

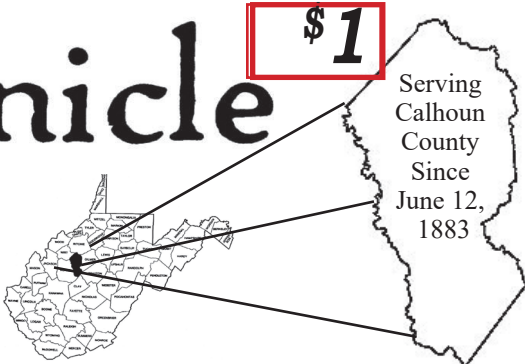


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Minnie Hamilton Health System

Announces New Board Officers

and Honors Outgoing Leadership



Ron Blankenship



Jean Simers



Donnie Pitts



Dwane Weekley

By Gaylen Duskey

Two longtime Calhoun stalwarts both stepped down from positions on the Minnie Hamilton Health System (MHHS) Board of Directors making way for new leadership.

Board President Ron Blankenship and Vice President Jean Simers both resigned. They were replaced by Donnie Pitts as President and Dwane Weekley as Vice President.

A spokesman for MHHS said in a release “We extend our deepest gratitude to our outgoing Board President, Ron Blankenship, and Vice President, Jean Simers, for their dedicated service and leadership. Their commitment and contributions have played a significant role in shaping the direction of MHHS, ensuring continued growth and excellence in patient care. While they are stepping down from their officer roles, we are pleased that both Ron and Jean will continue serving on the board as members, providing their valuable insight and experience.

“As we look ahead, we welcome our newly appointed Board President, Donnie Pitts, Vice President, Dwane Weekley, Treasurer, Martha Haymaker and Secretary, Amy Norman. Additional members are Courtney Williams, Doug

Cottrill and Roger Jarvis. Each of these individuals brings a wealth of experience and a shared commitment to advancing healthcare in our community. We are excited about the future and confident that their leadership will continue to uphold the values and mission of MHHS.”

Stephen Whited, Chief Executive Officer looked toward the future.

“I am thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead and are confident that, together as a united board, we will navigate new challenges and achieve even greater success. Our collective vision and commitment will drive us forward, empowering us to make a lasting impact,” Whited said. “Together we can continue to transform our community by prioritizing health and wellness for all. By fostering collaboration, education, and access to resources, we empower individuals to lead healthier lives and create a vibrant, thriving environment for everyone.

“Our board members are dedicated community advocates, tirelessly working to enhance services and facilities that uplift and empower those we serve. Together, we are committed to fostering a brighter future, ensuring that every member of our community has access to the resources they need to thrive.”

Statistics released for 2024 child

abuse cases

Courtesy Ridgeview News

The West Virginia Child Advocacy Network (WVCAN) released its State-wide Data for the 2024 fiscal year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024). The data in the report reflects service from West Virginia’s 21 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) which provided official service to 47 of 55 counties in the state. A CAC provides a safe, child-friendly facility where child protection, criminal justice, and child treatment professionals work together to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable, and help children heal.

During the year, CACs served 4,909

children – an 8% increase in new children served in the last five years. Locally, North Star Child Advocacy Center (NSCAC) did 570 forensic interviews, a 6% decrease from last fiscal year. NSCAC performed 28 medical evaluations and/or treatment of children, and initiated therapy or counseling for 118 children.

Some notables from North Stars 23-24 report include:

- 39% of the children served were there because of allegations of sexual abuse.
- 34% of the children served were there because of allegations of drug endangerment, 18% higher than the state average,

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Why the groundhog and why don’t

we have one?

By Gaylen Duskey

The lead story on the television news was about Groundhog Day.

Did this large rodent see his shadow when some men in top hats yanked him out of his burrow?

This was the question leading the newscast?

Yes.

According to legend should this large rodent see his shadow we are to expect six more weeks of winter.

Well, the one they call Phil in Punxsutawney, Pa., did and winter will be upon us for at least the next six weeks or just about the amount of time it is until spring takes over from winter and it warms up.

But down the road a ways in French Creek, W.Va., at the French Creek Game Farm a groundhog named Freddy was rudely awaked and yanked out to face the dawn and he did not see his shadow so that means the folks near French Creek are going to warm up quickly with an early spring.

Wow!!!

Who would have thought that an otherwise unremarkable rodent could have such an impact on Mother Nature as to control the weather?

Not me but I saw the size of the crowds at these groundhog “pulls”, and it made me wonder if such a thing around here could become a tourist draw.

Why not?

I mean I know a good spot on Hog Knob at the top of the Marsh Plant Bank on the property where Marsh Plant’s old home used to set that would be a great location and we could catch us a groundhog and name him Hog Knob Henry and start the groundhog “pull” tradition around here that may entice bored people to come out early on the morning of Feb. 2 for some old fashioned weather prognosticating.

I floated this idea when I was Editor of the Daily Iberian in New Iberia, La., suggesting we take one of the many nutria in the area and name him Nutria Nick but many of my Cajun readers thought it was too much of a Yankee idea. Besides, they said they really didn’t have six weeks of winter anyhow.

However here in our little part of the world we do have plenty of winter to go around and a groundhog “pull” isn’t a bad idea.

So where did this groundhog “pull” thing

come from anyhow?

Believe it or not Germany and it wasn’t a groundhog seeing his shadow it was a bear.

But I can’t see a bunch of elderly men in top hats yanking a bear out of its cage ... at least not more than once so the bear morphed into a groundhog.

Let’s take a look at this strange action and its origins.

According to the online encyclopedia Wikipedia this is the genesis of Groundhog Day:

“Candlemas is a Western Christian festival observed in the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches. However, in folk religion, various traditional superstitions continue to be linked with the holiday, although this was discouraged by the Reformed Churches in the 16th century. Notably, several traditions that are part of weather lore use the weather at Candlemas to predict the start of spring. The weather-predicting animal on Candlemas was usually the badger, although regionally, the animal was the bear or the fox.

“The original weather-predicting animal in Germany had been the bear, another hibernating mammal, but when they grew scarce, the lore became altered. [10] Similarity to the groundhog lore has been noted for the German formula: Sonnt sich der Dachs in der Lichtmeßwoche, so geht er auf vier Wochen wieder zu Loche («If the badger sunbathes during Candlemas-week, for four more weeks he will be back in his hole».)”

So, if nothing else you learned a little German if you have read this far.

Exactly what is a groundhog?

“The groundhog (*Marmota monax*), also known as the woodchuck, is a rodent of the family Sciuridae, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. [1] A lowland creature of North America, it is found through much of the Eastern United States, across Canada and into Alaska. [1] It was given its scientific name as *Mus monax* by Carl Linnaeus in 1758, [1] based on a description of the animal by George Edwards, published in 1743. [1]

Therefore an old saw that goes: “How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?”

Instead, it should really be “How much ground would a groundhog grind if a groundhog could grind ground?”

