

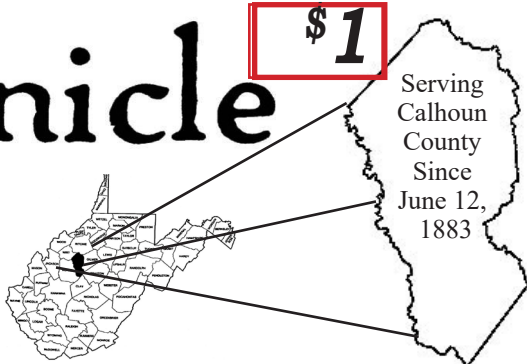


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“Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts”



Whole Number 7058

Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

Thursday, October 10, 2024

WVPSC hearing held in Grantsville to determine jurisdiction

Courtesy Ridgeview News

A short hearing was held in Grantsville with the West Virginia Public Service Commission, before Administrative Law Judge Keith George.

Attorney Jonathan Stanley appeared on behalf of the Town of Grantsville, with Mayor Robert Petrovsky present and Eric Lupardus representing the citizens of Grantsville to determine if the West Virginia PSC had jurisdiction to hear the complaint filed by the residents of the Town of Grantsville to remove the proposed nearly 60 per cent water increase.

Stanley requested that the case be dismissed stating that the town believed that the required number of signatures contesting the rate increase had not been met, (25 per cent of the customer base) but then stated that they would disregard that issue after more signatures were collected within the 30 days.

They did however want a dismissal stating they did not believe that Lupardus had the right to file the complaint, because he was not a customer of the Town of Grantsville water system, nor was he an Attorney. Lupardus, stated that he was there to

represent many of the elderly residents in the town who did not feel comfortable filing such a complaint.

The Judge informed Stanley that the PSC did not require complainants to be attorney’s but requested that an actual customer be present to offer up the petition. At that time, Crystal Mersh, who is a customer on the Grantsville water system offered to present the petition and was accepted.

Stanley requested a continuance on the hearing to which Judge George responded that he did not make a persuasive enough

argument for that to occur. It was then determined by the judge that the West Virginia PSC had jurisdiction to hear the case, and it would continue.

The town will now be required to provide evidence that the emergency rate increase was justified. If it is proven that the increase was not justified the town will be required to repay any money collected as a part of that increase.

To do that the PSC can inspect all of the town’s records.

The hearing was adjourned in less than 20 minutes.

Town council meeting devolves into political argument

Courtesy Ridgeview News

The Grantsville Town Council met Monday, October 7th, 2024, at the City Office for their regularly scheduled meeting.

First to address the Council under Citizens Complaints was Robin Mersh of the 1982 Foundation regarding water service on the Avalon Campus. Mersh, Dennis Spaur and the mayor have been in conversation regarding the cost responsibility of the taps, line and other issues around the Children’s center side of the Foundation’s building.

Mersh opened by thanking the mayor for following through on the flow meter installation which was great help to the project. He then stated that, after research, he had come up with a compromise on the tap and line installation with a shorter stretch of area that would reduce the cost of this part of the project as well as address the issue of having the line in the proximity of the building to give the necessary safety issue regarding fire protection. His agreement was for the purpose of keeping the project moving and not holding up the construction

which could prove quite costly for the 1982 Foundation.

Mersh cited code as to his understanding of whose responsibility it was to pay for what, to which the mayor took offense to and began citing his own sources of code. Again, Mersh tried to help the mayor understand that The 1982 Foundation “didn’t mind paying for things, but in the spirit of cooperation, and to aid in the costs for the project, he requested that the City taken into consideration the location when determining direction.

Councilwoman Cheryl Sturm asked if the retaining wall would be compromised by the digging of line to which both sides stated that it would not.

Mersh again stated that he understood the town’s issue with money, and that the 1982 Foundation wanted to cooperate, but they needed to establish an agreement as to what was needed, expressing that time was a concern and the matter was about fire suppression and cost. It was determined that the 1982 Foundation and city staff were to meet to discuss the project on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

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Weekend of festivals and plays highlight fall celebrations

By Gaylen Duskey and Ridgeview News

On possibly the last weekend of autumn levy before the slow and unbendable trek into winter the folks of Calhoun County and central West Virginia celebrated the last of the golden days.

And they had a beautiful chamber of commerce day with high blue skies and nary a cloud in sight.

And the folks celebrated.

In Grantsville alone there were three major events any of which would have been the “big” event of the weekend on any other weekend.

First there was a big craft and vendor show at the Calhoun Committee on Aging building.

Then there was the Fall Heritage Festival at Avalon which featured food, golf and bingo and the final tour of the old Calhoun County High School building before it is closed until the grand opening in the spring of 2025.

And finally, there was a dinner theater event at the Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts where they had a sellout for the Last Chance Saloon’s Murder Mystery where the dress was western wear.

So, if you didn’t find anything to do in Grantsville you weren’t looking.

Here are some results from the 1982 Foundation Fall Heritage Festival.

Car Show Winners were:

Best of Show: Dr. and Mrs. Lang with their Chevy Blazer

Scott Schimmel - 32 Plymouth

Tommy Lewis - 55 Chevy Sedan

Allen Dawson - Chevy Pickup

Ren Vanay - Chevy Impala



Danny Maxwell - La-bamba
Calvin Wilson - Chevy pickup
Bill Stevens - F100 Ford
Larry Meadows - 34 Chevy
Curt Riggs - Dodge Dart
Tim Holbert - Can Am Outlander

Only three entrants for the Squirrel Classic delivered their goods, and all from the same family. The Butler boys, Noah, Nic and Logan delivered 8 squirrels between them. Nic’s squirrel brought in the most weight at a hefty 1.05 lb. as well as ugliest squirrel in after shooting his face off leaving just the skull. Noah brought in the most at five squirrels and the littles of the Butler’s, Logan, brought in the littles squirrel. Rick Falls and Bruce

Jones and crew entertained with their phenomenal bluegrass talents throughout the day. Rick Falls and his many associates have contributed countless hours into keeping the heritage of bluegrass music alive in Calhoun and surrounding counties.

At the closing event the 1982 foundation awarded two grants. The first was for WAG (Welfare of Animals Group) who were awarded \$2,000.00 as well as Carl and Chris Ballengee who were awarded \$2,000.00 to help with the expenses incurred with their tracking dogs Quad and Gracie.

Volunteer of the year was awarded to Brandon and Whitley Cottrell for their contributions to the 1982 Foundation branding and service.

Information on the LEVY

Instructional	Maintenance, Improvements, and Equipment	Safety and Security
The levy will provide funding to include staffing for, but not limited to, additional curriculum and instructionally related programs for summer school Approximate annual amount of \$170,000.00	The levy will provide funding for, but not limited to, playground equipment at Calhoun Middle High School; improvement and maintenance of county-wide athletic facilities; improvements required by local, state, and federal agencies to ensure safe and efficient operation of facilities; custodial and maintenance supplies and equipment; and other related expenses. Approximate annual amount of \$208,667.00	The levy will provide funding for, but not limited to, School Nurse, Preventative Resource Officer, and Technology Systems Specialist. Approximate annual amount of \$200,000.00
Extra-curricular Support		Supplement Salaries
The levy will provide for the support of extra-curricular (including athletic teams, band, music activities, theater activities, academic competitions, and afterschool programs), curricular and/or academic (including but not limited to field trips, academic competitions) transportation for students in grades Pre-K -12. Approximate annual amount of \$36,000.00		The levy will provide a supplement to the salaries of all professional and service staff. Approximate annual amount of \$161,000.00
		Art
		The levy will provide funding for an Art Cart for students at Pleasant Hill and Arnoldsburg Elementary. Approximate annual amount of \$75,000.00

Fitzwater eager to answer questions of school levy

By Gaylen Duskey

Calhoun County Superintendent of Schools Michael Fitzwater has been trying to answer questions concerning he school levy on the Nov. 5th general election ballot.

The question he hears quite often is how long will the levy be in effect if the levy passes?

And the answer is the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025; July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027; July 1, 2028; and July 1, 2029.

Another often asked question is what will my additional taxes be if the levy is approved?

And the answer is that this is a level two levy which means the rate is \$.02 (two cents) on each \$100 valuation of your property.

