

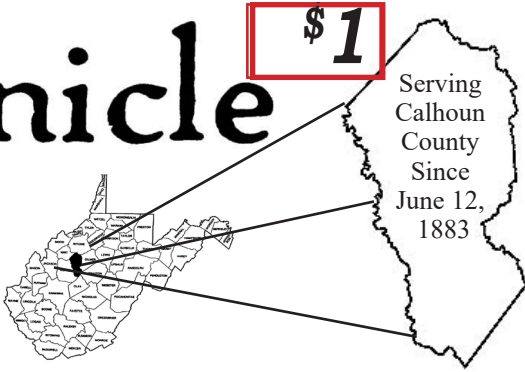


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Thundersnow rings out 2024 and rings in 2025 with a bang

By Gaylen Duskey

Yes, that was lightning and yes that was thunder and yes it was just about high noon on Dec. 31, 2024.

Mother Nature decided to close out the old year with a bang.

And bring in 2025 with a bang too.

Actually 2025 did not come in so much with a bang as it did with a brrrrrr ...

According to the web site www.howstuffworks.com seeing lightning and hearing thunder in the winter not only meant you passed a military physical back during the Vietnam War days it also was a usual portent of things to come, like snow.

The website asked:

“What does it mean when it thunders in the winter?”

“There’s an old saying that states, “Thunder in the winter brings snow in seven days,” While that’s not entirely accurate, thunder in the wintertime is an indication of a cold weather front. Though there’s no way to tell exactly how soon it’ll come in, the thunder may indicate a dumping of snow is on its way.

“Is it normal to have thundersnow lightning in winter?”

“Winter thunderstorms, called “thundersnow”, are not a common occurrence. Though they do happen occasionally, copious thundersnow occurrences are a rare phenomenon.

“How rare is a thundersnow storm?”

“Thundersnows are rare enough that The Royal Meteorological Society found that they only account for 0.07 percent of snowstorms in the U.S. However, thundersnow occurs more often in the elevated provinces of Jordan and Israel and around the Great Lakes. When lightning strikes there, heavy snowfall could be on the way.”

While Calhoun County is a good ways from the Great Lakes and a real good ways from Jordan and Israel, we did have a winter thunderstorm and a few days later we had one heckuva snowstorm – about two or three inches on Friday – followed by an even bigger snowstorm on Monday so there must be something to this thundersnow stuff.

The first round of snow following the end of the year Friday a rain and ice storm dumped about three inches of snow on the area and wreaked havoc on transportation before backing off.

The second round of precipitation was a lot bigger and bolder and completely blanketed things with six or more inches of snow before changing briefly to freezing rain which layered everything with a beautiful yet deadly mix before changing back to snow.

This round of storms also brought about the closing of many businesses and governmental agencies on Monday.

The weather forecast for the rest of the week called for a chance of precipitation for just about every day and falling temperatures reaching single digits on some nights.



Roger Propst got two views of downtown Grantsville Sunday evening as the second snowstorm was moving into the area. One of the pictures shows the Calhoun County court house from a vantage point near the post office while the other looks like a Hallmark picture of Main Street in Grantsville.

THUNDERSNOW cont. on page 8

Lupardus Begins the New Year with New Plans for Calhoun County

Courtesy Ridgeview News

It's official, time to get to work!

That’s the attitude of Calhoun County’s newest commissioner as he begins the new year in his new position and Calhoun County leader.

“I look forward to serving Calhoun over the next six years,” he said on so-

cial media, laying out his plan for the coming years.

“First focus will be to properly fund our Sheriff’s Office which will allow them to hire additional deputies, pay competitive wages and keep them patrolling our county.

Secondly, we need to go after any

money that's available to expand our infrastructure here at home. It's time we attract businesses to move here and provide much needed services for our citizens.

Third, focus is on jobs, jobs, jobs! A single job created means so much for this community. I will focus on livable

wage jobs and do what's necessary to attract businesses here in Calhoun.

This is just the short list, we have so much to get accomplished!

Working as a team with the other Commissioners I feel our county has its best opportunity to make a real difference in everyone's life!”

Dad pays off when son skies and flies

Moise Kasenda may not be the best player the Calhoun High boys’ basketball team faces this year.

But the 6-10 Man High School junior is certainly the biggest.

Dan Morris was a pretty good athlete back in his day and now as the father of a Red Devil basketball player he has one of the better senses of humor and adventure.

