CCCOA NEWS

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Today, I choose to live with gratitude for the love that fills my heart, the peace that rests within my spirit, and the voice of hope that says all things are possible.

14 Surprising Facts You Never Knew About Thanksgiving

From the origin of T.V. dinners to the sounds that turkeys really make, there's more to this holiday than meets the eye.

By Leah Silverman and Katie Robinson Published: Oct 19, 2023

For most of us, Thanksgiving is a celebration of family, friends, and food; a moment to give a nod to all of the good things in our lives. And yes, to double up on mashed potatoes. But the real history of Thanksgiving is a bit more complicated than Turkey Trots and pumpkin pies—in fact, it has many layers of spectacle, entrepreneurial spirit, economic recovery, and, naturally, feasting. If you've ever found yourself wondering why we celebrate Thanksgiving, or where some of our seemingly obscure Thanksgiving traditions come from, read on.

A woman named Sarah Josepha Hale lobbied Congress for years to make Thanksgiving an official holiday.

If it wasn't for this determined woman, Thanksgiving wouldn't exist today. Hale's allegiance to Thanksgiving began in 1827 and was based in national pride; she hoped to make it "permanently, an American custom and institution." It wasn't until 1863 that President Lincoln finally declared Thanksgiving a national holiday. Seeing as the President did this in throws of the Civil War, Thanksgiving is considered by some to be an attempt on behalf of the president to bring some peace back to the country.

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November Birthday Club

Ronald Sampson 1st Keith Smith 1st Clyde Todd 6th Mitchell Moore 7th Doris Whipkey 7th Mark Conrad 8th Aaron Bennett 9th Sutchai Cottrell 9th Guy Boggs 16th Paula Roberts 17th Marie Wilson 17th Donna Goff 22nd Mary Bragg 25th Linda Sampson 25th Kathy Barr 26th Archie Buckner 27th Sandra Morrison 28th Carol Johnson 29th

Employees

Rick Poling 4th

Jackie Blankenship 7th

Shelley Lynch 23rd

Linda Fivecoait 29th

CCCOA- Bingo played daily at 10:45am unless otherwise stated. Cards played daily from 8:00am- 10:00am, games, puzzle table, pool table, cornhole, darts, wii, exercise room, library, craft room, BINGO and more available.

CASH BINGO DATES Oct. 30th, Nov. 13th & 20th beginning @ 10:45am

Local Events

Oct. 31st CCCOA Halloween Party!

Oct. 31st Calhoun County Library presents Trivia Night at the CCCOA beginning @ 6pm

Nov 1st Alice's Attic Music Friday Night 6:00pm

Nov. 5th CLOSED for ELECTION DAY!

Nov. 6th Veterans Day Dinner at the CCCOA beginning @ 10:30am

Nov. 9th Band Booster Bingo – Doors open @ 5pm, Games @ 6pm

Nov. 9th Jeff Dunham Tour, 5:00 – 7:00pm @ Charleston Coliseum & Convention

Center

Nov. 11th CLOSED for VETERANS DAY!

Nov. 28th & 29th CLOSED for THANKSGIVING!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- October 30th & November 13th & 20th QUARTER BINGO @ the Grantsville CCCOA @ 10:45am
- 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month– Lions Club Bingo @ the Lions Club beginning @
 6:00 pm

Congregate meal programs provide healthy meals served in group settings. They aim to keep older adults healthy and independent, offer opportunities for social engagement, and connect people with other supports and services. If you have been on the fence about attending the CCCOA for lunch, we encourage you to give it a try. If you would like to bring someone with you, that is not 60 yrs or older, they are also welcome. We encourage all ages to attend and partake in the activities offered.

Meals are served at 11:30am, right after Bingo!

