

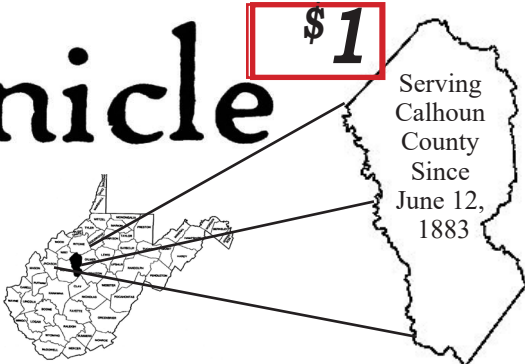
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Thursday, February 20, 2025

County commission ready to hire administrator

By Gaylen Duskey
And Ridgeview News
“*The Calhoun County Commission is taking application for the position of County Administrator. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree, but a master’s degree is preferred along with three years of experience as an upper level manager.*
“*Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. To request a complete job description contact the County Clerk’s Office at 304-354-6725.*
“*Applicants should submit their resume to Craig Arthur, Commissioner President, at caarthur_3@yahoo.com or mail to PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147 by February 14, 2025.*

With that simple legal advertisement Calhoun County took its first step toward a modern metro government.

Commissioner Eric Lupardus gave a quick update on where the county is in the process of hiring a commissioner.

“Jean (Calhoun County Clerk Jean Simers) has sent the ad to the Chronicle, but it was not published. I sent you a copy as well. Do you know if it will be in this week’s paper?” he asked.

The answers briefly the advertisement was submitted after the deadline, and it will be in this week’s paper.

“We have two very qualified applicants for the position,” he said.

If the Chronicle will run the ad for the next two weeks, we can hire on the 26th at the next meeting at 6pm It’s been published in all surrounding counties as well as Parkersburg and Charleston newspapers.

Lupardus said the commission had a couple of meetings schedule prior to the 26th and provided a preliminary agenda for the meeting on the 26th.

Agenda items February 26th 6pm

Norman Ridge Project Update-Jim Hildreth Engineer

. Dilapidated structures ordinance discussion Junk yard ordinance/salvage yard enforcement

Discrepancy in Dept. C. Stephens pay stub

County Administrator - Hire

Consideration for Animal Reimbursements

O&M update

“The commission is having a work session this Friday at 4pm with the 911/OEM director in the commission room,” Lupardus said. “This will be a great time to join in on the discussion of what to do in emergency situations.”

The incumbent will serve as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day government operations of Calhoun County under the direction of the Calhoun County Commission. Supervision of administrative staff employed by the Calhoun County Commission. The incumbent will also work directly with all Constitutional Officers.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RE-

SPONSIBILITIES:

Meets with, advises and receives direction from the Calhoun County Commission

Responds to and carries out directives of the County Commission

Acts as liaison between Calhoun Commission members and Department Heads

Reviews, as necessary, all correspondence directed to the County Commission and to the County in general and prepares the appropriate response

Develop policies, directives, resolutions and ordinances in draft and/or final form.

Responds to telephone calls and office visits from the public, Department Heads and County employees.

Prepares draft budget for review by County Commission

Responds to media inquiries, Freedom of Information Act requests, etc.

Prepares, presents and administers various federal, state and local grants, as needed.

Performs related work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Extensive knowledge of human resources, purchasing, finance, local government operations and the relationships of various County Department and Agencies

General knowledge of government operations to include economic development, land use planning, etc.

Excellent verbal and written communications skills.

Ability to deal with a wide variety of persons in settings ranging from highly structured to moderately unstructured where persons contacted may be skeptical, argumentative or uncooperative.

Able to diplomatically justify, defend, negotiate or settle matters involving significant or controversial issues.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Bachelor’s Degree from a recognized college or university in Public or Business Administration or related field. Master’s Degree preferred.

3+ years of experience as an upper level manager preferably within public administration.

Salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Must have the use of sensory skills in order to effectively communicate and interact with other employees and the public through the use of telephone and personal contact as normally defined by the ability to see, read, talk, hear, handle or feel objects and controls. Physical capability to effectively use and operate various items of office related equipment such as, but not limited to a personal computer, calculator, copier, and fax machine. No significant standing, walking, moving, climbing, carrying, bending, kneeling, crawling, reaching, and handling, pushing and pulling.