Recently when the Red Devils went up against Man at Man Dan made a proposition with his son Cooper the Red Devils’ 6-2 sophomore center.

“If you out jump the big kid (Kasenda) I will give you \$100,” he said to his son.

They jumped and he did not.

Anyhow Man went on to post a 63-42

win over the Red Devils but there was a quick turnaround before the Hillbillies came to Mount Zion for the rematch.

And Dan once again made the offer to Cooper.

And this time Cooper did out jump Kasenda and helped lead the out-manned and undersized Red Devils to a halftime lead and what probably was the best half of basketball the team has played this season.

In the second half Man turned into the big veteran, talented team it is and roared from behind to dominate things and post a 54-27 victory.

Yet Cooper was still a winner as Dad paid off handing his son a couple of \$50 bills.

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SKIES AND FLIES cont. on page 7

Noah Tribioli goes before judge for formal hearing

By Gaylen Duskey

Steve Tribioli had been a community leader in Pennsylvania as a Cornwell Borough Councilman in Lebanon, Pa., according to the web site LebTown

Tribioli had moved to Grantsville, West Virginia, earlier this year with his wife, Jo Dee, whom he married in January.

According to West Virginia State Police, Jo Dee Tribioli, 51, and her aunt Carol Heagy of Mount Gretna, 71, were killed in the shooting.

Steve Tribioli, 55, was shot and is currently in critical condition.

Claude Heagy, Jo Dee’s uncle, 66, of

Mount Gretna, was also shot and is currently in stable condition.

Carol Heagy was an employee at the Lebanon VA Medical Center, retiring in 2015.

Steve Tribioli is a former Cornwall Borough councilman who worked for eight years as a school resource officer at Cornwall-Lebanon School District, serving from December 2015 to October 2023.

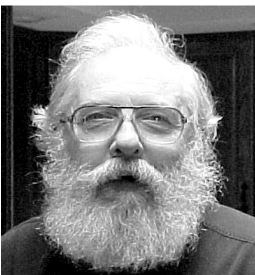
Noah Tribioli is reported to have lived in Columbia, Lancaster County.

Calhoun Sheriff Graham Knight was first on the scene and discovered the two women’s dead bodies and injured men.

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CRESTON
NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
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There were no services at the Burning Springs M. E. Church as some of the women members were sick and didn’t want to share their virus [or whatever] with others.

Creston had snow on the ground and now snow is falling in part of what has been called to be a major winter storm. Locally there had been electric and internet outages. For certain the unreliable electric service has been a boon for those selling generators. One local resident who just purchased his Generac got to use it two times one day within the first week after buying it. One local resident noted that the unreliable internet service makes it difficult to operate a business. There is talk of folks going to Elon Musk’s Starlink as it is said to be reliable and dependable.

A resident of the Sanoma road reported that she received a call from First Energy stating that on Monday there would be a “planned power outage to upgrade the system”. Considering the weather, she noted that there might well be a power outage but it would be very unlikely that it was intentional.

Some folks in neighboring communities reported that their gas service went out early Sunday morning. Others have full wood sheds which do not require power or technology to heat homes.

Former president James Earl Carter died age 100. He lived long enough to find out that he was not the worst president ever. He gave away the Panama Canal which is now operated by the Chinese Liberation Army. Sen. Robert C. Byrd was a big pusher for the giveaway, and he said state residents were too ignorant to “see the big picture”. Byrd who was the Grand Kleagle for the Ku Klux Klan was an ardent pusher for his clients, and he retired/died a multi-millionaire. Many West Virginia residents, some from Gilmer County, worked to build the Panama Canal.

Carter and his buddy Burt Lance said we should get our oil from the sands of Araby & buddy Burt was deeply involved in “Arab banking”. Drilling was shut down in America and the drilling

rigs were cut up for scrap and sold as junk to be used for hardware for the communist Chinese army and navy. One local fellow who was working in the oil patch was buying used tires for \$10 each and carrying two spares in his chariot to make sure major bills were paid off before the inevitable termination of employment. Carter was for Hamas and other terror groups that were against Israel — so much for being a Sunday school teacher. One well that was being drilled in Roane County was shut down with half of the hole drilled.

It was reported that the new “bird flu” was found in a flock in Pocahontas County. The new GMO virus was made in the USDA Poultry Research Lab in Athens Georgia. Local residents, as do folks elsewhere, keep flocks of chickens to supply eggs and meat. Bill Gates says there are too many of us. Could it be that some “in the government” work for him instead of us? Gates now wants to put m-rna viruses in mosquitos so when we get bit we get the lethal injections. A recent study in the United Kingdom found that 95 per cent of those who died from covid (Dr. Fauci’s disease) had been given the “vaccine”.

