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The Calhoun Chronicle



The Grantsville News

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Calhoun County Since June 12, 1883

More snow and frigid temperatures blast Calhoun

Another round of cold, icy, snowy weather blasted he area over the past few days closing businesses and government offices and making driving conditions dangerous at best.

According to the National Weather Service in Charleston "snow showers will continue across much of the region ahead and along an approaching arctic front. The passage of this front will yield an uptick in showery, or squally activity with some localized quick accumulations possible amid otherwise mainly light snow or flurries.

Temperatures in the 20s across the lower elevations, combined with filtered sunshine and road treatment, have led to wet or slushy roadways where treatment has been applied with secondary and tertiary routes generally still snow covered. Passage of the arctic front will yield

temperatures plunging down into the single digits, which could lead to refreezing of many of these surfaces. Use extreme caution if traveling. Wind chills will be in the single digits below zero across the lowlands, and in the 10s and 20s below zero in the mountains. The arctic air, the coldest air of the season, will stick around the area through Thursday.

And then next week?

More of the same.

Here are some conditions across the county where the West Virginia Department of Highways was out often and early starting in the middle of the night. Calhoun County Commissioner Eric Lupardus was out checking road conditions to report to the citizens on while Pauline Farrell took a photo of backed up traffic on Leaf Bank Road.







Filing under way for Grantsville town election

By Gaylen Duskey

The "political" face of Grantsville may indeed be changing.

The town is seeking people to serve as mayor, recorder and members of the town council and has an election coming up later this year to elect new leaders.

Currently only three people have filed for those seven jobs although filing remains open until the close of the business day on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025.

Know candidates (as of this writing) include John Villines for mayor and Tanya Cunningham and Jess Metz for town

Incumbents include council members Courtney Yoak Alexander, Cheryl Sturms, Linda Staton, Emilee Morgan and Rissa Staples, recorder Emily Robinson and mayor Robert Petrovsky.

"I'd like to fix things between the town and its people and make the town be an open book for all to read stop this hiding of information," Villines said. "With its people and a good council, we can make it great again."

Cunningham said, "I want to help move our little town forward. I want to see Grantsville prosper. Not just say we want to do this, but actually do it."

"I have resided in Grantsville since the day I was born and I am already in the business of helping people I have two positions at the FRN/FSC which are Peer Recovery Supporter which soon I will be board certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist helping those who still struggle with active addiction and also I am a Parent Resource Navigator helping parents who are involved with Child Abuse and Neglect cases reach reunification with their children so hopefully I can help the town move forward in its journey to growth and help stop the division that has been so detrimental to our com-

munity," Metz said. Every position is open for Grantsville citizens to file for the coming June 2025 Town Government Election. Filing coninues 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.

Lupardus busy as county commission makes big changes

By Gaylen Duskey

It was a Sunday evening and Eric Lupardus was running around trying to get information to two of Calhoun's news sources - The Calhoun Chronicle and The Ridgeview News -- before it was

What Lupardus - Calhoun County's newest County Commissioner - wanted to make sure they had was a copy of the county commission's meeting agenda.

I was important to Lupardus because one of the biggest issues he ran on was an open government platform and he wanted to make sure that Calhoun's media was properly notified. Not notifying the media of upcoming meetings has been a bone of contention between the media and governmental agencies with Lupardus realizing the media has been right about open meetings and the Sunshine Law,

And he meant to follow the law and the spirit of the law.

This was especially since the county commission was adding a second monthly meeting each month - an evening meeting for working people unable to attend the normal morning meeting that is usually held.

So, the agenda was a big deal.

Lupardus along with commission president Craig Arthur and democrat

commissioner Jacob McCumbers all have a commitment to make the government more friendly bringing the general populace more in line with the govern-

In the first meeting of 2025 earlier Lupardus said in the future he wanted the agenda approved by all three commissioners to avoid mishaps, such as that of the December meeting, where two agendas were prepared, one by Commission President Craig Arthur and a second by Calhoun County Clerk Jean Simers who was out of her office for medical reasons.

This snafu resulted in what may have been the illegal naming of a person to the civil service board.

Commissioners 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 second Monday at 9 a.m., with the additional meeting on every fourth Monday at 6 p.m. 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.

