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### ‘Sizzle and steak’: Community asked to step up to help run Avalon, bring jobs to area



Most people have never heard of Elmer Wheeler after all he died in 1968, but he coined a phrase that is extremely apropos for Calhoun County today. He said, “don’t sell the steak – sell the sizzle.” Although it has been changed to “sell the sizzle not the steak” here locally it is the same thing. And that is what has been going on here for the past couple of years ever since the old Calhoun County High School buildings in Grantsville were bought and the 1982 Foundation was established. Since then, people have been seeing the sizzle in hopes they will buy the

steak. Crystal Mersh, the former director of the 1982 Foundation, said it has never really been about a swimming pool while working to complete construction and renovation of the old school buildings which have now been named Avalon. Included in the Avalon complex is a daycare center, a K-12 school which will specialize in STEM (science, technology, engineering and technology) education, a sales and marketing zone, a restaurant, a cafeteria, an entertainment center, an auditorium/gymnasium and

luxury apartments. This \$9.9 million center is impressive and does offer the community many opportunities for everything from education to money making opportunities and is in and of itself a boon to the local community. But it is just the “sizzle.” In the bigger sense Avalon is being built to serve as an enticement to manufacturers and other businesses to locate in Calhoun County since things like childcare STEM-type schools, restaurants, entertainment facilities and housing are things that executives of these compa-

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### Spaur named to lead Avalon project effective immediately

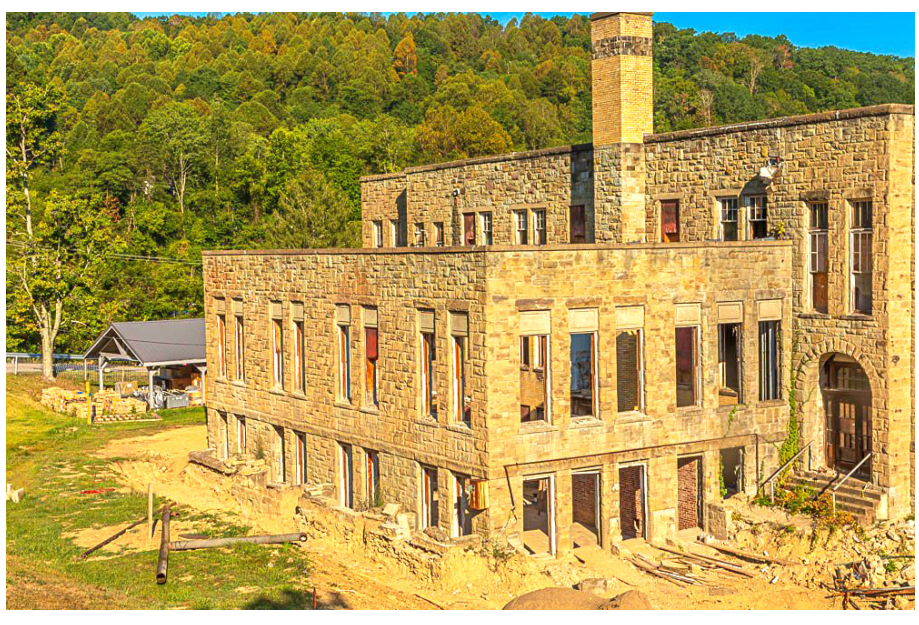
The day to day operations of the Avalon project is now under the leadership of Dennis Spaur who will serve at Vice President and General Manager for the next six months to a year. Spaur has been employed by Quality Executive Partners as Head of Logistics/Events for the past three years. He will take on this role as a volunteer as he has served to date. Spaur will be responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of all things related to Avalon and the 1982 Foundation including oversight of construction execution. Whitley Cottrell, Steve Boggs and Shana Beard Spaur will round out the team. Jason Cunningham will continue working part time now as he has been able to secure a job closer to his home in Charleston. Crystal Mersh will continue to serve at the President and Chairman of the Board of Directors; however, she will not be involved in the day to day operations or communications. She will help with the upcoming Community Workshop and then will move full time back to her role as CEO of QxP and



Robin Mersh and Dennis Spaur

Chairwoman for AMC. Both businesses are accelerating and need her attention. “Please join me in congratulating Dennis as well. He served his county as a US Marine, his state as a WV State Trooper and now he will serve his county and support all of you in bringing the needed transformation and opportunities for families and children. Dennis is a 1981

graduate of the grand ol’ lady....as Roger Propst calls her,” Mersh said. “In addition to the new leadership of Dennis Spaur, please be advised that Robin Mersh will assume all responsibilities for government and agency interface at the federal, state and local levels. He graduated at the top of his class at the University of London with degrees in Politics and History.”



### Ramifications of leadership change at Avalon

Now that a leadership change has taken place (Dennis Spaur replaced Crystal Mersh as director) and community involvement with the operation of Avalon is being sought what are the ramifications? Whitley Cottrell, a member of the 1982 Foundation Board of Directors, explained what will take place and what the changes mean. She said: The project will be completed. Brick and Lamppost donations are separate from construction and all donations for them will be used as dedicated. Lamppost Installation will begin as soon the order arrives.

The 1982 Foundation is not asking for the community to fund any part of the completion of the project. We are asking for the community to put some sweat equity, fundraising strategies, organization, and planning to work to help with startup of the areas listed below. Calhoun has been given a \$10 million dollar facility from the Mersh family for the benefit of the county and surrounding areas. It is up to the community to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity for our generation and the one we are raising. These are the areas we will need to focus on starting up and organizing:

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### Grantsville Town Council proposes large rate increase

The Grantsville Town Council met and approved a resolution allowing for a water rate increase of around 60 per cent. It also had the first reading of the resolution. The meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at the town building on Main Street.

Details of that meeting, including the vote on the resolution are unavailable as are any other actions that may have happened during that meeting. The rate increase was proposed as an emergency rate increase which would allow customers of the Grantsville

water plant – Grantsville residents and customers of the Mount Zion and Pleasant Hill public service districts – some redress should they disagree with the increase or the reason for the increase. So, what are your rights?

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## Calhoun Schools are open, please drive carefully!

The Grantsville Town Council meets the first Monday of every month in the city building on Main Street at 6 p.m.

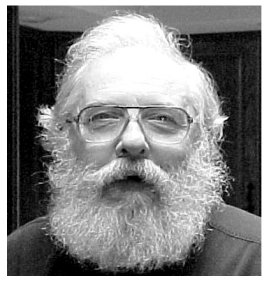
The Calhoun County Commission meets the second Monday of every month in the Calhoun Courthouse meeting room at 9 a.m.

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



# CRESTON NEWS

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## Hidden agenda trick is an awful way to govern, and all involved should be ashamed

by Gaylen Duskey  
I am thinking about running for mayor. Why?  
So, I can get a damned meeting agenda. Do I want to be mayor?  
No.

But as the editor of Calhoun and Grantsville's only newspaper I need to know when government entities meet and what they are meeting about when they meet.

According to A Guide to the West Virginia Open Governmental Proceedings Act (IN. Va. Code §§ 6-9A-1 through 12): "Every public agency must establish rules for giving advance notice of all regularly scheduled and special meetings. W.Va. Code § 6-9A-3. In addition, the Open Meetings Committee of the West Virginia Ethics Commission, through the issuance of advisory opinions, has established rules which determine how much advance notice is required."

It further stated: "Local governing bodies -- Notice must be given in a reasonable manner. When a governing body meets in accordance with a fixed schedule. such as the second and fourth Monday of each month. it may comply with the meeting notice requirement in the Act by annually posting notice of the date, time and place of these regular meetings or regular committee meetings for the coming year. and keeping this notice posted throughout the year."

So, in other words the governing body can comply with the law simply by posting an agenda on the door of the meeting place and sadly that is all the notice some governing bodies feel the media and, more importantly, the citizenry need or deserve to cover regularly scheduled meetings.

The problem arises when a meeting is not held on its regular date.

Say a meeting was scheduled and for some reason canceled and the meeting was moved to the next week then that minimum notice is not enough especially when there was no explanation provided to the public and media of the cancellation of that meeting such as why it was canceled and when it was rescheduled.

Those things were not done, and an agenda posted on the meeting place door does not suffice even if it very minimally might meet requirements legally.

It sure as hell does not meet the minimum requirements ethically and not announcing what happened at that meeting to the public or media fails completely meeting any requirements ethically.

That is what happened at the most recent Grantsville Town Council meeting and those with the authority to notify the media and the public of that meeting, its agenda or the outcome of that meeting should be ashamed.

Governing in the dark is not a good way to govern.

What did happen at that town council meeting?

They voted to raise the water rates by about 60 percent (not sure about the mathematics and frankly the mathematics are not important) and had the first reading of that resolution.

And how did I hear about this? Did the people in the town with the authority to speak about such things make an announcement to the media or public?

No.

I learned about it by reading over a classified advertisement sent to the newspaper (which is required by law) telling about the plans to raise the water rates for everybody that gets their water from the Town of Grantsville and that includes the citizens of the town, the people who purchase water at the water plant and the folks who get their water from the two public service districts the town provides water for, the Pleasant Hill Public Service District and the Mount Zion Public Services District.

That means this proposed water price increase affects a lot more people than just us residents of the Town of Grantsville.

All the arguments as to whether the

Town of Grantsville needs and deserves the increase are basically moot as to this writing and something that deserves to be addressed in upcoming council meetings that, hopefully, are well advertised in advance.

No, the point this writing is to assure that such a private town council meeting is never, NEVER held again.

It may have been legal (and that is questionable) but it sure was not ethical and those involved in doing so should be ashamed and should be taken to task by the media (and I am doing that right here) and the public.

Shame on you Grantsville leaders and shame on me for not dragging my 76-year-old body out to look at your front door.

This should never happen again NEVER!!!

Oh, yes, I was reminded of the fact that the upcoming meeting date and time is printed on the monthly water bill. I know that. The problem is I got my water bill in the mail on August 15. The meeting was August 12. Oops. That notice was very helpful, said sarcastically. Wrong. It was worthless.

Let's hope this never happens again and let's hope all government entities ever pull this "hide the agenda" trick again.

Right now, the only government entity routinely providing an agenda is the Calhoun County School Board. Frankly from the Calhoun County Commission on down every entity that is funded with government funds -- and you know who you are -- need to provide the media and the public an agenda in advance of your meeting and I don't mean a piece of paper pasted on the meeting place door. I mean an honest to goodness agenda.

It's time for West Virginia's open meeting laws to be followed. We deserve better and our leaders know it.

CHALLENGE MADE: After spending nearly \$9.9 million dollars to turn the old, dilapidated Calhoun High School in Grantsville to a business, educational and entertainment hub it has become time for the people to step up and perform a bootstrap operation.

What this means was adroitly described by Whitley Cottrell when she wrote "The 1982 Foundation is not asking for the community to fund any part of the completion of the project. We are asking for the community to put some sweat equity, fundraising strategies, organization, and planning to work to help with start-up of the areas listed below:

- Daycare
- Private School
- Entrepreneur Zone
- Recovery
- Lamppost/ Beautification."

We have been given a great opportunity to lift ourselves out of our malaise and become a booming area with all the benefits that can come with it.

It is OUR chance. It is OUR time. It is OUR responsibility.

And we really need to recognize it.

GO RED DEVILS: Although this year's Calhoun Red Devils football team is small in numbers and very young, it made a big splash in its season debut with a 28-0 victory over Richwood in a scrimmage game.