Marshall University expands Marshall For All initiative

Marshall University is excited to expand its Marshall For All initiative with Marshall For All: Tuition-Free WV — a transformative program that allows eligible first-time freshmen from West Virginia to attend college without paying tuition. The new program is already underway and will be applied to all accepted incoming freshmen students who qualify.

Under this expansion, West Virginia students with a family income of \$65,000 or less will have their tuition and fees fully covered – with no loans required. This initiative reflects Marshall’s continued commitment to affordability, accessibility and student success, particularly for families with financial need.

“We believe that every student deserves access to a high-quality education, regardless of their financial background,” said Brad D. Smith, president of Marshall University. “With this expansion, we’re eliminating tuition as a barrier for even more students, helping them build a future of success—without the weight of student loan debt.”

While Marshall For All: Tuition-Free

WV covers 100% of tuition and mandatory university fees, students remain responsible for housing, meals, books and other personal expenses. However, additional financial aid options—including scholarships and grants—are available to help offset these costs.

“This is a game-changer for students across West Virginia,” said Dr. Jerry Ross, Marshall’s chief enrollment officer. “We understand that affording college is a major concern for many families, and this program is another way we’re working to make a Marshall education more accessible.”

No Additional Application Required

There is no separate application for Marshall For All: Tuition-Free WV. Eligible students will automatically be considered upon:

Applying to and being accepted to Marshall University

Completing the FAFSA for the upcoming year

For more information about the Marshall For All initiative and other financial aid opportunities, visit www.marshall.edu/marshallforall

Incessant Bad weather continues to bombard Calhoun

By Gaylen Duskey
OUCH!!!

Instead of Mother Nature featuring a one-two punch it has been more like a flurry of punches as the people of Calhoun County have been hit by a series of weather maladies such as rain, wind, cold, snow, more rain, floods, colder, etc.

It has made things interesting to say the least.

And it has made folks scramble.

The first dire warnings set off a rash of closures and cancellations including the popular Lincoln Day Dinner which had been scheduled for the Arnoldsburg Community Center Saturday night.

At the time the Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee made the announcement it said: “Due to the predicted rains, the Calhoun Republican Executive Committee made the tough decision to cancel their Annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

“Although a great night of food and entertainment with Johnny Staats and the Cossin Brothers was planned, the risk of heavy rains and flooding felt like too much of a risk for many traveling from other counties as well as inside Calhoun.

“The Committee, though sad to cancel tonight’s event, is looking forward to the planning of another great event when the weather is better.”

That won’t be for a few days at best.

That’s because of weather events that just seem to keep on happening.

The heavy rain which, luckily for this area seemed to occur further south

where 11 counties were declared disaster areas by Gov. Patrick Morrissey after flooding closed roads, canceled events and turned many towns into unreachable areas while across the state line in Kentucky at least nine people lost their lives.

Meanwhile a blast of sub-freezing arctic temperatures accompanied by high winds and the continuing flooding threat prompted the opening of emergency shelters for anybody needing them.

According to Calhoun 911, Calhoun County had shelters in place for anyone who may have been displaced by flooding should the need have arisen in Calhoun.

Calhoun FRN in Grantsville was prepared at its Drop in Center. The Arnoldsburg Community Building was also be made available.

According to the Calhoun County Commission, which has been in contact with Emergency Services in Calhoun County, anyone displaced could have called Calhoun Control at (304)354-9271, to determine the best placement for shelter.

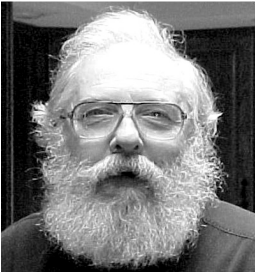
Roane County OEM Director also informed Calhoun that the old Spencer Middle School was available for their citizens who may have been displaced due to flooding.

The National Weather Service has its flood watch in effect for Calhoun and much of the West Virginia region but it has been replaced by a winter storm warning which is in effect for this area on our Thursday publication date.

And then there is next week ...

CRESTON
NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
PHONE 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillispie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. He had been concerned about Garfield Road and elsewhere being blocked by high water and rock slides. More rocks and dirt came down at the “red cut” near the Munday road, but nothing was blocked.

A flock of robins has taken up residence at the Creston Space Dock. Easter flowers are now up although Easter is “late” this year.