EQT sold a chunk of their “midstream” [their pipelines] to Blackrock for \$3.5 billion.

Craig “Baldy” Blair who had been W. Va. Senate president has taken a job with a Cleveland based lobbying firm. One can draw one’s own conclusions.

It was reported that there was recent action in the W. Va. Supreme Court and someone in W. Va. Government wants the court to set aside the “Tawney Case”. There are those who want local citizens to be paid \$300/year for gas wells, regardless of the volume and those who want unlimited deductions to be taken from royalties even if the leases prohibit such.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$72.96/bbl. With condensate fetching \$54.96/bbl. And Marcelus & Utica light bringing \$61.96/bbl. NYMEX natural gas was \$3.35/MMBTU.

OPINION OF OTHERS

New Year – New Fruit Bearers?

Ridgeview News Publisher Shari Johnson

WARNING! Opinion related material. I believe Calhoun County, West Virginia is on the brink of great things. With new leadership at a National, State and County level; with a people working for a different atmosphere of business we have the potential to write a future that has been unimaginable for decades.

What brings my optimism? A few new Christian leaders that are bold in their testimony and offer prayer before decisions. *Some of which are not playing church. A goal of transparent government for the people to create a level of trust that hasn’t been existent in decades. And what I believe was the proverbial straw that broke the Calhoun Camels back was, when those of us active in local meetings seen firsthand a viper strike when it felt someone threatening the territory with change.

If you’re continuing to read, I’m going to take you to a strange place. A wedding. John 2:1-11 KJV

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: [2] And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. [3] And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. [4] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. [5] His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. [6] And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. [7] Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. [8] And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. [9] When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, [10] And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. [11] This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Cana would have been much like Calhoun. Everyone knew everybody and this event was a headliner! The community came together to celebrate the union and it literally lasted for days. So when the couple brought out the wine at the end of the event that was the "Crème de la crème" of wine, the leaders were shocked! Usually the event organizers served the worst of the wine toward the end of the event because people were too drunk to notice. But the leader noticed that this wasn’t the typical service. And it wasn’t because Jesus showed up in the

community.

God cares about what’s happening in Calhoun County. God Himself ordained leadership as it’s set forth in our county Government. When people claim Christian leadership and behave contrary to God, the drunks may accept what they offer is good, but those who know what the truth taste like, isn’t fooled by their deceit and appreciate the real thing when they experience it.

Am I taking scripture out of context? I don’t think so. A community is very much a union. It’s a union of people with the like-minded goal of taking care of one another.

I’ve been accused of being judgmental, self righteous, etc. Usually by leaders that I called out. Scripture tells us not to judge, right? Matthew 7:1, “Judge not, that ye be not judged.” The world’s favorite verse when they feel someone is closing in on the truth. They also may or may not have finished reading chapter 7 when Christ said: Matthew 7:15-20 [15] Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. [16] Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? [17] Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. [18] A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. [19] Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. [20] Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

In the last 50 years or so, that for which I have lived in Calhoun County, I’ve seen a lot of barren trees that should have been cut down and replanted with one that bears fruit. We are paying our government officials to do a job and if it doesn’t get done, then those officials need called out. That’s not judging, that being a the fruit inspectors we’re called to be in this community.

City Government is every bit as important as County Government. It is the central orchard in this County. It’s where businesses come to plant their seeds of prosperity. We need people who are willing to go out into the community and see what’s being served. Are you that person? Do you know someone who would be a good horticulturist?

I realize that I often speak in metaphors. Jesus said that it helped the medicine go down easier. But to state it clear, there are five council member positions, one recorder and one mayor position open in the Grantsville City Government. There is a few weeks to file for those positions and step up and into a position that will allow you to bear fruit and make this county a more productive place for people to live.

Pray about it. Be still and listen. Act on it the answer God gives you.

Mother Nature showed us it is her world, and we are just living in it

By Gaylen Duskey

How did 2024 end for me? Car blew up, tree blew down, window blew out ...

And how did your 2024 end?

Mine? Not so hot.

I got a call a little before noon Tuesday (Dec. 31, 2024) from my wife telling me that I needed to come to Parkersburg to pick her up.

Why?

