

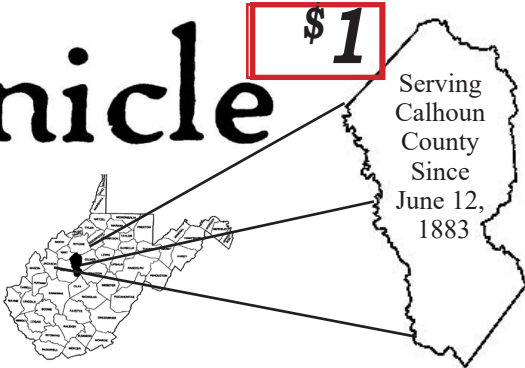


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“Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts”



Whole Number 7058

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Thursday, January 16, 2025

Calhoun commission holds first meeting of 2025

Courtesy Ridgeview News

The very lengthy first Calhoun County Commission meeting of 2025 was held on Monday, January 13th, 2025 and the very first meeting of Commissioner Eric Lupardus. The first matter of business was the election of Craig Arthur as Commission President upon the nomination of Eric Lupardus, seconded by Jacob McCumbers.

Following the approval of the December minutes, Commissioner Lupardus stated that moving forward he wanted the agenda approved by all three commissioners to avoid mishaps, such as that of the December meeting, where two agen-

das were prepared, one by Commission President Craig Arthur and a second by Clerk Jean Simers who was out of her office for medical reasons.

Under delegations was Carrie Decker who serves as the Community Liaison for the Pioneer Community Network. Ms. Decker works to reduce barriers to participation in federal programs, assist in preparing successful funding applications, and work to increase investments in Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Nicholas, Roane, Webster, and Wirt counties. She presented her programming to the Commission and offered future assistance by USDA, RPN which combines

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Mayor Petrovsky/Town Council has heated discussion with GVD members

Courtesy Ridgeview News

Although delayed a few days by weather, the Grantsville Town Council met Friday evening at 6 p.m. on Jan. 10th, 2025, for their first meeting of the new year.

Winter weather was likely the cause of low attendance with the exception of the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department members.

Recorder Emily Collins presented the list of State holidays and the meeting schedule for 2025 to the four council members present: Cheryl Sturms, Linda Staton, Emilee Morgan and Rissa Staples and Mayor Robert Petrovsky.

At the beginning of the meeting one council seat remained vacant.

Every position is open for Grantsville citizens to file for the coming June 2025 Town Government Election. Filing opened Monday, Jan. 13th through the 25, 2025. Individuals can file from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during business hours in the Town Office on Main Street in Grantsville. Filing Fees are \$15.00 for a Council seat, \$25.00 for Recorder and \$50.00 for Mayor and must be filed in person.

Under Committee reports Cheryl Sturm informed those present that a list of donors to the City Park effort had been delivered to the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center to create a 4’ x 4’ galvanized steel

sign as well as a 2’x 4’ sign with the park rules cut out of the steel.

There was no new or unfinished business, however the mayor did say that the committee working on the O&M agreement between the county and city utilities would meet again on Friday, Jan. 17th, 2025. No time was provided.

Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department members appeared before the council regarding recent interaction with the mayor and alleged threats that the Town of Grantsville was suing the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department over illegal use of water, by providing water to a private citizen to fill a cistern.

Members of the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department, who donate thousands of hours and dollars of their own families’ budgets to provide fire protection to the citizens of Calhoun County stood before the Grantsville City Council having to defend helping a citizen while being accused of theft of a public utility.

Courtney Alexander, who was later appointed to the vacant seat of the town council, addressed the Fire Department members regarding the law and their lack of respect for officials. *(The video of this event is available on Facebook on the Ridgeview News website.)*

According to the town Alexander was the only letter of intent filed for the va-

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1982 Foundation director speaks out on 2025 goals

Crysal Laughlin Mersh the Director of the 1982 Foundation in an online post outlined the 2025mgoals of the 1982 Foundation and her hopes and aspirations concerning the Foundation, the future and the people of the county.

According to Mersh 2025 will be a pivotal year but she believes it will turn in a positive way because of the resilience and makeup of all those involved.

Her thoughts and comments:

“There ALWAYS was a method to the madness.

“This project has been and continues to be a very interesting journey in change management.

“In many ways it’s the archetypal case study of the change roller coaster: excitement to questioning to denial to anger to depression to realization to success ... and more success. At the beginning of 2025 we are firmly parked between realization and success which is a great place to be.

“I know we have had some rocky roads. I also am keenly aware that some of my methods and means were not conventional to our community. I also know that I personally bear the brunt of that. I accepted this before the contract ink was dry.

“Why? Because I by profession, am a leader of change. That is what I have done my whole life. So I knew it was possible and because I knew the people I am dealing with ... in fact I knew it was likely.

“Why? Because I knew the cloth that you all are cut out of because it’s the same one that I am cut out of. Our basic values of compassion, honesty, integrity, hard work and love of family/friends is material you can build from.

“I realized early on our people had lost their hope. I talked to so many people who described it as apathy which it was not. Apathy means a lack of caring. Our

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From the awful to the sublime winter in our world

From the beginning to the height of the storm the effect was beautiful but dangerous and, in some cases, deadly.

In what started out a couple of weeks ago as a fast-moving front featuring thundersnow and has now seen at least two rounds of snow with the second featuring quite a wallop of precipitation which left the area reeling under ice and heavy snow has made life interesting.

Right now, there is about 10-12 inches of snow which, when it melts, becomes back ice the next day making driving conditions dangerous to say the least.

The weather had its way as it closed businesses, shut down athletic and other events and generally made a nuisance of itself.

But in the end, we survived.