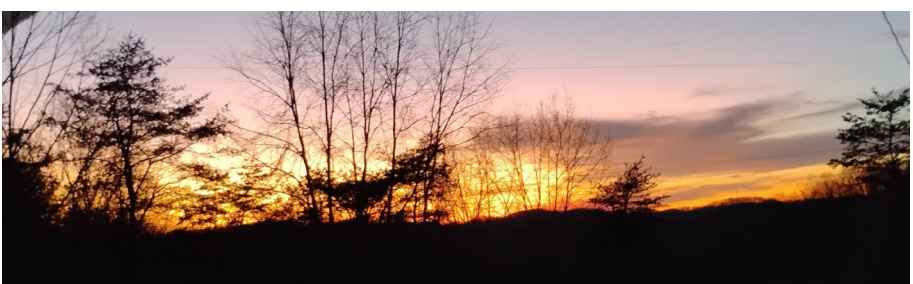
As Paul Harvey used to say “and now you know the rest of the story.”



Brennan Carpenter (2) has got to have the date Feb. 2, 2025, circled on his calendar because that is the date his Calhoun Red Devils play Meadow Bridge again. Thus far in two games against the Wildcats he is averaging 29.5 points per game against the Wildcats.

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Photo Courtesy of WVRC.



This is what the view is like from Hog Knob where we could hold a groundhog ‘pull’ while here are a couple of pictures of Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney, Pa.

CRESTON
NEWS

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

The Creston area had warmer weather and rain melting most of the snow. The Little Kanawha came up with water in W. Va. 5 at Cain’s ripple and the Ann’s Run Road was passable only to the Creston Community Building (the school house). Rough road signs are still in place for the Creston bridge and on Friday, during the rain, the unfortunate bridge department workers were trying to patch the pot-holes [imperfections in the surface of the roadway] on the bridge deck. The Wirt County crew advised that they were not allowed to “touch” the bridge.

Jack Griffin was calling on Dr. Dan Cain one day last week.

Several Creston area residents have been on the sick list.

Bonita K. Arthur, age 89, passed away at Miletree in Spencer. She was the daughter of Okey and Mable Mowrey Arthur. She has one son, Kenneth Boyd. Funeral is 1 PM on February 5 at the Matheny-Whited Funeral Home in Elizabet

h. The ground hog in Pennsylvania said there would be six more weeks of winter but the whistle pig up at the game farm at French Creek said there would be an early spring so it would seem that one has a choice. For certain this year the Easter flowers are not up (yet).

It was reported that now it is the “official” skunk mating season so there should be more polecats out and about, especially on the roadways.

Some local folks motored to Kincheloe to observe the repairs on HG Energy’s Stickel pad that was the scene of a recent gas well fire.

Exxon/Mobil the biggest Rockefeller oil company announced that the firm was going to be involved in providing energy for a data center and now #2 Chevron (aka Standard Oil of California) has announced that it would be building seven (7) power plants to run data centers in various parts of the nation. Blackstone is to buy for \$1 billion a Virginia power plant to supply energy for a data center. A meeting was held down at the Mouth of the Elk last week about the possibility of a data center in Wirt County with electricity from a power plant built lo-

cally that would use local Marcellus & Utica natural gas, again produced in and near Wirt County. It was noted that the Utica locally is 1100 feet thick. Not so long back a data center was proposed for Logan County but that “fell through”.

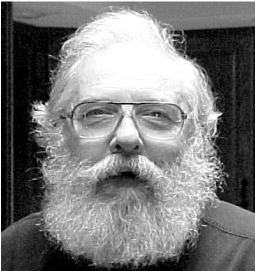
Up in the active Ohio Utica oil area there is a new firm called Tiburon Oil & Gas Partners, LLC which is comprised of former Carrizo employees funded by Post Oak Energy Capital.

The settlement checks from the Jay Bee class action were sent out. Those who signed leases that had binding arbitration clauses did not reimbursed for the charges wrongly taken from royalty checks. While firms are allowed to put out “bad paper” for folks to sign it is unconceivable that the “leaders” in state government whose job it is to protect the state, and its citizens would tolerate such from companies that wish to operate in West Virginia. Now with revenue short-falls perhaps “the wise ones” will consider checking the meters that are used to calculate severance and ad valorem taxes from these folks. One retired meter expert noted that some meters were off by one third and such was not rare.

It has now become fun to watch the news with the speed that improvements are happening on the national scene, alien criminals being rounded up and sent home in transport planes, DEI, ESG, CRT & “Global Warming” being trashed and active proposals to slash federal spending. Of course, some are not happy but those folks always enjoyed watching working folks’ oxen being gored by the globalists/socialists. Think about it — the federal government is operating as set forth under the Constitution!

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Bowers were attending to business in Elizabet

h. The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil dipped to \$71.53/bbl. With condensate fetching just \$53.53/bbl. While Marcellus & Utica light brought \$60.53/bbl. The NYMEX natural gas price was \$3.04/MMBTU but natural gas locally sone on DTI (Mother Hope) fetched just \$1.3956 and on Greylock only 76.197 cents. Those who had gas to send to the cold north east during the zero weather were able to afford luxury vacations, but such is not the case for local folks.



You won’t be given more than you can handle! Really?

*“Gloom, despair, and agony on me
Deep, dark depression, excessive misery*

If it weren’t for bad luck, I’d have no luck at all

Gloom, despair, and agony on me”
By Gaylen Duskey

My wife and I were talking when she said, “you know sometimes it seems if it weren’t for bad luck we’d have no luck at all.”

Honestly, it does seem that way.

“Kinda like that old Hee Haw song,” I said.

For those of you not as old as dirt like me Hee Haw was a country music themed variety show based in the mythical county of Cornbread, sorta like Calhoun County was while the Corn Bread Cosa Nostra still held power. It was the stereotypical idea of country folks.

They had this song which was on pretty much every episode that went like this:

“Gloom, despair, and agony on me
Deep, dark depression, excessive misery

If it weren’t for bad luck, I’d have no luck at all

Gloom, despair, and agony on me”

When I think of the past three months all I can do is shake my head.

My luck list:
I had a heart attack.

They gave me the wrong medicine.

My wife had to have knee replacement surgery.

The furnace blew up.

My wife’s car blew up.

My car blew up.

The furnace started putting out black smoke which caused the need to buy some sort of adaptor.

Wind caught the back storm door and blew it off its hinges.

A leather repair kit ordered from Amazon did not arrive.

My computer needed some repairs and during the repairs a wire in it got bent and shorted out.

My daughter got the results back from a medical test and was told to go to an emergency room at a ‘bigger’ hospital. Now.

Whatever disease going around hit me overnight.

And how has your recent past gone?

Let’s take a quick look at the “luck dirty dozen” and see the outcomes thus far.

I survived the heart attack. They did a roto-rooter type thing, installed a couple of stents and put me on some new medicines.