Because the car had quit moving. It was running but not moving and a couple of guys pushed her off the street into a parking lot.

After a brief conversation I said I would be on my way on a couple minutes, and I hurriedly got dressed at out the door.

A quick look at the rolling toward Grantsville over the Pine Creek hill looked like Armageddon. The sky was black, and the clouds were seemingly roiling right at me and the town.

I hopped in the car and got as far as the mouth of Leafbank Creek before the first blast of wind and ice balls hit my little Subaru head on sending it scooting one way then the other. As I continued down the Little Kanawha Parkway (W.Va. Route 5) my windshield wipers were moving at full blast to almost no avail as vision was poor and the forward progressed was buffeted by what felt like 40-50 mph blasts.

By the time I got to Brooksville (Big Bend to all the younger people and non-Calhoun natives) a big flash of lightning flashed across the sky and the thunder shook the car. Yes, we were having a December thunderstorm, and it was a pretty severe one at that.

Finally, by the time I got to Elizabeth the storm had pretty much passed over and the rest of the drive, while featuring some wind and rain was not so severe.

I got to where my wife was and was told that basically her car had blown a transfer case.

OK, I really don’t know what a transfer case is or what it does, but I do know a car does not go without one and like just about anything else on a car it is not cheap, and it is usually not cheap to have replaced.

We got the car towed and made arrangements to have it fixed and headed home.

When we got here my wife said to look in the yard.

When I did, I saw the plum tree laying up against the front porch.

Wow.

There did not appear to be any major damage to the house other than some of the downspouts being pulled down a little bit. I realized how lucky I was since it could have been much worse. Besides the plum tree was dead and scheduled to be removed in the spring.

I called my daughter to have her bring her husband down with his chair saw to cut the tree off the house.

He lives for that kind of stuff.

Anyhow she said the wind had blown a window out of the bedroom at my mother’s old house.

Heck of a day.

I was asked how things had been for me that day and I mumbled “car blew up, tree blew down ... window blew out.”

Anyhow the window was replaced, the tree was cut up and is waiting to be hauled off and the car is still broken.

Later he back storm door that was blown loose by the storm was removed until it can be properly replaced.

With the exception of the car, it was a simple act of Mother Nature showing her power. It’s her world and we just live in it.

I HATE RESOLUTIONS: Why do I

hate resolutions?

Because I might not be able to keep them.

For many that would not be a problem but for some like me it is a major league problem because I means I failed and therefore did not earn the affection of those I want to care.

There is a scientific term I am sure, but I do not know what it is, but I have always felt I had to earn love from people. As a man I am the provider for those I care about and if I do not properly provide the people, I care about may not care for me.

It is a form of depression, and I am clinically depressed. Not a lesser person because of it but it is a form of depression and there are many of us with one form of depression or another. It’s not a bad thing necessarily but it’s just the way it is.

Singer Del Shannon had many hit songs and is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, yet he committed suicide because he did not feel like he was doing enough for people to love him. Whatever his coping mechanism was it was not good enough.

I have coping mechanisms too but the one that works best is if I feel I have not done enough to earn their love and it is easy to say, “I don’t deserve it” and let it go at that knowing that if the person does not care for me, I do not deserve their care.

And that’s why I hate to make resolutions.

But I did and I have to work to keep them.

Lord help me.

STILL LOOKING FOR CHURCHES: We are still trying to get all the churches in Calhoun County listed in our Church Directory because we think it is important for people to know where they can go if they need divine help and that is to one of our churches.

So if you know of a church that is not in our directory please tell us about it.

You can do that by sending us an e-mail at contact@calhouncronicle.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

CALHOUN HALL OF FAME: We have not given up on the idea of having a Calhoun Hall of Fame and will continue to promote it because we have had some absolutely wonderful people from our county, and it is time we talked about these people and controlled the narrative of discussions about our county.

What do you think?

Is a Calhoun Hall of Fame a good idea or am I just tilting at windmills?

AND A BIG THANKS TO AN OLD FRIEND: A couple of days after Christmas I heard a knock on the back door and when I answered it, I saw an old friend standing there smiling at me.

It was Roger Propst, and he asked me if I got my green Marshall sweatshirt for Christmas I had asked for in an earlier column.

I said my wife had gotten me one, but I was black trimmed in green.

He said Loretta and I felt I needed one and handed me a bag. Inside the bag was a beautiful Marshall Green and White hooded sweatshirt.