So Lupardus was busy and Calhoun was getting a new and open government.

Lincoln Day Dinner Feb. 15

The Calhoun County Republican Committee will be hosting its annual Lincoln Day Dinner event Feb. 15th at 6 p.m. at the Arnoldsburg Community Park.

This years' event will be the celebration of faith, family and freedom with a concert by Johnny Staats and the Cossin Brothers scheduled.

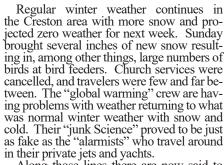
The GOP committee feels nothing speaks Appalachian

America better than a night of first class bluegrass and great

Tickets will go on sale January 20th, 2025, and will be available from members of the Calhoun Republican Committee. See Shari Johnson, Eric Lupardus, Makahla Page or Steve Boggs. The cost of the tickets will be \$25.00 until Feb. 9th and then the cost goes to \$30.00 each.

CRESTON News

BY ALVIN ENGELKE PHONE 275-3578



Along those lines there are now said to be only 200 coal fired plants left in the USA with 170 of those "scheduled" to be closed to "stop global warming". Worldwide there are 2400 of which 1142 are in China and 282 in India. Both China and India are building more coal plants to run and fuel their econo-

With the deep snow some have had prob-lems getting their mail. The local carrier noted that postal patrons should shovel out the snow so that that the mailbox can safely be approached. On the Richardsonville road there is a mailbox that now has an angle after an unfortunate incident with the carrier. It was also noted that as part of routine snow and ice protocols (SRIC) after the snow has been plowed from the main roads & side roads as set forth in the SRIC plan one then takes a snow plow, either with a road grader or a truck, and then set back the snow that has been plowed off the road. This makes space for the next snow and also cuts down on melt running out on the road causing icy patches.

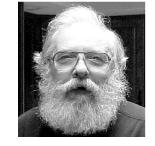
PBS (Public Broadcasting System) a federally funded media outfit had a discussion recently suggesting that oil & gas executives should be sent to prison for their participa-tion in the so called "global warming. Perhaps Elon & Vivek will take note and make them part of the \$2 trillion spending cut.

Kathryn Maze, age 86, passed away. She was the daughter of Orval & Lula Hughes

and the widow of Gerald D. Maze.

Betty Wagoner, age 87. Of Brooksville passed away. Her daughters ae Brenda Roberts and Regina Hupp, both of Creston. Burial was in the Wagoner graveyard on Vellow Creek. Yellow Creek.

Patricia Nida, age 75, of Creston passed away after a prolonged fight with breast cancer. The daughter of Oris and Sylvia Meadows, she was the widow of Navy veteran and builder H. Wayne Nida. She has two daughters, Peggy (Šis) and Angela. Service



will be Saturday, January 25 with burial at the Snyder/McCray cemetery. There will be a meal served at the Creston Community Building after the service.

Debbie Griffin is home after a sojourn at the Cleveland Clinic. She has been having a rough time.

Kevin "Weasel" Wease remains a hospital patient and said not to be doing well.

There is talk of some data centers in Pennsylvania near sources of Marcellus & Utica fired power plants. There was to be talk about one in Wirt County, but inclement weather has held up the talks. Such might involve a data center & an associated gas powered power plant fueled with Wirt County natural gas. Bob Bush noted that he was interested in

the possibilities of the Utica shale that underlies the area and that is 1100 feet thick. He also noted that several generations of his family have made their living in the oil

EQT announced that MVP (Mountain Valley Pipeline) is now up to capacity transporting 2bcf/day of natural gas. The TransCanada/Columbia Gas line that goes between Creston & Burning Springs sends 2bcf/day [billion cubic feet] to the Gulf of Mexico for export as LNG. It was announced that the present US use of natural gas is 120 bcf/day will soon go up to 150 bcf/day and that the price will go back

up to \$5. The ruling junta wanted to ban gas water heaters. Certainly there are places for those folks in perhaps Lower Slobbovia. A recent study in Japan revealed that those who had the messenger rna "vaccines" have up to a 4900% increase in heart failure. Locally "medical" facilities have been promoting taking more of the vaccines. We pay for

Kennedy cannot get in quick enough. Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Tucker were attending to business in Elizabeth.

such so some can collect their royalties. Mr.