They took me off the new medicine and after putting me in the hospital again they put me on a new, new medicine which seems to be working fine.

My wife’s knee seems to be coming along although it is taking longer than she’d like.

We had a new furnace installed although it made me sine pecunia. For all of you who did not have high school Latin it means without money.

My wife’s car was repairable at around \$1,100.

My car has to have a new engine since it jumped a timing chain and bent all the valves. I hope the people I bought the engine from honors the warranty it gave me.

The black soot from what I understand is because Mountaineer Gas is giving us a “high octane” gas that causes it and to fix it I need some sort of adaptor at around \$150.

I will reinstall the door as soon as I can find a repairman to do so.

The leather repair kit was for a seat in my car still it would been nice if Amazon had offered a refund or to replace the kit. Amazon did neither it just said “gee, that’s too bad,”

My computer is working again, it just cost me a little more than it would have otherwise.

My daughter’s examination did not tun out too badly, but she needs to follow up with a specialist.

There is some good news in my current malady, I have probably lost a little weight.

Oh, yes, there was a 13th bad luck hit – a baker’s dozen if you will.

It was that my pipes froze off during the deep freeze and my guess is that one of them burst since while I have running water again there is not a lot of pressure. And I still haven’t got the shower working again.

I guess it’ll be all right since I am kinda use to horse sized water bills.

OPTIMISM REIGNS RAMPANT: After reading about the last Calhoun County Commission and talking with at least one of the mayoral candidates I am very optimistic that the county will go with a metro government and hire a professional administrator to run things.

From what I have read the county commission is in a soft search for an administrator.

It’s a great first step.

From my talks with various municipal candidates none expressed concerns of going to a metro government.

It’s a good second step.

What is a metro government?

It is where both the county and the municipalities (Grantsville) would work together with the administrator being the head honcho in charge. The administrator would do just that – administrate. That person would basically handle a lot of things the county and municipal governments must do on their own. Having an administrator would eliminate a lot of duplicity and would give a stronger front in other areas.

The administrator could do his job without encumbrances since he has been assigned to do that job.

Should either the county or the town want to remove the administrator they could vote to do so.

A perfect example of how a metro government works is a county school board with the superintendent running things unincumbered yet being responsible to the board of education which has the right to hire and fire the administrator.

The time has come for a metro government in Calhoun County. Let’s make it happen.

INTERNET AND PHONE SCAMS: There are so many scams going on now and most prey on the elderly, which we have a large number of here in our part of the world.

Most of the telephone scams are from computer generated telephone numbers which are “dead” numbers that no one has or uses any more. A good way to test the legitimacy of these numbers is to tell them you will call them back at the number on your phone. If you can’t call them back for some reason or another it is a scam.

The internet scammers will send you emails wanting you to go to such-and-such site by clicking on the link. Don’t. It is a scam.

Frankly I wish somebody could hold a seminar on how to spot and avoid scams.

We need it.

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

OBITUARY



Janet B. Chadock

Janet B. Chadock age 91 of Vienna, WV passed away Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Camden Clark Medical Center. She was born November 9, 1933, in Orma, WV, a daughter of the late Ralph and Ota Luzader Booher. Janet was a graduate of Calhoun County High School and Charleston Business College. She was retired from the US Postal Service, where she

was a former postmaster at Brohard, WV and a district clerk at Parkersburg. She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, where she was a choir member and former Young Adult Teacher and a past member of the Grantsville Chapter #73 Order of The Eastern Star and current member of the Vienna Chapter Eastern Star. Janet is survived by her son, Steven E. Chadock (Cathy) of Walker, WV; grandson, Tyler G. Chadock (Malorie) of Williamstown; granddaughter, Allison McClung (Ryan) of Williamstown; great-grandchildren, Cooper, Mason and Gracie and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Janet was preceded

in death by her husband, Edward Gene Chadock; her sisters, Virginia Cunningham, Helena Fuls, and Susie Rauch and brothers, Deward, Theodore and Grover Booher. Funeral services were held 11:00 am Thursday, January 30, 2025, at the Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, Vienna with Pastor Sue Jones officiating. Interment followed at the Sunset Memory Gardens. Visitation was from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Wednesday and one hour prior to the services Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church, 497 21st Street, Vienna, WV 26105 in memory of Janet. Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Chadock family.



Denzil Jack Parsons, Sr.

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Denzil Jack Parsons, Sr., 97, of Whigham, GA, went home to be with the Lord on

Monday, February 3, 2025. He was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Denzil was born May 28, 1927, to the late John Seldon and Edith Fanny Parsons. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Isabelle Ione Ferrell Parsons and his son, Denzil Jack Parsons, II. Also, sisters, Maxine Bell, Louise Parsons, Bonnie Adams, Donna Buie and Joanne Burwell; and brothers, Donald Parsons, James Parsons, Charles Parsons, and Lonnie Parsons preceded him in death.

He served his country with distinction during WWII in the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer Third Class.

Denzil is survived by his sister, Fern Swisher of

West Virginia. He is also survived by his children, Vangeline Tribble, Rebecca Ann Parsons, John Parsons and James Parsons (Lisa). He was blessed with eight grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

A service celebrating Denzil’s life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Clark Funeral Home, Cairo, GA, with Pastor Steve Poppell officiating. Private interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Whigham.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Clark Funeral Home.

Guests may sign the online register at www.clarkfuneral.com.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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

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

mechanics, space available, and accuracy.

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

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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County Farmer's Markets

Calhoun County Farmer's Market, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe. Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Arnoldsburg Farmer's Market, West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg. Fridays 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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

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

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Feb. 6, 1882: Poet Anne Spencer was born in Virginia but spent most of her youth in Bramwell, Mercer County. She became an acclaimed poet during the 1920s Harlem Renaissance. In 2000, two of her poems were included in the Library of America's anthology of 20th Century American poetry.



Feb. 6, 2007: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette, a native of Nitro, died in Florida. Burdette was an outstanding major league baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. He won three games in the 1957 World Series, helping the Braves defeat the New York Yankees.

Feb. 7, 1867: West Virginia University was established by an act of the West Virginia legislature. The college, originally called the Agricultural College of West Virginia, opened its doors in September 1867.

Feb. 7, 1889: Nell Elizabeth "Pistol Nell" Walker was born at Sewell Mountain. Known as the "First Lady" of Fayette County, she served 12 terms as a member of the House of Delegates

Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the Herald-Dispatch.

Feb. 8, 1915: Photogra-

pher Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany. He emigrated with his family to the United States at age 11. As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest, a Preston County artist colony.

Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled as a football halfback at South Charleston High School, and Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him.

Feb. 9, 1843: Republican leader Nathan Goff Jr. was born in Clarksburg. In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to A. B. Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day. The case dragged on until 1890, when Fleming was determined to be the rightful winner.



Feb. 9, 1900: "Aunt Jennie" Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.

Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

Feb. 10, 1904: Jay Legg was shot and killed by his wife, Sarah Ann, in their home in Clay County. The trial, conviction, appeal and acquittal of Sarah Ann led to a popular West Virginia folk ballad, "The Murder of Jay Legg."

Feb. 10, 2010: Frederick Appleton "Fred" Schaus, West Virginia University basketball All-American, coach, and athletic director, died at age 84 in Morgantown. Schaus coached WVU, 1954-1960, to a 146-37 record, and lost by one point in the 1959 national championship game.

Feb. 11, 1903: Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in Morgantown. She produced an immense body of work in various styles and enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Music and Fine Arts in Charleston.



Feb. 11, 1904: Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.



Feb. 11, 1911: The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-

seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.

Feb. 11, 1923: Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that extorted money from other Italian immigrants.

Feb. 11, 1935: The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the homesteads were intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.



Feb. 11, 1949: Singer and pianist Ethel Caffie-Austin was born in Bluefield and raised in Mount Hope. As "West Virginia's First Lady of Gospel," she performed around the world, taught countless students, earned the Vandalia Award and founded the Black Sacred Music Festival. She was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame in 2020. She died in 2024.

Feb. 12, 1867: Barboursville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.

Feb. 12, 1899: Karl Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe disabilities. He never attended school but educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority

Monthly Meeting
February 19th, 2025
Mom's Place Too
340 Main Street
Grantsville, WV 26147
5:00 pm

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority
Monthly Tire Event

February 21st, 2025
from 10-2

Tanya Cunningham
Assistant Director
Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority
2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy
Grantsville, WV 26147
304-354-7786

Trappers Meeting Scheduled

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their annual Spring Fur Sale and Rendezvous, February 28, March 1-2, 2025 at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road Glenville, WV .

Vendors will be present throughout the weekend.

The consignment for finished fur begins at 9AM on Friday February 28th and also on Saturday March 1st

beginning at 9AM. No raw fur or Ginseng will be consigned. Fur auction will be Sunday March 2nd at 1PM.

The Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, February 27th, at 7PM. Free Admission and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jeremaih Whitlatch at 304-916-3329 or log onto www.wvtrappers.com

The 1982 Foundation update for 2025

According to 1982 Foundation spokesman Whitney Butler a lot has been happening behind the scenes in preparation for Summer 2025.

Here's a look at what is in store at Avalon:

We have met with students interested in applying to be a lifeguard or work at the taco truck. Applications will be available soon.

Saundra Johnson Aquatic Center opening day May 24th

We are currently looking into hosting swimming lessons and booking water aerobics.

Taste of Spice 2025-- tickets are on sale now.

Country Curator is now open at 354 Main Street, Grantsville

Summer Concert Series planning happening now.

Wood Festival June 2025

Spring Fling and Turkey Hunt April 19th, 2025

Molasses Festival September 2025

Fall Festival October 2025

Meanwhile the Country Curator is open Monday-Thursday 9 am-3pm and Friday 9 am-noon. Extended hours available by request. Located in our office at 354 Main Street, Grantsville.

Delicious treats & handcrafted items made locally. These would make perfect Valentine's Day gifts! Each vendor makes 100% of each sale. Cash or check only.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for one of our events, please reach out since we are looking forward to a wonderful summer and seeing all of our supporters!

MOVHD announces nurse licensed as nurse practitioner



Devena Moore

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department announces that Devena Moore has recently been licensed as a nurse practitioner with the state of West Virginia.

Moore has been employed at MOVHD for 17 years. As a Family Nurse Practitioner for MOVHD, she can now offer services for patients of all ages including:

- Preventative care services such as immunizations, well child exams, hearing and vision screenings.
- Physical exams such as those required for work, school and health screenings for education enrollment.
- Womens health services
- Nexplanon Insertions and Removals
- General screenings
- Health and Wellness Prevention and Education Services
- STI education, screenings and treatment

• Referrals to Specialists

Moore is a 2011 graduate of Washington State College of Ohio where she received her Certificate of Practical Nursing Education and was licensed as a practical nurse. After working as an LPN for several years, she went on to become a 2022 graduate of Washington State College of Ohio where she received her associate's degree in nursing and passed the boards to become a Registered Nurse. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Chamberlain University in July 2023 and her master's degree in nursing in 2024 with a Family Nurse Practitioner concentration.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. Its main office is located at 1824 Murdoch Ave. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information.

Cain sells Spencer veterinary office

Dr. Dan Cain completed the sale of his Spencer office this past weekend.

It is now owned and operated by Dr. Nicholas Smith, and Dr. Hannah Simmons. They are married, went to Veterinary School together in Mississippi, and have been working for the past two years in Pt. Pleasant. They are excited to be back "home" as Dr. Nick is from Arnoldsburg and Dr. Hannah is from Gilmer County. They are currently getting the office at Spencer ready for them to run and you can call there and

continue your care for your pets.

Dr. Cain is going to continue to practice at his Big Bend office and is looking forward to not traveling back and forth every day. However, he will miss seeing so many of his good clients that he has known for the 43 years that he has been in the Spencer office.

You can still contact the Spencer location at the same phone number--927-3528 and if you have questions you can contact us here at 354-6161

Glenville State University enrollment up 10 per cent

Reflecting on Fall 2024 enrollment numbers, Glenville State University is trending opposite of state and national trends for college enrollment. Comparing their Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 enrollment data, GSU saw a 10% increase in first time freshman enrollment. According to recent data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, national freshman undergraduate enrollment is currently declining by around 5%, with the most significant drops seen at public and private non-profit four-year institutions.

Overall enrollment at Glenville State University is up 6% from 2023. GSU has also nearly doubled the number of enrolled WV Promise Scholars. These increases are a direct result of expanding opportunities for prospective students through early college access programs, expanding institutional scholarship opportunities and minimal increases to tuition. GSU currently has the lowest resident tuition and fees among public WV Institutions.

"Glenville State University is deeply committed to expanding opportunities for prospective students to ensure they have access to a quality education," remarked Rikki Butler, GSU Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management. "The sense of camaraderie at GSU is truly unparalleled. The moment you step onto campus, you can see and feel it—it's a place that immediately feels like home," she added.

Dr. Mark A. Manchin, President of Glenville State University, is enthusiastic to see these numbers continue to exceed expectation. "There are so many exciting things happening at Glenville State University. From new state of the art facilities to innovative degree programs, we truly do have something to offer everyone" Manchin stated. "I am hopeful and confident we will continue to see these numbers increase. By offering an affordable, quality college education without sacrificing a unique and enjoyable student experience, WV students will continue to see the value here in Glenville."

WIC schedule announced

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental foods program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of five. WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the WIC Program or to receive more

information call: 304-354-6898 or 305-354-6101 or stop in and schedule an appointment at 300 Mill Street Grantsville, WV 26147

WIC Clinic at 300 Mill Street, Grantsville every other Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

The 12th and 26st are our in person WIC clinic dates for February.