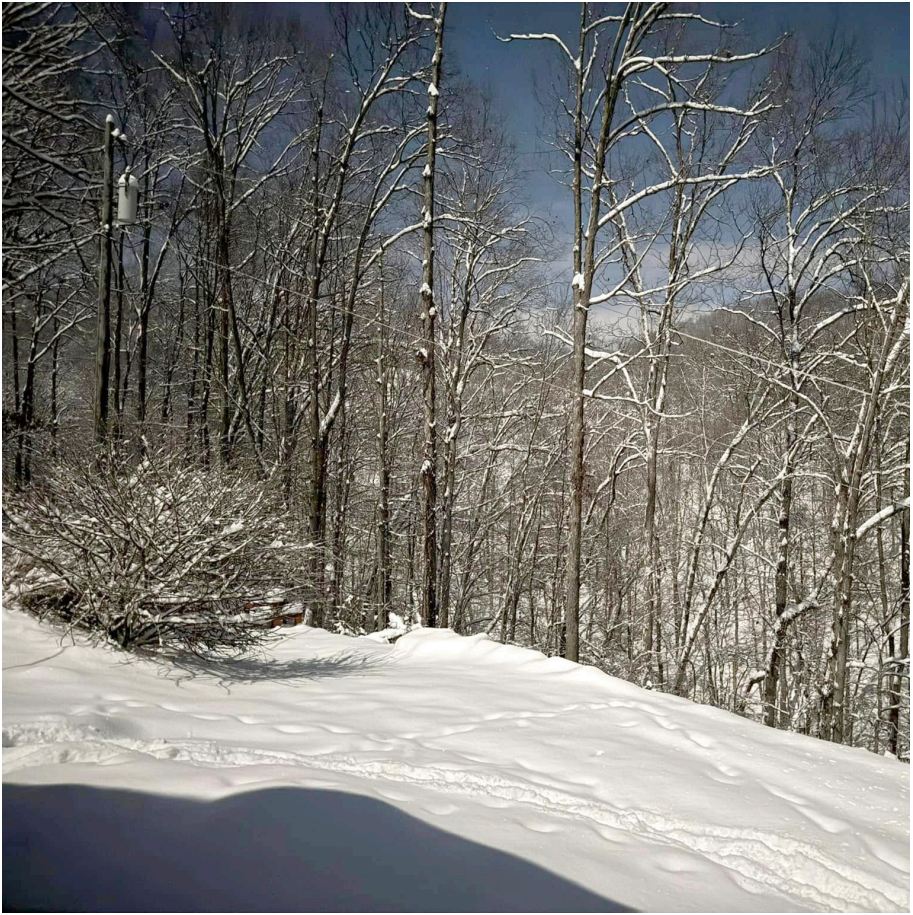
So what is ahead?

Actually, probably more snow and cold temperatures but that is simply Mother Nature showing us who is boss and that’s just the way it is.

Roger Propst was in downtown Grantsville taking pictures of the beginning of the maelstrom as the snow was pretty and created a Hallmark picture.

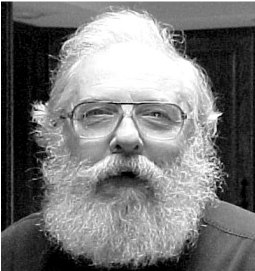
But the snow did not stop as these pictures from Kimberly Burrows up on Hog Knob shows just how much snow there is on a mailbox while the next one shows what is normally Hog Knob Ridge Road.

The final picture was shot by Bonnie Sands showing a beautiful night scene with a nearly full moon illumining a clear sky to show a Currier and Ives look at our area.



CRESTON
News

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
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The green weenies are, once again, screaming ‘global warming’ but the snow and cold impacting the Creston area is merely a return to what would have been considered routine winter weather. Weather is cyclical so what else is new? Friday evening there was circa four inches of new fluffy snow on top of what had previously fallen so there is a winter wonderland. One day last week there were 15 wild turkeys digging in the ditch along the Richardsonville road looking for tasty morsels. One was seen with a nice worm.

Large numbers of birds are flocking to bird feeders. They include chickadees, titmice, juncos, white throated sparrows, nuthatches, woodpeckers, gold finches, red birds & blue jays.

There was some excitement in Creston Saturday when some fellow in an 18 wheeler followed his GPS and decided to drive on the Boice Hill road in Creston which goes down river from the West Fork bridge and after leaving the Bingman & Boggs properties goes up the hill to Ground Hog & the Umstead. The hapless fellow got as far as the Connie Boggs residence before he ended up in the ditch. Finally, he was extricated. The side roads have been plowed but there are piles of snow on each side since it has not melted.

Kevin “Weasel” Wease is a patient in the WVU hospital in Morgantown suffering from the pneumonia fever.

Debbie Griffin is recovering from surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. While on the mend she misses Jack Griffin who always took her for a walk up the road. He is loyal to his human.

Victor “Pappy Vic” Vandall, age 82, of Marietta passed away. He was born in Spencer the son of John & Ollie Henthorn Vandall.

The ruling junta came out with a ruling

attempting to ban natural gas water heaters as well as gas stoves.

Down in North Carolina where FEMA decided that the residents there were not “really candidates for assistance” came out with a ruling that folks had to leave their temporary housing over the week-end when it was 20 degrees Fahrenheit. “We are from the government, and we are here to help you!”

The devastating fires in California, the land of fruits & nuts, are awful to watch. Seems the emergency reservoir was empty so there was no water in the hydrants but, have no fear, the DEI head lady was pulling down a salary of 400 big ones so no problem. Fire trucks came from Oregon to help but they were not allowed because they were lacking “smog certificates”. Earlier “surplus” fire equipment was sent to Ukraine & the fire budget was cut to assist illegal aliens. Makes one thankful to be able to live along the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River where one has natural gas and plenty of fire wood that can be legally burned for warmth.

Oil production from the Utica shale in Ohio has been a big topic in oil cycles since it is the result of new technology. It was reported that the oil is very thin, much like condensate or drip. West Virginia also has an oil window in the Utica which is 1100 feet thick in Calhoun & Wirt counties. Educated folks are needed to develop new technology; too bad the educrats are against teaching science and math to the citizens.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$75.57/bbl. With condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet fetching \$57.57/bbl. with Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$64.57/bbl. The NYMEX price of natural gas rose to \$3.936/MMBTU.

OBITUARIES



Freda M. Booher Wears

March 19, 1931 ~ January 7, 2025

Freda M. Booher Wears, 93, of Marion, passed away at 3:26 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at Aperion Care in Marion. She was born in Orma, West Virginia, on March 19, 1931, to Greely and Delphia (Conrad) White.

Freda attended Calhoun County High School and was a homemaker, dedicating many years to caring for her family. She

was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church, where she was devoted to her Lord and Savior. Freda was a loving mother and grandmother, known for her easy-going, friendly, and caring nature. She enjoyed fishing and traveling, having taken many trips in her later years

She is survived by her daughters, Loretta M. (late John) Sampson of Marion and Carol Swearing of Grantsville, WV; grandchildren, Charles Sampson, Patti Chance, Kevin Booher, Rebecca Anderson, Sheree Gande, Craig Booher, and Justin Yoak; 20 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Freda was preceded in death by her parents, Greely and Delphia White; her first husband, Deward Booher; her sec-

ond husband, Everett Wears; her son, David Booher; and her sisters, Murl White, Edith White, and Edna Carpenter.

The family will receive visitors from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm on Monday, January 13, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Immediately following the visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Freda’s life will begin at 2:00 pm with Pastor Phil Lake officiating. Burial will take place at Orma Community Cemetery in West Virginia on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Christland United Methodist Church, 721 E. Charles St., Marion, IN 46952.

Memories may be shared online at www.nswcares.com.