Although it is very early in the season the pride and fight of these young guys is a very good sign for the future.

Keep fighting guys, we are all behind you.

HALL OF FAME -- YOUR TURN: I don't have a nominee for the Calhoun Hall of Fame this week because it's your turn and I'd like to get the names of some of the people you think should be honored.

So please drop me a note at [contact@calhouncronicle.com](mailto:calhouncronicle.com) and tell me who you think would be a good candidate because this is going to be our hall of fame, and your input is very important.

Speak up and speak out. Thanks.

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

A black pickup truck impaled on the guardrail at the top of the Creston Hill the other evening.

While the drought continues Creston & Burning Springs had some rain Saturday night & Sunday morning. This time it was enough to settle the dust.

Lots of folks went to the Wirt County Fair and now it seems that, as a result, all too many acquired Dr. Fauci's wonderful Wuhan Kung Flu virus. He said the research was "worth the risk" and he became very rich. So, what if a few million died from his GMO virus; isn't GMO supposed to be good? The recent spread in Wirt County was so bad that the Wirt County Court House had to close on Friday and local stores had to call in employees who had scheduled to be off to cover for the sick. Medical doctors continue to have their credentials revoked for questioning the vaccines or for using drugs like ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine to treat the disease. Bill Gates said there were too many people on earth, should be millions, not billions and a UK researcher did note that the "vaccine" is to "thin the herd". The government and Pfizer are still promoting "the jab". Of course, now it is about "bird flu" and monkey pox -- there was a case in Pakistan.

Speaking of Elizabeth, the town now actually has a stop light, just like the big "important" places. Seems a hole came in the Tucker's Creek bridge, so it became a one lane span. Older folks remember a steel truss structure with a wood floor.

The moon is much closer to earth now that is usually the case so those who want to see a 16 per cent increase in the appearance should look to the sky, especially next week.

Farm reports are due in the county assessor's office by August 30. Failure to turn in the reports will make farmland, even low bottoms in the flood plain into valuable development lands, at least for tax purposes.

Cackles gave a big speech in North Carolina to a crowd of 250 [including the press] and said that government mandated price controls were the way that she was going to go, just like was done in USSR, Cuba & Venezuela. Now both President Trump's and Sen Vance's planes have had troubles, and the FBI scrubbed the site in Butler, Pa., and disposed of the shooter's body and mum is the word. To show how nasty the deep state can be, former Democrat congresswoman Tulsi Gabbert, is now on the "terror watch list", has four armed air marshals on any flight she takes and gets the special inva-

sive inspection every time she boards a plane. AI is said to being used to track folks that the "government" dislikes such as mothers who go to school board meetings and ask questions, Catholics who really believe and who want the traditional Latin Mass, etc.

The Henry Hub price for natural gas is \$2.10 but a local producer who sells a significant amount of natural gas to Greylock noted he was getting less than fifty cents. Mother Hope [ or now perhaps Uncle Warren Buffett] announced that Hastings Station, the fractionation plant were almost all local natural gas goes will be shut down until the end of the month.

The church schism continues with the minister leaving in Elizabeth and opening a new church. Some Parkersburg area pastors retired and started meeting with the faithful in other venues. All this has to do with the new "views" on the killing of infants and engaging in activities that might cause one to acquire a disease like monkeypox or mpox as it is now called. John Wesley, Francis Asbury and other saints are no doubt spinning in their graves. Of course, all this is to destroy the church and, in the big picture, destroy western civilization.

Some while back Marathon Oil put \$15 billion into Markwest and the fractionation plants and pipeline system. The company has been involved in fields "out west" but noted that now the Marcellus & Utica are "very bullish". In Creston the Utica formation is 1100 feet thick.

Aside from eating rose bushes and gardens some local residents have accepted the DNR's venison as neighbors. When walking from one house to the next the twin fawns resting under a tree no longer bother to even get up [so as to run away] when the owners walk by.

While some of the brine injection wells across the river from Parkersburg were shut down, it was reported that others have taken up the slack causing concern about leaks miles away from the injection sites. Tallgrass Energy is one of the big well operators and it was announced that a Canadian retirement program is going to make another big investment in Tallgrass. Big \$\$\$ talks so why bother recovering the lithium from the brine? As the Tee Vee ad says, "I want cash now!"

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dipped to \$75.65/bbl. With condensate fetching just \$57.65/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$64.65/bbl. Gasolene in Parkersburg can now be obtained for under \$3/gallon or \$126/bbl. Gasolene is the less valuable part of Pennsylvania and other paraffin based crudes.

## OBITUARY



Karen Joan Boatright

Karen Joan Boatright, 66, of Spencer, WV, passed away August 12, 2024, at Miletree Center, Spencer, WV, after fighting brain cancer.

She was born October 18, 1957, to the late Blaine

Clark and husband Jack, sister-in-law Jonalene Marks, three nephews and one niece.

Karen was a member of First Baptist Church of Spencer. She loved painting and music.

A graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2024, at St. Paul Cemetery, off of Pine Creek Rd., near Mt Zion, with Pastor Mark Wood, officiating. Visitation will be at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, Friday August 116, 2024, 11:00 a.m.-Noon. Online condolences may be shared at [www.stumpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.stumpfuneralhomes.com).

and Elsie's Greta Gainer Marks. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a brother Gary Marks.

Surviving are her loving son Daniel and daughter-in-law Anne, sister Lola

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

1) Opinion Editorials (Op-Eds) and Letters to the Editor may contain constructive criticisms, thoughts, and observations based on reliable information. Each submission is reviewed and accepted on an individual basis.

2) Discourse should be generally respectful, without profanity, rooted in fact, professionally presented (satire is acceptable), and written by the person submitting. All submissions are subject to revision concerning writing me-

chanics, 1) available, and accuracy.

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

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

Editorials, letters to the editor, press releases, meeting notices, and announcements can be sent to [contact@calhouncronicle.com](mailto:contact@calhouncronicle.com).

## COUNCIL

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You should see the WV Code that allows the mayor and council members to request an emergency or interim rate increase providing they can present the case that without it the water utility will suffer financial distress.

You have the right to request the document that details the town's justification for the emergency increase.

You can send the town or mayor a letter or email and label it as "Freedom of Information Act Request" and this information must be made available to you immediately.

Citizens petitioned previously and were successful in obstructing the proposed permanent increase and while the code in this case does not allow a petition, you can make your opinions known the mayor, the town council members and the Public Service Commission.

One of the biggest problems with the proposed increase is the amount of the increase at one time could present a burden to the customers.

The second reading of the resolution to increase the rate on an emergency basis will be at the September meeting.

The regular September meeting is supposed to be scheduled for Sept. 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. (being early is suggested due to limited seating at advertised meetings with controversial agendas). You should check often and early to ensure the correct meeting date and time.

The Calhoun Chronicle did not attend the last Grantsville Town Council meeting. The Chronicle went to the town hall Aug. 1, 2024, and the door was locked and there was no posted agenda. A request for information about there being no meeting was not answered.

Also, the editor's water bill was not delivered to his post office box until Aug. 15, three days after the meeting. There was no postal date stamped on the bill. The editor had previously called the town to get the amount of the bill on Aug. 8, 2024, and asked if there was some problem with the bill since he had not received one. He was assured there was not. He asked the amount of the bill and paid it that day via an electronic transfer.

The Chronicle apologizes for the lack of coverage and plans to attend the Sept. 2 council meeting.



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Calhoun Civil Air Patrol Squadron** holds weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at 413 High Street Grantsville, WV.

**The First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry** on Route 5 E outside of Grantsville is a non-profit food pantry open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Community Resources Incorporated (CRI) Food Pantry:** Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.- 4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court Street.

**Upper West Fork Park** meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

**Calhoun County Park**, a Night Sky Park, is always open - except for a special occasion or event that requires closing of the gate. The park board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the park's "barn."

**Calhoun County Historical Society** meets at the Family History Center Museum (former Quality Shop) on Main Street on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**Calhoun County Library** hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Online 24 hours at <https://calhouncountylibrary.org/>.

**The West Central Beekeeper's Association** meets at the old Arnoldsburg Elementary School, Spring Run Road Arnoldsburg, WV (Calhoun County), on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**Minnora Methodist Mission Thrift Shop** is open Mon & Wed 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fri 10 - 1, providing affordable clothing and household items.

**The Welfare of Animals Group (WAG)** can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog spay/neuter fee. For information call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

The **Grantsville Pickleball Club** plays on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Town Park at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.

For information on **12-Step Recovery Meetings** and resources please contact the Calhoun FRN at 304-354-7177.

Mark your calendars for **Heartwood in the Hills Homecoming** on September 21, 2024 honoring 42 years of Celebrating the Artist in Every Person.

**Lion's Club Bingo** is held in the Lion's Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.

**Little Kanawha Calhoun Bus Schedule:** Monday through Friday - Service within Grantsville city limits. Monday - Service to/from Annamoriah and Creston along Route 5 East/West. Tuesday - Service to/from Millstone, Arnoldsburg, Westfork, and locations south. Wednesday - Central county service to/from Mt. Zion, Russett, and Stumptown. Thursday - Roundtrip service along Route 16 North including Pleasant Hill, Nobe, Broomstick, and Big Springs. Roundtrip service from Grantsville to Parkersburg. Service between counties is available Monday-Friday to/from Grantsville. Call Toll-Free: 866-354-5522.

**County Farmer's Markets**  
**Calhoun County Farmer's Market**, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe. Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,  
**Arnoldsburg Farmer's Market**, West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg. Fridays 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Berea Gardens Drive Thru Farmer's Market**, Berea Gardens, Minnora. Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Grantsville Farmer's Market**, Season details not yet available.

To add your community service information to this listing email [contact@calhounchronicle.com](mailto:contact@calhounchronicle.com).

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**Aug. 22, 1872:** Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have prohibited Black citizens from holding public office.



**Aug. 23, 1965:** Sylvia Mathews Burwell was born in Hinton. She was U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (2014-17) under President Obama before serving as American University's first woman president (2017-24).

**Aug. 23, 1970:** The Mormon Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.



**Aug. 24, 1918:** Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia's only World War I fighter ace.



**Aug. 24, 1947:** Joe Manchin III was born in Fairmont. He served in both houses of the legislature and as secretary of state before becoming the 34<sup>th</sup> governor in 2005. In 2010, he ran successfully for the late Robert C. Byrd's U.S. Senate seat and stepped down as governor. In 2023, he announced he would retire from the Senate at the end of his term in 2025.



**August 25, 1903:** Soprano Susanne Fisher was born in Sutton. Fisher was the first West Virginian to sing at the Metropolitan

Opera.

**Aug. 25, 1921:** Miners began to arrive at Blair Mountain near the border of Logan and Boone counties. Sheriff Don Chafin, a hated symbol of anti-unionism in southern West Virginia, met them with a combined force of deputies, mine guards, civilian volunteers and others.



**Aug. 25, 2000:** The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedicated. It is the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope.



**Aug. 26, 1863:** Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union General William Averell retreated to his base without accomplishing any of his objectives.



**Aug. 26, 1918:** Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33

years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



**Aug. 27, 1902:** Mary McClain was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Apollo Theatre, and the Cotton Club.

**Aug. 28, 1900:** Harrison H. Ferrell Jr. was born in Chicago. Known as "the Dean" to generations of students, he was professor of German, 1928-66, at West Virginia State College (now University) and served as dean and in other capacities from 1930 until 1970.