Drillers in Pennsylvania & Ohio have now successfully drilled horizontal wells with U turns in both the Marcellus & the Utica.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade

crude oil is \$76.88/bbl. With condensate fetching \$58.88/bbl. While Marcellus & Utica light was \$65.88/bbl. Because of winter road conditions not much oil was shipped locally so far this month. Because of cold weather the NYMEX price of natural gas jumped to \$4.258/MMBTU although this price never makes it to local folks know, we are all equal, but some are "more equal".

They may be more famous, but they don't have better friends

By Gaylen Duskey Ben Franklin

Muhammad Ali Betty White

Jim Carrey Michelle Obama

Kid Rock Steve Harvey

Dwayne Wade James Earl Jones

Maurey Povich

Eartha Kitt

Al Capone

Zooey Deschanel

I share a birthday date – January 17 – with all these people. I am not famous like any of them. I am not an inventor or a Founding Father like Ben Franklin; I am not a great athlete like Muhammad Ali or Dwayne Wade; I am not beloved by millions like Betty White; I am not an actor or singer like Kid Rock, Zooey Deschanel, Jim Carrey, James Earl Jones, Maurey Povich, Eartha Kitt or Jim Carrey; I am not a criminal like Al Capone or married to anyone famous like Michelle Obama.

But I am loved and well thought of by the people I know in my own little community and when it came time to celebrate the 74th anniversary of my birth.

And it surprises me and humbles me. Thank you for it.

Monday was that day, and we were snowed and iced in here in Grantsville. At least I was since I didn't need to go out I didn't. I spent the day watching television and on the internet.

Life is like that anymore, but it is not forlorn and empty and for that I thank my Facebook friends and family.

You made my birthday special, and I want to thank each and every one of

I wrote this three years ago and it was like Déjà vu all over again.

Who'd have thought it.

But while I have been having cake withdrawal from not getting a birthday cake - I got a birthday blueberry muffin instead - there has been a lot going on as the world locally, nationally and internationally have been going hrough

Internationally there has been a ceasefire between Israel and the terrorist which was brought about basically bu President Donald Trump telling the terrorists they better come to a cease fire agreement and start releasing prisoners

I think the "or else" part got their at-

Trump is not a "do nothing" guy like Joe Biden and he days of ignoring the American leader is over.

Frankly I do see an end to the Mideast War, the Russia-Ukraine struggle and Communist China threats to Taiwan.

Because Trump is a forceful and skillful leader.

And Biden is neither.

Nationally I see Trump being able to Make America Great Again by simply rolling back all the stupid things Bden did just to spite Trump.

Trump will use executive action to roll back so many of Biden's executive actions that it would not surprise me to see 100 such actions in the first when we reopen the pipelines and "drill baby drill."

I mean even before he became President, he calmed down the TikTok fiasco getting the Chinese firm to turn TikTok

back on. He used common sense (something Biden and he democrats do not have) and said we could be happy with a 50-50 ownership of TikTok perhaps setting up an age of cooperation with the Chinese.

Who knows it is much better than the Biden era where American leaders such as Joe and Huner Biden were reportedly on the dole from the Chinese and other foreign countries as the Bidens (reportedly) sold favor and access.

Statewide new West Virginia Governor Parick Morrisey sounds and. looks like a mini me of outgoing Governor Jim Justice so don't expect much to change. And locally when Eric Lapardus beat

Kevin Helmic for the log term Calhoun

County Commission spot the power in the courthouse changed drastically because Helmic was an old-style leader who believed the power rested within the courthouse walls and basically the public could find out what was going on after it had "gone on." On the other had Lupardus is a new

style politician who wants the citizenry to know in advance what is going to go on and, if possible, buy into it before it I think this will be a very productive

thing for Calhoun County and will help open the door to a great economic rebirth for us. As for the Town of Grantsville there

is an upcoming election a little later this year which I think will lead to new people serving in the town hall.

It may not happen but when you are responsible for raising water rates by 60 per cent (whether it was needed or not) you are not going to get re-elected.

Just not going to happen.

So, I see things – positive things – happening.

And it's about time.