Another question is what will the monies raised be used for?

Here’s how the levy will benefit our schools and community:

Employ a Prevention Resource Officer for added safety.

Employ a School Nurse to support student health.

Provide transportation for extracurricular events to ensure all students can participate.

Fund summer school programs for additional learning opportunities.

Cover supplemental salaries for staff

Pay for county-wide athletic facility upgrades.

Fund facilities and operational improvements at schools.

Support the Art Cart for Pleasant Hill and Arnoldsburg to enhance arts education.

“October is here, which means we are just one month away from election day,” Fitzwater said. “I’ll continue to share important information about the upcoming levy and answer any questions you have.

“With the election around the corner, we’re wondering if you’d be interested in attending a town hall or Q&A event to discuss the upcoming levy. If we host a session, would you come out to ask questions and share your thoughts?

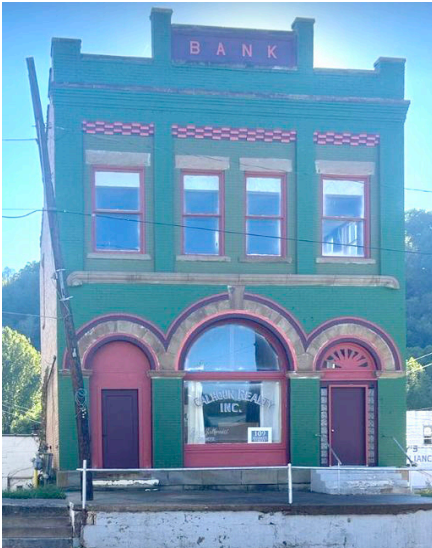
“We want to ensure you’re informed and heard, so if you have any questions about the levy, this would be the perfect time to get answers.

“Let us know if you’d attend.”

Yesterday and today in downtown Grantsville



A spiffy green building with colorful trim stands where the old bank, post office, barbershop, reality office used to be. It is the same building, but it has a new coat of paint like several other buildings in downtown Grantsville during a revitalization effort under way.



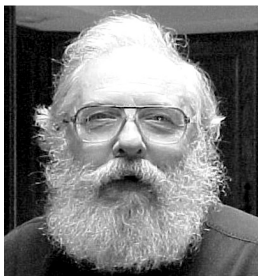
The Grantsville Town Council meets the first Monday of every month in the city building on Main Street at 6 p.m.

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

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

Randy Tucker who recently had a stroke is not doing well at all. Brother Rusty who lives in Kentucky is to come and see him.

Barbara Wright is recovering after knee repair and is to undergo therapy. Her brother is to spend a week with her whilst hunting the wily bucks. Nurse Kathleen has been helping the patient.

Mike dePue, age 60, passed away in Taylors, South Carolina. He had been a long time employee of Broughton Dairy. He was the son of the late Benjamin “Buck” and Elouise dePue.

Creston area folks attended the FFA Beef Barbecue in Elizabeth on Sunday and on Saturday participated in Pioneer Days while others were involved in the Civil War reenactment beside the bridge Sunday in Elizabeth.

The Creston Halloween Party is scheduled for October 26 at the Community Building. Workers, candy, etc. are needed. This is the occasion where one can “dress up and be somebody”.

“Stymie” Plummer and Joe Ferrell were attending to banking business in Elizabeth.

Those who remember the 1985 flood up in the mountain counties can relate to the devastation of the flood in Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Mercer County, West Virginia. In some places there was a 30 foot wall of water for which there was no warning. It is estimated that the death toll might exceed 2,000 and the FEMA folks said, “tough luck, we’re out of funds” as over \$1 billion went to help illegal aliens brought in to vote in the election. FEMA turned folks bringing help away including one group from Wirt County. David Axelrod, a national political fellow noted that the folks in Asheville were educated and sophisticated so they would figure out to vote for Kackles but the red necks elsewhere in the devastated region would not be able to vote for President Trump. It was noted that the folks there read Scripture and own guns, use white corn meal to make corn bread and mush (pronounced mursh) just like their Cherokee neighbors [and cousins] so there would be “no reason” to help such folks. Also, it was reported that there is a big, proposed mine in the area and the federal government has already bulldozed sites, like Chimney Rock even burying those who drowned there. This way the land could be bought cheap for the mine that is backed by Black Rock & Vanguard, companies that are part of the “deep state”. Elon Musk shed some unwanted light on the nefarious dealings which is why folks like John Kerry have noted that the “pesky” First Amendment is a “stumbling block” for the ruling elite. To add insult to injury Kackles announced

that our government is to give \$157 million to “help out in Lebanon” because of the Hezbollah terrorists’ activities.

Last year the W. Va. Dept. of Agriculture was able to save the apple growers that are being squeezed by a lack of tariffs to protect against dumping by Dictator Xi from China. The MO is to flood the market and eliminate US growers and Manufacturers and then China can set the price or do whatever they want as donations and gifts went to the “ruling family”. It is uncertain what will happen this time

The \$7.4 billion buyout of SWN (Southwestern) by Chesapeake is now complete and the new name is Expand. The merger had to be approved by the ruling junta at an undisclosed cost/fee/donation/contribution.

The delinquent tax lists have been in the newspapers, and they are huge showing the extent of the economic malaise that impacts both the area and the nation. Folks need to check the lists to make sure their names or names of friends and relatives are not included.

Local folks attended the SOOGA (South East Ohio OIL & Gas) meeting in Marietta. Winnie Sinnett is the head Pooh Bah, but his wife was on the sick list that day. It was learned that Eric Holder who was the Big Eared One’s “Wingman” and Atty. General sent \$30 million to Ohio to pass a ballot amendment to change how delegate and congressional districts are made there.

West Virginia has a ballot initiative that should make it difficult to impossible to legalize “assisted” suicide in W. Va. Seems the merchants of death are very busy these days. Kill the babies and kill or eliminate the infirm. Bill Gates and his friends have noted that 8 billion on the planet is 7.5 billion too many. Someone suggested that he show leadership by doing himself in “to save the planet”.

Nate Carper who formerly lived on the Munday Road has been named Brigadier General of the New Mexico National Guard.

Harold Stutler noted that Joe Biden and a rigged Justice Department “convicted” Donald Trump of a crime that didn’t have a name, but it was all about the election. On Saturday there were 105,000 people at the Butler Pennsylvania rally including folks from Wood County. Many see the lawfare for what it really is.

As a result of the gentle rains, it is amazing how so many fields have turned green again. Some fine second cutting hay has been rolled up into bales to feed hungry cattle this winter.

The Henry Hub price of natural gas rose to \$2.85/MMBTU while, because of the Iran attacks on the Holy Land, the price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$73.38/bbl. With condensate bringing \$55.38/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light selling for \$62.38/bbl.

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, space available, and accuracy.
- 3) Editorial staff reserves the right to contact others concerning the subject matter to balance the presentation of the issue and/or concern.
 - 3) Phone numbers must be included to facilitate editorial questions and fact-checking processes.
- Editorials, letters to the editor, press releases, meeting notices, and announcements can be sent to contact@calhounchronicle.com.

Did questioning the water petition open a Pandora’s Box?

by Gaylen Duskey

Did we just open Pandora’s Box? Maybe.

What is Pandora’s Box?

According to www.history.com Pandora’s Box from Greek mythology is a jar known as “pithos” in Greek. The story of Pandora and her jar is recounted in Hesiod’s “Works and Days,” a poem from around the 7th or 8th century BCE.

The concept of Pandora’s Box, as it is commonly known today, has its origins in this story: “According to the myth, Pandora was the first human woman created by the gods, specifically by Hephaestus and Athena. She was given various gifts and traits by different gods, making her irresistible to men. Prometheus had previously angered Zeus by stealing fire from the gods and giving it to humans, thus empowering them. In response, Zeus devised a plan to create Pandora and give her the jar as a gift.

“Zeus presented Pandora to Epimetheus, Prometheus’ brother, as a bride. Pandora brought the jar with her, and despite Zeus’ warning, her curiosity got the better of her. She opened the jar, and as a result, all the evils, sorrows, and miseries that had been sealed inside were released into the world. Pandora immediately closed the jar, but it was too late to prevent the spread of these negative forces.”

So, did we open Pandora’s Box?