## The 47th Annual Jones Reunion

The 47th Annual Jones Reunion was held August 18, 2024 at Calhoun County Park

After lunch, family members visited and conducted a fund-raising event for Saunders Cemetery. The quilt "Family" made by Carolyn Gragg and quilted by Cathy Jones was won by Carol Jones and raised \$680 for upkeep of Saunders Cemetery.

Present were: Charles Jones; Rich & Carol Jones; Rich & Ashley Jones; Ben & Carolyn Gragg; Christy & David Stout; Curt & Cheryl Yoak; Jenny & Jerry Flynn; Bobby, Johnny & Cathy Jones; Brenda Jones & Malinda McCumbers; Roger Jones. Ed & Willa Jones;

The 48<sup>th</sup> family reunion will be Sunday August 17, 2025 at Calhoun County Park.

## 64<sup>th</sup> Ox Roast set for Saturday

August 24<sup>th</sup> - will be the 64th Annual Mt. Zion Ox Roast from 11am to 5pm, at the Mount Zion Park (old park as some refer to it). Meals are \$11.00, this is an annual fundraising event that provides financial support for the upkeep and maintenance of the community park. So, bring your family and friends out for some great food and fun! (This event is at the Mount Zion Mt. Zion Community Park, NOT the New Calhoun Co. Park.

If you can't attend and would like to send a donation, you may do so by mailing donations to...  
Mt. Zion Community Park  
2038 S Calhoun Hwy  
Grantsville, WV 26147

## First Lady Cathy Justice welcomes next therapy dog at Gilmer County Elementary

WHO: First Lady Cathy Justice, Gilmer County Schools Superintendent Dr. Tony Minney, Gilmer County Elementary School Principal Tyson Price, Gilmer County Schools board members, local officials.

WHAT: First Lady Cathy Justice will introduce Boaz, a male Labrador Retriever, the 36th therapy dog to be placed as part of her Friends With Paws initiative.

The Friends With Paws program is a partnership between the Governor's Office, West Virginia Communities In Schools Nonprofit, and the West Virginia Department of Education. Therapy dogs will be placed in CIS program schools where students are disproportionately affected by poverty, substance misuse, or other at-risk situations, and are in the greatest need of a support animal. The dogs will serve as a healthy and friendly outlet for these students to address trauma and other social-emotional issues.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Gilmer County Elementary School  
99 Fairground Road, Glenville, WV 26351



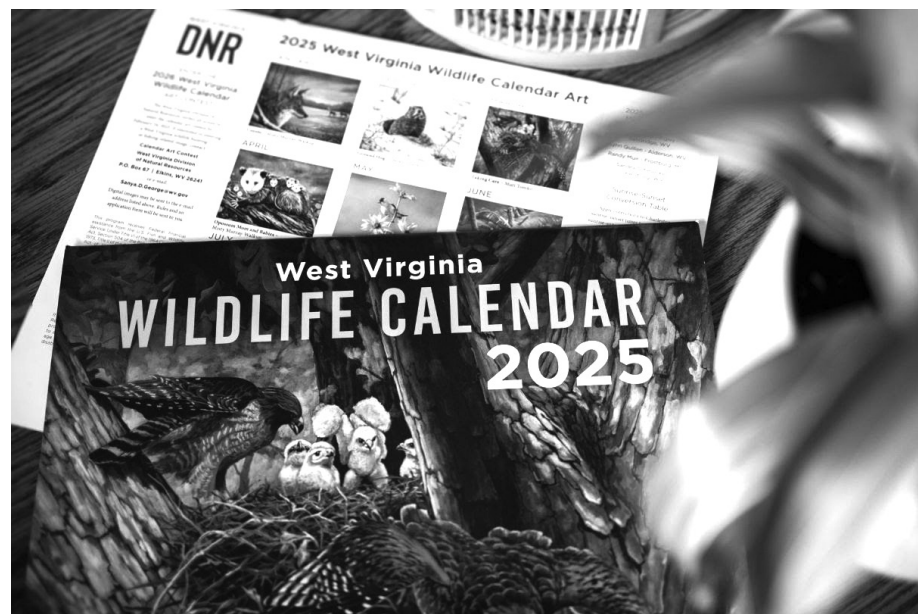
# West Virginia Wildlife Calendar for 2025 offered for sale

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced the 2025 West Virginia Wildlife Calendar is now available to purchase online and in stores around the state. This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the WVDNR publishing the popular calendar, which helps fund important Wildlife Resources Section programs. Calendars can be purchased online at [WVstateparks.com](http://WVstateparks.com). "For 40 years, the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar has showcased the beauty and diversity of our state's natural resources and played a pivotal role in helping the WVDNR fulfill its mission to educate people about West Virginia's fish and wildlife species," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "With stunning artwork and essential information, for your's calendar is once again a must-have for hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiasts. We encourage everyone to get a copy and enjoy the best of West Virginia's wildlife all year round." The West Virginia Wildlife Calendar features beautiful paintings of state animals, important hunting and fishing dates, peak wildlife activity times and articles that will help people get the most out of their

outdoor adventures in 2025. Wildlife paintings featured in this year's calendar include:

- Coyote by Misty Murray-Walkup (January)
- Groundhog by Shelby Oreolt (February)
- Red-shouldered Hawk by Matt Tomko (March)
- Opossum Mom and Babies by Misty Murray-Walkup (April)
- Goldfinch by Christine Clayton (May)
- Largemouth Bass by David Kiehlm (June)
- Blue-winged Teal by Christine Clayton (July)
- Black Bear by David Kiehlm (August)
- American Toad by Rebecca Wilson (September)
- Box Turtle and Woodcock by Matt Tomko (October)
- Fisher by William Kline (November)
- Elk by Dinah McCloud (December)

Calendars are \$15 each and usually sell out before Christmas, so those who want a copy are encouraged to buy one while supplies last. The easiest way to purchase a calendar is to place an order online. Visit [WVstateparks.com](http://WVstateparks.com), click "Merchandise" at the top of the



page and follow the onscreen prompts. Calendars also may be purchased at select stores around the state. Bulk orders of the wildlife calendar are available while supplies last. Those interested in placing

a bulk order should call 304-637-0245 or send an email to [Sanya.D.George@wv.gov](mailto:Sanya.D.George@wv.gov). To learn more about the wildlife calendar, visit [WVdnr.gov/wildlife-calendar](http://WVdnr.gov/wildlife-calendar).

## SIZZLE

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nies need and desire in the area to which they are locating.

Avalon provides all those things. Ironically Calhoun is one of the leading possibilities to get one of those manufacturing facilities as American Medicines Company, an American-owned pharmaceutical company, is looking at the county as a location.

The AMC facility would bring approximately 500 jobs to the area with those jobs paying average salaries of approximately \$110,000 each.

That is the "steak."

In the last few days Mersh has basically turned the success or failure of the "sizzle" over to the local community.

"The time has come for the community to take the reins and bring this amazing opportunity and gift to life. To date lots of folks show up for the parties ... few show up for the work," she said. "Now in all fairness, I was probably too optimistic about getting the grants, (grant applications were denied) and as a result I may not have been clear about the need for the community to lean in and own this."

"I have shared and explained the Progress Ladder several times that starts with community engagement and ultimately leads to jobs. We have made tremendous progress. Is it enough? I don't know. But what I do know is that I am now willing to fight in our corner and I believe that we can make a case to be in the running for real. At the end of the day, the investors will have the major and final say as is normal, but we have a fighting chance for sure and I am preparing a case to put our best foot forward. This is only possible because of the great work that all of you have done over the past three years to bring about change, progress and an even stronger sense of community.

Let's check in on progress. Citizen involvement in government oversight is not only their right and responsibility.

As a result of that much progress on a variety of topics including improved financial reporting, transparency, accountability, and a focus on that is important to the citizens (not the elected officials pet projects).

New leaders across many organizations. New boards. New organizations such as a new Chamber of Commerce.

New objectives and focus on academic achievements in our schools by taking a

hard look in the mirror and then charting the path.

Improved emergency services at a lower cost because of better management due to MHHS take over.

Focus and results on clean up and beautification across the county and in town.

Many more community engagement and events to bring the community back to life.

A new multi-use community center to serve as an economic attraction and hub for seven counties with a \$10 million privately led investment.

A community where folks stand up for their constitutional rights and what they know in their gut is right without fear of repercussion.

Calhoun County reaching No. 1 for new business startups for the first time ever."

Mersh then addressed the need for hands on development of the local community.

"At the end of the day, Calhoun is family. We may argue and bicker a bit but when the chips are down, we are all on board. We need to realize the power is this and then leverage it towards progress when the chips are up and in our favor," she said. "This whole experience has been the greatest experience of my life, and a lesson in humility and service. God had a plan while I was still buying Chanel bags and Louboutins. I am grateful that He revealed His plan and brought our team together to make it all happen.

"What happens next is up to you.

"Where can you help?

"Support your government with their to-do lists: infrastructure development, housing, clean up and beautification, community development, and much more. Get involved in projects such as Bootstraps focused on Farm to Table, Recreation, Recovery, and much more. Find your passion and plug into progress. Support our local festivals that are coming up.

Consider the possibilities that are before us.

Consider the future generations.

Consider your legacy and yes, we all have one and you decide what it is."

That is the sizzle and the steak, and it never has been about swimming pools.

Mersh said: "Remember when I said this fight is not about a pool ... well it was never about a pool! It was about jobs!"

## LEADERSHIP

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Daycare  
Private School  
Entrepreneur Zone  
Recovery  
Lamppost/ Beautification  
Once a Houser, always a Houser.  
Calhoun businessman and county commission candidate Eric Lapardus addressed the challenge put forth to the community concerning taking over operation and work at Avalon.

"Are we good enough?" he asked. "An abandoned high school once sat in the town of Grantsville beaten down over time and forgotten by opportunity. Folks saying constantly how someone new has purchased the building and is going to do something with it, only to see it deteriorate even further.

"Then suddenly life had seemed to come back into a community of hope. Hope that people could once again be proud. Citizens began scrambling to Grantsville from all over because for the first time in their lives "hope" was not only visible but you could touch it, swim in it, listen to it or even taste it certain evenings throughout the year.

"A rural community that has been left out and abandoned by the outside world and our so called leaders where all hope was lost. Understand, people have given up on us and looked down their noses at us. I know you have all experienced this at some point.

"I say no longer do we become the doormat for the rest of the world. We have a sense of community like no other and it is time we fight for our future. It is time we turn hope into something much greater and that is faith in ourselves and our abilities to come together and rise above a lifetime of negativity from those who will never know how passionate and

talented that we are!

"I will lead this charge if I must in order to ensure we don't sit and watch a building that has shaped the lives of so many fade away again! If you are willing to get behind me and others, then now is the time!

"So, you tell me, are we good enough?"

Former Calhoun resident and Chief Executive Officer of the Minnie Hamilton Health Systems Barbara Wilson Lay had some ideas to pass on.

"What can you do to help support this project?" she asked, saying. "If you can't get out, write letters/emails of support.

"If you can't donate cash, donate some of your time, positive ideas, energy.

"Ask questions of your leaders, are they supporting this spark of hope for Calhoun County. Ask them how they are supporting it. (If not) Why aren't they supporting it? If you can't support this opportunity, then ... I just can't seem to find the proper words to finish this sentence."