SPORTS TIME: I watched the Calhoun High Schol girds team play the other night and while te opponent – Van - is not exactly a powerhouse I was impressed by what I saw.

The Lady Red Devils aren't bad.

The problem is where Calhoun is located. Geography is not kind to the Red Devils as the are surrounded by small school girls' basketball powerhouses such as Gilmer, Williamstown, Ritchie, St. Marys, and etc., and when you get to the next level you run int people like Tug Valley, Tolsia and Huntington St.

It's not easy but Calhoun seems to be in a strong rebuilding mode and hardwood success doesn't seem to be too far

A couple of the young players remind me of a couple of young players from a few years back.

I must say Paige Sterns and Josie Richards put me in mind of Josie Montgomery and Savannah Cunningham when they first began their high school careers, and they ended up leading the Red Devils to the state tournament.

Who knows? But we can be hopeful,

As for the boys' team if I can keep enough players to finish the season they are down to nine players - it will get better every game, especially when it gets its shooting touch.

Just like he future of the county as a whole I am optimistic about the future of Red Devis' athletics too.

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

OBITUARIES TX and one daughter Cheryl



Eugene Deel

On January 9, 2025 Eugene "Gene" Deel, 94, passed away peacefully at Ravenswood Village, Ravenswood, WV. Gene was born at Stinson, WV on August 2, 1930 to the late Arley Moses Deel and Donnie Frances Parsons Deel. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife of 65 years, Iwana Fern Deel, an infant son, Michael Eugene Deel, and brother, Roger Deel. He is survived by one son Ricky (Thomasina) Deel of Pfleugerville,

(Terry) Hersman of Ripley, WV; six grandchildren Betsi (Dustin) Foster of Paris, TN, Billy (Denise) Deel of Milan, TN, Megan (Roel) Flores of Pfleugerville, TX, Jada (Chris) Williams of Ripley, WV, Brandon (Kendra) Hersman of Ripley, WV, Darrin (Lauren) Hersman of Fort Thomas, KY; eleven great-grandchildren, Scotty Bizeau, Jack and Persie Foster, Lucas Deel, Coco Flores, Colson, Amaris, and Briley Williams, Brody and Korie Hersman, and Everett Hersman. Gene lived in Calhoun County most of his life before moving to Parkersburg, WV. He was an active member of the community helping with ramp dinners, the Volunteer Fire Department and orchestrating the widening of the Minnora Cemetery bridge and the constructing of the shelter at the cemetery. Gene was a 50+ year member of the Mason's Lodge #83 at Linden and was also a member of the Parkersburg Shriners. He

front lines during the Korean War. He spent 40+ years as an employee of Dominion Resources formerly Hope Natural Gas and Consolidated Natural Gas where he was a bailing machine operator, mechanic and well tender. He was fun loving, enjoyed camping, and loved to be on the road to somewhere especially Nashville and Pigeon Forge. Gene was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and will be greatly missed. The family would like to extend sincere appreciation to the staff at Ravenswood Village. A funeral service was held at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., 1440 Arnoldsburg Road, Arnoldsburg, WV, on Friday, January 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Visitation was Friday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Interment followed in Minnora Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

was a proud Marine Corps

Veteran having served on the



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Patricia Ann Nida of Creston, WV, on January 15, 2025, at the age of 75. Pat passed peacefully, surrounded by family, after her third courageous battle with breast cancer. Pat was born on March 3, 1949, in Creston, West Virginia, to Oris and Sylvia Meadows. She grew up in Wirt County and was known for her unwavering devotion to her family, her incredible strength, and her sense of humor that could light up any room. Pat enjoyed quilting, spending time with friends, listening to the music of Elvis Presley

and Conway Twitty, and filling her home with warmth and laughter. Her generosity and kindness extended to everyone she met, leaving an indelible mark on their lives. Pat is survived by her loving family, including her daughters, Peggy Nida (Kevin) and Angela Nida (Sally); her siblings, Larry Meadows (Christina), Peggy Hacker (Darrell), Maysel Miller (David), and Judy Meadows; her grand-children, Ana, Jacob, and Zachary; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cherished friends. She also leaves behind many who lovingly called her "Mom" or "Aunt." She was preceded in death by her devoted spouse, Wayne Nida; her parents, Oris and Sylvia Meadows; her brother, Roger Meadows; her nephew, David "Bub" Miller; and her cousin, Kitty Lowther. Pat's memorial service will be held at Stump Funeral Home in Grantsville, WV, on January 25, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with the funeral service to follow. A graveside service will take place afterward, followed by a celebration of Pat's life at the Creston School House in Creston, WV. Family and friends are invited to attend. share memories, and honor her extraordinary life. Pat's