WVDA secures victory for state beekeepers

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has achieved a major legal victory for farmers and beekeepers across the state. In November 2024, the WVDA intervened in the Kanawha County Circuit Court case *Alex Urban v. City of South Charleston* to defend the rights of West Virginians to engage in agricultural practices, including beekeeping. This effort was part of the department's commitment to protecting the right to farm and upholding the West Virginia Apiary Act.

Mr. Urban had previously petitioned the City of South Charleston for a permit to keep honeybees on his property, a request that was denied. Following his petition, the city enacted an ordinance prohibiting residents from keeping domesticated animals, including bees. In response, Mr. Urban filed suit against the city, and the WVDA intervened to protect its regulatory authority over honeybees.

The WVDA argued that the City of South Charleston exceeded its legal authority by attempting to regulate honeybees, a responsibility designated exclusively to the state under the West

Virginia Apiary Act (§19-13-1 et seq.). Furthermore, the ordinance directly challenged the agency's jurisdiction under the West Virginia Right to Farm Law (§19-19-1 et seq.), which safeguards the rights of farmers and beekeepers statewide. The Court ultimately ruled in favor of the WVDA, affirming that regulatory authority over beekeeping rests solely with the department.

"This decision reaffirms the WVDA's role in regulating honeybees and ensures that West Virginians retain their right to farm," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "Beekeeping is a crucial component of agriculture and environmental sustainability, and we are committed to protecting those who contribute to our state's food systems."

As a result of the case, beekeepers statewide can have reassurance they can continue to operate and contribute to local agriculture.

"The WVDA's legal team and staff worked tirelessly on this case," said Commissioner Leonhardt. "We worked diligently to ensure that the law remains clear and fair for all West Virginia farmers and beekeepers."

CEMETERY DONATIONS

Norman Ridge Church & Cemetery, Calhoun County

Donations made to the church & cemetery in 2024 were \$825.00.

Expenditures including gas and mowing: \$419.01.

Leaving a balance to begin 2025 of \$1,701.30.

Thank you to Keith Hobgood for the upkeep of the cemetery toward the end of season. Keeping it looking beautiful. Thanks to Allen Dawson, Greg Dawson and Tim and Eden Holbert for mowing the cemetery by donating your time, gas and equipment. Keeping it beautiful.

Thank you to those who donate, either with money or your time. Donations are needed for the upkeep.

Please send donations to Allen and Tina Dawson, 5553 N. Calhoun Hwy., Big Bend, WV 26136 or deposit at Calhoun Bank Norman Ridge Church and Cemetery. Thank you! Questions call 304-354-9553.

Fluharty Cemetery, Big Springs, WV

Donations received during 2024 for the Fluharty Cemetery, Big Springs, WV, were as follows:


- Donnie Millican-\$200.00
- Margaret Kirby-\$200.00
- Gary & Carol Dye-\$200.00
- Buck & Linda Shaffer-\$200.00
- Tim & Cathy Ross-\$150.00
- Larry & Lois Richards-\$150.00
- Naomi, Todd & Randy White-\$140.00
- Jim & Sharon Yeager-\$100.00
- Linda J. Tinger-\$100.00
- Ronda Williams-\$75.00
- Ralph & Joan Campbell-\$50.00
- Shelvia Jones-\$50.00
- Martha haymaker-\$50.00
- Allen, Tina & Kenny Dawson-\$50.00
- Roger & Charlotte Davidson-\$25.00
- Total Donations: \$1,740.00
- Expenditures: Moving, Cleaning Around Fence, Gas, Checks, Bought Used Mover: \$2,031.45
- Balance to begin 2025: \$\$2,078.55
- Special thank you to Keith Hobgood for doing such a great job keeping the cemetery looking beautiful.
- All donations are appreciated and used toward the upkeep of the cemetery.
- Please send donations to: Allen & Tina Dawson, 5553 N. Calhoun Hwy., Big Bend, WV 26136
- Questions: Call 304-354-9553.

Glenville State University Department of Language & Literature, Appalachian Studies Program, and the Robert F. Kidd Library

Little Kanawha Reading Series

Creative Shorts Workshop

Saturday, February 15, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom



Explore the art of ultra-short storytelling in this dynamic flash prose workshop led by Melissa Gish, GSU Associate Professor of English and author of more than 130 books spanning a 30-year writing career. Learn to craft complete narratives in 750 words or less, honing your skills in concision, imagery, and impact. We'll study masterful examples, examine various genres, and practice techniques to hook readers instantly. Discover how to distill deep meaning into a few paragraphs and leave lasting impressions with minimal words.

This workshop is ideal for both beginners and experienced writers looking to sharpen their craft. Participants can expect generative prompts, personalized feedback from the teaching artist, and the opportunity to polish a flash piece.


\$10 Registration Fee
(waived for GSU students)

Registration is limited. Register online at
<https://www.glenville.edu/community/lkrs-creative-shorts-workshop>

Registration Deadline: February 7, 2025

Contact the Little Kanawha Reading Series at LKRS@glenville.edu for more information.

The Little Kanawha Reading Series provides a showcase for a diversity of literary forms and voices in order to acknowledge and enrich the cultural heritage of Appalachia and the communities around the Little Kanawha River.



Red Devils appear in Single A Challenge

2025 WV Single A Challenge
January 31 - February 1, 2025
Ritchie County
Team Scores

1 Ravenswood 191.0	9 Ritchie 94.5
2 St. Marys 173.0	10 Magnolia 83
3 Wahama 154.5	11 Calhoun 63.5
4 Greenbrier W. 151.5	12 Gilmer 47
5 Tyler Consolidated 151	13 Richwood 18
6 Midland Trail 128	14 Tug Valley 7
7 Doddridge 126	15 Paden City 6
8 Wirt County 116	

At the 2025 Single A Challenge, the wrestlers from Calhoun made a significant impact across various weight classes.

In the 120-pound category, Lance Grogg from Calhoun showcased his skills. After receiving a bye in the initial rounds, he faced Austin McKenzie from GW in Bout 569 but unfortunately lost by fall. However, Lance didn’t give up and continued to fight through the consolation rounds. He eventually secured a 7th place finish after a hard-fought match against Jerry Rhodes from RAV, winning by a decision of 9-7 in Bout 822.

Moving to the 138-pound category, Tucker Sampson represented Calhoun. He started strong with a fall victory over Kolton Underwood from TC in Bout 582. Tucker continued his winning streak but faced tough competition in the later rounds. Despite his efforts, he finished in 6th place after a challenging match against Brayden Moore from MT in Bout 834.

In the 144-pound category, Evan Burch from Calhoun demonstrated his wrestling prowess. He began with a bye and then won by a decision of 9-3 against Damion Hosey from RIT in Bout 275. Evan continued to advance but faced tough opponents in the semifinals.