"I have to say I was touched and impressed by the level of energy generated and those who jumped in with ideas and support," Mersh said. "Sadly, I saw a lot of the same names who are always there. I hope that we will see more and new names in the weeks to come. It will absolutely take the village, the whole village and nothing more, and nothing less.

"I will still be around and will provide some ideas and some business advice, as will other members of our board. But the plan and the work are now in your hands. You will be hearing details soon of the Community Workshop and how you can help make our beloved home a place where people can live their lives in health, happiness and prosperity. We are not 'throw aways'."

# National hunting and fishing day tickets on sale



The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced tickets for its National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration are now on sale. The annual event is returning to Stonewall Resort State Park in Roanoke on Saturday, Sept. 21. "West Virginia's National Hunting and Fishing Day is an action-packed event that celebrates everything we know and love about the outdoors," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "We encourage everyone to buy their tickets and make plans to attend this exciting day of family-friendly activities in one of our world-class state parks." National Hunting and Fishing Day Tickets are \$10 and kids ages 14 and younger get in for free. Anyone who purchases a ticket by 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 31 will receive five complimentary tickets to sample food at A Taste of West Virginia State Parks, a ticketed activity that features wild game, Appalachian favorites and signature dishes prepared by state park chefs. For more information about this deal and to buy tickets, visit [WVdnr.gov/national-hunting-and-fishing-day](http://WVdnr.gov/national-hunting-and-fishing-day).

Also returning this year is the popular Outdoor Youth Challenge, which is designed to engage kids in a series of hands-on activities, such as fishing, wildlife identification, shooting sports and safety demonstrations. Participating youth will be entered into a drawing for several prizes, including scholarships to Conservation Camp and a lifetime hunting and fishing license. Guests also will be able to attend presentations, see vendors showcasing the latest in outdoor equipment and services and get autographs from the hosts of Fly Rod Chronicles, The Chase, and Whitetail Frenzy. West Virginia's National Hunting and Fishing Day is co-sponsored by the WVDNR and the West Virginia Wildlife Federation. The event will be open Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking for the entire weekend is free and located close to the vendor mall. Accessibility shuttle services to select activities are provided. To learn more, visit [WVdnr.gov/national-hunting-and-fishing-day](http://WVdnr.gov/national-hunting-and-fishing-day).

CALHOUN COUNTY RED DEVIL ATHLETICS

**MEET THE TEAM**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD | 5:00 PM**



# Calhoun Youth Football Sweeps visiting Braxton Redskins

On Aug. 18th Braxton County travelled to Mt Zion and were swept by the Little Red Devils.

The day started off with the Flag Football team (ages 3-5) scoring 11 times and holding the Redskins out of the end zone. Bryer Swisher and Miles Davis each had two rushing scores for the Little Red Devils. Jaxon Snodgrass, Henry Poore, Hal'Lee Hughes, Elijah Yeager, Barrett Probasco, Milton McGuire and Ryder Bartelt each added one score on the ground.

Next up was the C Team (kindergarten- 2nd grade) and they handled their business defeating the Redskins 26-0. Braxton Carter led the offensive attack for the Little Red Devils rushing for 290 yards while scoring all four touchdowns. Carter also added two extra points.

Defensively Asher Starcher led the team with seven tackles.

Calhoun's B team (grades 3 - 4) was victorious for the second week in a row with a 13-6 score. Offensively Colten Heiney was the leading rusher with 41 yards. Quinten Parkin had the lone offensive touchdown and Haygan Houchin added an extra point run. Defensively Carper Summers led the charge with eight tackles and two sacks. Michael McClain added points on the board with a 55-yard strip fumble returned for a touchdown.

The final game of the day was another victory for the Little Red Devils as the A Team (5th- 6th grade) beat the visiting Redskins 21-13. Tyler Mayle

led the Rushing game with 95 yards on the ground with an extra point, while Bentley Snodgrass punched the ball into the end zone two times with rushing scores and also added two extra points runs. Liam Yeager had 85 passing yards including a 28 yard toss to Receiver Abram Dow. Defensively the Little Red Devils were led by Chandler Cottrell who had 10 tackles and Grayson Laughlin who had nine tackles and a sack. The Little Red Devils will be back in action next Sunday Aug. 25th when they host the Gilmer County Pioneers. Flag will start at noon; C Team will start at 1:00 p.m. with B and A teams to follow. Come out and cheer on the Little Red Devils against our neighbor and rival from Gilmer county.

**Statistics**

**C Team-**

**Offense- Rushing**

Braxton Carter- 18 rushes, 290 yards, 4 Touchdowns (43, 3, 4 and 71 yards), 2 xp

Chase Parsons- 2 rushes, 6 yards

**Defense- Tackles**

Asher Starcher- 7

Braxton Carter- 6

Chase Parsons and Owen Starcher- 5

Zander McCumbers- 4

Noah Richards and Paxton Hughes- 3

Kaleb Butler and Jace Allen- 1

**Fumble Recovery-**

Asher Starcher and Kaleb Butler- 1

**B Team-**

**Offense- Rushing**

Colten Heiney- 8 carries, 41 yards

Haygan Houchin- 8 carries, 25 yards, 1 xp



Calhoun Youth Football opened its home season Sunday playing host to Braxton with games set in flag, A, B, and C teams.

Quinten Parkin- 3 carries, 15 yards, 1 TD (10)

Ryder Simmons- 3 carries, 4 yards

Bryson Swisher- 3 carries, 3 yards

**Defense- Tackles**

Carpet Summers- 8

Haygan Houchin- 6

Raines Riddel- 4

Colten Heiney, Michael McClain, Jaxon Ingram- 3

Quinten Parkin and Owen Heiney- 2

Adam Francis, Ryder Simmons, Bryson Swisher- 1

**Sacks-**

Carper Summers- 2

Jaxon Ingram- 1

**Fumble Recovery-**

Michael McClain- 1 (55 yard TD)

**A Team**

**Offense- Rushing**

Tyler Mayle- 15 carries, 95 yards, 1 xp

Bentley Snodgrass- 14 carries, 64 yards, 2 TD (2 and 12 yards), 2 xp

Tristan Rogers- 5 carries, 54 yards

**Passing-**

Liam Yeager- 7 completions, 12 attempts, 85 yards, 1 TD(28 yards)

**Receiving-**

Tyler Mayle- 6 receptions, 57 yards

Abram Dow- 1 reception, 28 yards, 1 TD

**Defense- Tackles**

Chandler Cottrell- 10

Grayson Laughlin- 9

Tristan Rogers- 7

Judd Helmick- 5

Abram Dow and Silas Cunningham- 4

Bentley Snodgrass and Cooper Summers- 3

Liam Yeager, Carter Thompson and Bronson Smith- 2

Tyler Mayle- 1

**Sack-**

Grayson Laughlin

## Red Devils blank Richwood 28-0 in scrimmage

By Robert Bonar

The Calhoun County football team opened its preseason last Friday night with a scrimmage at Dean Memorial Field in Richwood. The Red Devils performed well in every phase of the game and defeated the host Lumberjacks 28-0 during two quarters of varsity action.

The JV teams played an additional quarter, which saw the Lumberjacks score once while holding the Red Devils out of the end zone.

Most of the action in the first two quarters occurred on the Lumberjacks' side of the field. The visiting Red Devils scored four times out of six possessions while holding the Lumberjacks scoreless.

The Red Devils were forced to punt on their first series, but regained possession quickly when Brennan Carpenter snagged a Lumberjack pass and returned the ball to the Richwood 23-yard line. A personal foul on the return moved the ball to the nine, and three plays later, Landon Hardway punched the ball through from the one for the first points of the night. Logan Tingler kicked his first of four extra points to give Calhoun County a 7-0 lead.

Moments later, Tingler pounced on a Lumberjack fumble to give the ball back to the Red Devils. On the next play, Carpenter hit Tingler on a short pass in the flat, and Tingler covered the remaining yardage to the end zone for Calhoun's second score.

Following a Richwood punt at the beginning of the second quarter, Calhoun County embarked on its first long drive of the evening. Two Carpenter passes – one to Gavin Hicks and one to Tingler – and several rushes by Landon Hardway moved the ball to the Richwood 19. Carpenter fired another pass to Tingler, who once again scampered in to the endzone to give Calhoun County a 21-0 lead.

After yet another punt by the home team, the Red Devils scored their final points of the night. On second down, Carpenter pitched the ball to Gavin Hicks on the run, and Hicks raced 40 yards for the score.

Calhoun County had one more possession during the second quarter but was forced to punt after moving the ball to the Richwood 23-yard line.

The two teams agreed to let the JV squads play a third quarter to gain some experience. Richwood scored once during its first possession and was held on downs during its second series. Calhoun County failed to score on both of its possessions during the quarter.

The Red Devils will scrimmage again at home on Friday against Tygart's Valley.

Before the game a meet the team for all youth, middle school and high school sports will start at 5:00 p.m.

The Red Devils open the regular season Aug. 30 at home against Gilmer County.

**Scoring Summary:**



1 2 Tot  
Calhoun 14 14 28  
Richwood 0 0 0  
C - Landon Hardway, 1 run Tingler (kick), 4:02 1st  
C - Tingler, 25 pass from Brennan Carpenter (Tingler kick), 3:51 1st  
C - Tingler, 19 pass from Carpenter (Tingler kick), 9:34 2nd  
C - Gavin Hicks, 40 run (Tingler kick), 5:30 2nd  
Third Quarter (JV): Richwood, 1 score

(28 run, 8:48); Calhoun County 0  
**Individual stats:**  
**Rushing:** Gavin Hicks 1-40, Landon Hardway 10-36, Rome Riddel 5-18, Orion Swearingen 5-15, Brennan Carpenter 2-1. Junior Varsity: Camden Carpenter 2-10, Nic Butler 3-7, team 1-(-4).  
**Passing:** Brennan Carpenter 5-6, 75 yards, 2 TD. Junior Varsity: Gavin Hicks 1-3, 3 yards; Nic Butler 0-1.  
**Receiving:** Logan Tingler 4-77, Gavin Hicks 1-(-2). Junior Varsity: Nic Butler 1-3.

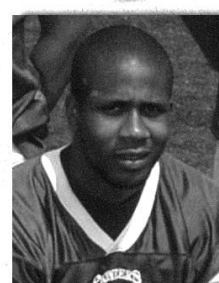
## Five named the GSU athletic hall of fame

Glenville State University Athletics has announced five members for the 2024 Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Class. Donita Adams, Antonio Carter, Blake Tasker, Clay Young, and Danny Williams will be the newest inductees. Donita Adams '11 – Women's Basketball Adams was a member of Glenville State's Elite Eight team in 2007 and followed that with three more amazing seasons in the blue and white. She averaged 16.1 points per game in 2008, 15.4 PPG in 2009 and 22.6 PPG in 2010, making All-WVIAC First Team. She remains ninth on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,505 career points. She has materialized an impressive career as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army National Guard. Antonio Carter '06 – Football Carter was a three-time First Team All-WVIAC selection and was named the 2004 WVIAC Offensive Player of the Year. He sits third on the school's all-time receiving list with 236 career receptions, 3,172 yards, and 31 touchdowns. Blake Tasker '02 – Football Tasker still holds the second-highest total of tackles in a single season with 134 tackles in 2000. The standout linebacker was an All-WVIAC First Team performer. After Glenville State, he enjoyed a long coaching career, including an extended stint with the Pioneers as the program's Defensive

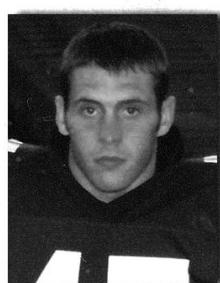
Coordinator. He also remains in the top five of the school's all-time list in tackles. Clay Young – Men's Basketball Young was an NAIA All-American in 1985, closing his career with 1,508 points and 820 rebounds. That season, he averaged a double-double at 20.6 points per game and 11.2 rebounds per game. He currently sits in the top 10 all-time on both lists. He played on the last team of Hall of Famer Jesse Lilly and the first team of Hall of Famer Gary Nottingham. Danny Williams '76 – Meritorious Williams served as Glenville State's Video Coordinator for close to four decades. He was a key component to the program and department for eight different Head Coaches and six Athletic Directors. Williams was also strongly involved with the advertising and archival work of Hall of Famer Jack Woodyard. A banquet and induction ceremony to honor the 2024 inductees will take place in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. A social reception will precede the event at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$25. To purchase tickets, visit <https://go.glenville.edu/AthleticHOF> or call (304) 462-6116. Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 20. Glenville State University's Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2001 through the generosity of the late Curtis Elam.