strength, warmth, and enduring spirit will be missed bevond measure. Her legacy of love, resilience, and joy will continue to inspire evervone who had the privilege of knowing her. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Pat's honor to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF - http://give.bcrf. org) or the Susan G. Komen Foundation (https://www. komen.org/how-to-help/donate/) to support breast cancer research and advocacy. The family also encourages everyone to prioritize their health by scheduling regular checkups and cancer screenings, as early detection is one of the most effective tools in the fight against breast cancer. A funeral service will be held at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., 107 Market St., Grantsville, WV, on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. Kevin Church officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in McCray Cemetery, Creston, WV 26141. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com and https:// www.facebook.com/share/ g/14siBfrBxb/.

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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.

Rarga Cardans Drive Thru Farmer's Market

Berea Gardens Drive Thru Farmer's Market, Berea Gardens, Minnora. Wednesdays 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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

To add your community service information to this listing email contact@calhounchronicle.com.



Contact: Stan Bumgardner • <u>bumgardner@wvhumanities.org</u> • 304-346-8500

Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

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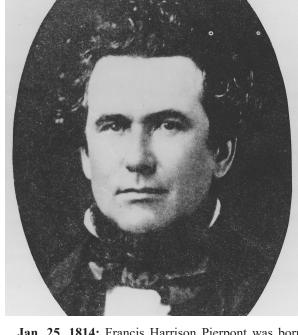
Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.



Jan. 23, 1903: The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia.



Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.



Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage and temperance move-

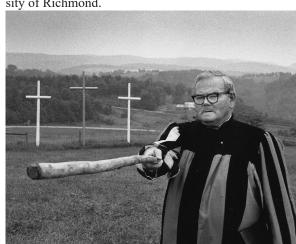
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Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in

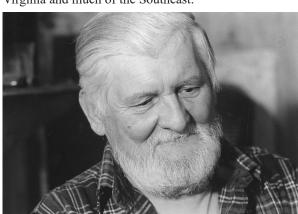
Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.



Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from part of Logan County. Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.



Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.



Jan. 27., 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.

Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh County line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.



Jan. 28, 1902: Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president. The legislature had passed a law requiring state hospitals for those engaged in dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals for miners were built in different sections of the state.

Jan. 28, 1937: In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood and Point Pleasant also were badly damaged.



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.

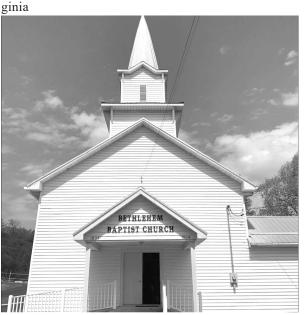
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None listed

BAPTIST

The Church at Annamoriah

PASTOR DR. BARRY A. MILLER SS @ 10:00 & Worship @ 11:00 Located about 1/2 of a mile out Katie's run road Annamoriah, West Vir-



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.

Pastor: Tom Law

Route 5 East Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville,



Brooksville Church Missionary Baptist

Pastor Matt Sanders, Sunday School - 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.,

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Pastor Ron Chesser

Associate Pastor Rick Godfrey

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Wednesday: 7:00 – Bible study

Pastor Ron's cell: +1 (304) 786-6273 Home: (304)

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Chloe, WV, Campus Pastor Steve Boggs. Open at 10am Preaching at 10:30 am Call 304-655-7692 for information: Internet services Done by Pastor (Mike Worf) at Freedom Baptist Church of Okeechobee Florida Sunday morning 10:30am, Sunday night 8pm, Wednesday night 7pm and Friday night 8pm