Some Creston folks attended the fire department’s baked steak meal in Elizabetb.

Kevin “Weasel” Wease is now home after being in the hospital since just after Christmas.

Steve Loudin was visiting with his ophthalmologist. Other local residents were likewise consulting with medical experts. Carl Marks was found to be two pints low on blood so he had to get some more. Some of his younger family were suffering with the consequences of virus infections. The Little Kanawha Christian School was closed because so many of the faculty and pupils were on the sick list.

Little Curtis Marks is home after a stay at a Charleston hospital and his brother Thomas is also on the mend. Grandma “Sis” came to spend time with Thomas while his little brother was “vacationing” down at the Mouth of the Elk.

On Tuesday there was supposed to be a big snow, an inch/hour or inches/hour followed by rain that would make for icy highways & byways. Schools were preemptively closed in preparation for the big day. It finally did snow and one can say that the highway department was out and about. By the end of the day there might have been an inch. For a time Nicut hill (on W. Va. 5 on the way to Grantsville) was slippery. Sunday afternoon there is snow in Creston so time will tell.

W. Va. AG J. B. McCuskey led a coalition of 22 states to sue New York over the state’s \$78 billion Climate Super Fund Bill which was pushed by the green weenies to fight against coal, oil and gas. But, as they say, “There’s a new sheriff in town and now energy is a good thing”. W. Va. is smack dab in the middle of the largest oil and gas field on the planet and discussion continues about new power plants to give power to AI and Data Centers that use large amounts of energy.

The other day there was a major power outage in Wirt County that did not impact Creston. Commerce in Elizabeth came to a halt until later in the day when electric service was restored.

J. P. Marks was having technical difficulties with his chariot.

An outfit called Avonlea Lithium Corp. Is to open a new plant in April in Springville Pennsylvania to remove Lithium from Marcellus brine. In W. Va. The brine is injected in injection wells — anyone awake down at the Mouth of the Elk?

It was reported that now the EPA has changed the rule over the CO2 and methane [CH4] nonsense that the former ruling junta had imposed. It is said also that there is a fight over allocated \$\$\$ for methane leaks that has not yet been spent. Watching the news, especially when DOGE is discussed, makes for fun watching and then watching Maxine, the California banker and congress critter.

The head of Expand, the company as a result of the “merger” of Chesapeake & SWN (Southwestern), Mohit Singh said that the future in natural gas is LNG [liquified natural gas] for export with such being 75% of the increased demand.

The W. Va. Legislature is now in session and it is clear that there will be a fight over the budget as, it seems, lines have been drawn. Local folks need to go down and visit with their delegates and senators. One can park out at the football stadium and ride the shuttle bus and get off at the Cultural Center stop to enter the building with the golden dome. One could suggest the Weights and Measures check the meters on the Marcellus & Utica wells to see if they are accurate since such are used to determine severance and ad valorem taxes and royalties. Many new oil and gas leases say that royalties will be paid based on the well head price when now such is a fiction as gas from wells that have gas liquids go through the fractionation plants and the gas is sold there and the individual products are separately sold or as y grade ngls. January had a \$28.5 million drop in severance taxes. There had been a move to block any facilities in W. Va. That would use and refine the hydrocarbons produced in the state to keep W. Va. As an “energy colony” for wealthy folks elsewhere. The Shale Crescent folks have shown how 100,000 factory jobs could be created between Pittsburgh and Huntington if our produced resources were used locally. Perhaps now there are those down at the Mouth of the Elk that would work for West Virginia.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil slipped to \$69.74/bbl. With condensate fetching just \$51.74/bbl. While Marcellus & Utica light was \$58.74/bbl. Henry Hub Louisiana natural gas was \$3.80/mmbtu.

Sometimes the computer trumps your desire to see Meadow Bridge

By Gaylen Duskey
“Very frustrating.
“I am trying to watch the Calhoun-Meadow Bridge game on my computer where my Wi-Fi decides to battle with my Wi-Fi 2 which just appeared, and I can’t seem to kill it off and it knocks me offline, and I have to struggle to get back on the internet.

“Meanwhile my charging port is screwed up and the battery runs down while I am using the computer, and I have to shut down to allow it to recharge. Taking valuable time.

“My dog decides to snoop in my trash can and the bird starts his inane squalling.

“Meanwhile AI thinks it knows what I am going to type more than I do.