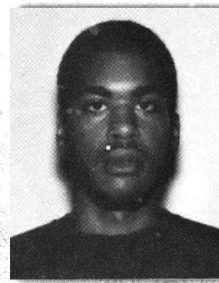
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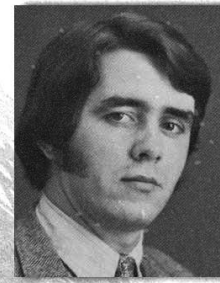
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FOOTBALL  
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FOOTBALL  
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**CALHOUN COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**FISCAL YEAR Beginning July 1, 2023 and**  
**Ending June 30, 2024**

**Calhoun County General County Fund Revenues**

Balance Forward 07/01/2023	\$ 350,340.09
PROPERTY TAX	810,959.09
UTILITIES	1,438,358.21
TAX PENALTIES	50,175.61
PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX	82,633.76
GAS AND OIL SEVERANCE TAX	118,141.95
COALBED METHANE SEVERANCE TAX	5,604.53
WINE AND LIQUOR TAX	10,898.33
LICENSE/PERMITS	322.00
BUILDING PERMITS	10.00
STATE GRANTS	8,450.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	696.25
SHERIFF'S SERVICE PROCESS	3,737.50
SHERIFF'S EARNINGS	10.00
COUNTY CLERK'S EARNINGS	17,539.57
CIRCUIT CLERK'S EARNINGS	2,632.75
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEE	1,083.17
RENT	29,800.00
IRP FEES	25,250.79
JAIL	11,512.43
INTEREST EARNED	8.48
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,600.00
SHERIFF'S COMMISSION	1,077.86
GAMING	42,556.31
VIDEO LOTTERY	78.54
SALE OF MATERIALS	2,000.00
ROYALTIES	578.12
REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS	202,396.77
TRANSFER FROM OTHER ACCOUNTS	80,279.98
E911 REIMBURSEMENTS	342,298.97
HOME CONFINEMENT REIMBURSEMENT	21,677.27
GENERAL SCHOOL REIMBURSEMENT	25,120.00
TRANSFER FROM ASSESSOR VALUATION FUND	62,714.09
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,752,542.42</b>

**General County Budget 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun County**

ADVANCED ALARM TECHNOLOGIES	1,689.30
ALFORD FOUNDATION & CRAW SPACE	10,816.40
ALHAWASHEH BRENDA	200.00
ALL AMERICAN UNIFORMS	6,198.82
ALLEN KARA L	7,680.00
AMERICAN FLAGS & POLES	352.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	2,500.00
ANGELIA N CLARK	1,850.00
ARTHUR CRAIG	34,151.00
ASSOCIATION OF WEST VIRGINIA ASSESSORS	660.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC.	2,678.16
BADGETT CONNIE	200.00
BAILEY ANGELA D	1,232.00
BAKERS MART, INC.	2,311.82
BALL BRENDA L.	34,083.53
BALL RAN DALL	200.00
BALLENGEE CHRISTINA S	39,439.44
BARR KELLI R	39,200.00
BATTEN TESSA	203.96
BEARSPLAYGROUNDS	22,139.75
BELINDA BARFIELD	200.00
BENEFITS LIQUIDITY SERVICE OPERATIONS LLC	20,840.91
BESTILE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	75,993.86
BLAUVELT JOYCE	200.00
BROWN ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY INC	35,803.00
BURCH SHELIA M	43,000.02
BUSH BARBARA	200.00
CALHOUN AUTO CARE,LLC	323.83
CALHOUN BANKS	435.48
CALHOUN COUNTY LIVESTOCK PROGRAM	7,348.00
CALHOUN COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT	200.00
CALHOUN COUNTY PARK	18,351.82
CALHOUN HALLOWEEN FUND	500.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	845.93
CARPENTER JONATHAN R	33,867.00
CARTER DENISE	200.00
CASH KATHLEEN	200.00
CASTO & HARRIS	6,760.51
CERTIFIED TO STATE FUND	52.83
CHICAGO MOTORS INC	22,000.00
CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMITTEE	500.00
CITCO WATER	285,734.76
CLAYTOR ENTERPRISES, LLC	3,000.00
COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	288.91
COLLINS EMILY	50.00
COMMUNITY RESOURCES INC.	5,000.00
COMPILED TECHNOLOGIES	22,255.20
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION OF WV	1,500.00
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE	356.34
CURRY DELORES	200.00
CWS THE DOCUMENT SOLUTION	9,651.27
CXT INCORPORATED	32,000.00
DAVIS PAMELA S	200.00
DAVIS TIMOTHY	200.00
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	16.00
DEWEESE RHONDA	200.00
DRAKES USED CARS	3,375.46
DUSKEY TERESA	50.00
DYE, JR RICHARD WAYNE	27,040.80
EARL SHARON D	18,235.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE, INC.	19,616.25
ELECTRONIC SERVICES INC	8,289.70
ELLISON BETTY	50.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SRV RETIREMENT SYS	1,258.18
ERLEWINE CONCRETE COMPANY	800.00
FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY	3,000.00
FALLS MELISSA D.	29,231.90
FERRARI & ASSOCIATES PLLC	11,960.00
FREDERICK CARLENE	200.00
FRESHOUR LORETTA K	232.16
FRESHOUR NORMA	200.00
FRONTIER	17,977.26
FRONTIER COMM OF WEST VIRGINIA	11,286.55
FULKS TREVIA J	33,653.14
GAINER PAMELA	200.00
GAINER ROSCOE	200.00
GARRETSON SHEILA R	60,171.00
GHERKE JANET L	200.00
GLASER COMPANY INC.	23,850.00
GLENVILLE AUTO REPAIR	1,230.37
GLENVILLE DEMOCRAT PATHFINDER	50.80
GLOBAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY,INC.	7,078.00
GRANTSVILLE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC	2,000.00
GRANTSVILLE FOODLAND	36.22
GRANTSVILLE POST OFFICE	2,820.30
GRIFFITH & ASSOCIATES, PLLC	8,000.00
HARDMAN'S	666.50
H-D MEDIA COMPANY LLC	37.43
HELMICK KEVIN	34,151.00
HERSMAN ANGELA	450.00
HICKMAN TERRACE	200.00
HICKS MICHAEL A	93,609.30
HICKS SAMANTHA D	24,480.96
HINKLE BRENA	758.34
HIXON MELISSA	2,450.00
HOME CONFINEMENT	888.75
HOWELL EMMA	200.00
HOWELL JERRY M	200.00
HUNT JEFFREY B	23,130.00
HUSK GARNETT	200.00
IRS 941 TAXES	82,814.62
J. T. MARTIN FIRE AND SAFETY	96.75
JEFFRIES NIGEL EVAN	13,237.70
JOHNSON HANNAH B	30,468.00
JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	1,500.00
KEITH SAMARA	202.68
KENT LARRY	200.00
KING POLYGRAPH SERVICES LLC	200.00
KISNER PATSY J	11,496.00
KNIGHT GRAHAM J	55,731.42
LANE HAZEL	225.46
LITTLE KANAWHA AREA DEVEL CORP	9,000.00
LITTLE KANAWHA RC & D	2,000.00
MARKL SUPPLY COMPANY	1,594.00
MCCROSKEY CHARLES E	444.00
MCCUMBERS TONY	120.00
MCKOWN MITCHELL J	14,313.00
MID-OHIO VALLEY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	1,800.00
MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL	3,884.00
MILLER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	12,095.00
MILLERS KWIK STOP	989.68
MINNIE HAMILTON HEALTH CARE CENTER, INC.	5,773.64
MODERN MARKETING, INC.	170.29
MON POWER	1,086.15

MORRIS RUTH	200.00
MORTON JUDY	200.00
MOUNTAIN MAMA AUTO SUPPLY	24.48
MOUNTAIN MEDIA	11,976.37
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY	2,668.86
MOUNTAINEER TRAILER SALES	14,789.49
MURRAY SHEET METAL	91,817.00
NEOTERIC ELEVATOR CONCEPTS LLC	1,986.25
NETTLES JASON	69,554.36
NICHOLAS SHARON	200.00
NICHOLSON DEBBIE	206.70
NICHOLSON-RIFFLE AMY	200.00
NUTTER ERICA L.	34,482.51
OVERTON TERESA	3,799.10
PARK MARTHA	232.16
PARKERSBURG NEWS & SENTINEL	587.72
PITNEY BOWES	1,163.39
PITNEY BOWES	1,883.28
PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
PLATO CHERYL	200.00
PLATO MICHAEL	950.00
PRECISION PRINTED PRODUCTS	78.15
PROFOUND LOGIC SOFTWARE INC	647.85
PROPST ROGER D	22,504.46
PURCHASE POWER	15,385.75
QUILL	14,939.27
RED BUD REALTY, LLC	19,200.00
REGIONAL JAIL AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AUTHORITY	232,847.67
RIGGS AMBER	8,064.00
ROBERTS BRANDY	200.00
ROCKET PREOWNED MOTORS LLC	21,965.00
IMERS JEAN	60,697.67
SLOANE CAROL	200.00
SOFTWARE SYSTEMS INC	12,157.08
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY	16,515.50
SPAUR SHANA	200.00
STABILIZATION FUND	378,685.00
STATE TAX DEPARTMENT	20,492.29
STATON LINDA	200.00
STEELE CYNTHIA M	26,059.00
STEERS HEATING & COOLING, INC	10,841.00
STEPHENS CHARLES R	22,798.13
STEPHENS HANNAH MARIE	21,477.63
STEVENS LORETTA	200.00
STURMS CHERYL	200.00
STURMS IRIS	200.00
TANNER COMMUNICATIONS LLC	125.00
THE THRASHER GROUP INC.	8,450.00
TOLER NAOMI	200.00
TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE	407.57
TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE WATER SYSTEM	39,120.60
TRITES RICHARD	214.74
U.S. BANK	6,221.94
U.S. BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	19,429.06
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DIVISION, WV BUREAU OF E	4,762.79
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	1,867.48
UPPER WEST CAP INC.	20,203.95
VERTICAL TRANSPORT CONSULTING LLC	240.20
W.V. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	49,714.75
WADE SHERRY	200.00
WALKER MATTHEW JACOB	5,910.52
WARD EDNA J	200.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA	8,922.84
WAYBRIGHT FREDERICK	43,687.51
WEST ANITA	200.00
WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	2,500.00
WEST VIRGINIA COUNTIES GROUP	47,833.00
WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF LABOR	180.00
WEST VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	1,000.00
WEST VIRGINIA STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE	2,400.00
WESTBROOK HEALTH SERVICES, INC.	1,000.00
WHITE, ARYEH	445.00
WILLIAMS, JOYCE	200.00
WILLIAMS SHARON	200.00
WILL'S TOWING & RECOVERY	937.50
WILSON APRIL D	30,160.00
WILSON RANDY	200.00
WILSON WALTER	46,687.50
WV ASSOCIATION OF CIRCUIT CLERKS	300.00
WV ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	350.00
WV DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT PLAN	13,731.13
WV PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE AGENCY	167,292.49
WV PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT-TIER 2	28,191.53
WV STATE AUDITOR	15,745.00
YEAGER TRINITY LEA	2,444.00
YEAGER, MICHAEL	33,252.20
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES General County Fund</b>	<b>3,310,440.03</b>
<b>GENERAL BALANCE JUNE 30, 2022</b>	<b>442,102.39</b>