Frankly I was floored and oh so grateful. Not as much for the wonderful gift as thinking enough of me to get me such a wonderful gift.

Friendship like that you can’t buy you have got to earn and keep for a lifetime.

Roger, you may never know just how much it means to me. But you probably do, and I thank you for it with all my heart.

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

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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, Beria Gardens, Minnora. Wednesdays 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

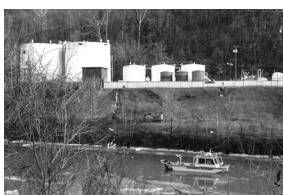
Grantsville Farmer's Market, Season details not yet available.

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Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was appointed poet laureate by Governor Jay Rockefeller in 1979, holding that title until her death in 1993.



Jan. 9, 1986: The first instant "scratch" lottery tickets were sold in West Virginia. Voters had approved the lottery amendment to the state constitution two years before.



Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1846: Wetzel County was created from a part of Tyler County. It was named for Indian fighter Lewis Wetzel.

Jan. 10, 1860: Webster County was created from parts of Braxton, Nicholas, and Randolph counties. The county was named for Daniel Webster.

Jan. 10, 1923: Musician 'Curly' Ray Cline was born in Baisden, Logan County. He was one of the most significant bluegrass fiddlers from West Virginia from 1938 until his retirement in 1993.

Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia Hallan-an was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia's

first female federal court judge.



Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore appointed Minnie Buckingham Harper to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper. She was the first Black woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States.



Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1 mine at Bartley in McDowell County exploded. The blast killed 91 miners, with another 47 escaping. Rescue teams worked five days to retrieve the bodies but found no additional miners alive.



Jan. 11, 1865: Confederate forces under General Rosser burned the covered bridge at Beverly. Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth rebuilt the damaged span in 1872-73.

Jan. 11, 1873: Dwight

W. Morrow was born in Huntington. Morrow was a financier, diplomat and U.S. senator, representing New Jersey.



Jan. 11, 1893: U.S. Senator Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. Kilgore served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952.



Jan. 12, 1869: Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business.



Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Diss De-

bar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great Seal of West Virginia.

Jan. 14, 1842: Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero

Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year.



Jan. 14, 1873: The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. In 1943, the legislature changed the name to Glenville State College.

Jan. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait and artistic photographers.



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Work continuing on Calhoun Chronicle Church Directory

EDITOR’S NOTE: We are still working toward creating a Church Directory for the Calhoun Chronicle and these are the churches we have thus far. We would like for you to look over the churches we have information about and correct anything we may have wrong in the church’s summary.

Also, if we missed any churches in the county, please let us know and tell us about your church. We look forward to hearing from you because each and every church is very important. Also, we would like to get information on churches in neighboring counties where Calhoun people may attend such as churches in Smithville, Stumptown and Creston. We look forward to hearing from you.

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First Baptist Church of Grantsville

Pastor Ron Chesser

Associate Pastor Rick Godfrey

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CHURCH OF CHRIST



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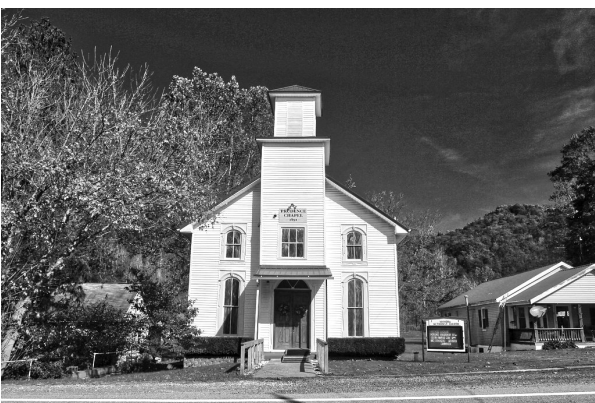
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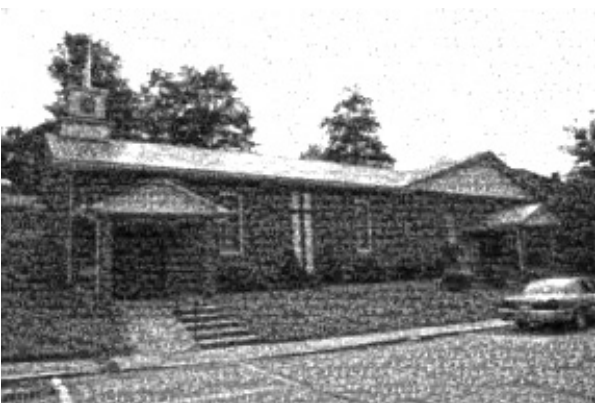