Jimmie Dale Helmick

Jimmie Dale “Jim” Helmick, 71, of Millstone, WV, passed away peacefully in his home on January 3, 2025. He was born on October 18th, 1953 to the late Roy “Jr.” and Ona (Norman) Helmick of Milo, WV. Jim was always hard at work, whether for his career, his own projects, or those for others in the community. He moved to Orrville, Ohio at a young age, where he began work-

ing at Quality Casting, was an independent truck driver, then worked for Kenmore Construction of Akron, Ohio. Jim was in the Labor Union, a member of Local 18 Operating Engineers out of Ohio, as well as the International Operating Engineers, including Lockhart Construction, Price-Gregory, Michaels, Brian Miller, Precision, and Hinkel and McCoy and many others, until his retirement in 2015. Jim is survived by his wife, Dawn; his daughters, Erin (Jonathan) Dudley, of Jacksonville, Florida, Hannah Burris, of Millstone, WV, and Ava Helmick, of Grantsville, WV; his grandchildren, Annaleigh, Jonathan “Bubba”, and Judah of Jacksonville, Florida; and sister Janet (Jack) Marks of Arnoldsburg, WV, nieces, nephews, and

cousins, along with many good friends, who will greatly miss him. Preceding him in death are Jim’s parents, Roy “Jr.” and Ona (Norman) Helmick and brother, John William Norman of West Virginia. A funeral service was held January 11, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, West Virginia, officiated by Rev. Robert Shannon and Pastor Shelly Mace. Visitation was Saturday, January 11, 2025, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Burial followed in the Norman Family Cemetery of Beech, WV. The family would like to extend their appreciation to all those who have reached out with their love, support and condolences. Online condolences may be shared at www.stumpfuneral-homes.com

By Gaylen Duskey

It’s Sunday and I am just now starting my column.

Usually by now it is finished.

Why the late start?

I wish I knew.

Frankly despite knowing a lot of things I wanted to write about I just have not wanted to write or do anything else for that matter. All I have wanted to do it hide my head beneath the covers and sleep.

Is it the weather?

I have to admit the big ice patch right outside the door has something to do with it since I really am not fond of falling and I seem to do a bit more of that now that I am getting older, and the falls seem to do more damage.

Could it be I am having something of a mental downturn because I have another birthday coming up very soon?

Possibly because birthdays serve as a reminder that the finite time you have here on earth is growing shorter and there is nothing you can do about it.

There are many things I still hope to do and this shortening timeline I have makes this desperate and sad and there is just nothing I can do to make it better.

Or even doable.

So yes that 77th birthday a little later this week weighs heavily despite the fact that I have lived a pretty good life and done and seen a lot of wonderful things.

After my birthday, time will still be short and finite, I won’t have an artificial day out there – a birthday – reminding me of it.

Maybe that will help.

Maybe the icy patch outside my door will melt and I will not be afraid to walk outside facing danger just going to the car.

I can only hope.

I am tired of thinking about killing my bird for the seemingly continual chirping that he is doing just to bother me. And he is doing a good job of it since I find myself yelling” shut up” at him several times a day. Such small things should not be such a major irritant. But they are.

Anyhow back to things not inside my head.

THE THING OF MOVIES: When I look at Grantsville, I swear I think of movies such as the “Milagro Beanfield War”, “Angel and the Badman”, “Pale Rider”, and “The Big Country”

Why?

Because each of them featured some kind of struggle over the control of the water supply.

While watching the Grantsville Town Council meeting recently it hit me that while only one thing was accomplished –Courtney Yoak Alexander was named to fill an open council seat – an inordinate amount of time was spent arguing over the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department’s use of water and how much water they used and how much the water cost and who was responsible for paying for the water or if the water needed to be paid for.

Wow!!!

All hell broke loose for a while.

For years I have seen the fire department washing the fire equipment out in front of the fire station.

It was like a Grantsville version of the Beatles’ song Penny Lane where “the firemen liked to keep their fire engine clean ... it’s a clean machine.”

And like seemingly everybody else in the world I never thought anything about it.

But today?

Whoeeeeeee!!!

They talk about theft, water theft, money theft (not paying for the water), helping support the Grantsville VFD, not supporting Grantsville VFD and all sorts of bad and nasty goings on or not going on.

Like I said, all hell broke loose.

And why was that?

My theory is that nobody said diddly squat for years because under the old water rates any crime would have been a misdemeanor if that, so nobody really paid any attention to where the water at the Grantsville VFD went or how it was used.

But now that a 60 per cent hike of the price of Grantsville’s water rates had made the town’s H2O something akin to liquid gold people have taken notice and crimes dealing with water “theft” have gone from a meaningless level to a “felony” level ... gosh-o-golly everybody cares, and everybody demands an accounting.

Probably had there been an “accounting” years ago there would not have been a need for these high water rates now.

But that’s just my way of thinking.

Stay tuned for the next episode of “Grantsville: As The Water Turns.”

MEET THE NEW BOSS: On Monday Jan. 20, 2025, we’re going to go back to the future, kinda, as Donald J. Trump, the 45th President of the United States becomes the 47th President of the United States and depending on your political leanings it is either a wonderful thing or a sad day.

As for me the 46th President of the United States replaced the 44th President of the United States as the worst president in the history of the United States so Donald J Trump taking over again is a great thing and I am just hoping he can dismantle all the stupidly wrong things the 46th President did.

And that’s a lot.

Quite honestly, I can’t believe the 46th President could have done all the bad things he did accidentally and that he had to do them on purpose. I honestly believe that.

Can President Donald J. Trump do all the wants to do?

I don’t know but if anybody can, he can and if he can the United States will be so much better off that it has been in four years.

And if he wants to buy Greenland and change the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America and make Canada the 51st state I say why not!!!

Myself instead of making Canada one large state I would rather we add Canada as 10 provinces and three territories bringing our state count to 63 not 51.

But that’s just me.

The one I wonder about is Nunavut, which according to the Encyclopedia Britannica is a vast territory of northern Canada that stretches across most of the Canadian Arctic. Created in 1999 out of the eastern portion of the Northwest Territories, Nunavut encompasses the traditional lands of the Inuit, the Indigenous peoples of Arctic Canada; its name means “Our Land” in Inuktitut, the language of the Inuit. The capital is Iqaluit, at the head of Frobisher Bay on southern Baffin Island.

Anyhow one should not worry too much about Nunavut since despite having a land mass of 808,185 square miles it has an estimated population of 40,817.

That’s about the population of Parkersburg.

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

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

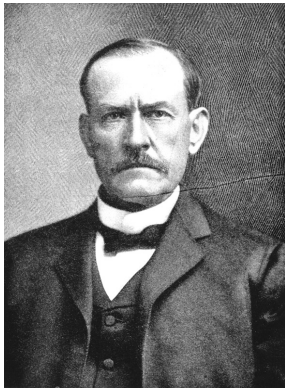
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Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.



Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.



Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the

powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital were completed.



Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County, and is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

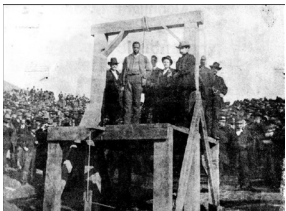
Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen.

John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.



Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."



Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on

July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stonewall" for his steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.