“And to top things off I get a sneezing attack.

“This kind of stuff tends to just tick me off.

“And by the way what was the final score of the game?”

I wrote that Friday night during a frustrating time when a several minute long sneezing attack kept me from watching the game on the internet and frankly put a stop to everything I was doing while knocking the cord loose from the charging port.

It was a frustrating thing, but I finally did find out that the Red Devils beat Meadow Bridge 56-44 to earn a three-game sweep of the Wildcats. We need to keep the Wildcats on our hoop schedule at least as long as these guys are still on the team. That would be especially Brennon Carpenter who in three games scored 77 points for a 25.7 average.

The Red Devils played those three games shoer handed as first one guy then another fell to the flu’

Calhoun learned it is tough playing with a nine man roster. It is tougher still when illness and injuries deplete that number and tougher still when any of the “stars” are the ones that are sidelined.

For instance, Cooper Morris scored 21 points against South Harrison while Brennon Carpenter was sidelined. Then against Meadow Bridge and Wahama Morris was out while Carpenter returned. It was a vicious cycle but hopefully the Red Devils will be back to full strength with the LKC play ins and sectional and regional tournaments looming.

I hope all the Calhoun teams do well, but I am ready to salute each and every team, player, coach etc., to take the extra step of being an athlete, cheerleader, band member etc., because it demonstrates the willingness to work harder and have the discipline to join extracurricular activities.

AND ALL WE CAN DO IS TALK: They say all you can do about the weather is talk about it and in may ways they are right. You can’t change the weather, and you can’t.

But you can prepare for it.
And that is why such things as the National Weather Service and NOAA are so important, especially with the advance warnings they give on radio and television today.

Yesterday we did not have that and that is a major reason big weather events were so much more devastating years ago.

For instance, take a look at say the past four to six weeks.

On the last day of 2024 we were blasted by a thunderstorm that rolled across the area unleashing high winds, heavy rain, thunder. Lightning, hail and snow. That came after we had been suffering from a drought and having record high temperatures.

After that we had snow. High temperatures. Low temperatures. Rain. More snow and in the past few days heavy and flooding rains and now cold temperatures with black ice and on top of that

more snow and the immediate future is calling for even colder temperatures and even more snow. Perhaps it will snow a lot.

But we had the advantage of advance warning about the inclement weather and ongoing warnings while the bad weather was occurring.

Had we not had the warnings how deadly could the flooding in this state have been? How many lives may have been lost had people tried to get someplace that wasn’t reachable? How many people would have run into the black ice the following day?

So while we can talk about the weather and not physically do anything about it at least we can take a look at what may happen and hunker down dawg. It’s better than it used to be.

And what did we do here with the warnings and updates?

We opened emergency centers in Grantsville and Spencer and Arnoldsburg had people needed them and we also sent a K-9 team to the southern part of the state to help out there.

Yes, even when things are not great here, our people are willing to step up and help others at a moment’s notice and go help.

And that’s what I love about Calhoun.

VROOM, VROOM Y’ALL: Although the real spring sport – baseball – is just now in its early stages the “other” spring sport – NASCAR racing – held its upper Bowl Sunday and some guy named William Byron won his second straight Daytona 500 which is the Super Bowl of the NASCAR season.

By the way he was driving a Chevrolet which puts auto racing in the same category as horse racing where the guy who rode Secretariat to the triple crown (Ron Turcotte) is as much of an athlete as any race car driver despite the skills that both need to be successful.

So while not actually an athletic event NASCAR racing is an ersatz sport a lot of people do follow it including me.

And I followed it in a big way as a long time NASCAR writer I was the Racing Editor for UPI (United Press International) for a while, and I wrote the history column for NASCAR that appeared at NASCAR.com for a few years.

But this was back during the days of Richard Petty, David Pearson, Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip all the way up through the time of Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon even until the days of Dale Earnhardt Jr., but I really don’t know much about the guys today and the ones I do know are basically considered grizzled veterans.

Typical questions?
Best driver? Richard Petty. You don’t argue with 200 wins when the next highest is the 107 of David Pearson. Richard Petty is called The King for a reason.

My favorite driver you have heard of? Darrell Waltrip. He was just a real nice guy who was able to get the most out of a race car. I swear he could take a car hitting on only five cylinders and still be competitive.