Suggested Donation Scale for Meals

Individual Monthly Income Suggested Donation

\$700 or less \$1.25 per meal

\$701 to \$800 \$1.50 per meal

\$801 to \$900 \$1.75 per meal

\$901 or above \$2.00 per meal

[Guests under 60 years of age: \$6.00 per meal]

[Guests under 60, accompanying a senior: \$4.00 per meal]



When: Oct. 30th, Nov. 13th & 20th

Where: CCCOA Dining Hall

Games Begin @ 10:45 am

Location: 105 Market Street

Grantsville, WV 26147

Open to the public, must be 18yrs of age to play!

Quarter per card, per game!

You win half the pot on every game!

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am

Available for the regular cost of a meal! If you plan to eat please let the kitchen know when you get to the center or call ahead of time, 304-354-7017x 114!



#SUCCESSFORALL

The Calhoun County
Board of Education has
voted to run an excess
levy on November 5th
to provide excess funds
to support the students
of Calhoun County.

LEVY COST

The total assessed value of all taxable properties in Calhoun County is broken down by different property classes as follows:

Class I: \$0.00 Class II: \$107,660,362 Class III: \$596,969,846

Class IV: \$10,011,688

Aggregate: \$513,641,896

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The proposed extra levy rate, in cents for every one hundred dollars of property value, for each property class is as follows:

Class I: \$0.0497

Class II: \$0.0994 Class III: \$0.1988 Class IV: \$0.1988

The additional levy will apply to the fiscal years starting on July 1 of 2025.



Information on the LEW

The levy will provide funding to include staffing for, but not limited to, additional curriculum and instructionally related programs for summer school

Approximate annual amount of \$170,000.00

Extra-curricular Support

The levy will provide for the support of extra-curricular (including athletic teams, band, music activities, theater activities, academic competitions, and afterschool programs), curricular and/or academic (including but not limited to field trips, academic competitions) transportation for students in grades Pre-K -12.

Approximate annual amount of \$36,000.00

Maintenance, Improvements, and Eminment

The levy will provide funding for, but not limited to, playground equipment at Calhoun Middle High School; improvement and maintenance of county-wide athletic facilities; improvements required by local, state, and federal agencies to ensure safe and efficient operation of facilities; custodial and maintenance supplies and equipment; and other related expenses.

Approximate annual amount of \$208,667.00

Safety and Security

The levy will provide funding for, but not limited to, School Nurse, Preventative Resource Officer, and Technology Systems Specialist.

Approximate annual amount of \$200,000.00

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The levy will provide a supplement to the salaries of all professional and service staff.

Approximate annual amount of \$161,000.00

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The levy will provide funding for an Art Cart for students at Pleasant Hill and Arnoldsburg Elementary.

Approximate annual amount of \$75,000.00

Originally, Thanksgiving may not have been celebrated in November at all.

There isn't clear historical information on the actual date of the first Thanksgiving, but some historians have suggested it may have taken place in mid-October. President Lincoln assigned the holiday to fall on the last Thursday in November, possibly to coincide with the date the Pilgrims first landed the Mayflower in New England.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving one week earlier.

Roosevelt hoped that a lengthened holiday shopping season would increase spending and alleviate the effects of the Great Depression. This resulted in two consecutive years of conflicting Thanksgiving Day celebrations, as some states refused to recognize the change.

By 1941, FDR gave in and signed a bill making the fourth Thursday in November the official date for Thanksgiving nationwide, regardless of whether it's the last Thursday of the month or not.

The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1924 featured animals from the Central Park Zoo.

Though the parade stretched just two blocks, New York City went all out for what newspapers called "a marathon of mirth." Notably, however, there were none of the balloons the parade is known for today. Instead, there were live bears, elephants, camels, and monkeys from the Central Park Zoo. There were also floats with puppets, celebrities, bands, costumed Macy's employees, and of course, Santa Claus.

Thanksgiving leftovers led to the first ever TV dinner.

In 1953, food corporation Swanson overestimated how much turkey would be consumed on Thanksgiving and had to get creative with 260 tons of leftover poultry. Using 5,000 aluminum trays and an assembly line of hand-packers, they created a Thanksgiving-inspired meal with the aforementioned turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, peas, and sweet potatoes. The dish was sold for a grand total of 98 cents, and in the first full year of production, they sold ten million of them, birthing the prepackaged frozen meal industry.