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CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2025

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Election of Commission President
- IV. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2025
- V. Delegations/Requests:
 - A. Carrie Decker, USDA Rural Development
- VI. Reports:
 - A. E911.LEPC and OES
 - B. Ambulance
 - C. Wood Festival Committee
 - D. CRI
 - E. County Park
 - F. 4-H Programs
 - G. FRN
 - H. Home Confinement Report
 - I. Sheriff’s Report
 - J. Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Financial Statement FY25
 - B. Work Session for All Boards Commissions are a Member
 - C. Request Monthly PSD Reports
 - D. Consolidation Update (Itemized Receipts to Date and Balance)
 - E. Ad for Skilled Maintenance for Courthouse
 - F. Two Commission Meeting a Month
 - G. Agenda in Chronicle
 - H. LEPC Application for Board Members
 - I. Purchasing Card for Conferences, Travel and Continuing Education Trainings
 - J. Dues WVACO
 - K. Sheriff Request Reimbursement for Bullet Proof Vest

- L. Access to Courthouse
- M. Office for Commission
- N. Set Board of Equalization Dates
- O. Approval for Assessor’s Office to Make Changes to End of Board of Equalization
- P. Calhoun County Library Audit
- Q. Long Term Lease Option
- VIII. Old Business:
 - A. PSD Bond Payments
- IX. Personnel Items:
 - A. County Administrator Advertisement
 - B. Ad Placed for Appointment of County Surveyor
- X. Appointments to Boards and Authorities:
 - A. Civil Service Board
 - B. Animal Shelter Board
 - C. Building Commission
 - D. Bradley Stevens – Reappointment LKADC
 - E. Ronald Blankenship – Reappointment LKADC
 - F. Commissioners Appointments to Boards
- XI. Grants, Contracts, Applications and Resolutions:
 - A.
- XII. Erroneous Tax Assessments/Consolidations:
- XIII. Fiduciary Items:
 - A.
- XIV. Financial Items:
 - A. Invoices:
 - 1. General Fund - \$ 93,472.64
 - 2. Coal Severance - \$ 2,092.30
 - 3. Dog Fund - \$45.00
 - 4. E911 - \$11,928.49
 - 5. Home Confinement - \$442.68
 - 6. Excess Levy \$13,405.84
 - GRAND TOTAL \$121,387.05
 - B. Financial Statement – November 2024
 - C. Bonds, Wills, Settlements and Orders
- XIV. Adjournment – Next Meeting: February 10, 2025

Calhoun Board of Education

MOUNT ZION, WEST VIRGINIA
January 13, 2025
Regular Board Meeting
5:30 P.M.

4. December 2024 Financial Statement (Invoice list available for review at Calhoun County Board of Education Office)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Delegations-
- IV. Board Acknowledgements.
- V. Approval of December 16, 2024 (Regular/LSIC) Minutes (Attachment A)
- VI. Discussion and Reports (Attachment B):
 - Discussions: Reports:
 - A. Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center Report (December 10, 2024) – Horst Motz Superintendent
 - B. Superintendent Reports
 - 1. Director and School Reports
 - 2. MIP Update
 - 3. SBA Update
 - 4. Solar Update
 - 5. Instruction/Curriculum
 - 6. Attendance Report
 - 7. Levy
 - 8. Homeschool
 - 9. Hope Scholarship Superintendent Recommendations:
 - IX. New Business (Attachment C):
 - A. Finance for Approval January 13, 2024
 - 1. General Fund Invoices - \$ 21,272.30
 - 2. Supplements – \$ 30,000.00
 - 3. Transfers - \$
- B. Volunteer Requests
 - 1. Teresa McGuire
 - X. Personnel (Attachment D):
 - A. Retirements Professional Service
 - B. Resignations Professional Service
 - 1. Chelsea Jenkins, Substitute Multi-Classified Aide II/Bus Aide/Supervisory Aide/Specialized Healthcare Procedures, effective December 21, 2024
 - Extracurricular
 - C. Employment Professional Service
 - 1. Beth Stull, Cook III/Cafeteria Manager, PHE (6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
 - 2. , Multi-Classified Service Personnel, Maintenance/Carpenter/Mechanic I/Electrical/HVAC/Handyman/Watchman/Plumber I/Welder/Heavy Equipment Operator/Sanitation Plant Operator/Groundsman
 - XI. Adjournment
- Future Board Meeting Dates:
 - February 10, 2025, (Regular) Calhoun Board of Education
 - March 10, 2025, (Regular) Calhoun Board of Education
 - April 15, 2025, (Special/Statutory) Calhoun Board of Education

Morrisey Informs counties, cities their share of multimillion-dollar settlement

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, through the office’s Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division, has sent letters to the state’s 55 counties and 229 cities, informing officials of their share from a settlement between the state and pharmaceutical companies Pfizer Inc. (and related companies) and Ranbaxy Inc. (and related companies) in an antitrust lawsuit involving a generic version of cholesterol drug Lipitor. The lawsuit alleged the two companies conspired to delay the introduction of a generic version of Pfizer’s Lipitor that was produced by Ranbaxy. “The money for the counties and cities are to partially recover their excess payments or reimbursements for the medication,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “The political subdivisions do not need to take any action in receiving their share.” The amount each county and city would receive depends on the size of their population—the counties will receive a total of \$1,630,000; cities, \$1,855,000.

group)
32 Counties More than 10,000 but fewer than 50,000 (32 x \$30,000 = \$ 960,000)
11 Counties More than 50,000 pop. (11 x \$50,000 = \$550,000.00)

Cities:
13 Class 2 (population in excess of 10K but no more than 50K) 13x \$25,000 = \$325,000
45 Class 3 (in excess of 2K but no more than 10K) 45 x \$15,000 = \$675,000
171 Class 4 (Pop. 2K or fewer) 171 x \$5,000 = \$ 855,000.00 (**Grantsville is in this group**)

The lawsuit was filed in 2013 and alleged the two companies created a scheme that prevented a generic, cheaper version of the cholesterol-lowering drug to be introduced on the market for 20 months—Lipitor’s original patent expired on March 24, 2010. “This is a big victory for the free market and consumers who may have paid more than what they should have for the much-needed medication,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “In all aspects of business, and that includes the pharmaceutical business, competition is key to a healthy marketplace.”