He ultimately secured a 7th place finish after a match

against Jon Painter from GW in Bout 838.

At 150 pounds, Nathan McClain from Calhoun showed his determination. He started with a bye and then won by fall against Anaston Carouthers from WIRT2 in Bout 592. Nathan continued to wrestle fiercely, finishing in 8th place after a series of challenging matches.

In the 157-pound category, Haiden Staten from Calhoun had an impressive run. He began with a fall victory over Hunter Salisbury from RICH2 in Bout 594.

Haiden continued to dominate, eventually securing a 3rd place finish after defeating Corey Minter from RICH in Bout 847.

Lastly, in the 175-pound category, Nic Butler from Calhoun made a remarkable impact.

He started with a bye and then won by a decision of 7-6 against Greyson Canfield from RICH in Bout 169.

Nic continued his strong performance, finishing in 3rd place after a match against Noah Bare from WAH2 in Bout 854.

The Calhoun wrestlers displayed great skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, making their school proud with their performances.

Calhoun routs Meadow Bridge

Calhoun Red Devils (Mt. Zion, WV) supporters left the game satisfied Saturday as they witnessed their basketball squad triumph over the visiting Meadow Bridge Wildcats (Meadow Bridge, WV), 81-36 in a non-league match.

With the victory, Calhoun advances its record to 4-9 on

the year. The Red Devils host Clay County (Clay, WV) to face the Panthers in a Little Kanawha - East match on Tuesday, February 4. The Panthers enter the match with a record of 3-9. Clay County lost 65-52 in their recent non-league match against Man (Man, WV)

The Wildcats now own a 1-11 record. They put

it on the line next when they host Mount View for a Freelance match on Monday, February 3. Meadow Bridge will face a Golden Knights squad coming off a 55-44 non-league win over Maranatha Christian Academy (Princeton, WV). The Golden Knights record now stands at 6-5.

2/1 @ 1p	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Meadow Bridge	15	2	7	12	36
Calhoun	26	22	16	17	81

Calhoun

#	Athlete Name	Min	Pts	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	2FGM	2FGA	2FG%
	Team Totals		81	8	27	30	1	5	20	28	46	61
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		14	2	2	100	0	1	0	4	5	80
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		26	3	7	43	1	2	50	8	10	80
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	50
10	Hoyt Helmick (Fr)		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	0
11	Cooper Morris (So)		8	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	100
12	Charter Cottrell (So)		10	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	6	83
15	Ethan Harris (Fr)		7	1	5	20	0	0	0	2	3	67
20	Gavin Hicks (Fr)		5	1	4	25	0	0	0	1	4	25
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		9	1	5	20	0	0	0	3	4	75

Calhoun

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0	Baron Davis (Fr)		14	0	4	4	7	4	1	1	
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		26	5	4	9	7	5	3	1	
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		2	2	0	2	3	4	0	3	
10	Hoyt Helmick (Fr)		0	2	3	5	0	0	0	1	
11	Cooper Morris (So)		8	3	6	9	1	0	0	0	
12	Charter Cottrell (So)		10	0	2	2	3	5	0	1	
15	Ethan Harris (Fr)		7	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	
20	Gavin Hicks (Fr)		5	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		9	2	5	7	0	1	0	0	

Red Devils fall to Roane

Calhoun lost against Roane County back in December of 2023 and unfortunately they wound up with the same result on Tuesday. The Calhoun Red Devils fell 54-43 to the Roane County Raiders.

Calhoun’s loss came despite a true team effort from the offense, with many players turning in solid performances. Perhaps the best among them was Baron Davis, who went 9 for 16 en route to 19 points along with

six steals and five rebounds. Davis is on a roll when it comes to steals, as he’s now grabbed two or more in the last four games he’s played. Another player making a difference was Brennen Carpenter, who almost dropped a double-double on ten points and nine boards.

Even though they lost, Calhoun smashed the offensive glass and finished the game with 14 offensive rebounds. That’s the most offensive boards they’ve managed all

season.

Calhoun has been struggling recently as they’ve lost six of their last seven matches, which put a noticeable dent in their 3-9 record this season. As for Roane County, with the victory, they broke their three-game losing streak and moved their record to 3-7.

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The Calhoun County Commission is accepting bids for SNOW REMOVAL FOR THE COURTHOUSE

The deadline will be February 7, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be for removal of snow and application of appropriate snow removal chemicals from the parking lot behind the courthouse, along with sidewalks around the courthouse and both set of steps.

Submit bids to the Calhoun County Clerk's office by 4:00 on February 7, 2025

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Calhoun County Commission to meet Monday

The Calhoun County Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The agenda includes the following key items:

Call to Order and Opening Formalities: The meeting will begin with the Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes from the January 8 and January 27, 2025 meetings will be reviewed and approved.

Delegations/Requests: Emily Canaday and Diana Tacket from MOVRC will present.

Reports: Various reports will be presented, including those from E911.LEPC and OES, Ambulance, Wood Festival Committee, CRI, County Park, 4-H

Programs, FRN, Home Confinement, Sheriff’s Office, and Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation.

New Business: Topics include the Calhoun County Magistrate Audit, office equipment, contractor applicants review, opioid money usage for equipment and a dual-purpose K-9 for the Sheriff’s Office, designation of a room on the fourth floor, a new court security plan and officers, foster reimbursements, and updates to the employee handbook criteria.

Personnel Items: Appointment of a County Surveyor, designation of Charles Stephens as Chief Deputy with a raise, and clarification on holiday pay for part-time employees.

Appointments to Boards and Authorities: Appointments to the Mt. Zion PSD Board and LEPC.

Financial Items: Approval of invoices totaling \$192,271.63, review of the January 2025 financial statement, in-house transfer #4, and budget revision #5.

Other Items: Erroneous tax assessments/consolidations, fiduciary items, bonds, wills, settlements, and orders.

Adjournment: The meeting will adjourn with the next meeting scheduled for February 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda is subject to change three business days prior to the meeting date and time.