Quite possibly. A local Pandora’s Box may have been opened in Grantsville recently when the Town of Grantsville requested a PSC (Public Service Commission) hearing as to whether or there were enough legal signatures on a petition trying to prevent the town from raising its water rates 60 per cent.

And while the PSC did not prevent the implementation of the 60 per cent increase it did say it wants to check over the town’s records financial and otherwise that had been used as the reason for seeking the increase.

And that may be the Pandora’s Box since the PSC is rather thorough when it investigates things.

Will that petition protest by the town become a Pandora’s Box?

It took Judge Keith George less than 20 minutes to issue a ruling saying the PSC wanted to look at the books.

A Pandora’s Box?

Only time will tell.

DON’T BE A LITTERBUG: Exercising one’s First Amendment rights is a good thing and something I wholeheartedly endorse.

That said on Nov. 6, 2024, the First Amendment rights of many put forth by the placement of campaign signs across the countryside becomes something else – litter.

Yes, candidates those signs are now just litter with your name on it.

Go out and pick your signs up.

Don’t be a litterbug.

NEWSPAPER PHILOSOPHY: I have given talks and written papers about how newspaper can survive in the internet age especially small community dailies and weekly publications.

My advice – KNOW WHO YOU ARE!!!

I put that in all capital letters because it is that important because if a newspaper does not know who it is it is doomed to failure.

And since this advice is for small daily newspapers and weekly newspapers, I tell them you are not USA Today, or the New York Times so quit trying to be.

Look at your audience.

Who are the people in your audience? Who are your readers? Those are the people you aim your coverage at. You design your coverage for Mom and Dad, Grandpa and Grandma, the uncles and aunts and the kids in the neighborhood.

And you give them the coverage they will not get from the big media.

Ask yourself this, are they going to cover the town council meeting? The church revival? The youth league game? The class reunion?

No.

But if you do people will buy your newspaper and probably save a copy of the story and pictures in a scrapbook or something like that.

And that’s a good thing.

And that’s a service people will get nowhere else and that’s a service you can provide if you know who you are.

My theory about writing for that audience is that there is nothing in a community as galvanizing as the school because nothing brings folks together as one as much or as fast as the school does.

Or to be even more succinct, the school’s athletic teams.

While there are many different organizations and churches ... there are even two major political parties there is only one high school football team or basketball team or volleyball team and everybody cheers for that team.

And because of that the importance of those team’s games in your newspaper is very important to that newspaper.

I know I consider getting the stories and results of the teams in the Calhoun Chronicle of the upmost importance even if I am a little too old to cover all the games myself.

We – all our readers – are your fans and we will be your fans whether you win or lose. Mom and Dad and Grandma and Grandpa and everyone else wants to know how you did and see your names and pictures in the newspaper.

No matter what.

So please if you are the reporter or it your team does not have a reporter become one and let us have the results. You can report them by sending them to contact@calhounchronicle.com and everybody will thank you so much.

And GO RED DEVILS!!!

Gotta type that in all caps too!!!

NUMBER 13 EXUDES CALHOUN COUNTY: I met him when he was a skinny kid who was a freshman member of the Calhoun High School wrestling team.

He wasn’t an awesome physical specimen, but he was smart and a hard worker and by the time he graduated he was a pretty good wrestler too.

And now he is the 13th nominee for the Calhoun County Hall of Fame.

After taking time out to serve in the Air Force and graduate from Glenville State Colle (now University) he returned to Calhoun High School as a teacher and a coach, and they discovered this pretty good wrestler was a pretty great coach.

How great?

This is what the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum said of him:

“Mike Stump is a 1970 graduate of Calhoun County High School, starting four years for the Red Devil Wrestling team. He entered the United States Air Force the same year and served active duty until 1974.

“In 1978, he graduated from Glenville State College and began his career as a teacher and coach in Calhoun County.

“He organized and coached a youth wrestling team in 1977 through the next 10 years.

“Mike became the head wrestling coach at Calhoun County High School in 1987, holding that position until his retirement in 2015.

“During that time, he coached 21 state champions and had 24 state runners-up. Five of his wrestlers were awarded the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award at the state wrestling tournament.

“His teams won 10 Little Kanawha Conference titles, 10 regional titles and were state runners-up in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2015.

“For his dedication and coaching success, he was recognized with many awards: the Dix Manning AA/A Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2015, the National Federation of State High School Mideast Sectional Coach of the Year in 2008, the West Virginia Schools Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1998-99, 2008-09, and 2014-15.

“He was the recipient of the Wayne Underwood Coach of the Year in the LKC in 2009-10.

“In addition, he has served as an assistant and head coach for both the junior high and high school football teams and as an assistant and head coach for the baseball team.”

To those of us lucky enough to know him he was a friend and the personification of what all is good about Calhoun.

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

OBITUARIES



Larry Glen Myer

Larry Glen Myer went home October 3rd, 2024 to be with our Lord. Larry was born October 10th, 1948 in Tanner, West Virginia to Glen and Ruby Simmons Myer. He is survived by his wife Judy Smith Myer; son Jason Myer; daughter-in-law Elizabeth Brunello; siblings James, Carol, Sandy, John, and Rick; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Larry was a member of Teays Valley Baptist Church where he assisted with the cameras and participated in the annual Passion Play.

Larry was employed by the South Putnam Public Service District for 23 years where he had many friends. Starting as a Water

Treatment Plant Operator, his expertise with computers was eventually recognized and he was subsequently put in charge of IT.

As an Air Force Veteran, he was a proud member of the Vietnam Veteran Chapter 37 as a Staff Sergeant.

Larry was passionate about music throughout his life. As a teen, he mastered the trumpet and was “first chair”. His favorite music, however, was always rock ‘n roll... The louder, the better.

A service to honor the life of Larry Myer will be held at 12 noon, Wednesday, October 9th, 2024, at Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston, with Dr. John Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Do-nel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar, WV. Family and friends may visit from 11:00 am to Noon at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Larry’s name to the West Virginia Veterans Home of Barboursville: 512 Water Street, Barboursville, WV 25504.

Memories of Larry may be shared by visiting www.snodgrassfuneral.com and selecting the obituary. Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston, is handling the arrangements.



Lenell Faith McKee Stalnaker

Lenell Faith McKee Stalnaker, of Millstone, West Virginia, died October 2, 2024, at the age of 93 after a difficult battle with dementia. She was born February 22, 1931, in Millstone, the youngest of six children. Her parents were George and Nora (Ball) McKee. In 2010, she was preceded in death by her husband of sixty years, Paul Downs Stalnaker. She is survived by son, Stephen Paul Stalnaker (Rebecca) of Arnoldsburg, WV, and daughter, Pamela Stalnaker (Bartlett) Breese (Robert) of Corning, Ohio. Also surviving are granddaughters, Meredith Bartlett Henthorn (Brian) of Brenham, Texas, Candace Stalnaker DeWeese and Christy Stalnaker Wilburn of Sandyville, WV, and one great-granddaughter, Arya Lynn DeWeese.

In addition to her parents and husband, Lenell was

preceded in death by brothers, Rev. Glendon McKee, Arco McKee and Gordon McKee and sisters, Arleta McKee Sturm and Sarah Flo McKee Hall and an infant grandson, Benjamin Ryan Bartlett. Additional surviving family members are sisters-in-laws Emma Lou Stalnaker Chenoweth and Orma Florence Stalnaker Downs. Lenell was part of two large extended families including twenty-two brother and sister in-laws, twenty-six nieces and nephews and lots of great and great-great nieces and nephews. Special thanks go to the staff at Altercare of Somerset, Ohio, and to Mountain View Care Center in Ripley and to Lenell’s daughter-in-law, Becky, RN, for providing kind and gentle care.

Lenell lived all but six years of her life on her beloved hillside farm first settled by her grandfather in the 1800’s. She will be buried nearby on Millstone hill at the Sturm Cemetery beside the love of her life on Sunday, October 6, 2024. Visitation will be held at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg at noon on that day with Rev. David Weaver conducting the service at 2 PM.