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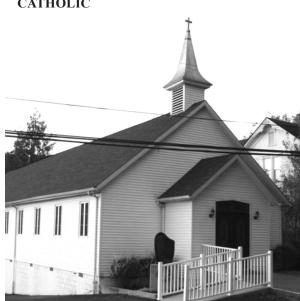
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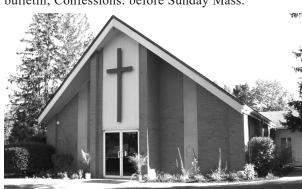
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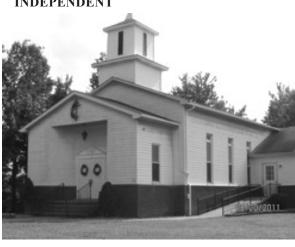
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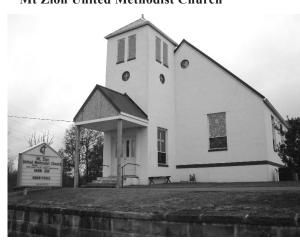
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Orma United Methodist

Wolfe Run Road, Sunday school 11-11;30; Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday. Pastor Tim Hickman.

Knotts Memorial Church



Pastor Tim Davis Sunday School: 9 am Sunday Worship: 10 am Wednesday Bible Study: 6 pm Thursday Men's/Women's groups: 6 pm Congregation Led Services https://www.KnottsChurch.com

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Calhoun girls roll past Van

Winning is always nice, but doing so behind a season-high score is even better (just ask Calhoun). They claimed a resounding 59-15 victory over the Van Bulldogs. The team's explosion on offense also rewarded the Red Devils with their most commanding win of the season.

Despite the loss, Van still got an impressive performance from Brailynn McCarty, who posted four points.

The win made it two in a row for Calhoun and bumps their season record up to 3-5. As for Van, they are on an 11-game losing streak (dating back to last season) that has dropped them down to 0-8.

Both teams will have to hit the road in their upcoming games. Calhoun will face off against Webster County at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Red Devil girls end skid

After having lost a blowout in their previous game against Roane County, Calhoun was happy to have turned things around on Tuesday. They skirted past the Braxton County Eagles 50-47. The victory was some much needed relief for the Red Devils as it spelled an end to their fourgame losing streak.

Calhoun's win ended a 12-game drought at home dating back to last season and bumped them up to 2-5. As for Braxton County, they have been struggling recently as they've lost five of their last six games, which put a noticeable dent in their 2-6 record this season.

Calhoun will be playing at home against Van at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Calhoun is facing Van at the right time seeing as Van is stuck on a sixgame losing streak. As for Braxton County, they won't have much time to rest: their next contest is against Gilmer County at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.



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Calhoun falls to Braxton

Calhoun was not able to break out of their rough patch on Tuesday as the team picked up their fourth straight loss. They were dealt a 78-27 defeat at the hands of the Braxton County Eagles. The Red Devils lost against the Eagles in their previous head to head back in January of 2024, too, but the margin this time around was even wider than the 67-58 score last time.

Calhoun's loss dropped their record down to 2-7. As for Braxton County, the win was the fourth in a row for them, bringing their record for this year to 5-2.

Calhoun will take on Wirt County at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. As for Braxton County, they will square off against Webster County at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

1/14 @ 7p	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
<u>Calhoun</u>	4	8	6	9	27
Braxton County	14	25	22	17	78

Game Stats

Calhoun

Calhoun

<u>#</u>	Athlete Name	Min	<u>Pts</u>	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	FG%	<u>PPS</u>	AFG%
	Team Totals		27	11	50	22	0.5	23
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		15	7	16	44	0.9	47
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		4	1	7	14	0.6	14
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		0	0	1	0	0.0	0
10	Hoyt Helmick (Fr)		0	0	1	0	0.0	0
11	Cooper Morris (So)		4	1	10	10	0.4	10
12	<u>Charter Cottrell</u> (So)		0	0	4	0	0.0	0
15	Ethan Harris (Fr)		0	0	1	0	0.0	0
20	Gavin Hicks (Fr)		2	1	4	25	0.5	25
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		2	1	6	17	0.3	17