**COAL SEVERANCE FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	114.14
Misc. Income	24,877.07
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24,991.21</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
MON POWER	14,069.50
MOUNTAINEER GAS	6,447.67
TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE	3,280.26
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,109.70
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>24,907.13</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>84.08</b>

**EXCESS LEVY FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	3,624.40
IRP FEES	8,775.99
TAXES	796,255.19
TAX PENALTIES	3,251.67
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>811,907.25</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
ARNOLDSBURG VFD	54,316.58
GENERAL FUND	81,556.10
GRANTSVILLE VFD	108,633.17
CALHOUN EMS INC.	2,265.25
MINNIE HAMILTON HEALTH CARE CENTERS	505,176.83
UPPER WEST FORK VFD	54,316.58
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	5,642.74
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>811,907.25</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	

**MAGISTRATE FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	2,491.33
Money for fines fund	3,120.61
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,611.94</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
FRONTIER	5,331.78
LLOYD HUFF	231.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,562.78</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>49.16</b>

**WORTHLESS CHECK FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	1.00
Fines and Forfeits	175.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>176.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	-
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>176.00</b>

**DOG & KENNEL FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	31,015.35
Taxes	2,567.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,582.85</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
CASTO & HARRIS	262.91
RITCHIE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	2,125.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,387.94</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>31,194.94</b>

**HOME CONFINEMENT FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	4,168.42
Miscellaneous Charge for Services	888.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32,590.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
ALL AMERICAN UNIFORMS	210.60
GENERAL FUND (PAYROLL)	21,677.27
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY	794.39
SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES	12,570.00
SOFTWARE SYSTEMS INC	888.75
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>36,141.01</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>1,506.16</b>

**ENHANCED 911 FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	570,264.77
County Clerk	537.00

Frontier & Wireless Fees	632,410.91
State Grants	5,115.56
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,208,328.24</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
AGGREGATE	795.00
A-ONE HEATING & COOLING	329.99
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	1,561.73
CASTO & HARRIS	111.57
WV ENHANCED 911 COUNCIL	368.96
EVERBRIDGE INC	6,576.47
CALHOUN COUNTY GENERAL FUND (PAYROLL)	386,481.52
GLENVILLE AUTO REPAIR	4,377.37
MILLER KWIK STOP	88.87
MOUNTAINEER GENERATOR SERVICE	625.00
PERKINS, RANDALL	1,050.00
RDJ SPECIALTIES INC	271.88
TANNER COMMUNICATIONS	9,237.00
U.S. BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	29,678.57
U.S. BANK (PCARD)	16,335.18
WV ENHANCED 911 CENTER	600.00
WVEMA	375.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>458,864.11</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>749,464.13</b>

**GENERAL SCHOOL (Fines) FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	1.21
Fines Fees	30,124.27
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>30,125.48</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
WV STATE AUDITOR	5,000.00
CALHOUN COUNTY GENERAL FUND	25,120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,120.00</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>5.48</b>

**OPOID SETTLEMENT FUND**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	-
Grant Monies	120,232.86
Interest	10.21
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>120,243.07</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>120,243.07</b>

**FIRE PROTECTION FUND**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	-
Grant Monies	22,172.74
Interest	1.82
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,174.56</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
ARNOLDSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	7,316.00
GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	7,537.80
UPPER WEST FORK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	7,316.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,169.80</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>4.76</b>

**EMS SALARY ENHANCEMENT FUND**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	-
Grant Monies	143,775.42
Interest	11.82
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>143,787.24</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>143,787.24</b>

**ASSESSOR'S VALUATION FUND 2023-2024 Vendors List Calhoun Co.**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	87,261.18
County Clerk	2,685.00
Interest	113.89
Taxes	99,214.66
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>189,274.73</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
ATLAS GEOGRAPHIC DATA INC	2,400.00
BAKERS MART INC	266.21
BARKERS LAND AND CONSULTING	3,000.00
DRAKES USED CARS	210.00
CALHOUN COUNTY GENERAL FUND	62,714.09
U.S. BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	4,294.96
U.S. BANK (PCARD)	857.08
WETZEL COUNTY COMMISSION	350.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>74,092.34</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>115,182.39</b>

**COUNTY CLERK ELECTION ADMINISTRATION**

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	-
Property Transfer Tax	1,790.12
Total Income	1,790.12



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ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS  
PLEASANT HILL PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT  
CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
BIG SPRINGS PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS

## General Notice

Pleasant Hill PSD (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:  
**BIG SPRINGS PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the **Pleasant Hill Public Service District, P.O. Box 327 Grantsville WV 26147** (mailing address) at the office of the District located at **122 Nobe Road, Five Forks, WV 26136** until **September 24, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**, local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work: **Piping and structure improvements at the Big Springs pump station near Five Forks, Calhoun County.**

### Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Boyles and Hildreth, Consulting Engineers  
108 Court Street  
Spencer, West Virginia

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. **In order to be considered a valid and responsible Bidder, the Bidder must obtain a copy of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office prior to the Bid opening date.**

Bidding Documents purchased as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for **\$25.00**, per set by being downloaded from a source designated by the Issuing Office.

Amounts paid are not subject to refund.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at:

Boyles and Hildreth, Consulting Engineers  
108 Court Street  
Spencer, WV 25276

### Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. **A certified check payable to the Pleasant Hill Public Service District or a BID Bond executed by the Bidder and a Surety Company in conformance with the requirements of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS, in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the BID, shall be submitted with each BID, to guarantee the Bidder's entrance into a Contract, if given the award. No BID Bond shall be waived or returned because the Bidder failed to or cannot comply with any requirements as set forth in the BIDDING DOCUMENTS or any applicable statutes of the United States, the State of West Virginia and/or all local ordinances.**

The Pleasant Hill PSD reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids. Owner further reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to be nonresponsible. Owner may also reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder. Owner also reserves the right to negotiate Contract terms with successful Bidder and Owner reserves the right to waive all minor informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work.

Bidders on this Work will be required to comply with the Presidents Order No. 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act (Copeland Act), and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The successful Bidder must comply with the provisions and minimum rates for wages for laborers and mechanics in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act and the West Virginia Division of Labor minimum wage requirements. The successful Bidder agrees to promptly provide all information and perform all work in accordance with the West Virginia Jobs Act, §21-1C of the West Virginia Code and the West Virginia Alcohol & Drug Free Workplace Act, §21-1D of the West Virginia Code.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the time of the opening of the Bids.

Any BIDDER submitting a Bid for this procurement hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he has proper, current, and valid credentials to furnish the specified materials and perform the Work. A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) shall not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension."

Any Contractor submitting a Bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he has a proper, current, valid license, in accordance with the requirements of West Virginia State Code §21-11-6 and §21-11-11, to perform the contemplated work and meets all the qualifications required by the statutes of the State and subdivision in which the work is to be performed.

All Bidders must also include their Contractor's license number on any Bid(s) submitted. A Subcontractor shall furnish such person's Contractor's license number to the Contractor prior to the award of the Contract as referenced to in the West Virginia State Code §21-11-11.

All Bidders shall understand that their Bid will not be read, and rejected immediately, if proper Bid surety does not accompany the Bid or if the Bid is found to be incomplete or non-responsive. A determination, which may be in certain instances considered contingent upon review and opinion of legal counsel, will be made by the Owner, or his agents or representatives, prior to reading the Bid or the announcement that the Bid will not be read. It shall be understood that it is the Bidder's responsibility to provide a complete, fully responsive in all aspects, and valid Bid and valid Bid surety conforming to the requirements outlined in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Pleasant Hill PSD  
By: Tambree Yoak  
Title: Chairperson  
Date: August 15 & 22, 2024

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Tariff Form No. 8-C

(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will decrease revenues approximately \$33.1 million annually, a decrease of 16.63%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	(\$13.69)	(13.60%)
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	(\$56.59)	(16.83%)
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$0.18	0.02%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LCS)	(\$3,170.49)	(24.59%)
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LCS) 1/	\$2.65	0.03%
Industrial Sales (Rate Class LCI-D & LCI-DS)	(\$6,104.96)	(25.85%)
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	(\$8,352.21)	(22.93%)
Daily Balancing for Transport	\$17.22	3.84%

1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.

FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Service - Residential Sales	(\$24.09)	(23.03%)
General Service - Commercial Sales	(\$121.62)	(25.70%)
Industrial Service - Sales	(\$1,683.61)	(31.59%)
Swing Service Charge for Transport	(\$39.32)	(18.63%)

FORMER SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Service - Residential Sales	(\$15.01)	(20.91%)
General Service - Commercial Sales	(\$73.78)	(26.84%)

FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ DECREASE	% INCREASE/ DECREASE
General Domestic - Residential Sales	(\$5.33)	(7.22%)
Commercial Service - Sales	(\$22.23)	(11.02%)

Resale customers of the Company include Consumers Gas Utility Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Co., and Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville).

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

# LEGAL

## TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE: The following rates and charges are hereby fixed, determined and established for municipal water services provided to all customers of the Town of Grantsville's Municipal Water Treatment Plant and Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill PSD water sales, commencing upon the effective date as hereinafter provided, and in accordance with the following Rates and Schedules:

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Rules and Regulations for the Government of Water Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect, and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission.

### SECTION - TARIFF

(Effective Immediately Upon Final Adoption)

### APPLICABILITY

Applicable in the entire territory or area served.

### AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial customers and sale for resale service.

### RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL RATES

First	2,000	gallons used per month	\$19.39 per 1000 gallons
Next	3,000	gallons used per month	\$18.14 per 1000 gallons
Next	5,000	gallons used per month	\$16.24 per 1000 gallons
All over	10,000	gallons used per month	\$13.82 per 1000 gallons

### RESALE SERVICE RATE

\$6.37 per 1000 gallons

### MINIMUM CUSTOMER CHARGE

5/8	inch meter	\$29.09 per month
3/4	inch meter	\$43.64 per month
1	inch meter	\$72.73 per month
1-1/2	inch meter	\$145.45 per month
2	inch meter	\$232.72 per month
3	inch meter	\$465.44 per month
4	inch meter	\$727.25 per month
No bill will be rendered for less than the following amount		\$29.09

### DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all current usage billing not paid in full within twenty (20) days, after the billing date, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment is not interested and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

### SECURITY DEPOSIT

Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, or fifty (\$50.00), whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions.