Benjamin Franklin was very pro-turkey.

It wasn't so much that Franklin thought the bird was delicious, but more so that he admired the animal's qualities. Surprisingly, Franklin thought the turkey should be the United States' official bird rather than the bald eagle.

"I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; his is a bird of bad moral character," he once wrote. Apparently, Franklin noted that the turkey was a "much more respectable bird."

The menu for the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth in 1621 likely included lobster, seal, and swans.

No, turkey did not RSVP to the first Thanksgiving in 1621. The feast between Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans lasted for three days, during which both parties contributed to the meal. Though there are few records of the actual menu, it is known that the Pilgrims hunted for local fowl (swans included) and the Wampanoag brought five deer. It's thought that lobster and seal were likely involved, due to their availability in the area.

Pumpkin pie has been beloved for a long, long time—although, it isn't America's favorite pie.

Records show that people have been cooking up pumpkin pies since the 1600s! Pumpkins were likely at the first Thanksgiving, although probably not in pie form. The dessert has been an important part of Thanksgiving meals since the 1700s—one Connecticut town even postponed the holiday in in 1705 due to a molasses shortage that prevented people from making pies. However, The American Pie Council is putting an end to the pumpkin vs. apple pie debate. According to their research, apple pies are America's favorite, with pumpkin coming in second place.

The "pardoning" of a turkey has become an annual White House tradition... but no one's quite sure who started it.

According to the White House Historical Association, there are records of presidents granting turkeys a reprieve from the table going back as far as Abraham Lincoln, though it was far from a regular occurrence. In 1963, JFK sent the gobbler he'd been gifted back to the farm to "keep him going," while birds under the Nixon and Carter administrations went off to petting zoos and children's farms. Ronald Reagan is credited with making the practice a standing tradition, although it was George HW Bush who cemented the ceremony, saying in 1989, "Let me assure you, and this fine tom turkey, that he will not end up on anyone's dinner table, not this guy—he's granted a Presidential pardon as of right now."

Thanksgiving Day football games began in the 1870s.

Turkey Day football began long before the country could watch the sport on TV. In fact, football wasn't even a professional sport when the Thanksgiving game tradition took hold. In 1876, Yale played Princeton in the first ever Thanksgiving Day football match. At that point, the sport was still evolving from a rugby hybrid into the game we know today. Games stayed on the college and high school level for nearly fifty years. Eventually, when the National Football League was founded in 1920, it began hosting as many as six Thanksgiving matches every year.

Female turkeys don't gobble.

We humans gobble down dinner, and our feathered turkey friends just plain gobble, right? Not quite. Only male turkeys make the well-known "gobble, gobble" sound that has come to be associated with the holiday. In fact, male turkeys are even known as "gobblers." Females make other noises, such as purring and cackling.

The day after Thanksgiving is especially busy for plumbers.

This sounds like the beginning of a crude joke, but it's true. According, to plumbing company Roto-Rooter, the day after Thanksgiving is "far and away the busiest day of the year." The company warns to be extra careful with turkey grease, potato peels, rice, and stuffing, as they are sure to clog your drain or overwork your garbage disposal.

There's a very dark side to the day's history.

While we take the day to celebrate all that we have and all that this land provides, it's important to remember that millions of Native Americans died because of European colonization and that life for indigenous people was permanently changed by the arrival of the English. The last Thursday of November is honored by many as a "National Day of Mourning." Consider taking a moment of reflection this Thanksgiving to recognize that the stories we learned as children weren't exactly accurate representations of how many of us came to call this nation home.

The British don't officially celebrate Thanksgiving, but they do celebrate "Brits-giving."

Oh yes, it's a real thing. The British increasingly embrace the American tradition to celebrate gratitude and national pride. But it wouldn't be a truly British tribute without their own unique take on the holiday. Hence, the origination of "Brits-giving." Whatever they want to call the compassionate tradition, we're happy to welcome them to our table.







Come out and show your support!