Online condolences may be shared at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com



Nina Carolyn Lane

Nina Carolyn Lane, 80, went to be with the Lord on Friday September 27, 2024, while surrounded by her loving family. Carolyn was born July 2, 1944, in Calhoun County to the late Fountain and Ruth Yost. She was married to the late Eugene Lane on June 9, 1962. Carolyn assisted her husband with the daily operations of their family-owned pipeline construction business, L & L Pipeline, in Orma, WV for 20 plus years. Carolyn was a very devoted wife, mother and homemaker. Carolyn is survived by her 3 Daughters, Michelle Lane (Joshua) Gaydos, Rhonda (Charlie) Laughlin, and Vicky (Cecil) Rogers, 7 Grandchildren, Jeremy (Christy) Lane, Cody (Sharon) McCoy, Colton (Erica)

Cutshall, Jockey Cutshall, CJ Rogers, Ciera Rogers, and Sherry Rogers, 9 great grandchildren, sister Launa Butler, companion Sonya Lowers, and family member Danny McCoy.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Fountain and Ruth Yost and late husband Eugene Lane.

Carolyn was a Mother, Grandmother, and Friend to many. She opened her door and welcomed others with a big smile, warm heart, and kindness. Carolyn loved her family and friends and never veered from her faith and love for the Lord. As a mother and grandmother, she was always there checking in with each of us offering her support, love, and wisdom to guide us on life’s journey. She will be deeply missed by many but will forever live in our hearts. Visitation will be on Friday, October 4, 2024, from 1:00-3:00pm followed by a funeral service at 3:00 pm at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, with Steve Boggs officiating. A burial ceremony will then follow at Minnora Cemetery.

The family would also like to acknowledge and thank the staff at Clay Healthcare Center for their love, care, and compassion during the last several months of her journey.





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Community Notices

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Oct. 10, 1774: Shawnee warriors led by Cornstalk were defeated at the Battle of Point Pleasant. It was the only major engagement of Dunmore's War and the most important battle ever fought in present West Virginia.



Oct. 10, 1872: Architect Rus Warne was born in Parkersburg. Warne designed many notable buildings in Charleston, including City Hall and the Masonic Temple.



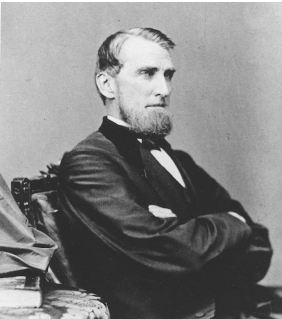
Oct. 10, 1878: Blanche Lazzell was born in Maidsville, Monongalia County. She was one of West Virginia's most notable artists and is recognized as one of America's leading abstract painters and print makers.

Oct. 10, 1948: During a boat-racing event in Charleston, Chuck Yeager flew a Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star under the South Side Bridge, surprising boaters, audience

and news media at the event.



Oct. 11, 1811: State founder and U.S. Senator Waitman T. Willey was born near Farmington. Willey proposed the West Virginia Statehood Bill in the Senate and saw to its passage and later signing by President Lincoln. He was then elected as one of West Virginia's first two U.S. senators and served from 1863 to 1871.



Oct. 12, 1877: Howard Mason Gore was born in Harrison County. He served as U.S. secretary of agriculture and the 14th governor of West Virginia.



Oct. 12, 2020: Actress Conchata Ferrell died. Born in Loudendale, Kanawha County, Ferrell was best known as Berta the housekeeper on the CBS sitcom Two and a Half Men. She enjoyed a long career on stage, film and television.



Oct. 13, 1863: The Battle of Bulltown took place. The location was valuable during the Civil War because the Weston & Gauley Bridge Turnpike crossed the Little Kanawha River on a covered bridge at this site.

Oct. 14, 1943: The army began transforming parts of Dolly Sods into an artillery range to train military troops bound for duty during World War II. The operation ended on July 1, 1944.

Oct. 14, 1947: In a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour. He set another speed record on December 12, 1953, by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A.

Oct. 14, 1949: WSAZ-TV went on the air on channel 5. Early shows included the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game on December 3, 1949.

Oct. 14, 1985: Kanawha Airport was renamed Yeager Airport in honor of Chuck Yeager.

Oct. 15, 1839: Aretas Brooks Fleming was born in Fairmont. In 1888, Fleming won the Democratic nomination for governor and then won West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election.



Oct. 15, 1952: During the Korean War, Greenbrier County native Ralph Pomeroy was killed in action near Kumhuwa, Korea, while helping his unit contain an attack. The next year, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

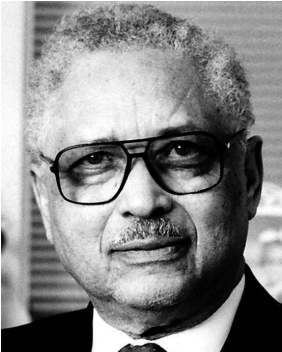


Oct. 16, 1859: John Brown and his raiders captured the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, but they were soon besieged by townspeople, local militia and federal troops. The raid galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South and drastically reducing any possible middle ground for compromise before the Civil War.

Oct. 16, 1918: Dale Troy "Stoney" Cooper was born in Randolph County. He, his wife Wilma Lee and the Clinch Mountain Clan played country music on WWVA radio in Wheeling for a decade before spending the next 20 years on the Grand Ole Opry.



Oct. 16, 1922: The Rev. Leon Sullivan was born in Charleston. In 1977, Sullivan initiated the original Sullivan Principles, a code of conduct for companies operating in South Africa. The Principles were among the most effective efforts to end the system of apartheid.



Cancer Awareness Day

The Grantsville Post Office is having a Breast Cancer Awareness Day on Wednesday October 9, 2024, from 11:00 to 1:30.

Please stop in and pick up Cancer informational

pamphlets and some sweet treats. Also, every outgoing piece a mail brought to our counter will receive a pink Cancer ribbon placed on it before being mailed.

Join us in Cancer recognition.

Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department

Located at 300 Mill Street, across from Calhoun County Library in Grantsville.
 Open Mon-Thurs, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available!
 Please call 304-354-6101 or stop by to schedule an appointment.



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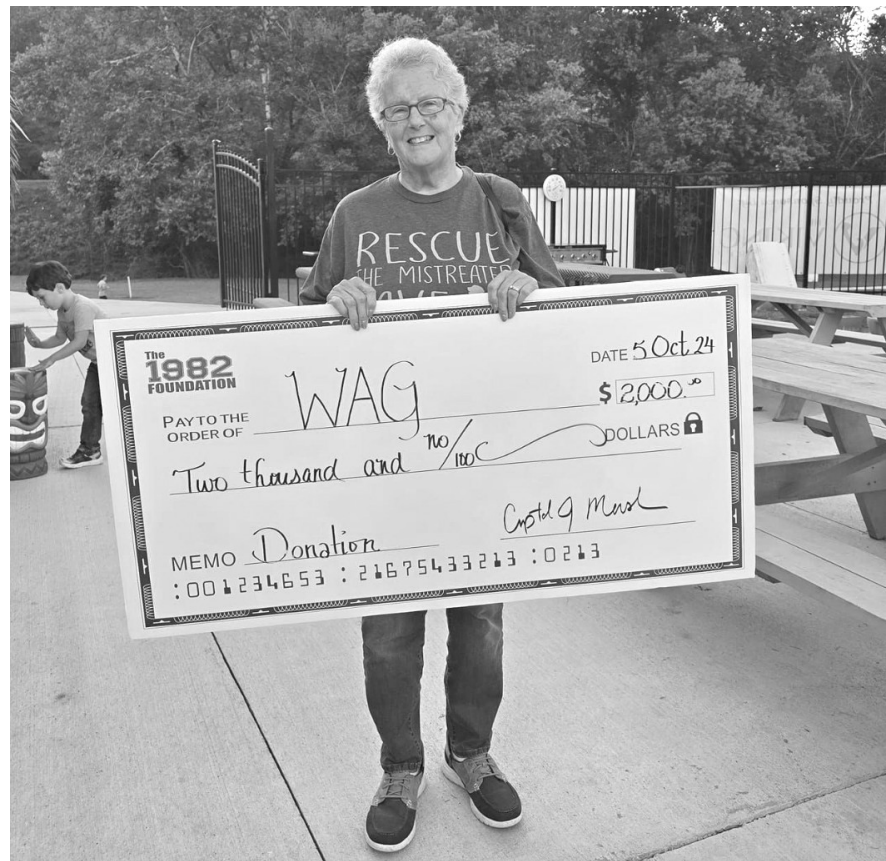
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Jane Morris Carpenter holds up a \$2,000 check for Calhoun WAG (Welfare of Animals Group) from the 1982 Foundation.