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Micah Allen’s Big Game Can’t Quite Lead Calhoun over South Harrison

LOST CREEK -- Calhoun played a tough matchup on Tuesday in which they were outscored in every quarter. They lost 77-53 to the South Harrison Hawks. The Red Devils were down 61-37 at the end of the third quarter, which was just too Several Red Devils players turned in solid performances despite ultimately coming up short. Perhaps the best among

those players was Micah Allen, who posted 11 points and five rebounds. The dominant performance also gave Allen a new career-high in assists (three). Charter Cottrell was another key player, putting up six points and three steals. Even though they lost, Calhoun was working as a unit and finished the game with 15 assists. That’s the most assists

they’ve managed all season. Calhoun’s loss dropped their record down to 2-4. As for South Harrison, the victory (which was their third in a row) raised their record to 4-1. Both squads will have to hit the road in their upcoming games. Calhoun will venture away from home to face off against Doddridge County at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs-

day. Doddridge County will roll in looking for their fifth straight win, something Calhoun surely won’t give up without a fight. As for South Harrison, they are taking a road trip to square off against Roane County at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. South Harrison is facing Roane County at the right time seeing as Roane County is stuck on a three-game losing streak.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Calhoun	11	9	17	16	53
South Harrison	14	17	30	16	77

Shooting

#	Athlete Name	Min	Pts	FGM	FGA	FG%	AFG%
	Team Totals		53	20	51	39	44
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		10	4	12	33	42
2	B. Carpenter (So)		7	3	9	33	39
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		5	2	3	67	83
11	Cooper Morris (So)		10	4	11	36	36
12	C. Cottrell (So)		6	3	6	50	50
42	G. Carpenter (So)		4	2	2	100	100
50	Micah Allen (So)		11	2	8	25	31

Calhoun

#	Athlete Name	Min	Pts	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	2FGM	2FGA	2FG%
	Team Totals		53	5	18	28	8	10	80	15	33	45
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		10	2	7	29	0	2	0	2	5	40
2	B. Carpenter (So)		7	1	4	25	0	0	0	2	5	40
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		5	1	2	50	0	0	0	1	1	100
11	Cooper Morris (So)		10	0	0	0	2	2	100	4	11	36
12	C. Cottrell (So)		6	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	100
42	G. Carpenter (So)		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	100
50	Micah Allen (So)		11	1	2	50	6	6	100	1	6	17

Calhoun

Totals

#	Athlete Name	Min	Pts	OReb	DReb	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	TO	PF
	Team Totals		53	12	9	21	15	8	3	25	
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		10	1	1	2	4	2	0	5	
2	B. Carpenter (So)		7	0	5	5	1	0	1	7	
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		5	1	0	1	3	1	0	3	
11	Cooper Morris (So)		10	3	0	3	1	0	2	3	
12	C. Cottrell (So)		6	3	1	4	3	3	0	3	
42	G. Carpenter (So)		4	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	
50	Micah Allen (So)		11	4	1	5	3	2	0	3	

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Misc Totals

#	Athlete Name	Ast:TO	Stl:TO	Stl:PF	Blk:PF	Chr	Defl	TF
	Team Totals	0.60	0.32					
0	Baron Davis (Fr)	0.80	0.40					
2	B. Carpenter (So)	0.14	0.00					
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)	1.00	0.33					
11	Cooper Morris (So)	0.33	0.00					
12	C. Cottrell (So)	1.00	1.00					
50	Micah Allen (So)	1.00	0.67					

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Snow Thrower Safety Tips: Keep Best Practices in Mind This Winter

Clearing snow and ice from driveways, sidewalks and parking lots is no small job. You rely on your outdoor power equipment to do the heavy lifting, and it's important to keep safety in mind. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) reminds home and business owners to use snow throwers, often referred to as snow blowers, safely and offers tips to help.

"Weather today is unpredictable. You need to have your snow thrower serviced and ready to power up," says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. "Review your owner's manual so you can use your equipment safely." Kiser says preparation is key and that home and business owners should consider the following:

Review the owner's manual. Check the owner's manual for safe handling procedures. If the manual cannot be found, look it up online, and store a copy on your computer so it's available to reference in the future. Review how to operate controls. Be able to shut off equipment quickly. **Check equipment.** The snow thrower should be powered off when being checked over. Adjust any cables and check the auger.