My favorite drive you have never heard of? The late J.D, McDuffie. As far as I know he never won a NASCAR cup race but he finished a lot of them until he was killed in a crash with the wall at Watkins Glen. He was just a good old boy making a living doing what he loved.

Anyhow I am so removed from the NASCAR scene today the most interesting thing about the Daytona 500 was when President Donald Trump road his limousine called The Beast for a ceremonial couple of laps around the track before the race.

It just shows how in touch the President is with the American people and gives me hope for the future.

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

OBITUARY

Shane Snider
Shane Snider, 51, of Mineral Wells, passed away on February 10, 2025 at WVU Camden Clark Medical Center. He was born October 7, 1973 in Parkersburg, a son of Judith “Judy” Holbert Snider and the late Joseph Blaine Snider.
He was a 1991 graduate of Parkersburg South High School and made a

career as an over the road truck driver with Teamsters. He enjoyed guns, especially collecting them with his dad.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by one brother, Chris Snider; and a special friend and caregiver, Denise Thompson.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 14, 2025 at Lambert Tatman Funeral

Home, Pike St. Parkersburg, with Pastor Mike Kidd officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Brohard, WV. Visitation was on Thursday, February 13 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lambert Tatman Funeral Home, south Parkersburg, has been entrusted with his final wishes and is honored to serve the family.

CALHOUN COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
6:00 p.m.
AGENDA
Call to Order:
Pledge of Allegiance Followed by Prayer:
Delegations/Requests:
A.
New Business:
A. Norman Ridge Project Update – Jim Hildreth Engineer
B. Dilapidated Structures Ordinance Discussion – Junk

Yard
Ordinance/Salvage Yard Enforcement
C. Animal Reimbursements
D. O&M Update
Old Business:
A. Discrepancy Deputy C Stephens’ Pay Stub
Personnel:
A. Employment of County Administrator
Adjournment – Next Meeting: March 10, 2025

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

1) Opinion Editorials (Op-Eds) and Letters to the Editor may contain constructive criticisms, thoughts, and observations based on reliable information. Each submission is reviewed and accepted on an individual basis.
2) Discourse should be generally respectful, without profanity, rooted in fact, professionally presented (satire is acceptable), and written by the person submitting. All submissions are subject to revision concerning writing me-

chanics, space available, and accuracy.
3) Editorial staff reserves the right to contact others concerning the subject matter to balance the presentation of the issue and/or concern.
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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, Beres Gardens, Minnora. Wednesdays 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

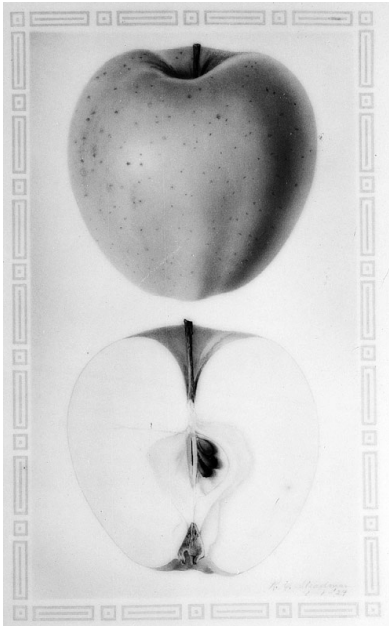
Grantsville Farmer's Market, Season details not yet available.

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

Feb. 20, 1875: The legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.



Feb. 20, 1995: The legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.



Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.



Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.



Feb. 21, 1940: Former Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. Caperton defeated incumbent Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.

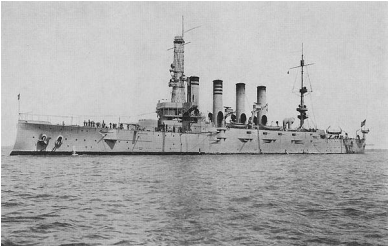
Feb. 22, 1927: Longtime Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County. Douglass, a Democrat, was first elected commissioner in 1964. Reelected nine times, Douglass was the longest serving agricultural commissioner in the

country.



Feb. 22, 1867: Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam counties. The county was named after Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 22, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.



Feb. 23, 1945: Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.