Reminder that fall forest fire season begins October 1st. Please obey the laws. Only you can prevent wildfires.

MARCH 1—MAY 31

5:00 P.M.—7:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 1—DECEMBER 31

5:00 P.M.—7:00 A.M.

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Homecoming 2024 plans announced

Homecoming is a time of annual celebration among current students and alumni and friends as everyone gathers on campus.

Homecoming will be celebrated during the weekend of October 7-12, 2024. The theme is “Horror on the Hill” – celebrating all things scary, from traditional mountain lore (think cryptids and ghost stories) to pop culture (scary movies and tv shows). Student organizations will base their floats, banners, and other activities around this theme.

This year’s Homecoming honorees are female student athletes as we celebrate 50 years since the passage of Title IX legislation that paved the way for women’s sports as we know them. The returning alumni athletes will be recognized during the parade and at halftime of the football game.

Past members of the Pioneer Marching Band are again invited to participate in this year’s Alumni Band. Returning members can register at the Fine Arts Center at 8:00

a.m. on Saturday morning, will march through the parade playing the GSU fight song, will be special guests at the alumni tailgate at Morris Stadium, and will be recognized and play the fight song during the homecoming pregame show.

Alumni members of returning Greek organizations Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Xi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Delta Zeta will be holding tailgate reunions before the game. The groups will have special sections under the tailgate tent in close proximity to the larger alumni tent in which to visit and reminisce on Saturday.

Kickoff between the Glenville State Pioneers and the Frostburg State Bobcats happens at 1:30 p.m.

All alumni and friends are encouraged to make plans to come back to Glenville for this annual celebration. For questions or more information, contact GSU’s Office of Alumni Relations by calling (304) 462-6116.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Folks, I am forwarding this email from my cousin to you to explain why I am voting to save AMERICA!

In 2015 when Donald Trump announced he was running for POTUS, I thought it was a publicity stunt. When he won the primary election, there was no question in my mind that I would vote for him rather than Hillary. When he won, I was pleasantly surprised that he was able to accomplish so much good for our country despite all of the Democrats and half of the Republicans working against him!

Yes, Trump is an imperfect sinner as are we all. He has traits that rub us the wrong way. He says things that make us cringe. He can be his own worst enemy. BUT he was a very effective POTUS who did many good things for our country and its people. He wants what is best for us and the country he loves! Why else would he work so hard when he could be enjoying the fruits of his labor at the beach like Joe Biden is?

You may know someone who is not voting for Trump because of his personality. If so, forward this email to them. Let’s vote to save America from socialism and eventual communism!

My cousin’s email said they were not voting for Trump, but ...

·I’m voting for the First Amendment and Freedom of Speech. I’m voting for the right to speak and not be censored.

·I’m voting for Freedom of the Press, but an objective and fair media that doesn’t take sides and reports the news unvarnished and untainted by personal opinions.

·I’m voting for secure borders and LE-GAL immigration. I am voting for election integrity to include mandatory voter ID. (Why would anyone vote against this?)

·I’m voting for the Second Amendment and my right to defend my life and family.

·I’m voting for the police to be respected once again and for criminals to be taken off our streets.

·I am voting for law & order and an end to allowing protesters to trespass and burn our cities, destroying innocent small businesses and defacing monuments. (Tim Walz)

·I am voting for personal responsibility and the end of the revolving door where criminals are being put back on the street as quickly as they are arrested. (Kamala Harris)

·I’m voting for the next Supreme Court Justice(s) to protect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

·I’m voting for a return of our troops from foreign countries and the end of America’s involvement in foreign conflicts.

·I’m voting for the Electoral College and the Constitutional Republic in which we live.

·I’m voting for the continued appointment of Federal Judges who respect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

·I’m voting for keeping our jobs in America and not being outsourced all over the world - to China, Mexico, and other foreign countries. I’m voting for the goal of making America great again. (MAGA)

·I am voting for doing away with all of the freebies given to all of the illegals, like social security benefits, free health-care, free housing, free food, and medical care while overlooking the needs of American citizens and homeless veterans.

·I’m voting for a strong military & the veterans who fought for this country and the freedoms you enjoy today. I am voting for peace through strength.

·I’m voting to keep men out of women’s sports and out of women’s locker rooms and restrooms.

·I’m voting for peace progress in the Middle East and enhancement of the foundation laid by Trump in the **Abraham Accords**.

·I’m voting to fight against human/child trafficking and the elimination of illicit drugs like cocaine and fentanyl, and that includes the elimination of the drug cartels in Mexico.

·I’m voting for Freedom of Religion and embracing God in our daily lives.

·I am voting for the return to teaching math, history, and science along with literature and the arts instead of the indoctrination of our children.

·I’m not just voting for one person. I’m voting for the future of my Country.

·I’m voting for my children and my grandchildren to ensure their freedoms

·**I’m not voting for Trump. I’m voting for America.**

MJ Higgs

PUMPKIN PATCH

Come enjoy this fun family friendly event!

OCTOBER 15, 2024

- STORY WALK
- PUMPKIN PICKING
- SNACKS / DRINKS

- GAMES
- DOOR PRIZES

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2024 LKC Playoff Seedings			
A Team-			
North #1 – South Harrison		South #1- Elk River	
North #2 - Ritchie County		South #2- Calhoun County	
North #3 – Williamstown		South #3 – Braxton County	
North #4 – Doddridge County		South #4 – Ravenswood	
B Team-			
North #1 – Williamstown		South #1- Elk River	
North #2 – South Harrison		South #2- Roane County	
North #3 – Tyler County		South #3 – Calhoun County	
North #4 – Ritchie County		South #4 – Braxton County	
C Team-			
North #1 – St. Marys		South #1 – Calhoun County	
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North #3 – Doddridge County		South #3 – Elk River	
North #4 – South Harrison		South #4 – Roane County	

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Spring-flowering bulbs for colorful accents

When it comes to planting schemes, flower bulbs are a useful addition to extend the flowering period. With their vibrant colors and wide variety, they have great ornamental value and create color accents in green cities from early spring onwards. Flower bulbs also boost biodiversity and contribute to people's well-being.

Biodiversity
Flower bulbs increase the quality of urban green spaces, from verges, parks, and gardens to bowls or containers at prominent points in neighborhoods or shopping streets. In green connection zones, bulb types with plenty of nectar and pollen are particularly welcome, such as Galanthus nivalis (snow-drop), Eranthis hyemalis (winter aconite), and Crocus tommasinianus (early crocus). After all, some bumblebee species appear as early as February.

Bulbs for naturalizing
Bulbs that are suitable for naturalizing, such as Fritillaria meleagris (snake's head fritillary), Scilla, Muscari (grape hyacinth), and Allium work well in combination with perennials. Plantings of this type will grow to cover a planting bed in a single season and come back for years. They require hardly any maintenance:

mowing once in spring and then only checking for litter and weeds along the edges. Naturalizing bulbs also thrive in grass. There are special planting machines for this very purpose.

An explosion of color
You could plant just a single variety, or a mix of varieties on every site. The latter will result in months of flowering with ever-changing shapes, heights, and colors. After that, summer bulbs will take over the task of providing the explosion of color. Research has shown that plants with striking colors, fragrances, shapes, and structures positively affect our health and well-being.

Tip
The growing conditions in tree beds are not suitable for many plants since the tree drains water and nutrients. However, flower bulbs will thrive there, resulting in small oases dotted around the city. Combine them with seeds to extend flowering in summer.

You can find more information about flower bulbs in public spaces at www.flowerbulbs.com/spring-flowering-bulbs/professional. More information is available at www.flowerbulbs.com.

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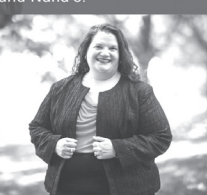
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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
020 2024830010	U383- 016 6.25 00	HSIP-0016(374)D	UNKNOWN 2025 DISTRICT 3 HFST +3 HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENT COUNTY:

DBE GOAL: 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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Anyone interested in taking the Entry Level Civic Service Exam needs to contact the County Clerk's office at 304-354-6725. You will be notified of the date and time of the exam. Deadline to submit a request to test is Tuesday, October 15, 2024 to allow time to secure the testing materials.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 7th day of July 2022, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 10/18/2024 at 10 AM:

**2020 Husqvarna Lawn Tractor Model YT42DXLS
Serial# 010719A004925**

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale. Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville WV 26147 Terms of Sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale. Calhoun County Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 430 Grantsville, WV 2614 7 304-354-6116

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0678-G-D
HOPE GAS, INC.