### CONNECTION/TAP FEE

The connection fee shall be \$500.00 for each new water service line one inch and smaller, and shall include the tap of the main line, the service line from the main to the property line or curb stop, and the meter installation, including the meter pit or vault. The connection fee for service larger than one inch shall be the actual cost of the installation, and shall include the tap of the main, the service line from the main to the property line, and the meter installation, including the meter pit or vault. Upon receipt of an application for a service connection larger than one inch, the utility will provide an estimate of actual cost, which amount must be deposited by the applicant in advance of installation. Upon completion of the installation, a final settlement of the actual installation cost will be prepared and submitted for payment to the applicant. The amount of payment due will be reduced by the amount of the advance deposit. In the event of an excess in the amount deposited over the actual installation cost, the amount of excess will be promptly refunded to the applicant.

### DISCONNECTION FEE

If any bill is not paid within sixty (60) days after the due date, water service to the customer will be discontinued. Water will not be restored until past due water bills have been paid in full and all accrued penalties plus a reconnection charge have been paid.

### RECONNECTION FEE

There shall be a \$30.00 reconnection charge for a re-established service.

An incremental charge of \$1.46 per 1,000 gallons per month shall be charged for all water billed in excess of the customer's historic usage for a water leak that is determined by the Public Service Commission to be eligible for an adjustment of the water service charge.

### READ METER AT CUSTOMER REQUEST

Customer shall remit an amount equal to the estimated cost incurred, but not less than \$25.00.

### RETURNED CHECK RATE

If a check is returned by the bank for any reason, the bank's charge to the utility shall be the utility's charge to the customer for such a bad check, but such charge to customers shall not exceed \$30.00.

### SECTION 2 - TARIFF EFFECTIVE DATE

The rates, changes and penalties provided herein shall become effective immediately upon final adoption as provided herein, or as soon thereafter as the same may be approved by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia. The 45-day waiting period required by WV Code §24-2-4B is waived pursuant to WV Code §24-24B(b) as the Town is in financial distress such that the 45-day waiting period would be detrimental to the ability of the utility to deliver continued and compliant public services. The rate increase will take effect for service rendered on or after the effective date.

### SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY; REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any clause, provisions or section hereof shall be held void or unenforceable by the West Virginia Public Service Commission or any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date hereof, all ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflicts, hereby repealed, and to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provisions of prior ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION 4 - STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

At least one week before the meeting at which this ordinance is to be adopted, the Town shall cause notice of the proposed adoption of the Ordinance to be published as a Class 1-0 legal advertisement in compliance with WV Code §59-3-1 *et seq.*, in the Calhoun Chronicle, a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Grantsville. The notice shall state the subject matter and general title(s) of the ordinance, the date, time and place of the final vote on adoption, and the place(s) within the municipality where the Ordinance may be inspected by the public. The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the Ordinance. Following the hearing, Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper. Copies of this Ordinance shall be available to the public for inspection at the office of the Town Recorder, of Grantsville, West Virginia.

Notice of the Ordinance must also be provided in a bill notice that must be received by customers at least 5 days prior to the public meeting at which the Ordinance will be adopted.

First Reading: 8-12-24

Second Reading:

And Public Hearing:

TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE, a municipal corporation

Mayor: Robert Petrovsky

Recorder: Judy Powell

# LEGAL

The Calhoun County Commission is seeking individuals interested in becoming a member of the Calhoun County Civil Service Commission. If interested, please email Commission President Arthur at caarthur\_3@yahoo.com by August 30, 2024.

# LEGAL

## Health Resources and Services Administration NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT For

### MHHS - Expansion and Renovation Phase 2

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and the HHS General Administration Manual Part 30 Environmental Protection (February 25, 2000), HRSA has determined that the Expansion and Renovation proposed by Minnie Hamilton Health System will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides discretionary grant and cooperative agreement awards to support health centers expand their capacity to provide primary and preventive health care services to medically underserved populations nationwide.

Minnie Hamilton Health System in Grantsville, WV, has applied for HRSA grant funding. The applicant proposes to use grant funds to construct a two-story addition and renovate parts of the existing facility located at 186 Hospital Dr., Grantsville, WV. The applicant has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) that documents impacts of the proposed action. This EA is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment for this project, which is on file at the following address for public examination upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Minnie Hamilton Health System  
186 Hospital Dr  
Grantsville, WV 26147  
Attn: Stephanie Deem  
Phone: (304) 354-9731

No further environmental review of this project is proposed prior to final approval from HRSA.

### Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on these projects may submit written comments to Minnie Hamilton Health System, Attn: Stephanie Deem, Executive Assistant, at the above referenced address.

HRSA will consider all comments received within 15 days of this "Notice" prior to final approval from HRSA.



# LEGAL

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
1. Timothy Allan Beardsley	200 Beardsley Rd. Lowell, OH 45744	April 15, 2024	September 21, 2018
2. Paul S. Meredith	5908 E. Leisure Lane Cave Creek, AZ 85331	March 15, 2023	January 30, 2000
3. Edsel D. Moss	6181 Meldon Drive Mentor, OH 44060	November 20, 2016	November 22, 1980

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
1. Linda M. Beardsley	200 Beardsley Rd. Lowell, OH 45744	Spouse	August 7, 2024
2. Charles S. Meredith	5908 E. Leisure Lane Cave Creek, AZ 85331	Son	August 7, 2024
3. Doris A. Moss	108857 Johnnycake Ridge Rd. Concord, OH 44077	Daughter	August 7, 2024

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street; PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later.

Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Administration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law.

Enter this 7th day of August 2024.

*Jean Simers*  
Clerk of the County Commission  
Class II Legal

# LEGAL

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Thomas Harold Morehead	Lora Lynn Morehead	606 Long Rd., Walton, WV 25286

August 7, 2024

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

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **October 7, 2024**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

*Jean Simers*  
Jean Simers, Clerk  
Calhoun County Commission

# LEGAL

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In the Matter of  
The Adoption of  
MICHAEL ANDREW HOLMES  
Civil Action No. CC-07-2024-A-5

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: LISA IVONNE SULLIVAN

The object of the above-styled action is adoption of Michael Andrew Holmes. It appearing that the whereabouts of the biological mother are unknown, it is Ordered that she appear before the Honorable Anita Harold Ashley on the 22nd day of August, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., to provide an answer or any defense that she may have to the Petition for Adoption.

A copy of the Petition for Adoption may be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located at the Calhoun County Courthouse located at 363 Main Street, Grantsville, West Virginia.

Your parental rights, if any, may be terminated in the proceeding. You may appear and defend any such rights within the required time after such service. Any person who is properly served and fails to respond within the required time after its service may not appear in or receive further notice of the adoption proceedings.

Entered this 6th day of August, 2024.

*Sheila R. Garretson*  
Sheila Garretson  
Calhoun County Circuit Clerk

## Sherri Duskey Rinker writes new book



The construction crew is back and ready to help renovate!

The idea for Garbage Crew To The Rescue! was inspired by my family's own building renovation journey. (You can read about that in the back pages of the book!) Soon, I'll be traveling to schools around the country to introduce this new story to the world, so stay tuned for more information!

If you haven't checked in on my social accounts lately, I've been hosting a series of summer reading giveaways featuring some of my all-time favorite kid-lit picks on my Instagram. Make sure you head there and follow to learn about some of these wonderful books and authors — AND so you don't miss out on the latest chance to win!

My latest giveaway features books by Leo Lionni, whose gentle, simple and relatable stories are some of my all-time favorites. The illustrations just feel so summery to me — perfect for August reading. If you've never heard of Leo Lionni, please check out his gorgeous titles; he's one of my favorite authors EVER, and I'm really excited to share his work with you.

To enter, follow my Instagram account, like this post, and comment and tag two friends by 11:59 PM EDT on August 23rd. Winners will be announced here on my Instagram!

Whether you're already off to the races with the new school year or enjoying the final lazy days of summer, I'm wishing you a joyful August! (And, stay tuned for an exciting fall!)

## Free expo to connect W.Va. small businesses to supplier opportunities

If you operate a small business and want to expand your customer base or work for a large company interested in sourcing goods and services closer to home, this event is for you.

The Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center (MAMC) and Advantage Valley will present an Industrial Supplier Expo Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at Valley Park in Hurricane. The expo will connect West Virginia small businesses to supplier opportunities with large industries while providing an opportunity for large companies to shorten their supply chains by sourcing goods and services locally.

There is no cost to participate.

"Small business representatives often don't know how to pursue contracts with large companies," said MAMC Director Derek Scarbro. "Conversely, many large companies are not aware that particular goods and services they need are readily available nearby from local vendors."

"We proactively and aggressively promote B2B supply chain connections throughout the region," said Terrell Ellis, President and CEO of Advantage Valley. "Through this effort we conduct targeted matchmaking, exposing small businesses to the supply chains of larger companies. These expos help to diversify our local economy."

MAMC and Advantage Valley have helped facilitate supply chain connections through a series of industry-specific events, resulting in tens of thousands of dollars in contracts for West Virginia small businesses while reducing costs and lead-time for large manufacturers.

The format for this expo will differ from some previous events. Small businesses are invited to set up informational tables, which representatives for large industry can visit to learn more about the goods and services offered by the local

small businesses.

Large companies participating in the expo are seeking the following types of goods and services:

- Maintenance parts & supplies
  - Pumps, valves, compressors, pipes, and fittings
  - Pipe fabrication
  - Machining
  - Drums and containers
  - Pest control
  - Industrial maintenance/repair
  - Electrical/mechanical contracting services
  - Roofing repair
  - HVAC repair/service
  - Construction services
  - Packaging materials
  - Industrial gases/chemicals
  - IT and cybersecurity services
  - Crane/inspection services
  - Safety systems
  - Security systems
  - Signage
  - First aid supplies
  - Janitorial services
  - Steel and heat treatment
  - Plumbing
  - Fuel/petrol services
  - Waterproofing
  - Restoration services (flood, fire, mold)
  - Paving services
  - Gates and fencing
  - Generator services and installation
  - Tanks and other vessels
  - Control systems and equipment
  - Logistics, trucking, and warehousing
  - Non-destructive testing
  - Professional engineering services
  - Waste management services
  - Temporary employee services
- While the event is free, registration is required at [www.mfg.marshall.edu/sep-2024](http://www.mfg.marshall.edu/sep-2024). Contact MAMC's Tanner Drown for more information at [tanner.drown@mfg.marshall.edu](mailto:tanner.drown@mfg.marshall.edu) or 304-781-1688.