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OPERATIONS MANAGER

The Town of Grantsville seeks a full-time, experienced Operations Manager to join our team. Candidates should have 2-4 years of managerial/supervisory experience, excellent people skills, and knowledge of water operations. A Class II certified Water Operator is preferred. Completing paperwork, reports, repairing leaks, line replacement, inventory, project planning and operating small equipment is also preferred. Work hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (on call for emergency situations). The salary for this position is up to \$80,000, depending on qualifications. As a full-time employee, you will qualify for health insurance and a retirement plan. The Town of Grantsville is an equal-opportunity employer. If you wish to apply, please send a resume and (3) reference letters to the Town of Grantsville, PO Box 146, Grantsville, WV 26147. Please feel free to contact us at 1-304-354-7500 if you have questions about the position. Email Melissa at townofgrantsville@yahoo.com to get an application.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

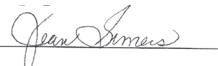
Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Mildred Lucille Ward	David G. Palmer	1034 Garfield Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

February 5, 2025

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

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk’s Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **April 7, 2025**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

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



Calhoun County Commission

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NOTICE OF BONDED SPECIAL COMMISSIONER’S SALE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER’S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Bonded Special Commissioner, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by Amended Order of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, entered on October 15, 2024, Civil Action No. CC-07-2024-C-7, in regard to that certain Deed of Trust dated September 23, 2014, executed by Borrower, Perry D Hall to Senior Official with Responsibility for Single Family Mortgage Insurance Programs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Field Office with Jurisdiction over the Property described below, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monroe County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 168, at Page 500. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 161 Cow Lane Arnoldsburg, WV 25234. The borrower defaulted under the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust and the Bonded Special Commissioner has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Bonded Special Commissioner will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Calhoun County, in Grantsville, West Virginia, on the following date:

18th day of March, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATE ON THE WATERS OF THE WEST FORK OF THE LITTLE KANAWHA RIVER, IN LEE DISTRICT CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE SET AT THE SOUTHERLY EDGE OF A 20 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY, SAID PIPE BEARS S 83 DEGREES 16’ 33” E, 501.44 FEET FROM A 15 INCH HICKORY ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE WEST FORK RIVER; THENCE WITH SAID 20 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY, N 66 DEGREES 39’ 26” E, 208.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE SET AT THE SOUTHERLY EDGE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY; SAD PIPE BEARS S 45 DEGREES 18’ 40 W, 541.55 FEET FROM A FENCE CORNER AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF CALHOUN COUNTY ROUTE 18, A 40 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE LEAVING SAD 20 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. S 30 DEGREES 18’ 46 E, 208.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, SET. THENCE S 66 DEGREES 39 26” W, 208.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, SET, THENCE N 30 DEGREES 18’ 46 W. 208.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING NINETY NINE ONE HUNDREDTHS (0.99) OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AS SURVEYED BY BRACKENRICH AND SKIDMORE, INC., OF SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA, IN MAY OF 1977, AND AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

The aforementioned described property also containing a 2001 Clayton mobile home, bearing VIN number CLH026332TNA.

TERMS OF SALE:

- The property will be conveyed in an “AS IS” physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk’s office or affecting the subject property.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the *West Virginia Code § 11-22-1*.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Special Commissioner reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Special Commissioner.
- The Special Commissioner shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- The total purchase price is payable to the Special Commissioner within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Special Commissioner at sale.


Should any party have inquiries, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the Special Commissioner below by one of the means of communication set forth below.

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Bonded Special Commissioner
McGuire Office Center
618 Tenth Street, Suite 108
Huntington, WV 25701
(304) 853-3336
jim.ashley@wvtrusteeservices.com

/s/ Jim Ashley (with consent)
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Further, pursuant to *West Virginia Code §55-12-1 and §55-12-3*, the Circuit Court Clerk of Calhoun County, West Virginia hereby certifies that the aforementioned Special Commissioner has obtained a bond as required by law.

Entered this 28th day of January 2025.


Circuit Court Clerk

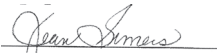
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION			
The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:			
Decedent	Decedent’s Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Lorena McKown	239 E. Paige Ave. Barberton, OH 44203	October 22, 2024	December 20, 2022
Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Melissa McKown	239 E. Paige Ave. Barberton, OH 44 203	Daughter	February 5, 2025

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

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

Entered this 5th day of February, 2025.


Clerk of the County Commission
Class II Legal

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until February 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
002 2022830004	S383-REC/AL-25 00	STBG-2025(004)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-3 RECALL STRIPING 2025 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, Wood

DBE GOAL: 8 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors’ licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier’s Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
003 2021000716	S383-STR/IP-25 00	STP-2025(302)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS ROADWAY STRIPING DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: CALHOUN, JACKSON, WIRT, WOOD

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

REMARKS:

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(2022-C-000082- CALHOUN COUNTY - CAIN OIL & GAS LLC)

To: BILLIE ROSE, BILLIE ROSE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERIDAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 5480 3003

You will take notice that CAIN OIL & GAS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000082, located in SHERIDAN District, 2/72 28 3/4 ANNAM OGM, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROSE BILLIE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. CAIN OIL & GAS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2025, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 14432.	\$	97.95
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.	\$	0.00
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	109.94
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	45.51
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	372.76
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	626.16

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand January 8, 2025

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor’s Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

Camp Kootaga announces summer camping plans

What will your kids remember when they reflect on Summer 2025? Will they talk about scaling the new Camp Kootaga climbing wall? Cooling off in the Camp pool? Mastering the hiking trails? Merit Badges earned? Kayaking on the Hughes River? Mastering the new Camp Kootaga bouldering grotto? Shooting sports? Rappelling off the 45-foot drop at Wind Caves? Lifelong friendships made at Scouting America Camp Kootaga? The journey begins this summer at Camp Kootaga.

Scouting America Camp Kootaga is located on 500 acres along the Hughes River just 20 minutes outside of Parkersburg, West Virginia in Walker. This is the camps 103rd camping season. Open all year long for camping and hiking, Camp Kootaga is the residential summer Scout Camp for the Buckskin Council. All Scouting units, all Scouting Districts and all Scouting Councils are welcome at Camp Kootaga. Come camp with us and embrace the magic that is Camp Kootaga. Contact Camp Director Billy Bryant at the

Buckskin Council for more information. Wanted to get registered for summer camp at Camp Kootaga? Go to the Buckskin Council website at www.buckskin.org. Follow the Camp Kootaga Facebook and Instagram pages to see pictures of the new climbing tower and bouldering grotto and all the great things at Camp Kootaga.

Don B. Lowe purchased the property known as Camp Kootaga in 1922 The first long-term summer camp was held that year on the banks of the Hughes River. This camp consisted of one or two Troops from the Parkersburg area with Don B. Lowe as the Camp Director. In 1929 Col. R. L. Cole brought a Kiowa Indian named J. Dougannah to help with the camp program. He named the Boy Scout camp “Kootaga” which means “Good Friends”.

Through the years, Camp Kootaga has gone through many changes, but one thing has remained constant: helping develop young people into upstanding citizens and outstanding individuals.



The new climbing tower at Camp Kootaga

Early Steps to School Success Available for Calhoun Families

You are your child's first and best teacher!



Parents/Caregivers are supported with the necessary tools and resources to provide children with early learning access with awareness, engagement, and collaboration

Look for Enrollment Opportunities!

To enroll in the Early Steps to School Success Program or to find out more information about this exciting new program in your community, contact:

Suzanne Allen, ECC at Arnoldsburg
304-655-8616
Debra Smith, ECC at Pleasant Hill
304-354-6022 ext. 450

Arnoldsburg Elementary School

Pleasant Hill Elementary School

Save the Children.

Early Steps to School Success Program



Serving Pregnant Women and Families with Children birth to age 5!