Application to change depreciation rates.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On August 7, 2024, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) filed an application to change depreciation rates (Application) pursuant to Rule 20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Procedural Rules), 150 C.S.R. 1 and its general ratemaking authority under W.Va. Code § 24-2-3. Pursuant to Procedural Rule 20.4, the proposed rates could go into effect sixty days from the date of filing. However, Hope requested that the Commission approve the proposed revised depreciation rates for implementation effective with the effective date of new base rates that will be established in Hope's next Rule 42T base rate case filing. Hope anticipates that it will file its next Rule 42 base rate case after January 2025.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date on the Application that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on January 29, 2025, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 30 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Commission Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.com> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Calhoun County, WV General Election November 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER		STATE TICKET	STATE TICKET
To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.		FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)	FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)
NATIONAL TICKET		PATRICK MORRISSEY Harpers Ferry DEM Cabell Co.	KENT LEONHARDT Fairview REP Monongalia Co.
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)		STEVE WILLIAMS Huntington DEM Cabell Co.	DEBORAH STILES Parsons DEM Tucker Co.
DONALD J. TRUMP Palm Beach, FL JD VANCE Cincinnati, OH		ERIKA KLE KOLENICH Buckhannon LBN Upshur Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN
KAMALA D. HARRIS Los Angeles, CA TIM WALZ Saint Paul, MN		CHASE LINKO-LOOPER Charleston MTN Kanawha Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN
CHASE OLIVER Atlanta, GA MIKE ter MAAT Kinsale, VA		S. MARSHALL WILSON Hedgesville CST Berkley Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN
JILL STEIN Lexington, MA RUDOLPH WARE Goleta, CA		KRIS WARNER Charleston REP Kanawha Co.	TERESA TORISEVA Wheeling DEM Ohio Co.
ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. Kalonah, NY NICOLE SHANAHAN Portola Valley, CA		THORNTON COOPER South Charleston DEM Kanawha Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN
CAROL MILLER Huntington REP Cabell Co.		LARRY PACK Charleston REP Kanawha Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM
CHRIS BOB REED Charleston DEM Kanawha Co.		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN
WES HOLDEN Sissonville IND Kanawha Co.		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN
VOTE BOTH SIDES		VOTE BOTH SIDES	

COUNTY TICKET	COUNTY TICKET	OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected	FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)	OF: \$170,000.00
ERIC LUPARDUS Grantsville REP Dist. 2	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED REP	D. Provide for the support of extra-curricular (including but not limited to athletic teams, band, music activities, theater activities, academic competitions, and after school programs), curricular and/or academic (including but not limited to field trips, and academic competitions) transportation for students in grades Pre-K - 12. APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$36,000.00
KEVIN HELMICK Orma DEM Dist. 5	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	E. Supplement the salaries of all professional and service personnel salaries in the amount of \$750.00 each. APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$161,000.00
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	F. Provide Art Cart for students at Pleasant Hill and Amidsburg Elementary. APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$75,000.00
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	Write-in, if Any	Total: \$850,667.00
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected	OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote for ONE) Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Center Dist. (2), Sherman Dist. (2), Sheridan (1), and Washington (1)	according to the order of the Board of Education of the County of Calhoun entered on the 23rd day of August, 2024
ROGER PROBST Grantsville REP Dist. 3	NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)	TOTAL APPROXIMATE NET ANNUAL AMOUNT NEEDED AFTER DUE ALLOWANCES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES, DISCOUNTS, AND EXONERATIONS: \$850,667.00
JACOB McCUMBERS Amidsburg DEM Dist. 4	JASON ARNOLD Mt. Zion Dist. 5	Should any item in the aforementioned purposes be declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, affected funds will be distributed among remaining unaffected items.
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	Write-in, if Any	The Board of Education of the County of Calhoun may, if the Board deems it to be in its best interests, reduce these said rates in any given year or years during the term of this levy after determining the sufficiency of funds for school purposes for the next ensuing taxable year. The Board of Education of the County of Calhoun is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations to enrich, supplement, and improve the educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Calhoun. In the event that the amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the aforementioned purposes, the Board of Education expenditures may be reduced in any particular category or categories, as may be required.
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	Write-in, if Any	In the event the Board of Education of the County of Calhoun shall obtain additional money, by grant or otherwise, from the state or federal government or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as said Board of Education of the County of Calhoun may from time to time determine.
FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)	Amendment No. 1: Protection of Persons Against Medically Assisted Suicide Summary of Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to protect West Virginians against medically assisted suicide.	The approval on November 5, 2024, of an additional levy for each \$100.00 assessed valuation of property shall be 4.57 cents on Class I property; 9.94 cents on Class II property; 19.88 cents on Class III property; and 19.88 cents on Class IV property.
MICHAEL HICKS Millstone REP	Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".	FOR THE LEVY
SHANNON JOHNSON Mt. Zion DEM	FOR	AGAINST THE LEVY
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	AGAINST	Instructions: Those favoring the passing of the levy, make a selection before "FOR THE LEVY"; those against such levy make a selection before "AGAINST THE LEVY".
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	Write-in, if Any	VOTE BOTH SIDES
FOR SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)	BOARD OF EDUCATION CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA LEVY ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 Special election to authorize the passing of additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029, and for the purpose of maintaining and improving the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Calhoun County including, but not limited to: A. General Maintenance, Improvements, and Equipment: including, but not limited to, playground equipment at Calhoun Middle High School; improvement and maintenance of county-wide athletic facilities; improvements required by local, state, and federal agencies to ensure safe and efficient operation of facilities; custodial and maintenance supplies and equipment; and other related expenses. APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$208,967.00 B. Safety and Security: including but not limited to School Nurse, Preventative Resource Officer and Technology Systems Specialist, with benefits. APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$200,000.00 C. Curriculum and Instruction: Provide funding to include staffing for, but not limited to, additional curriculum and instructionally related programs for summer school. APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT	
GRAHAM KNIGHT Grantsville REP	FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED REP	
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FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 62ND DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	
ROGER HANSHAW Walbot REP Clay Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM	
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VOTE BOTH SIDES	VOTE BOTH SIDES	

TOWN COUNCIL

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Business owner Alice Holmes asked if the rate increase was going to be addressed saying “Just in case people don’t understand what the position of a business owner is in the town, and the reason we cannot be a board member and vote on things like that is so I can’t come in and buy up every business on the street and then come in here and run over the town. That’s the whole purpose of saying it’s not for the business, but for the citizens to vote and make the decisions. But as far as having opinions, I pay almost \$3,000 a year in property taxes in the town and I do have a right to have a voice be heard. And my concern is we have all this rhetoric and stirring the pot and negativity about it but I don’t hear anyone coming up with any resolutions other than the town coming up with the water increase. There’s a lot of pot stirring, a lot of name calling and the only other thing that’s happening is an answer of what to do is remove the mayor. So my question to Mr. Mersh and the people opposing is the other answers, other than fighting and getting petitions against raising the water rate. But I don’t see see anyone coming up with solutions or making constructive answers to these things. To which if anyone has had business courses that’s the route you take, you don’t tear everybody apart. You come up with a solution for it.”

Since Mersh’s name was mentioned he requested a time to respond to Holmes statements.

Mersh said “I did actually say there was a few things that could be done. I don’t dispute that there aren’t issues within the city. There actually are issues. The financial situation might well be difficult, and I’m not disputing that. But what I said the last time is, one, be open and very clear about financials. Two is to communicate what the bigger plan was. In terms of maintenance, all kinds of leakage issues, have a plan as to what to do about it. And then maybe what would happen as a third sort of step would be that the increase might be the right thing to do. But the problem is because those other

two things weren’t in place it just wasn’t clear. The other solution is it might have been a 60% emergency increase, that might have been the conclusion, but the other conclusion might have been instead of doing one hit, you take it in two hits, or three hits, another way of doing things. There are other solutions.”

