holiday season approaches, many of us eagerly anticipate the joy of reuniting with family and friends. Traveling home can be exciting, especially if you don’t spend much time together throughout the year.

However, for those visiting aging parents or grandparents, the holidays may look a bit different this year.

It’s not uncommon to notice changes in your loved ones’ living conditions or health that may have occurred over the past year, or even a few months. As you spend time with them, consider these signs that may indicate they need addi-

tional support:

Financial Management: Are there piles of unopened mail or “past due” notices?

Home Maintenance: Look around the house, both inside and out. Is the home well-maintained? Are dishes piling up in the sink? Are there broken items that haven’t been fixed?

Medication Management: Check for unused or missing medications. Are they taking their prescriptions as directed? Do they have the financial means to afford their medications?

Mobility Concerns: Observe their movement. Are they shuffling when they walk? Are they able to navigate stairs safely?

Cognitive concerns: Are they having

difficulty following or maintaining a conversation? Are they forgetting directions or wandering? These concerns are more than normal aging and forgetfulness that naturally can happen over time.

Social Interaction: As we age, our social circles often shrink. Notice any signs of isolation or depression. Are they bathing daily, wearing clean clothes, and maintaining personal hygiene? How much social interaction do they have with others?

Nutrition: What’s in the refrigerator or pantry? Are they eating well? Aging adults may cut back on groceries when faced with the choice between food and medication.

Driving Safety: If your parents drive, take a walk around the vehicle. Do you

see any new dents or dings? Take a drive with them to assess their driving abilities.

Home Safety: Do they need any additional equipment, such as grab bars in the shower, a shower chair, or a wheelchair ramp, to remain safe at home?

If you notice any of these signs, it’s important to start a conversation this holiday season.

Addressing these concerns early can help ensure your loved ones receive the care and support they need to maintain their health, safety, and independence.

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10 New Year Resolutions for Your Lawn



The new year is a perfect time to turn your attention to your lawn. If you’re reading this, chances are you’re a bit of a lawn nerd, and we proudly count ourselves in that club too. So, what better way to celebrate than by setting some resolutions for your lawn? Dive into the new year with ways to boost your outdoor landscape that you and the family can enjoy year-round.

They are:

1. Build a Cozy Fire Pit Area

Ignite the spark of outdoor camaraderie by setting up a snug fire pit area, perfect for those cool, starry nights. Opt for surrounding your fiery centerpiece with varieties like EMPIRE Zoysia or Celebration Bermudagrass, which offer durability and beauty, enhancing the cozy ambiance of the fire glow.

2. Plan Your Lawn Care Calendar

Gear up for a year of lush greenery by using a lawn care schedule. Each season holds key tasks such as mowing and getting ahead of weeds with pre-emergent treatments as the soil starts warm up.

3. Install an Efficient Irrigation System

Resolve to give your lawn exactly what it needs by installing a smart irrigation system. Such systems adjust watering based on weather conditions and soil

moisture levels, ensuring that your lawn receives the right amount of water at the right time.

This not only conserves water but also prevents overwatering and under watering, promoting a healthier, more resilient lawn.

4. Weekly Wildlife Observation for Eco-Health

Transform your weekly garden gazing into an ecological survey. By noting visiting bird species and other wildlife, you can gauge the health of your environment—a fun, educational way to connect with nature.

5. Educate on Soil Health

Start the year with a deep dive into the world beneath your feet. Testing your soil early helps pinpoint exactly what your green space craves, letting you tailor a fertilization strategy that really hits the mark as the season of growth kicks off.

6. Plan Seasonal Decorations Strategically

Instead of merely decorating, discuss planning for year-round visual interest through strategic plant choices that provide color and texture throughout the year, such as evergreens or winter-blooming plants.

7. Design a Functional Herb Garden

Shift this resolution to focus on planning and designing a herb garden that can be started indoors and

moved outside as temperatures allow, providing both winter interest and early spring planting.

8. Organize a Compost System

Emphasize planning and setting up a compost system that can be started in the winter when kitchen scraps are plentiful, but yard waste might be less so, preparing for adding more materials as spring cleanup begins.

9. Convert to Drought-Resistant Landscaping

For those facing arid climates, consider a switch to landscapes that laugh in the face of drought. Cultivars like NorthBridge Bermudagrass and Sola St. Augustinegrass are stellar at conserving moisture, ensuring your garden stays green, without guzzling gallons.

10. Adopt a Fertilizer Regimen

Make a resolution to nourish your lawn consistently by adopting a regular fertilizer regimen. Use a product like Lawnifi, a liquid fertilizer that efficiently delivers nutrients using nanotechnology, reducing environmental impact. Apply it according to the seasonal needs of your lawn to ensure optimal growth and health year-round.

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