Black Walnut Festival Band Competition

Saturday, October 12 @ 5:30 pm Roane County High School, Spencer

BINGO

Saturday, November 9 @ 6:00 pm CMHS, Mt Zion



5th Annual Christmas Lights Cedar Creek State Park's Celebration

December 13-14 and 20-21, 2024 5:30pm-9:30pm

Cedar Creek State Park, 2947 Cedar Creek Road, Glenville, WV 26351

Christmas Lights

Drive throughout the Cedar Creek State Park campground to enjoy festive light displays!

Live Christmas music by Dr. Jason Barr!



sponsor a display! Send us a message by email or Facebook to All individuals, groups, and businesses are invited to set up or

register or donate today!



Facebook: Cedar Creek State Park Foundation Email: cedarcreekfoundation@gmail.com

Christmas Shopping

2:00pm-9:00pm General Store:

5:00pm-9:30pm Log Cabin

Coffee available for \$1!

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DOORS OPEN AT 6PM, DINNER

SERVED AT 6:30PM





SPOOKY MYSTERY DINNER COSTUME CONTEST SINGING THEATRE

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30PM, LUNCH

NOVEMBER 3RD:

SERVED AT 1PM

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TEA WILL BE SERVED AS **GUESTS ARRIVE** PULLED PORK OR CHICKEN SANDWICH COLESLAW

MACARONI AND CHEESE **BAKED BEANS**

CONTEST

WEAR YOUR BEST 1920S THEMED COSTUME TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR A PRIZE!

A BASKET FULL OF FALL/HALLOWEEN GOODIES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

S1 EACH OR 6 TICKETS FOR S5





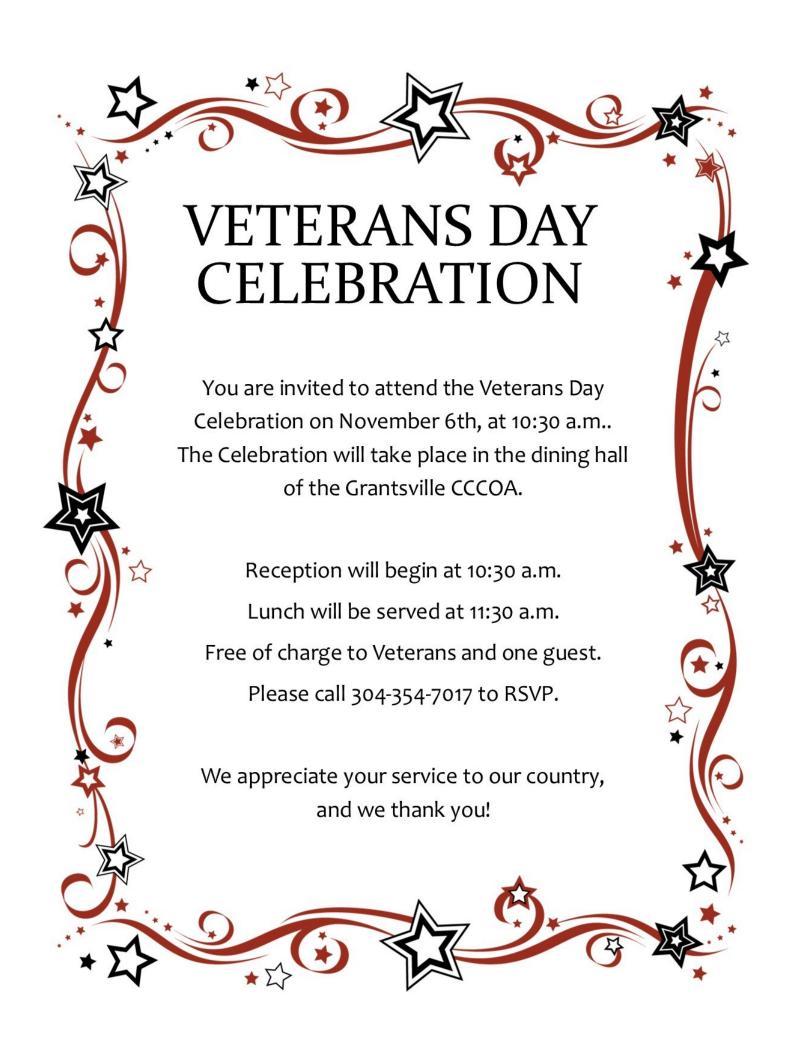


Pictures with Santa nto a magnet for \$8! Recreation Building December 14 & 21 Turn your picture 2:00pm-5:00pm











Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Time: $9:00am \sim 4:00pm$

Location: CCCOA (Grantsville Senior Center)

Address: 105 Market St. Grantsville, WV 26147

Crafts, Vendors, Raffles, Food, Drinks & more!
Breakfast and Lunch will be available!

If you would like to reserve a table, you may do so by calling 304-354-7017 x106

8' & 10" table rental space available, \$10.00 per table and a donation item for the raffle.

Space is on a first come first serve basis.















1. Hamstring Curls

- Stand with feet slightly apart.
- The knee of your support leg should be slightly bent.
- Slowly bend your knee, bringing your heel toward your buttocks. Only bend your knee, stand tall.
- Hold for 2 seconds and return to start position.
- Repeat using other leg.

2. Small Squats

- Stand with your feet slightly wider than shoulder width apart.
 Slowly push your buttocks back while bending your knees.
 - Hold for 2 seconds and return to start position.
- Keep your chest and head up.
- This is a small squat so don't bend too far.

3. Back Leg Raise

- Stand with feet slightly apart.
- The knee of your support leg should be slightly bent.
- Slowly raise one leg back, keeping your back straight.
 Hold for 2 seconds and return to start position.
- Repeat using other leg.

4. Side Leg Raise

- Stand with feet together.
- The knee of your support leg should be slightly bent.
- Slowly lift one leg out to the side, keep back straight and tall.
 Keep foot pointed forward.
- Hold for 2 seconds and return to start position.
 - Repeat using other leg.

Pickled Cherry Tomatoes, Red Onions, and Cucumbers

Ingredients:

- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- ½ red onion, sliced thin
- ½ cucumber, sliced thin
- 1 cup white vinegar
- ½ cup water
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- ½ cup fresh dill, chopped

Directions:

- 1. Prepare the Vegetables: Rinse and dry the cherry tomatoes, red onion, and cucumber. Slice the red onion and cucumber into thin pieces.
- 2. Make the Pickling Liquid: In a small saucepan, mix together the white vinegar, water, sugar, salt, oregano, and red pepper flakes. Heat it over medium heat until it boils, stirring until the sugar and salt dissolve.
- 3. Combine Vegetables and Liquid: In a jar or container, place the cherry tomatoes, sliced red onion, and cucumber. Pour the hot pickling liquid over them, ensuring all the veggies are covered.
- 4. Add the Dill: Stir in the chopped fresh dill for extra flavor.
- 5. Seal and Refrigerate: Close the jar or container tightly and place it in the fridge for at least 2 hours, or up to 2 weeks. The longer they sit, the tastier they become!
- 6. Serve: Enjoy your Pickled Cherry Tomatoes, Red Onions, and Cucumbers as a tasty treat or side dish.



INGREDIENTS:

- 4 Skinless boneless chicken breasts about 1 1/2 lb.
- 1 Tsp Italian seasoning mix
- 1 Tsp Garlic Powder
- 1 Tsp Smoked Paprika

Sea salt and pepper

- 12 Asparagus stalks end trimmed
- 1 oz Sun-dried Tomatoes chopped
- 4 slices Mozzarella Cheese
- 1 Tbsp Olive Oil

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat your oven to 400 F.

Place the chicken on a clean chopping board and sprinkle with Italian seasoning, garlic powder, paprika, salt, and pepper.

Start cutting each one lengthwise to create the pockets. Be careful not to cut all the way through.

Add 3 sprigs of asparagus and a couple of pieces of sun-dried tomatoes to a mozzarella slice, then roll it to hold them inside. Stuff the chicken breasts with it.