Counties:
12 Counties Fewer than 10,000 pop. (12 x \$10,000 = \$120,000) (**Calhoun is in this**



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Calhoun Basketball Team Season Stats (2024-25)

#	Athlete Name	GP	MPG	PPG	DEFR	OFFR	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	PFPG
	Season Totals	8		45.6	16.1	12.9	29.0	10.5	10.8	1.9	20.1	
0	B. Davis (Fr)	8		14.1	1.4	1.1	2.5	3.4	3.0	0.4	3.8	
2	B. Carpenter (So)	8		10.0	3.6	2.4	6.0	2.4	1.0	0.5	4.5	
5	B. Wood (Sr)	8		1.4	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.5	1.8	0.1	2.0	
11	C. Morris (So)	8		9.5	3.9	2.1	6.0	0.5	1.0	0.8	3.5	
12	C. Cottrell (So)	8		2.0	2.6	1.8	4.4	1.4	2.4	0.0	1.6	
20	G. Hicks (Fr)	7		0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
42	G. Carpenter (So)	8		1.8	0.6	1.0	1.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.8	
50	M. Allen (So)	8		6.3	2.9	3.1	6.0	1.4	1.4	0.1	3.1	

Shooting

#	Athlete Name	GP	Min	Pts	FGM	FGA	FG%	PPS	AFG%
	Season Totals	8		365	136	426	32	0.9	36
0	B. Davis (Fr)	8		113	39	131	30	0.9	34
2	B. Carpenter (So)	8		80	30	87	34	0.9	39
5	B. Wood (Sr)	8		11	4	28	14	0.4	20
11	C. Morris (So)	8		76	30	76	39	1.0	47
12	C. Cottrell (So)	8		16	7	28	25	0.6	29
20	G. Hicks (Fr)	7		5	2	5	40	1.0	40
42	G. Carpenter (So)	8		14	7	22	32	0.6	32
50	M. Allen (So)	8		50	17	49	35	1.0	37

#	Athlete Name	GP	Min	Pts	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	2FGM	2FGA	2FG%
	Season Totals	8		365	38	177	21	55	95	58	98	249	39
0	B. Davis (Fr)	8		113	12	63	19	23	35	66	27	68	40
2	B. Carpenter (So)	8		80	8	34	24	12	22	55	22	53	42
5	B. Wood (Sr)	8		11	3	17	18	0	4	0	1	11	9
11	C. Morris (So)	8		76	11	31	35	5	5	100	19	45	42
12	C. Cottrell (So)	8		16	2	19	11	0	4	0	5	9	56
20	G. Hicks (Fr)	7		5	0	1	0	1	8	13	2	4	50
42	G. Carpenter (So)	8		14	0	4	0	0	2	0	7	18	39
50	M. Allen (So)	8		50	2	8	25	14	15	93	15	41	37

Totals

#	Athlete Name	GP	Min	Pts	OReb	DReb	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	TO	PF
	Season Totals	8		365	103	129	232	84	86	15	161	
0	B. Davis (Fr)	8		113	9	11	20	27	24	3	30	
2	B. Carpenter (So)	8		80	19	29	48	19	8	4	36	
5	B. Wood (Sr)	8		11	6	9	15	12	14	1	16	
11	C. Morris (So)	8		76	17	31	48	4	8	6	28	
12	C. Cottrell (So)	8		16	14	21	35	11	19	0	13	
20	G. Hicks (Fr)	7		5	5	0	5	0	0	0	7	
42	G. Carpenter (So)	8		14	8	5	13	0	2	0	6	
50	M. Allen (So)	8		50	25	23	48	11	11	1	25	

Misc Totals

#	Athlete Name	GP	Ast:TO	Stl:TO	Stl:PF	Blk:PF	Chr	Defl	TF	DD	TD
	Season Totals	8	0.52	0.53			6			2	
0	B. Davis (Fr)	8	0.90	0.80							
2	B. Carpenter (So)	8	0.53	0.22			1			1	
5	B. Wood (Sr)	8	0.75	0.88			2				
11	C. Morris (So)	8	0.14	0.29						1	
12	C. Cottrell (So)	8	0.85	1.46			1				
20	G. Hicks (Fr)	7	0.00	0.00							
42	G. Carpenter (So)	8	0.00	0.33							
50	M. Allen (So)	8	0.44	0.44			2				

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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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(2022-C-000016- CALHOUN COUNTY - CRESTON COMPANY)

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 1094.	\$ 96.50
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 1064.	\$ 25.47
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 202.65
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Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 719.71
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,771.14

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand December 17, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE IS SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 22nd day of January 2009, signed by Ruie L. Bond, to Dianne Goff Cryslar, acting State Director of the Rural Housing Service for the State of West Virginia, or its successor agency and the successors in Office as State Director or Acting State Director, Trustee(s), which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 153, at page 200, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at **12:30 o'clock p.m. on the**

30th day of JANUARY 2025

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Calhoun County, West Virginia, the following described real estate: Situate, lying and being on the waters of the Little Kanawha River, along the North River Street in the town of Grantsville, located in the District of Grantsville Corporation, County of Calhoun, and State of West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the sidewalk along North River Street, corner to Kelly D. Metz and Adreanna Davis, thence leaving the said street for one (1) line: S 28-02-20 E at 1.46 feet passing a 3/4 inch by 36 inch Reinforcing Road with yellow plastic cap stamped "Hupp Surveying PS 834 354-7035" hereinafter referred to as a "Rebar" set in all 196.61 feet to a Rebar set, corner to Gerwig and in a line of Stefan Zakaib, thence; S 64-22-00 W 35.29 feet to a Rebar set corner to J&M Rentals, LLC and in a line of Gary Knight, from which a 1/2 inch Iron Pipe found, bears S 64-22-00 W at a 26.05 feet, from which a 6 inch Iron Pipe, found bears S 64-22-00 at 49-95 feet, thence with J&M Rentals, LLC for six (6) lines; N 30-20-30 W 121.07 feet to a Rebar set, thence; N 59-24-00 W 11.19 feet to a rebar set, thence; N 40-42-30 W 48.64 feet to a Rebar, set thence; N 31-23-20 W 16.66 feet to a Rebar set, thence; N 20-06-10 W 6.94 to a Rebar set, thence; N 08-11-00 E at 6.02 feet passing a Rebar set, in all 6.21 feet to a Point in the side walk along North River Street, from which a 1/2 inch Bolt, found bears S 72-31-20 W at 17.00 feet thence with North River Street for one (1) line; N 74-04-50 E 54.17 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.20 acres (8747 square feet), more or less, as surveyed by Hupp Surveying & Mapping in December, 2008 and shown on a plat attached hereto and made a part of this description.

Being the same lot or parcel of land conveyed to Daniel K. Smith, II and Kristin M. Smith from J&M Rental, LLC by deed dated the 10th day of April 2006 of record in the office of the County Clerk of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in deed book 218, at page 610.