Charge batteries. Locate the batteries for your snow thrower and charge them fully before it snows.

Purchase fuel. Be sure to use the correct fuel recommended by the equipment's manufacturer. For most gasoline-powered snow throwers, that is E10 or less. Often fuel stations are closed after a storm so buy gasoline in advance of storms. Fuel that is more than 30 days old can phase separate and cause operating problems. For more information on fueling properly see www.opei.org/programs/ethanolwarning **Store and use fuel properly.** Place gasoline in a proper fuel container and label it with the date purchased and the ethanol content. Store fuel safely and out of the reach of children. Fill the fuel tank outside before starting the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

Clear the area. Snow can sometimes hide objects. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from areas you intend to clear. When run over by a

snow thrower, these objects may harm the machine or people.

Dress for winter weather. Locate safety gear now, and place it in an accessible closet or location. Wear safety glasses, gloves and footwear that can handle cold and slippery surfaces when operating the snow thrower.

KEY SAFETY TIP: Never put your hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool to unclog snow or debris from the snow thrower. Your hands should never go inside the auger or chute. **Turn OFF the snow thrower if you need to clear a clog.** If you need to remove debris or unclog snow, always turn off the snow thrower. Wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before clearing any clogs or debris. **Operate in visible conditions.** Never operate the snow thrower without good visibility or light. **Aim with care.** Never throw snow toward people or cars. Keep children or pets inside and away from your snow thrower when it is operating. **Use extreme caution on slopes and hills.** Use caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes. **Know where the cord is.** If using an electric powered snow thrower, be aware of where the power cord is at all times. Avoid tripping.

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West Virginia Department of Health warns of Serious Health Risks From Freezing Temperatures

The West Virginia Department of Health is urging residents to prepare for dangerously cold temperatures over the coming days. Prolonged exposure to the cold can lead to serious health issues, including hypothermia and frostbite, which can result in severe injury or even death.

"It's essential that all West Virginians take the necessary precautions to stay safe during this period of freezing temperatures," said Dr. Sherri Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP, Secretary of the Department of Health. "Temperatures this low, combined with wind chill, can cause frostbite in less than 30 minutes. Protecting yourself, your family, and even pets is vital during these extreme conditions." Hypothermia can occur when the body's temperature falls below 95°F. Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, confusion, and drowsiness. Children should avoid playing outdoors in such conditions, and pets should be brought inside to ensure their safety. Frostbite primarily affects extremities like fingers, toes, earlobes, and the tip of the nose. Protective clothing, including hats, gloves, and insulated footwear, is crucial for prevention.

Residents without adequate heating sources are encouraged to contact their local Emergency Manager or health department for information on the nearest shelter or warming station. "Stay safe, stay warm, and check on your neighbors during this extreme weather event," added Dr. Young.

To assist residents, communities have opened warming shelters. Local emergency managers and community groups

are working to report open shelters to West Virginia 211. Those in need of assistance should visit wv211.org or call 211 for information on nearby shelters and resources.

Space heaters are a popular way to stay warm during cold weather, but they come with risks if not used correctly. To minimize hazards, keep space heaters at least three feet away from flammable items like furniture, bedding, or curtains. Never leave a space heater unattended while it is running and always turn it off when leaving the room or going to sleep. Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets rather than extension cords or power strips to prevent overheating and fire risks. For gas-powered heaters, ensure proper ventilation to avoid carbon monoxide buildup.

Improper use of space heaters can lead to fire hazards, carbon monoxide poisoning, and electrical overload. Space heaters are a leading cause of house fires during the winter, and plugging a heater into an extension cord or power strip increases the risk of electrical fires. Fuel-burning heaters can also produce dangerous carbon monoxide levels if ventilation is inadequate.

To stay warm and safe, layer clothing and use blankets to retain body heat. Limit outdoor activities and cover exposed skin when going outside. Monitor updates from local authorities and prepare emergency supplies, including food, water, and flashlights, in case of power outages. For more information on staying safe in extreme cold, visit Winter Weather: Before, During, and After | Winter Weather | CDC.

SKIES AND FLIES

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Cooper Morris lines up against Man's 6-10 Moise Kasenda in the first meeting at Man High School. The 6-2 Morris won the jump ball during the teams' return match at Mount Zion. And after the game Cooper shows off a couple of \$50 bills he won.