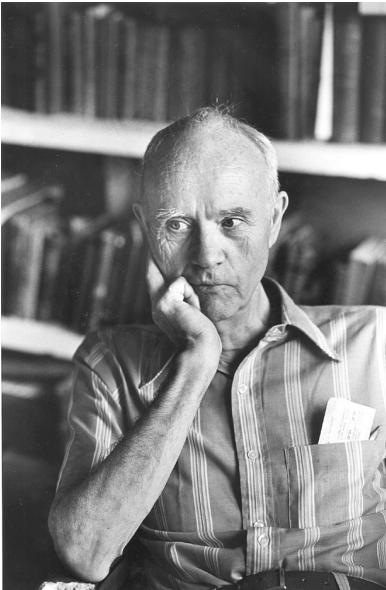
Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving

force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.



Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.



Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.



Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 26, 2022: Fire destroyed the historic administration building of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Romney.



WVSD Administration Building, Romney, W.Va., Feb. 27, 2022

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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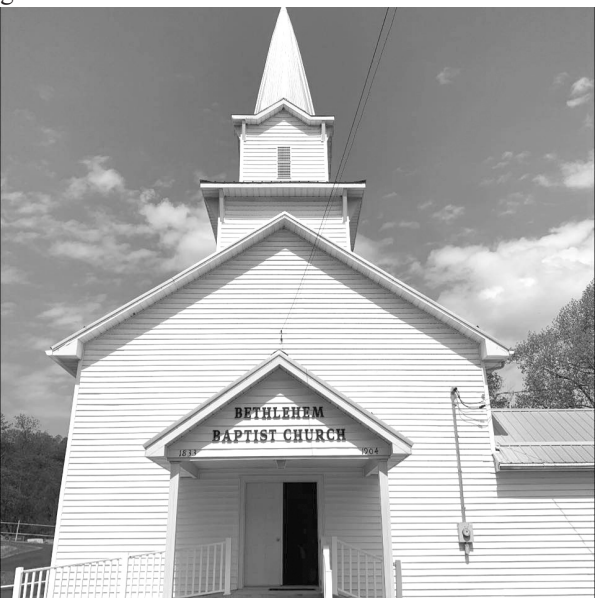
None listed

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 Virginia



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Pastor: Tom Law

Route 5 East Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville, WV



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INDEPENDENT



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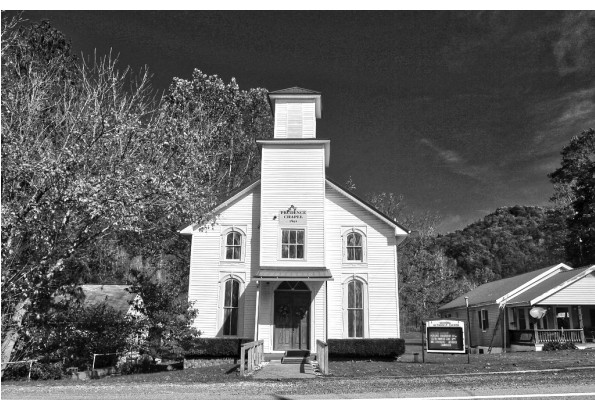
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Knotts Memorial Church

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Doddridge beats Calhoun, 63-41

On Monday, February 17, 2025, the Doddridge County Boys Varsity Basketball team faced off against Calhoun in a winter season game. The game, held at 1 PM, saw Doddridge County dominate from the start, securing a decisive victory with a final score of 63-41.

Doddridge County came out strong in the first quarter, scoring 22 points while holding Calhoun to just 7. They continued their offensive prowess in the second quarter, adding 24 points to their tally, compared to Calhoun’s 12. Despite a slower third quarter where Doddridge County scored only 8 points, they maintained

their lead as Calhoun managed just 7 points. In the final quarter, Doddridge County sealed their victory with 9 points, while Calhoun made a last-ditch effort with 15 points.

Calhoun’s efforts were led by standout performances from Baron Davis, a freshman who scored 19 points, and Brennen Carpenter, a sophomore who added 18 points. Despite their efforts, the team struggled with shooting efficiency, making only 34% of their field goals. Baron Davis had a notable game, shooting 50% from the field and contributing significantly to the team’s total points.