This conveyance is made subject to all easements, rights of way, restrictions, reservations and protective covenants, including but not limited to all oil, gas and mineral exceptions, reservations and leases, appearing in the chain of title.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above-described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

147 River Street, Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third-party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

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Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2024			CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024					Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position	
			Primary Government Governmental Activities		Program Revenues			Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities
			Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions				
ASSETS			Functions / Programs						
Current assets:			Primary government:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,724,037	Governmental activities:						
Receivables:			General government		\$ 2,297,460	\$ 807,599	\$ 128,683	\$ -	\$ (1,361,178)
Taxes		70,612	Public safety		1,761,359	-	165,927	-	(1,595,432)
Accounts		6,495	Health and sanitation		2,800	-	-	-	(2,800)
Capital assets:			Culture and recreation		91,529	-	-	-	(91,529)
Nondepreciable:			Social services		19,200	-	-	-	(19,200)
Land		115,042	Total primary government		\$ 3,414,4281	\$ 758,234	\$ 139,008	\$ -	\$ (3,070,139)
Depreciable									
Buildings		1,478,733							
Structures and improvements		147,199							
Machinery and equipment		1,346,199							
Less: accumulated depreciation		(1,835,876)							
Other debits:									
Net pension assets		2,173							
Net OPEB assets		19,441							
Total assets	\$	5,074,055							
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS									
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB		5,361							
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions		167,978							
Total deferred outflows of resources		173,339							
LIABILITIES									
Current liabilities payable from current assets:									
Accounts payable		22,367							
Unearned revenues:									
Federal Grants		1,266,944							
Noncurrent liabilities:									
Net pension liability		42,798							
Total liabilities		1,332,109							
DEFERRED INFLOWS									
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB		42,359							
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		14,833							
Total deferred inflows of resources		57,192							
NET POSITION									
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		1,251,297							
Unrestricted		2,606,796							
Total net position	\$	3,858,093							
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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024								
	General	Coal Severance Tax	County Excess Levy	E-911	American Rescue Act	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
ASSETS								
Current:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,432,936	\$ 84	\$ -	\$ 749,464	\$ 1,107,339	\$ 434,214	\$ 3,724,037	
Receivables:								
Taxes	52,400	-	18,212	-	-	-	70,612	
Accounts	-	6,495	-	-	-	-	6,495	
Due from:								
Other funds	1,276	-	-	-	-	-	1,276	
Total assets	\$ 1,486,612	\$ 6,579	\$ 18,212	\$ 749,464	\$ 1,107,339	\$ 434,214	\$ 3,802,420	
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	19,044	-	-	3,323	-	-	22,367	
Due to:								
Other funds	-	-	1,276	-	-	-	1,276	
Deferred revenues:								
Federal grants	-	-	-	-	1,266,944	-	1,266,944	
Total liabilities	19,044	-	1,276	3,323	1,266,944	-	1,290,587	
Deferred Inflows:								
Unavailable revenue - taxes	43,158	-	15,000	-	-	-	58,158	
Total deferred inflows of resources	43,158	-	15,000	-	-	-	58,158	
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	62,202	-	16,276	3,323	1,266,944	-	1,348,745	
Fund balances:								
Restricted	-	-	1,936	746,141	(159,605)	434,413	1,022,885	
Assigned	1,424,410	6,579	-	-	-	-	1,430,989	
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	(199)	(199)	
Total fund balances	1,424,410	6,579	1,936	746,141	(159,605)	434,214	2,453,675	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,486,612	\$ 6,579	\$ 18,212	\$ 749,464	\$ 1,107,339	\$ 434,214	\$ 3,802,420	
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TOWN COUNCIL

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cant position on town council. Councilwoman Cheryl Sturm made a motion to approve her with a second from Linda Staton. I was approved by all. Mayor Petrovsky swore her in and she took her place at the council table. The Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department building has one meter at the building logging the water use of the department meeting area. The other unmetered area is the one providing water to fill the fire trucks. The meter to the inside of the building is mechanically unreadable. The two inch meter inside the truck bay does not get read.

The mayor is seeking the records of how the fire department has used the unmetered water, making accusations that they (the VFD and VFD members) are stealing from a public utility by providing an occasional tank of water to a citizen in need whether for drinking or cattle or helping one volunteer fire department member fill their pool. The wholesale value of 2,000 gallons of water is probably about \$20.00. There is a risk of the loss of every volunteer fire department member because they're tired of the community's failure to recognize their value.

This is ironic with an unscrutinized city service fee of \$10.00 per month that is charged to every utility customer in the Town of Grantsville which s supposed to go for police and fire protection as well as the street department. Yet the Town of Grantsville has not provided one cent to the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department for decades of fire coverage, assistance at keeping the town clean, and flushing sewer lines when they're plugged off. Nor is there a police officer. The reasoning is that no one applies because they (the town) can't afford to pay a high enough wage to attract any

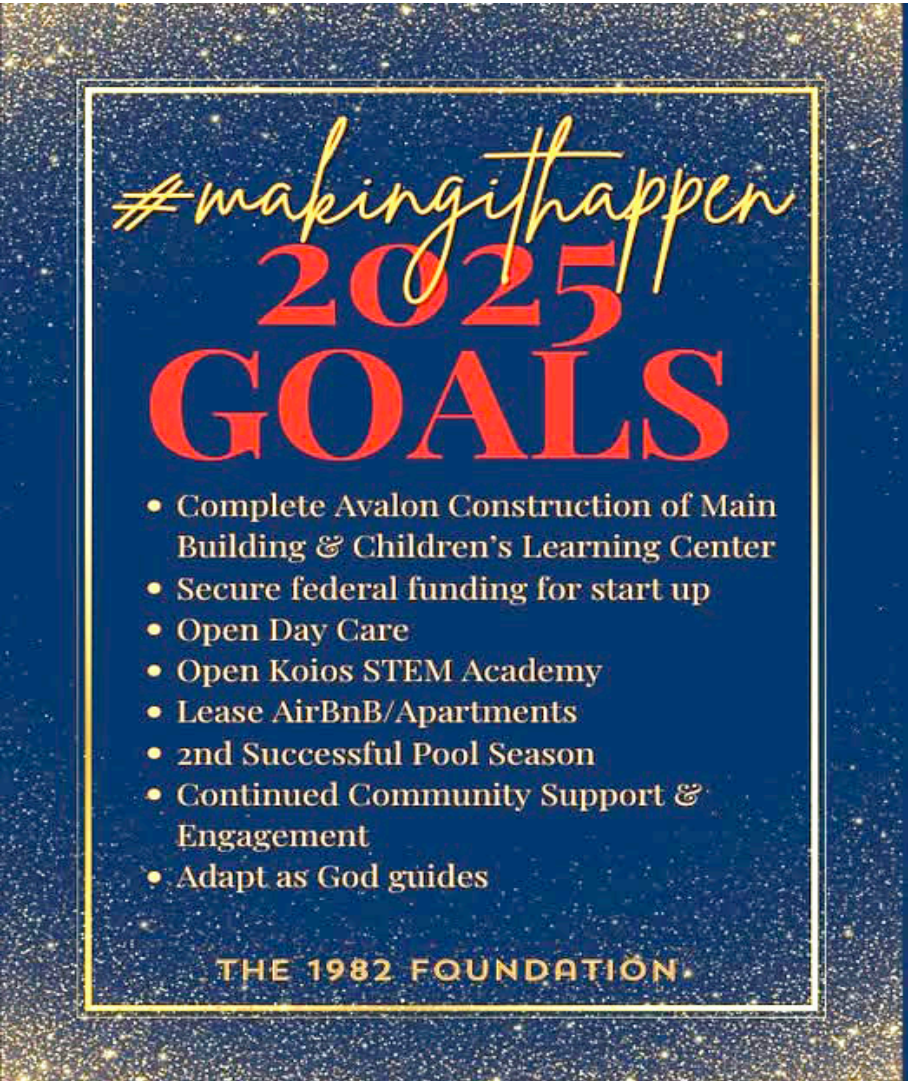
applicants, while the Calhoun Sheriff's Department and West Virginia State Police are forced to provide protection and not given remuneration by the Town of Grantsville. The members of the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department Board questioned the mayor as to his intention against them, because they would be in need of hiring an attorney. The mayor informed them that he was unsure of where the "investigation" would lead for which he was "forced to pursue by a citizens complaint." The complaining citizen was not named.