## New books, movies at Calhoun County Library

### ADULT FICTION

- Flashpoint by: Catherine Coulter
- Breaking the Dark by: Lisa Jewell
- The Cliffs by: J. Courtney Sullivan
- The Love Shack by: Lori Foster
- Meet Me at the Starlight by: Rachel Hauck
- Flash Back by: Johansen
- The Summer Pact by: Emily Giffin
- The Burning by: Linda Castillo
- One Last Summer by: Kate Spencer
- A Death in Cornwall by: Daniel Silva
- The Housemaid is Watching by: Freida McFadden
- Robert Ludlum's: The Bourne Shadow by: Brian Freeman
- Zero Option by: W.E.B. Griffin
- Calder Country by: Janet Dailey
- Close Knit by: Jenny Colgan
- Joy by: Danielle Steel
- What Have You Done? by: Shari Lapena
- The Days I Loved You Most by: Amy Neff
- Confessions of the Dead by: James Patterson
- Shadow of Doubt by: Brad Thor
- Hard to Kill by: James Patterson
- Slow Dance by: Rainbow Rowell
- The Wedding People by: Alison Espach
- The Best Lies by: David Ellis
- A Better World by:

### Sarah Langan

- NON-FICTION**
- Eyewitness Horse Mayo Clinic Guide to a Healthy Pregnancy
- A Hunger to Kill by: Kim Mager
- INSPIRATIONAL**
- A Choice Considered by: Tracie Peterson
- Buried Secrets by: Barbara Cameron
- What We Hide by: Colleen Coble
- Finding You by: Amy Clipston
- The Protector by: Wanda Brunstetter
- One Last Promise by: Susan May Warren
- LARGE PRINT**
- Never Lie by: Freida McFadden
- Tiny Blessings
- Sugar Birds by: Cheryl Grey Bostrom
- Beyond Summer Land by: Jenny Lecoat
- JUVENILE FICTION**
- Orris and Timble The Beginning by: Kate D-Camillo
- Cornbread & Poppy For the Win by: Matthew Cordell
- Amber Brown is Not a Crayon by: Victoria Ying
- CHILDREN'S**
- How to Catch a Fairy Godmother by: Alice Walstead
- Ode to Grapefruit by: Kari Lavelle
- A Mischief of Mice by: Christie Matheson
- How Do Dinosaurs Say Trick or Treat? by: Jane Yolen
- Griselda Snook's Spectacular Books by:

### Barry Timms

- Nickelodeon 5-Minute Halloween Stories
- Sheepwrecked by: Ashley Belote
- Pig in Jeans by: Brenda Li
- Prunella by: Beth Ferry
- Surprising Ways Animals Snooze by: Jennifer Ward
- Little Ghost Makes a Friend by: Maggie Willis
- Halloween Fun by: Margaret McNamara
- The Perfect Place by: Matt de la Pena
- Bros by: Carole Boston Weatherford
- Sundae With Everything On It by: Kyle Scheele
- The Keeper of Stars by: Jennifer Harris
- The Iguanodon's Horn by: Sean Rubin
- Monster Hands by: Karen Kane
- MOVIES**
- Bob Marley One Love
- Migration
- The Beekeeper
- Wonka
- Paradise City
- Arthur
- The Hobbit
- French Kiss
- (500) Days of Summer
- The Dark Crystal
- Labyrinth
- Oppenheimer
- Wednesday: Season 1
- Sleeping Dogs
- Paycheck
- Cry Macho
- Pitstop
- The Tax Collector
- The Yellow Birds



# Smithville soldier finally accounted for from Korean War

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that U.S. Army Sgt. Kester B. Hardman, 22, of Smithville killed during the Korean War, was accounted for May 2, 2024.

In Dec. 1950, Hardman was assigned to M Company, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action after his unit engaged in intensive combat actions in the vicinity of Sunchon, Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Following the armistice in 1953, North Korean forces claimed Hardman died in the spring of 1951 while in captivity at POW Camp 5, on the Pyoktong Peninsula. His remains were not identified during or immediately after the war.

Following the war, in 1954, the opposing nations reached an agreement to exchange war dead, the execution of which was known as Operation GLORY. One set of Unknown remains, designated X-13467 OP GLORY, was reportedly recovered from the 1st Marine Division Cemetery at Yudam-ni, D.P.R.K. While most losses interred at Yudam-ni were primarily Marines, several other sets of remains were identified as POWs who had died at Camp 5.

Investigators could not identify X-13467 at the time, and they were then sent to Hawaii where they were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

In July 2018, DPAA personnel exhumed Unknown

Remains X-13467 from the Punchbowl and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory, for analysis.

To identify Hardman's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as chest radiograph comparison and circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

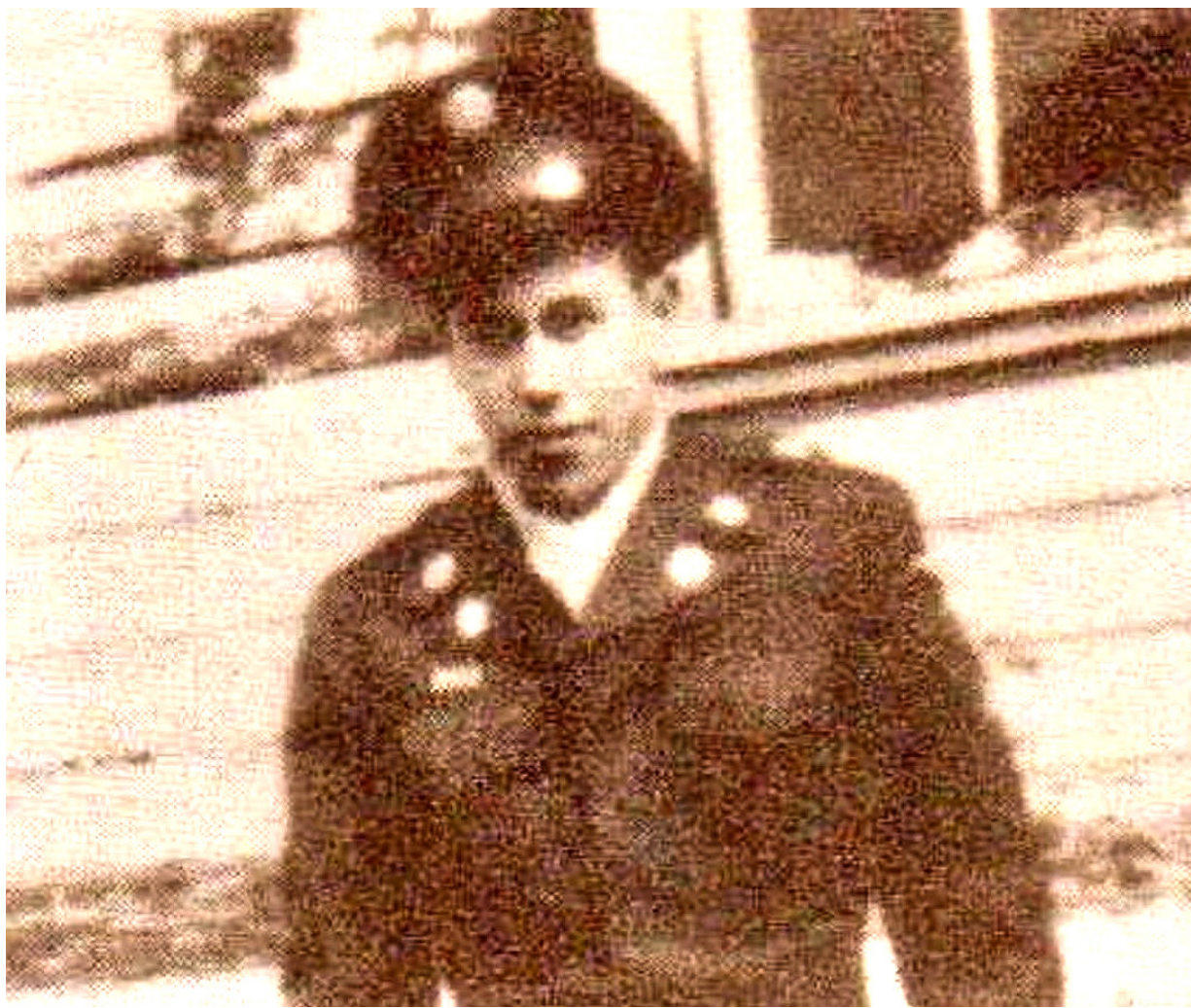
Hardman's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Hardman will be buried in Smithville on a date to be determined.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490. To see the most up-to-date statistics on DPAA recovery efforts for those unaccounted for from the Korean War, go to the Korean War Accounting page on the DPAA website at: <https://dpaa.mil/sites/crmforce.mil/dpaaFamWebKorean>.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil), find us on social media at [www.facebook.com/dodpaa](http://www.facebook.com/dodpaa) or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/defense-pow-mia-accounting-agency>.

Hardman's personnel profile can be viewed at <https://dpaa.mil/sites/crmforce.mil/dpaaProfile?id=0Jr0000004oltEAA>.



## Internet Safety Tips

School is back in session and a return to the classroom means new assignments, homework and tests; not to mention sports teams, cheerleading, band and many other extracurricular activities. In today's digital world a return to the classroom also means increased reliance upon phones, tablets, laptops, and social media apps making your child more vulnerable to exposure of unwanted images, online predators, cyberbullies and other online dangers.

Now is the time to talk to your child and incorporate a few simple, effective and agreed upon steps (DO's and DON'Ts) to provide your child a safe internet experience:

- DO:**
- Establish ongoing dialogue and keep lines of communication open.
  - Supervise use of all internet-enabled devices.
  - Know what websites, social media apps, and games your child uses.
  - Know who your child is talking to on social media, email and text.
  - Approve the information and photos your child posts online.

- Set parental controls on all internet-enabled devices, including filters to block inappropriate content.
- Use monitoring tools to track app usage, website visits, and screen time.
- Keep devices in common areas rather than in bedrooms, especially overnight.
- Report any suspicious, unwanted or inappropriate communications, including receiving (or requests for) inappropriate images
- Make sure your child understands that the rules at home also apply outside the home.
- Contact your child's school and know the appropriate use policy and protections put in place by the school regarding the devices your child will have access to during the school day.

- DON'T:**
- Send communications or post images containing personally identifying information such as addresses, school names, physical location, birthdates, and time/date/place of significant events.
  - Meet face to face with someone they only know online.



- Post/send inappropriate or explicit self-images. These images remain forever.
- Lie about age, name, or other information to gain access to a website or to gain attention from someone online.

Discussing these simple, yet effective, steps with your child now can ensure a much safer online experience for them this school year.

## WV Student Assessment Data Reviewed

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) received a report on West Virginia's annual assessment data during its meeting in Charleston.

The 2024 state summative assessment results including the West Virginia General Summative Assessment (WVGSA) for grades 3-8, the SAT School Day for grade 11, and the West Virginia Alternative Summative Assessment for grades 3-8 and 11 were reported by the West Virginia Department of Education's (WVDE) Office of Assessment.

The statewide assessments were administered to more than 95 per cent of students in the grades designated above. There were slight gains in overall proficiency with increases since last year in English language arts (ELA) (44% to 45%) and math (35% to 36%). Science proficiency remained flat at 29%. Early learners made the most significant gains in reading.

The report showed progress in ELA with a six per cent gain in third grade proficiency, and a seven per cent decrease in those who did not meet the standard compared to

last year's assessment. This is attributed, in part, to the passing of the Third Grade Success Act during the 2023 state legislative session and the WVDE's Ready, Read, Write, West Virginia literacy initiative. With the rollout of the revised mathematics standards on July 1, 2024, and the adoption of new instructional materials at the county level, the WVDE will fully launch its Unite with Numeracy initiative this fall targeting math proficiency and success.

Last year marked changes in SAT School Day testing. All students took a digital version of the test and moved away from the fixed-form paper and pencil version previously available. Additionally, the testing time was shortened from four hours to approximately two hours.

The data reflects student proficiency approaching pre-Covid-19 levels, and the WVDE remains engaged with counties, schools, stakeholders and state leaders to support student academic success.

This year's assessment data report can be found on the WVDE website and the ZoomWV dashboard.

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