Early steps program being offered

Save the Children’s Early Steps to School Success program is helping families with children ages 0-5 build strong foundations for

learning. The program offers home visits, developmental screenings, parent-child groups, a book bag exchange, and school readiness activities to support early literacy, social-emotional growth, and mo-

Experiences Include:

Key Components include:

- Home Visits conducted by Early Childhood Coordinators twice per month, year around
- Helping parents support child development
- Book Bag Exchange & rich literacy activities
- Monthly Parent-Child groups
- Fostering positive connections between families and schools
- "Transition to School" activities
- Community connections


Benefits

Early Steps curriculum equips parents with the skills and knowledge to successfully support their child's growth while focusing on key areas including:

- Maternal Child Health
- Social-emotional
- Early Numeracy
- Physical (or Motor)
- Literacy and Language
- Thinking (or Cognitive) Skills.

Early Learning & Kinder Readiness

Early Steps to School Success will provide early childhood education services to pregnant families and kindergarten readiness for children ages 0-5 years throughout the community through increased family and community engagement in early learning.



Program Goals

- Children will enter school with the skills for success.
- Parents will have the knowledge and skills to support their child's education.
- Home/school connections will be strong.
- Early Childhood knowledge in communities will be significantly increased.

tor skills.

If you’re expecting or have young children, contact us to learn how we can support your family’s journey toward kindergarten readiness! For more information, contact:

Debra Smith, Early Childhood Coordinator – Pleasant Hill Elementary - 304-354-6022 ext. 450

Suzanne Allen, Early Childhood Coordinator – Arnoldsburg Elementary: 304-655-8616

CHILD ABUSE

and 30% higher than the national average.

- 44% of the children served by NSCAC were between the ages of 7-12 years.
- 27% of the children served by NSCAC were between the ages of 0-6 years.
- 96% of alleged offenders were someone the child knew. 47% were biological parents.
- 47% of children are reported to have one or more disabilities, 17% higher than the state average.
- Of the children interviewed, 79% disclosed abuse, the remaining did not.
- Cases with charges filed 54, up 10 from last fiscal year. This is the highest since the 20-21 report.
- 24 cases were indicted, 9 higher than last fiscal year. This is the highest since the 20-21 report.
- North Star’s operating budget is currently \$605,389.00
 - o State Grants 23%
 - o Federal Grants 38%
 - o Municipal Funding (City of Vienna) 2%
 - o Foundations 14%
 - o Corporations 1%
 - o Donations/Fundraising 9%
 - o United Way 2%
 - o Other (training, etc.) 11%

“Although I realize these statistics are somewhat subjective, they give us a really good understanding of what we are seeing throughout the course of the year and help us make adjustments if needed in order to do a better job for our kids,” states Greg Collins, executive director of North Star. “I think the most important function of these yearly statistics is, it lets the communities we serve know exactly what we are doing. I think the education of the public on how bad this is leads to a call to action for many,” states

Collins.

When asked about the reduction in forensic interviews, Collins says the answer is likely found in the restructuring of Child Protective Services and not a reduction in the need. “North Star, CPS, law enforcement and prosecutors maintain an open and frequent dialogue regarding what is occurring with our cases. In conversations with CPS last July after seeing the reduction occurring, it appeared that CPS’s efforts statewide to refining their whole organization, case priorities, and caseloads have the most to do with the decrease in forensic interviews. No one in our circle believes there has been a decrease in child abuse for sure,” states Collins.

Collins came to North Star in March of 2021 after retiring from the Parkersburg Police Department. He states that this is the first year since his arrival, that North Star has dropped below 600 forensic interviews in the calendar year. “Ironically, after some consecutive brutal years, 2024 was the healthiest, mentally and emotionally, I have seen my staff. With only six staff members doing the interviewing and the same staff members also doing family advocacy, it’s a heavy lift for them daily. Some months, the stories coming through the front door are gut-wrenching and don’t seem to let up. This staff, CPS, law enforcement, and prosecutors don’t get the credit they deserve for fighting these battles for kids who can’t fight them for themselves. That’s a fact,” states Collins.

In forecasting the future for NSCAC, Collins says if January is any indication of what 2025 will look like, North Star will be in for another heavy year. “During the month of January, with 21 work-days on the calendar, NSCAC did 49 forensic interviews with many being very tough. Keeping in mind North Star is

a 24/7/365 center, our after-hours and weekend calls have increased as well,” states Collins. “Many a night or early morning, you can look in our parking lot and see it full of cars of North Star staff, CPS, and law enforcement that are coming together to help our children. When the case warrants, our prosecutors will be here as well, all in an effort to get the best results possible for our kids. The increase in numbers they are responsible for shows their efforts are paying off. We are all trying to do better. There are monthly meetings where all of the people mentioned above come together in each of the five counties we serve to talk about what’s happening with each and every case. Very few know about how work-intensive it is. These folks are heroes, simple as that,” Collins states.

Collins states that NSCAC is funded 61% by state and federal grants. He states that a month after his arrival in 2021, the previously healthy federal grant was frozen after it was revealed that it was in jeopardy of dissolving. It has remained frozen ever since with any growth that has happened coming strictly from local resources. The federal grant VOCA is currently 38% of North Star’s budget. If VOCA is reduced by 74% in October of 2025 as predicted, the VOCA funds going to North Star will go from \$227,273.00 to \$59,091.00, a reduction of \$168,182.00. Collins states that since 2021, they have worked hard to try to make up for any predicted decline in grant funding, and the report outlines just that. “We have asked the local governments for budget assistance with the City of Vienna coming through. Our community has come to our aid with our donations and fundraising efforts now accounting for 9% of our budget. Our foundations continue to be a pillar for us accounting for 16% of our

budget, with Sisters Health Foundation and United Way leading that effort,” concludes Collins.

The report includes data on victim demographics, alleged offender demographics, reported vs. disclosed abuse, services performed, criminal justice response, and CAC income budget breakdown. People can contact North Star at 304-917-4437 or via email nscac@northstarcac.org to get a copy of the full report or to learn more about how you can help. You can also visit them at northstarcac.org or follow them on Facebook or Instagram. People wanting to contribute an afterlife donation can contact the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) to leave an endowment or a legacy gift.

West Virginia Child Advocacy Network (WVCAN) provides statewide leadership in the fight against child abuse while working side-by-side with the 21 child advocacy centers throughout the state. WVCAN provides training, technical assistance, leadership, legislative and policy advocacy, and overall coordination to child advocacy centers around the state. A CAC is a child-friendly facility in which child protection, criminal justice, and child treatment professionals work together to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable, and help children heal. Rather than having a child taken from agency to agency to endure multiple interviews, the CAC model coordinated the response around the child for an effective, child-centered, healing process. As the statewide authority on multidisciplinary approaches to supporting child victims of abuse, WVCAN’s purpose is to empower local communities to provide comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate services to victims of child abuse.

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