Calhoun @ Doddridge County

Boys Varsity Basketball Winter 24-25 • Monday, February 17, 2025

2/17 @ 1p	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Doddridge County	22	24	8	9	63
Calhoun	7	12	7	15	41

Game Stats

Calhoun

#	Athlete Name	Min	Pts	FGM	FGA	FG%	PPS	AFG%
	Team Totals		41	14	41	34	1.0	45
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		19	7	14	50	1.4	68
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		18	5	16	31	1.1	44
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		2	1	1	100	2.0	100
11	Cooper Morris (So)		0	0	3	0	0.0	0
12	Charter Cottrell (So)		0	0	1	0	0.0	0
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		2	1	6	17	0.3	17

Calhoun

#	Athlete Name	Min	Pts	OReb	DReb	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	TO	PF
	Team Totals		41	4	5	9	10	0	0	7	
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		19	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		18	0	2	2	5	0	0	1	
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	
11	Cooper Morris (So)		0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	
12	Charter Cottrell (So)		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
20	Gavin Hicks (Fr)		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	

Calhoun Boys Varsity Basketball: Game Roundup

Game 1: South Harrison @ Calhoun (February 12, 2025)

The Calhoun Boys Varsity Basketball team faced a tough challenge against South Harrison on February 12, 2025. South Harrison took an early lead, scoring 19 points in the first quarter compared to Calhoun’s 8. Despite their efforts, Calhoun couldn’t close the gap, ending the game with a final score of 66-28 in favor of South Harrison. Cooper Morris was a standout for Calhoun, scoring 21 points with a 60% field goal percentage. Baron Davis and Gavin Hicks also contributed with 2 points each.

Game 2: Calhoun @ Meadow Bridge (February 14, 2025)

Calhoun traveled to Meadow Bridge on February 14, 2025, and delivered a strong performance. Calhoun started strong, scoring 20 points in the first quarter and maintained their lead throughout the game. The final score was 56-44 in favor of Calhoun. Brennen Carpenter led the team with 18 points and a 67% field goal percentage. Baron Davis also had a notable game, scoring 19 points. The team showed great resilience and teamwork, securing a well-deserved victory.

Calhoun @ Wahama

Boys Varsity Basketball Winter 24-25 • Saturday, February 15, 2025

2/15 @ 5p	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Wahama	20	23	20	22	85
Calhoun	6	15	4	8	33

Game Stats

Calhoun

#	Athlete Name	Min	Pts	FGM	FGA	FG%	PPS	AFG%
	Team Totals		33	13	49	27	0.7	31
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		3	1	16	6	0.2	9
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		12	4	9	44	1.3	50
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		4	2	4	50	1.0	50
12	Charter Cottrell (So)		2	1	4	25	0.5	25
15	Ethan Harris (Fr)		5	2	8	25	0.6	31
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		7	3	8	38	0.9	44

Calhoun

#	Athlete Name	Min	Pts	OReb	DReb	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	TO	PF
	Team Totals		33	7	11	18	8	8	1	16	
0	Baron Davis (Fr)		3	0	2	2	1	2	0	4	
2	Brennen Carpenter (So)		12	1	2	3	4	0	1	7	
5	Brayden Wood (Sr)		4	4	0	4	0	2	0	0	
12	Charter Cottrell (So)		2	1	3	4	1	0	0	2	
15	Ethan Harris (Fr)		5	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	
42	Garrett Carpenter (So)		7	0	3	3	2	2	0	1	

Track and field athletes being sought

Any Calhoun Middle/ High School student grades 6-12 interested in participating in Track and Field this year:

-We will begin Flex Practices on Wednesday February 19th. Flex practices are NOT mandatory. They are just preseason conditioning to get ready for the upcoming season.

-Practices Will be held at the Calhoun Middle/ High School unless noted otherwise.

-Practices will be complete around

5pm every day unless noted otherwise.

-If you are interested in participating in multiple sports (softball, baseball), That is okay. As long as there is communication, we can work out a schedule.

-Bullying will NOT be tolerated.
-Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking/Vaping will NOT be tolerated.

-I do check grades. School comes first. If you are struggling speak up.

-There are not buses. Transportation

needs to be taken into consideration for meets. There are after school buses that run at the end of practices most days.

-You must have a Sports Physical BEFORE YOU CAN PARTICIPATE in any physical activity.

-Official Practice for MIDDLE SCHOOL begins on February 26th, 2025.

-Official Practice for HIGH SCHOOL begins on March 3rd, 2025.

-Athletes must have 12 practices be-

fore they can compete, unless they are a dual athlete, or coming directly from another sport.