The mayor then spoke under Mayors Communications saying that “He loved the word transparency. I want to say that you (speaking to Mersh) had a Go Fund me for \$100,000 for operational costs and there was nothing listed there as to what that cost was, who you were going to pay, what that money was going to be for, but give us a \$100,000 for operational costs. But I’ve been doing this for three years, we’ve been fighting this battle, and when you say you want to see the project costs, A. For a big project cost it takes engineers, but that’s not even the towns problem. Our problem is operational costs. So, the last water increase that we had, and when Bennet and Dobbins submitted for the rate increase, they informed me that we need a 78.5 per cent of an increase. And I said I want to do the 60 that we did before because I don’t want to hit everyone with that. He said that will give you a shortfall, which you’ve seen in the proforma, which for some reason you all get everything from the PSC, not even because it was posted, but in advance, because there’s a big game going on or whatever. Just like having a hearing before the 30 days was up so you guys could be notified that you needed more signatures. Neither here nor there, that \$30,000 is just based off the water report and operational costs and keeping the lights on and putting away the reserves for the bonds. But, that’s not enough for everybody, they want to see... I can put together as many projects as you’d like to see and that 60 per cent ain’t going to cover it. It’s going to keep the lights on, just like you all do, operational costs. So, it costs to buy electric, it costs to buy pumps, we have no parts, we have no trucks, we have no leak repair items on hand, we have to go get them

when we need them. Thank God the county helped us with the excavator and the trailer so we can work all these at the drop of a hat rather than waiting until we can rent an excavator. But this is not good enough for you. And so at the end of the day, I’m going to say, I’m going to pursue the PSC’s assistance, and really, there’s a good chance the PSC will come back say, no, you need a 70 per cent increase, and at which case, everybody who decided to use this for political fanfare, because really that’s what this has been, that and to keep costs down in certain areas, because we have already implemented the rate increase and have had not one customer call in to say their bill was outrageous. But all this other hoopla to stop everything and we are at 1990 rates when the whole surrounding area is way above us. We can’t repair our own things. So, I’m going to let the PSC, I’m not going to jump through any more hoops about it. I’m not going to put together anything else, I submitted all the financials that were required to do the rate increase. And I’m not going to keep on jumping through hoops, ‘cause now by law I can let the PSC do all the examining. And then if they come back and say you need 78, we’ll get 78. And I’ll be fine with that. If they say I need 40, I’ll take it. It’s not going to be enough. I’m still at a shortfall of \$30,000 a year at 60 per cent. But see, the political fodder, that’s all this has been. Yeah, it has been. And I’m not going to turn it into an argument I’m just going to move onto committee reports. Because I just go through the process. That’s what we’ll do. The rest of it is just to bog the town down, bog the town down, bog the town down. You know the comments about lawyers getting spanked. No, they didn’t, it’s so nefarious to me that we would even be forced to contest the petition before the 30 days was up.”

The mayor then said the WVPSC said that the 1982 Foundation called them every day. To which Mersh responded that they did not. The mayor again stated that the PSC said that Mersch, and Eric Lupardus, had called them every day.

Eric Lupardus then informed the mayor that “Before you go on with your political stuff, I spoke to them one time. They called me three times. There’s your answer.”

Councilwoman Rissa Staples asked Mr. Lupardus why the WVPSC would call him. To which Mr. Lupardus answered, “because his name was listed on it (the complaint) but now it’s not listed on it. And just to be clear things up, the only reason I was involved was because there are elderly people who were not able to send the petition in and they asked me if I could do that. So, I did that for them.”

The mayor’s response was “That’s neither here nor there, we’ll just follow through with the PSC’s guidelines and I’ll do what I’m required to do but I’m going to put a little more ‘ownness’ on the PSC.” He then commented that when this was just citizens, they didn’t have this problem and that it was disgusting what is happening in this community and it’s sad, and that he “can’t wait until November 6th, when the election is over, and without saying any names he is of the opinion that this town could be lost on Nov. 6th. This county could be lost.”

Ironically the town does not have an election until next year.

Under committee reports, Councilwoman Cheryl Strums said that “They try to raise money all the time. They raise money for the park but at times other parts of the city has to borrow money from the park to pay the electric bill or whatever.” She stated that the people in the town are very generous, and the recent auction brought proceeds in the amount of \$3,521.23.

Madison Harris of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council presented one last document to finalize the Rainbow Hotel demolition project.

The council in other business: Approval of Previous Minutes Approved Trick or Treat Date (Oct. 26) Approved Halloween Block Party Approved Payment of Bills Next Meeting: November 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEASANT HILL AND ARNOLDSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE TEAMING UP WITH PLEASANT HILL CHURCH TO COLLECT DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE HALENE RELIEF!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO YOUR SCHOOL BY THE MORNING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2024.

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE DELIVERED THAT EVENING TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED. LET’S COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

SUGGESTED ITEMS: CRAYONS, MARKERS, COLORING BOOKS, FLASHCARDS, NONPARISHABLE FOOD ITEMS/SNACKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, ETC.

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

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FOR STUDENTS

for CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOLS October 8-11, 2024

Calhoun County Water Supply Notice

October 7, 2024

Due to the ongoing **drought conditions and/or issues**, **Calhoun County** is currently experiencing low water levels. In response, we are making potable water available for hauling and pick-up to ensure the community’s essential needs are met.

Details:

- Location for pick-up: **511 Alan B Mollohan Rd. Mt. Zion W.V. 26151**
- Hours of operation: **8 am to 8 pm Monday - Sunday**
- Requirements for hauling: **Fill out an application and be approved so that the amount used, and trucking can be logged.**
- Contact Information: For questions, please contact Kelli Barr at **304-354-0911 304-354-9271** or e-mail calhounbarr911@gmail.com

[Cautionary messaging to conserve water or next steps if needed: ex. Please be mindful of water usage during this time, and we encourage all residents to use water efficiently.]

By authority of **[Calhoun County Commission and Kelli R. Barr E911/OES Director]**

VACCINE CLINIC

October 22nd, from 10:00am–Noon

@ the CCCOA in Grantsville,

Flu, Pneumonia, Shingles and COVID booster shots available! Insurance covers a portion of the cost, total expense determined at time of visit.

Thank You MOVHD for your community support!

An Affiliate of **Mon Health**

Vandalia Health

is hosting a

LAB/HEALTH FAIR

Where: Victory Baptist Church

When: October 24, 2024

Lab Fair: 7:00am-10:00am

Health Fair 8am-12pm

Tests Available

CMP– Comprehensive Metabolic Panel \$10

CBC– Complete Blood Count \$7

Lipid Panel \$12

A1C– Hemoglobin A1c \$10

PSA– Prostate Specific Antigen \$15

TSH– Thyroid Stimulating Hormone \$15

Top 10 pink flowers for the border of your dreams

Are you ready to add a touch of pink to your life? Pink bulb flowers, such as cheerful tulips, fragrant hyacinths, and stately alliums, add a sense of romantic softness to your garden. With a wide variety of colors ranging from soft pastels to intense magenta, pink bulb flowers add a timeless accent to any border.

Whether you want to create a colorful border or simply add a touch of pink to your garden, pink flower bulbs can really turn your garden into a magical place and create that romantic atmosphere you have always dreamed of. Plant them in fall, so you can enjoy a blossoming pink oasis in spring.

The top 10 of pink flower bulbs:

Tulip ‘Queen of Marvel’ (Tulipa): This beautiful tulip with bright-pink petals adds a touch of passion to your garden.

Hyacinth ‘Pink Pearl’ (Hyacinthus): With its sweet fragrance and bright-pink flowers, the ‘Pink Pearl’ hyacinth is a feast for all the senses.

Oneleaf onion (Allium unifolium): The small-flowered and naturalizing Oneleaf onion flowers late in spring and adds a playful accent to your garden with its soft pink color.

Scilla ‘Queen of the Pinks’ (Hyacinthoides hispanica): The sweet pink flowers of this scilla variety add a touch of elegance to your garden.

Tulip ‘Angélique’ (Tulipa): With its soft-pink petals featuring a hint of cream, this romantic tulip makes for an enchanting addition to any border.