Close the pocket with a toothpick. Heat oil in a large and cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the chicken and sear it until nicely golden brown, about 3-5 minutes per side.

Bake the chicken for 15-20 minutes, or until it is cooked through and no longer pink in the inside. Enjoy!







The Fall Into Fall Craft & Vendor Event was held October 5th at the Grantsville CCCOA from 9am-4pm. Here are some pictures from the start of the event, minus a few vendors that hadn't set up yet.

We hope that you will join us December 7th, from 9am-4pm, for the Christmas Craft & Vendor Event.

If you would like to be a vendor call 304-354-7017 x106 for more information.









Celebrating September Birthdays
Pictured to the right: Marsha Morris,
Diane Bernier, guest Adaline Murphy,
Bob Park, and Alice Cottrell





Calhoun County Committee on Aging November 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2% Milk And Margarine Served Daily		Menu Subject To Change Without Notice		I Chicken Patty Mayo Carrots Coleslaw Fruit Ww Bread
4 Fish Slaw Greens Fruit Ww bread	Center CLOSED Election Day	6 Bake Steak Gravy onions Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Ww roll	7 Chili w/Meat & Beans Cheese Salad Applesauce Ww Crackers	8 Lasagna Lettuce Pea Salad Fruit Ww Roll
Center CLOSED ORDER VETERANS TO DAY .* TO D	12 Chicken ww pasta Stem vegetables Fruit Ww bread	I3 Hamburger Patty on Ww Roll Lettuce/onion French Fries Fruit	I4 Fish Peas and carrots Apple juice Ww bun	I5 Pinto Beans W/Ham Mixed Greens Beets Fruit Ww Cornbread
18 Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Mustard Greens Fruit Ww bun	I9 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Steamed Vegetables Applesauce WW Roll	20 Broccoli Soup Cheese Salad Fruit Ww crackers	21 Turkey Dressing Mashed Potatoes Green beans Ww Roll Pumpkin Pie	22 Rib sandwich Carrots Fruit Onions Ww bun
25 Baked Beans & wieners Cauliflower Broccoli Fruit Cornbread	26 Baked Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes Greens Fruit Ww Bread	27 Calico Beans Kale Fruit Onions Ww Cornbread	Center CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	Center CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving

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The CCCOA Board of Directors meet the fourth Monday of each month at CCCOA.

Interested citizens are always welcome at board meetings and encouraged to attend.

Some services provided to Calhoun County Senior Citizens by CCCOA include:

Congregate Meals Transportation

Meals on Wheels In-Home Care

Satellite Site Minnora Medicare Counseling

Trips and Excursions Book lending Library

Daily Activities Exercise Room

CCCOA News newsletter Social Support

Internet Café Health Fairs

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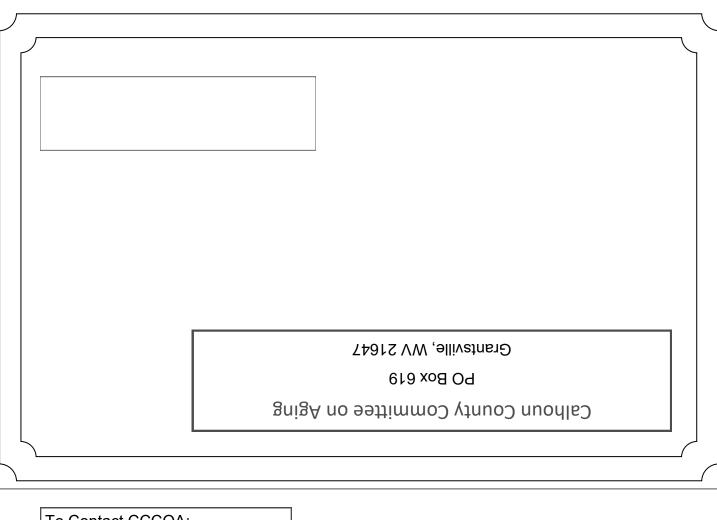
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