THUNDERSNOW

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During the first round of snow the roads in Calhoun County were in horrendous condition as this picture taken on Route 16 (South Calhoun Highway) on Barr Hill near the Mount Zion PSD water plant shows.



A photo by Kimberly Burrows shows the storm at the height of its fury on Hog Knob.

TRIBIOLI

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The investigation was turned over to West Virginia State Police troopers, who were able to interview Claude Heagy and identify Noah Tribioli as a suspect. According to a report by FOX 43, in Pennsylvania Heagy told police that Noah Tribioli entered the house that morning and began shooting all the people inside.

West Virginia State Police then issued a statewide “be on the lookout” (BOLO) advisory for Tribioli, who was apprehended near Hico, in Fayette County, some 90 miles away.

Troopers arrested Steve’s son, 28-year-

old Noah Richard Tribioli, in Fayette County later Saturday over the shooting. Noah Tribioli has been arraigned on two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of attempted first-degree murder, two counts of malicious wounding, and two counts of attempt to commit a felony.

Tribioli was charged with two counts of First-Degree Murder, two counts of Attempted First Degree Murder, two counts of Malicious Wounding and two counts of Attempt to Commit a Felony. He continues to be held in Central Regional Jail without bond.

RESCHEDULED: Grantsville Town Council Agenda

City Building	VI. Committee Reports
Friday January 12, 2025 – 6:00 pm	VII. Unfinished Business
I. Call to Order	VIII. New Business
II. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	a. Water Project
III. Approval of Previous Minutes:	b. Sewer Project
IV. Citizen’s Concerns	c. Council Seat Appointment
V. Mayor’s Communications	d. Fire Station
a.	IX. Payment of Bills
b.	X. Adjournment
c.	Next Meeting: February 3, 2025 @ 6:00pm

January Monthly Meeting

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority January 15th, 2025 Monthly Meeting Mom’s Place Too 340 Main Street Grantsville, WV 26147 Monthly Tire Day	January 17th, 2025 10 - 2 Tanya Cunningham Assistant Director Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority 2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy Grantsville, WV 26147 304-354-7786
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Saturday Music

If The Good Lord is willing And The Snow Don’t Rise Too Much Our Music Will Be This Saturday Jan 11th At The Senior Center In Grantsville Doors	Will Open At 4:00 We Will Eat At 5:00 Music Will Start At 6:00 Food And 50 50 Will Be Available Everyone Is Welcome
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MyHealthEVet and VA App are Transitioning Sign-On Partners, Veterans encouraged to make the switch by Jan. 31 deadline

On Veterans Day 2003, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs launched a new tool to help Veterans control their healthcare decisions and have in-depth access to their medical records online. MyHealthEVet has been helping Veterans ever since, it is an irreplaceable website that allows them to schedule medical appointments, communicate with their provider teams, order prescription medication online, request medical records within 24-hours of visits, and much more.

Since the site launched in 2003, 5-million Veterans have used MyHealthEVet to refill more than 148 million prescriptions, send an excess of 86 million secure messages, download more than 37 million health data reports, and view upcoming VA appointments over 74 million times.

In July of 2021, the VA also released the VA App for mobile phones, increasing Veteran access to some MyHealthEVet features such as the prescription refill requests and live communication, and including some non-healthcare features such as tracking service-connected disability claims and payments. More than 300,000 Veterans have downloaded the VA Mobile App to their cellphones.

In order to enhance security, protect Veteran’s data, and consolidate Log-in

info, the VA has decided to reduce the amount of sign-in partners for these vital online tools. Going forward, the VA has partnered with both ID.me and Login.gov to provide Veterans with a secure, 2-step authentication process for all of their online applications. Veterans who have used other methods of logging on, such as the VA.gov website log-in and password or DS Logon will no longer be able to access MyHealthEVet, the VA App, or VA.Gov website without transitioning to one of the two secure sign-in partners. The effective date for this transition is set for Jan. 31, 2025.

For Veterans who want to make these changes immediately, please visit www.va.gov/sign-in-changes to learn how you can transfer your log-in settings to ID.me or Login.gov.

For Veterans who need assistance making the change, each VA Medical Center has a MyHealthEVet Coordinator standing by to assist you. Here at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, Ramona Dewitt-Morris is our MyHealthEVet Champion, she can be reached via telephone at (304) 623-3461 ext. 2567, or you may come to Room 1232D on the first floor of Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center and she can help walk you through the process.