Hyacinth ‘Pink Surprise’ (Hyacinthus): These beautiful pink flowers radiate a lively and cheerful atmosphere and have a lovely fragrance.

Pink grape hyacinth (Muscari ‘Pink Sunrise’): The subtle pink flowers of the ‘Pink Sunrise’ Muscari add a frivolous touch to your garden and will also attract bees and butterflies.

Asian bleeding Heart (Dicentra spectabilis): This must-have flower bulb has unique heart-shaped flowers that add charm and romance to your garden.

Tulip ‘Santander’ (Tulipa): With its vibrant color and striking flower shape, this bulb is a cheerful addition to any border.

Tulip ‘Silver Parrot’ (Tulipa): Irresistible thanks to its striking silver color accents in the wavy pink petals; for an enchanting and up-to-date flower spectacle in the garden.



Tulips



Allium Unifolium



Tulipa Angelique

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BAND BOOSTER BINGO NIGHT!

FUN GAMES, FOOD & PRIZES!

SATURDAY
November 9th

AT 6:00 PM
Doors Open at 5pm

AT CMHS
Mt. Zion

Join the Calhoun County Band Boosters for a fun evening of Bingo to support the Calhoun Middle High School Performing Arts Department!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ADD YOUR NAME TO THE EARLY BIRD LIST - TEXT 304-488-2013

OR FB MESSAGE REBECCA TAYLOR OR SARAH TINGLER

Prize donations are very much appreciated and can be dropped off at CalhounBanks Grantsville or Calhoun Board of Education.

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Hardman's Grantsville is seeking a part-time sales associate to help with all areas of the store.

Must be able to work various hours per week and Saturday.

We offer competitive pay and 401K, vision, dental, and more to part-time employees. Plus, we have great hours!

Email resume with work experience to
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or complete an application online at **www.hardmans.com**.

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Office of the West Virginia Attorney General

Youth Opioid Awareness PSA Contest

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Statewide Winner

Mallory Koerber

Marlinton Middle School

Calhoun High School Graduate Promoted to Brigadier General

Courtesy Ridgeview News

Brigadier General (BG) Nate Carper is currently serving as the Deputy Adjutant General, advising the Adjutant General in all aspects of daily operational activities for the New Mexico Army National Guard.

BG Carper was born in Charleston, WV, to his parents Susan and Tommy Carper. BG Carper holds a high school diploma from Calhoun County High School, an associate degree from New Mexico Military Institute, a Bachelor's from New Mexico State University, and a Master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Since joining the New Mexico Army National Guard in 1997, he has served in various leadership roles, including Avenger Platoon Leader, Battery Executive Officer, and Battery Commander. He was the last Air Defense Commander for New Mexico, overseeing air defense operations in Washington, DC. He also commanded Charlie Company, 1st Bn 515th RTI, and served as Executive Officer for the Warrior Transition

Course.

BG Carper's deployments include Guantanamo Bay, where he served as Officer in Charge of the Detention Operations Center, and Kosovo, where he was Brigade S3 for Multi-National Battle Group East. He later commanded the 111th Sustainment Brigade and led the Joint Task Force during the Guard's COVID-19 response. He also served as G5 Strategic Planner and Chief of Staff for the NMARNG.

His military education includes Harvard's Leadership in Homeland Security, the U.S. Army War College and General Staff Officer's Course.

BG Carper's awards include:

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

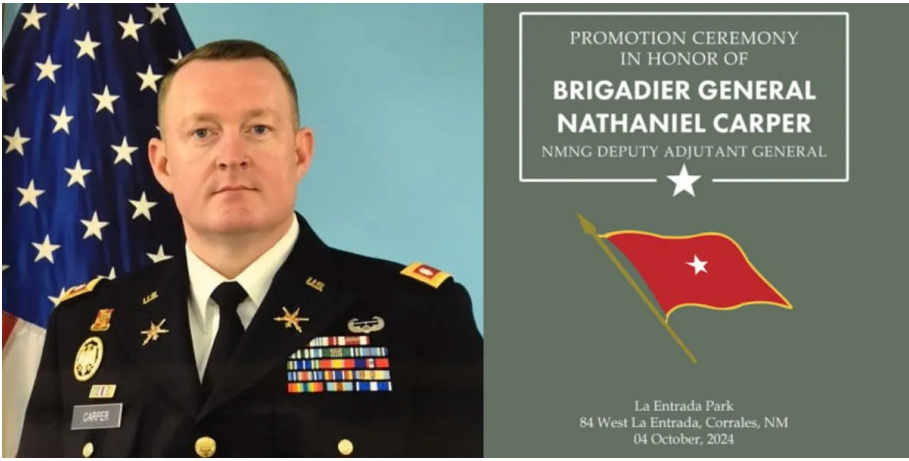
Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award



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| National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star) | Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2) |
| Kosovo Campaign Medal (with Bronze Service Star) | North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal |
| Global War on Terrorism-Expeditionary Medal | Air Assault Badge |
| Global War on Terrorism-Service Medal | Basic Recruiting and Retention ID Badge |
| Armed Forces Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star) | German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge – Gold |
| Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device with Silver Hour Glass) | He is married to Colleen Casey of Las Cruces, NM. They have two sons, Thomas and Maxwell, and live in Corrales. |
| Army Service Ribbon | |

Gov. Justice announces record blue catfish on the Ohio River



Kimberly Feltner of Madison, Ind., caught the 50.82-inch, 64.15-pound blue catfish.

Ninth record-breaking catch of the year netted by Indiana angler

Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia

Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) has reported the state's ninth record catch of the year — a blue catfish reeled in by an Indiana angler on the Ohio River in

September.

“With record-breaking catch after record-breaking catch, it's no surprise that West Virginia's world-class fishing continues to attract anglers from all over,” said Gov. Jim Justice. “I want to congratulate Kimberly Feltner on this amazing catch. It's yet another example of why folks love coming to West Virginia to fish.”

Kimberly Feltner of Madison, Ind., caught the 50.82-inch, 64.15-pound blue catfish at the R.C. Byrd Pool on the Ohio River using cut mooneye bait. She was accompanied by local fishing guide Chris Souders. WVDNR Apple Grove Hatchery Manager Ryan Bosserman certified the record-breaking catch. Feltner's catch surpasses the previous length record of 50.7 inches set by Steven Price in 2022. The weight record (69.45 pounds) is still held by Michael John Drake of St. Albans, W.Va.

“Anglers have broken West Virginia's blue catfish record multiple times over the last few years, which is a testament to the successful management efforts we've implemented,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “We're excited to see what other records might be broken as resident and non-resident anglers continue to hear about our waters consistently producing trophy fish.”

With this catch, the WVDNR has reported nine record-breaking catches so far in 2024. In August, two anglers fishing together at Woodrum Lake in Jackson County each caught record-breaking black crappie. In July, an angler landed a record-breaking channel catfish in Wayne County. In June, anglers caught a record-breaking black crappie and redear sunfish at Woodrum Lake in Jackson County and Plum Orchard Lake in Fayette County, respectively. In March, an angler caught a record-breaking bowfin on the Ohio River in Mason County. In February, anglers caught record-breaking redbreast sunfish and tiger trout at New Creek Lake in Grant County. To learn more about state fish record categories, visit WVDnr.gov/state-records.

All anglers 15 and older must have a West Virginia fishing license, which can be purchased online at WV-fish.com. Anglers are reminded that a trout stamp is required when fishing for trout. They are also encouraged to upgrade their fishing experience by opting for a physical license card when they purchase their 2024 fishing license.

“MY HEART IS BEATING STRONG BECAUSE OF THE EXPERT CARE I RECEIVED AT CAMDEN CLARK.”

“I'm an avid cyclist and was headed out on a bike ride with my friends. I had to turn around because my chest was hurting and I couldn't breathe. I ignored the same symptoms all week until my sister called and said she had a dream that something terrible was going to happen to me and would I please go to the emergency room.

I went to Camden Clark and the cardiac care staff was great. Dr. Kister told me I needed a five-way bypass and explained everything that he was going to do. My heart is beating strong because of the open-heart surgery I got at Camden Clark. I got a second chance and I'll listen to my body from now on. If it weren't for my sister and Dr. Kister I might not be here today.”

—Alan Knost, Vincent, Ohio
Open Heart Surgery Patient