Calhoun

<u>#</u>	Athlete Name	<u>Min</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>3PM</u>	<u>3PA</u>	<u>3P%</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	FT%	2FGM	2FGA	<u>2FG%</u>
	Team Totals		27	1	23	4	4	8	50	10	27	37
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		15	1	6	17	0	0	0	6	10	60
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		4	0	5	0	2	4	50	1	2	50
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Hoyt Helmick (Fr)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
11	Cooper Morris (So)		4	0	4	0	2	4	50	1	6	17
12	Charter Cottrell (So)		0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
15	Ethan Harris (Fr)		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Gavin Hicks (Fr)		2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	33
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	25

Calhoun

<u>#</u>	Athlete Name	<u>Min</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>OReb</u>	<u>DReb</u>	Reb	<u>Ast</u>	<u>Stl</u>	Blk	TO	<u>PF</u>
	Team Totals		27	13	16	29	8	6	0	30	
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		15	2	4	6	4	3	0	7	
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		4	3	2	5	1	0	0	4	
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
11	Cooper Morris (So)		4	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	
12	<u>Charter Cottrell</u> (So)		0	3	3	6	2	2	0	2	
20	Gavin Hicks (Fr)		2	1	4	5	0	0	0	3	
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		2	2	2	4	1	1	0	4	

Calhoun

<u>#</u>	Athlete Name	Ast:TO	Stl:TO	Stl:PF	Blk:PF	Chr	<u>Defl</u>	<u>TF</u>	<u>DD</u>	<u>TD</u>
	Team Totals	0.27	0.20							
0	Baron Davis (Fr)	0.57	0.43							
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)	0.25	0.00							
12	<u>Charter Cottrell</u> (So)	1.00	1.00							
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)	0.25	0.25							

SCHEDULE

20 JANUARY

9:00 AM
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MS BOYS

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7:00 PM HS BOYS BASKETBALL VS. DODDRIDGE 5:45/7:00 PM

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL @ WEBSTER 6:00/7:00 PM

MS GIRLS BASKETBALL © RITCHIE 6:00/7:00 PM

MS BOYS BASKETBALL VS. RITCHIE 6:00 PM

MS BOYS WRESTLING

22 JANUARY

5:45/7:00 PM
HS GIRLS BASKETBALL
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MS GIRLS BASKETBALL

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6:00/7:00 PM MS BOYS BASKETBALL VS. GILMER

24 JANUARY

5:45/7:00 PM HS GIRLS BASKETBALL @ GILMER 7:00 PM

HS BOYS BASKETBALL W VAN 6:00/7:00 PM

MS GIRLS BASKETBALL

9:00AM
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MS BOYS BASKETBALL
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VS. DODDRIDGE



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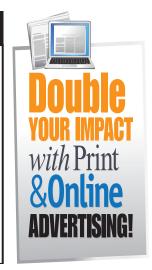
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE IS SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

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 Crysler, 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:

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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.

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G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2025 6:00 p.m. **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Pledge of Allegiance Followed by Prayer:
- III. Delegations/Requests:

- IV. New Business:
- A. Request MOVRC Foster Grandparent Program
- B. Mt. Zion PSD Update
- C. Sound/Live Stream System
- D. Disposal of Extra Office Furniture and Miscellaneous Items
 - E. Animal Shelter 501-C-3 Payment
 - F. Courthouse Repairs

- 1. Snow Removal Equipment
- 2. Estimate for Multiple Repairs to Courthouse and Annex Facilities
 - G. Business Incentive Options
- H. Office supplies, phone/internet, printer, and computer for administrator
 - V. Old Business:

A.

- VI. Personnel Items:
- A. Consider Position of County Administrator
- B. Consider County Administrator Advertisement C. Consider Extra Pay for 911 Employees when
- courthouse is closed VII. Appointments to Boards and Authorities:
- A. Alice Holmes Resignation Animal Shelter
- B. Commission Representative on Minnie Hamilton Board for
- EMS/Ambulance Services

VIII. Grants, Contracts, Applications and Resolu-

XIV. Adjournment – Next Meeting: February 10, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Agenda subject to change up to 3 business days prior to meeting date and time

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Principal's honor roll - All As

Kindergarten – Brier Arnold, Rylan Arthur, Kason Carder, Lilith Craddock, Edith Goodrich, Greyson Grogg, Ronin Gungle, Hal'Lee Hughes, Sofia Jones, Lydia Long, Kaden Marks, Alivia Nichols, Henry Poore, Memphis Quick