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community cares deeply, but we had lost our hope. It took decades for this to happen and is no-one's in particulars fault. At the bottom of it least just call it the dark side of human nature that leads us to a lack of hope, poverty, and an overall unhealthy and negative place. The good news is that it is fixable, and we are well on our way. "I had the unfair position of being able to realize the root cause as I was away for the past 40 years and I was not like the frog in the story where the frog is in the increasingly hot water and does not realize he is boiling until it is too late. "And you, my dear friends, were also disadvantaged as you didn't know me and your only yardstick to measure me by was personal experiences. And that is OK and to be expected. I do hope by now that for better or worse, it is clear that my intentions are pure, and my mission is not one of my own making. For sure there have been many conversations along the way that I wished I had never started this project ... and in fact I did not start it -- God did, and He will finish it. Therefore, I cannot back out even if i wanted to and I am not sure that God has a great interest in my personal desires and self-pity parties. He has a plan to glorify His kingdom, and we ALL got drafted. "So, we have arrived at the make or break year of the project. And I know

they are still a handful of people out that who still wish failure upon the project. That is also sadly to be expected in change management journeys. Let's pray for healing for all. "I think and hope you would agree that the Foundation has done our part. Robin and I personally have also fought for other improvements to come to Calhoun for which we have high hopes providing the feds and state do what they need to do, and they will. "My deepest and only desire is that every child who grows up here can fulfill their heart's desire ... to stay ... to leave ... to travel ... to return ... and to live the dreams of their life. I know that I had a very special childhood here and was supported by many many people who will read this post and that I see every day when I am home. I do not have the words to express the gratitude to all the teachers, 4H leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers, band leaders, sponsors and neighbors who again for better or worse made me who I am. I love all of you. And I know the current and future generation of kids have dreams and I also think you would agree that we owe it to them to give them better than we had and considering the amazing people who raised us we have got a tall order to fill. "IT IS TIME TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!!"



WVDNR announces return of trout stockings

Anglers are reminded to purchase a 2025 fishing license and trout stamp

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced the return of trout stockings to select lakes and streams around the state.

“Whether you’re casting a line for the first time or you’ve been fishing these waters for years, our stocked lakes and streams offer the perfect opportunity to experience the thrill of fishing and the natural beauty of West Virginia,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “We encourage everyone to get their 2025 fishing license and stamps and plan a fishing trip this winter.”

Lakes and streams receiving a stocking during the week of Jan. 2 include:

- Anthony Creek
- Cranberry River
- Gandy Creek
- Glady Fork
- James P. Bailey Lake
- Knapps Creek
- Laurel Fork (Randolph)
- Little River West Fork Greenbrier River
- Shavers Fork (Bemis)
- Shavers Fork (Upper Section)
- Spruce Knob Lake
- West Fork Greenbrier River
- Williams River

While daily trout stockings are not announced in advance, the WVDNR publishes a list of recently stocked waters at WVdnr.gov/fish-stocking. Anglers may also find out what waters have been stocked by calling the stocking hotline at 304-558-3399. In inclement weather, missed stockings are made up by either additional stock-



ing runs or additional fish are added to upcoming stocking events. For more information about trout stocking locations, anglers should check pages 6–7 in the 2025 Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license and a valid form of identification while fishing in the state of West Virginia. Trout stamps are required for those fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps may be purchased online at WVfish.com.

COMMISSION

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federal, state and local resources to create jobs, build infrastructure, and support long-term economic stability in rural communities. In West Virginia, Community Liaisons like Ms. Decker help advance local priorities and projects in the state’s two community networks. Each Community Network receives dedicated community development support to help them navigate federal and other programs, build relationships, and identify community-driven solutions.

Jason Wilson, EMS Director for Minnie Hamilton reported to the Commission the number of calls and statistics of the ambulance service. He further stated that they were currently down one Paramedic due to a fall on the ice in front of their station which fractured her leg. Wilson commended the volunteer Fire Departments for their assistance during medical emergencies in getting crews to the scenes when roads were heavily covered in snow. He then requested that the County consider providing protective vests for ambulance crew members to have when traveling to an area where there are possible shooters which recently happened. Wilson believed the crews could be at risk as they were often the first responding to a scene of uncertainty. Wilson suggested that multiple sizes be purchased for crew members to put on their trucks each day but that the director and supervisors should have their own. It was agreed that a work session would be held with Emergency Services and the Calhoun Commission on January 30th, 2025 at 4 p.m.

The Calhoun Wood Festival Committee reported that several members recently attended the WV Fairs and Festivals Convention where they listened to several bands and made contact with fireworks providers in preparation of the 2025 Wood Festival.

Calhoun Park Board President Donnie Pitts reported that their December Christmas light show was successful with the help of Ricky and Debbie McGuire who provided a very nice computer light show. Mr. Pitts stated that the park is hoping to get school, churches, businesses and community involved to expand the show next year throughout the park encouraging visitors to travel to the area.

The Calhoun Park Board requested \$500 for a Seestar Telescope that will be made available to park visitors. The telescope is packed with \$4,000 in technology making it a bargain for what it will allow visitors to experience with ease. The computerized telescope can be used for imaging, tracking, stacking, planetary, solar and even bird watching! The Park Board is in contact with Marietta College in Ohio and Glenville State University in hopes of encouraging those schools to host astronomy programs and utilize what Calhoun County Park has to offer them. A second funding request was made for the astronomy portion of the Park by requesting the County cover the costs of reimbursement for the star parties hosted at the park which would include the cabin rental and other expenses totaling \$500-\$1,500 for two events. A third request for funding was for the consideration purchasing side by side utility vehicle for park staff to use when traveling over the multi-acreage park. Mr. Pitts suggested a used, low cost model or even one that could be shared with Calhoun Sheriff’s Department. Storage could be done at the tractor shed on the park.

Tina Persinger, Director of the Calhoun Family Resource Network informed the Commission that the FRN would be partnering with the WVU Extension office to host a cooking class for 12 students which have already been booked. She also announced that Trinity Yeager will be providing holiday pictures for Valentines Day and other holidays. The photograph cost will be by donation allowing local residents to capture their families in affordable photos. FRN continues to provide food pantry deliveries and recommends the community watch their Facebook page and website for dates and times.