First Grade - Natalia Bremar, Ethan Fitzwater, Alaina McClain, River Parsons, Hadley Propst

Second grade - Kimber Batton, Lydia Burch, Emersyn Butler, Kaleb Butler, Braxton Carter, Kaylin Conley, Jayce Daniels, Brantley Davis, Rosslyn Dye, Sadie Goodrich, Kenna Hall, Emma Hardway, Kaylee Hawkins, Paxton Hughes, Grayson Jones, Savannah Leavitt, Talia Mayle, Chase Parsons, Gavin Parsons, Waylon Poore, Kendall Richards

Third grade - Gracelynn Baker, Wyatt Blosser, Kinsley Burch, Natalie Craddock, Isaac Fitzwater, Thorin Gungle, Jacsen Harris, Lydia Hill, Paislie Jarvis, Dexter Murphy, Kyson Sampson, Bryson Swish-

er, Axton White Fourth grade - Sophia Goodrich, Colton Jarvis, Adalina Lee, Brysten Sampson

A and B Honor roll

Kindergarten - Naomi Brock, Reed Falls, Greggory Knicley, Dalton Nicholas, Kiana Nicholas, Loki Northedge-McCoy, Isaiah Quick, Bryer Swisher

First Grade - Morgan Arnold, Mila Cottrell, Sophia Kilby, Blakely Moss, Paisley Sauer, Savannah

Second grade - Braxton Brannon, River Butler, Grayden Detweiler, Kayleb Harris, Weslee Harris, Avery Nelson, Skyler Nicholas, Kase Perkins, Carlisle Wilson

Third grade - Michael McClain, Briana Nicholas, Kamryn Stewart

Third grade - Sophia Goodrich, Colton Jarvis, Adalina Lee, Quintin Parkin, Brysten Sampson

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USDA Makes Grants Available for West Virginia Farmers and Ag Producers to Expand Market Opportunities and Generate More Revenue

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help agricultural producers and farmers expand market opportunities and generate more revenue.

USDA is making the grants available under the Value-Added Producer Grants program. The grants help farmers and ranchers generate new products, create marketing opportunities, and increase their incomes through value added activities.

Eligible applicants include independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

USDA anticipates making approximately \$30 million available through the VAPG program in fiscal year 2025. USDA may award up to \$75,000 for planning activities or up to \$250,000 for working capital expenses related to producing and marketing a value-added agricultural product.

Planning activities may include conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans. Working capital expenses may include costs associated with processing, marketing, advertising, inventory and sala-

USDA is particularly interested in applications that will advance key agency priorities to:

Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects; and

Help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.



Sunset Berry Farm and Produce in Monroe County used a 2024 Value-Added Producer Grant to help with customer base market expansion to new farmers markets across southern West Virginia.

Electronic applications will be accepted via available on Grants.gov. the VAPG application portal until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 17, 2025. Additional information is at Abbey.Ord@usda.gov for more information.

In West Virginia, please contact Abbey Ord by email

Klondike Derby set at Camp Kootaga

On Saturday January 25, 2025, klondike racers from all the Kootaga District will converge on Camp Kootaga for the 2025 Kootaga District Klondike Derby. Racers have been working on their sleds and Scouting skills getting ready for this race for months.

We invite you to attend this event at Camp Kootaga on Saturday, January 25 and cover this event for your media. The race should start at 9am and finish about 4pm. Many units will arrive at Camp on Friday evening and will be camped for the weekend. Please watch the weather and dress for the weather as this is an outside event. Warming stations will be available. With the snow and lower temperatures this year's event will be stellar!

For more info on this year's Klondike, please check out Klondike Derby - The Return of the Mountain Monster on the Buckskin website.

Once you cross the bridge into Camp Kootaga, please call one of the following numbers and they will give you directions to where the race is taking place!

Alan Campbell—Volunteer Race Director—740.516.4742

Christopher Burk-Kootaga District Commissioner—304.615.5648

Andrew Murphy-Kootaga District Executive-330.631.5244

The Kootaga District serves Scouts and volunteers in the following counties: Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, and Calhoun counties in West Virginia and the communities of Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolville in Ohio.