Mrs. Persinger encouraged the commission to work with Carrie Decker and the USDA and HUD housing with a focus on housing for recovering addicts. She told the Commission that they’d recently had several people displaced because of the weather. FRN has four apartments that are currently rented, Grantsville Manor housing is full as well as Calhoun Homes and the Red Devil Inn. According to statistics, housing availability drops the addiction rates in a community. Calhoun FRN is working on getting a generator to allow their building to become an emergency shelter. Currently two shelters are available being the Arnoldsburg Community Park

and Pleasant Hill Church for crisis situations. The FRN also keeps MRE’s (Meals Ready to Eat) and other shelf stable meals to help families throughout the year.

Sheriff Graham Knight reported to the commission that Home Confinement continued with little change. He also announced that he had been working on trying to get a community service option for sentencing but currently the County’s insurance didn’t allow it. Sheriff Knight believes that it should be revisited with the insurance and has spoken to Magistrate Lora Davis. Davis said that the community service option would offset the defendant’s fines but not their court costs which is State mandated to be paid. Should this option be made available, defendants would be monitored by the Home Confinement officer.

Sheriff’s Knight expressed that it had been a rough couple of weeks for emergency services. But he felt the need to say that through the snow even with trucks down, the Calhoun Department of Highways worked 24 hours a day and have done all that they can do. Regarding the vests request by Jason Wilson, the Sheriff said that “we all wish we lived in a Mayberry but we don’t. Every year we have more escalations. Neighboring counties see it all the time. There is a chance that something could happen to a first responder because they’re often first on scene. They’re alone a lot.” He described a Dementia patient, that had a loaded fire arm in their home and had informed control that they had shot an intruder twice (which was not actually true), but the possibility is there that they could have. Since the last meeting the Sheriff’s Department has had a retirement of Deputy Jeff Hunt , and the department continues to. Have a high call volume. Everyone is short on staff, when the time comes he warned that the budget may have to be revisited regarding the hiring of additional staff.

Knight brought to the attention of the Commission that the current WV State Code books available to them were out of date. A full set would cost the county \$2,500. It was determined that the Commission would investigate what books needed updated in the Court-house and the County would look into making sure there was a complete set available to all staff.

Sheriff Knight presented several receipts for the Animals Fosters in the county who requested reimbursement for food and other things that apply to the welfare of the animal. Six dogs and two cats were currently being fostered by the County.

Sheriff Knights final request from the Commission was for the purchase of signage to discourage semi trucks from going onto roads that do not allow large trucks passage. This endangers not only the truckers but citizens when emergency services cannot get through due to the long periods off time it takes to remove the trucks, sometimes taking 5-6 hours, involving wreckers and emergency crews to assist. The WV State Highway will not place signs on roads until there are a certain number of incidents. Knight would like the county to take precautionary measures in preventing it by placing the signs themselves. The Commission plans to look into the legality of placing signs on the State’s right of ways.

Sheila Burch, Director of the Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation made a recommendation to the Commission that the County get back to work on the Comprehensive Plan with a meeting in the month of March to set goals for the coming five years. The Commission agreed with Eric Lupardus stating that it the Comprehensive Plan was a living document that need to be given attention. Lupardus also asked where the LKADC was at with their micro funding. Mrs. Burch stated that the LKADC has their own revolving loan fund tat caps at \$25,000 for which they’ve funded three businesses in Calhoun and Wirt Counties over the past year. MOVRC (Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council) provides funding opportunities of larger amounts. She noted that neither agency is in competition with the Banking industry but encourages businesses to seek funding through the bank when feasible, and if funding is not available come to LKADC and MOVRC for help.

In 2024 Calhoun County saw 24 new businesses open up. Two newly opened businesses are a Pet Store in the Arnoldsburg area and an Outdoor Store on the West Fork. If individuals are in consideration of opening a business, Mrs. Burch encouraged them to contact her for assistance.

The Calhoun County Financial Statement for 2024

was approved and will be published in the Calhoun Chronicle in their next issue.

Regarding the O&M Agreement, itemized receipts were presented with a balance of funding. The O&M Committee paid 20% down on the building that will house the consolidated agencies. In addition the Commission agreed to pay the January Bonds for Mt. Zion PSD, Pleasant Hill PSD and the Town of Grantsville.

Ridgeview News Publisher, Shari Johnson, questioned the Commission about a recent report that she had received that certain members of the O&M Committee were monopolizing equipment purchases as if one entity had governance over another. The Commission assured that they’d look into the matter.

The Commission voted to host two meetings monthly – one morning and one evening meeting to allow the community better access to local government. Monthly meetings will continue on the 2nd Monday at 9 a.m., with the addition of a meeting on every 4th Monday at 6 p.m. January 27th would be the next meeting of the Calhoun County Commission. Changes may occasionally occur due to other commitments

It was also voted that the Calhoun County Commission agendas be published one week in advance of each meeting in the Calhoun Chronicle and the Ridgeview News.

For many years Calhoun County has been supposed to partner with Roane County for an LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee). But because of their failure to attend the meetings, Roane County was in the process of removing Calhoun County from their organization. However, Eric Lupardus attended their last meeting and it was agreed that Calhoun would once again become active with the LEPC. Applications will be made available for various agency representation through the Commission. The next LEPC meeting is January 22nd, 2025 at 1 p.m. at Roane General Hospital.

Commissioner Lupardus requested that access to the courthouse, which has been the responsibility of the Calhoun County Clerk’s office, be turned over to the Calhoun Sheriff’s Department for security reasons. Commissioner McCumbers questioned the reasoning behind the change of command to which Lupardus and Sheriff Graham Knight explained that at a recent Security meeting with the State it was brought to their attention that as a matter of security the Sheriff should know who has access and when, and should be the determining factor because the accountability fell to his office. The matter was voted on and passed that Sheriff Knight will now govern courthouse accessibility.

Under old business the Commission decided to work on an advertisement for an administrator and it will be on the next agenda to approve an advertisement and post it. They also approved posting an advertisement for a County Surveyor.

Board Appointments were as follows:

Larry Justham approved for 4 year term on the Civil Service Board

Animal Shelter Board approvals for Carol Sloane, Patty Laughlin, Jennifer Studer and Marlan Zwoil

Building Commission appointment of Marlan Zwoil

Bradley Steven’s and Ron Blankenship appointed to LKADC

The Commission will assume their positions on the following Boards:

4-H Advisory Council – Craig Arthur

Building Commission – Jacob McCumbers

Calhoun County Park – Jacob McCumbers

CRI – Craig Arthur

E911 – Eric Lupardus

EMS – Craig Arthur

FEMA – Eric Lupardus

FRN – Jacob McCumbers

LKADC – Jacob McCumbers

MOVHD – Jacob McCumbers

MOVRC – Jacob McCumbers

Planning Commission – Eric Lupardus

Work Force – Eric Lupardus

Invoices approved were:

General Fund – \$ 93,472.64

Coal Severance – \$ 2,092.30

Dog Fund – \$45.00

E911 – \$11,928.49

Home Confinement – \$442.68

Excess Levy \$13,405.84

GRAND TOTAL \$121,387.05