I am excited for the start of a new season and hope to continue breaking school records! Feel free to message me if you are interested or have any questions or concerns.

~Head Coach Kayla Ware
Email- kayla.ware@k12.wv.us
Phone Number: (681) 578-9592
~Assistant Coach Kevin Cunningham

Calhoun finishes 12th at LKC

The 61st LKC Championships, held on February 15, 2025, the competition was fierce, but it was Williamstown that emerged victorious, securing the top spot with an impressive score of 186.5 points. The Yellowjackets had i one first-place, four second-place, three third place, and three fourth-place finishes, and demonstrated their dominance in the championships.

Braxton County followed in second place with a score of 160.5 points, thanks to their three first-place, two

second place, and two third-place finishes. Ravenswood claimed the third spot with 119 points, highlighted by one first-place, one second place, and one third-place finish.

St. Marys and Wahama rounded out the top five, with scores of 106 and 96.5 points, respectively. St. Marys’ two first-place finishes and Wahama’s two first-place finishes were notable.

Calhoun by weight:
106 -- Kayleigh Morris (1-1);
112 -- Reese Schoolcraft (2-2);
120 -- Lance Groff (1-2);

126 -- Christian Andreano (2-2);
132 -- Noah Butler (2-2);
138 -- Tucker Sampson (5-1);
144 -- Evan Burch (1-2);
150 -- Nathan McClain (1-2);
157 --Haiden Staton (1-2);
165 -- VACANT;
175 -- Nic Butler (2-2);
190 -- VACANT;
215 -- VACANT;
285 -- VACANT.
Team Standings
Williamstown 186.5
Braxton County 160.5

Ravenswood 119
St. Marys 106
Wahama 96.5
Tyler Consolidated 91
Clay County 83
Doddridge County 75.5
South Harrison 61.5
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8/29 @ Gilmer 9pm
9/5 @ Richwood 7pm
9/12 vs. Wirt
9/19 @ Wahama
9/26 BYE
10/3 vs. Buffalo
10/10 @ Clay
10/17 vs. Valley Wetzel (Homecoming)
10/24 vs. Tygart's Valley
10/31 vs. Webster – Senior Night
11/7 @ Ritchie

LEGAL

The Calhoun County Commission is taking application for the position of County Administrator. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree, but a master's degree is preferred along with three years of experience as an upper level manager. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. To request a complete job description contact the County Clerk's Office at 304-354-6725. Applicants should submit their resume to Craig Arthur, Commissioner President, at caarthur_3@yahoo.com or mail to PO Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147 by 1:00 PM February 26, 2025.

LEGAL

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
The **SECOND HALF OF THE 2024** taxes are now due for payment.

A **DISCOUNT** of 2-1/2% will be given on the **SECOND HALF OF 2024** taxes during the month of **FEBRUARY**. The **SECOND HALF** will be for net amount during the month of March. Interest at the rate 9% per annum (.0075per mo) will be charged after April 1, 2025.

INTEREST is now being charged on unpaid **FIRST HALF 2024** taxes which became due and payable July 15, 2024.

ALL 2024 TAXES not paid **BEFORE** May 1, 2025, will be considered **DELINQUENT**.

PAY NOW AND GET YOUR DISCOUNT On the **SECOND HALF OF 2024 TAXES**.
GRAHAM KNIGHT, SHERIFF
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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:
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TERMS OF SALE:
1) 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.
2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the *West Virginia Code § 11-22-1*.
3) 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.
4) 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.
5) 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.
6) 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.
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/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.

Shirley R. Lovett
Circuit Court Clerk

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Through an exciting partnership with RIZE Education, Glenville State University is now offering five new, cutting-edge MBA programs! These programs are a result of hard work and dedication on the part of the Glenville State University Business Department and University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin's commitment to provide innovative, fully online programs available to WV, US, and international students. Students can complete their MBA in just 18 months, with flexible 8-week courses designed for working professionals with no prior technical background needed. With the lowest in-state graduate program tuition in West Virginia, these programs are within everyone's reach. The concentration in Artificial Intelligence is one of the first of its kind and promises to bring interest from around the state, country, and world.
Dr. J.D. Carpenter, Chair of the Busi-

ness Department at GSU, had this to say about the new programs. "We are beyond excited to be able to bring this opportunity to the State of West Virginia and beyond. It has the Three C's - it's cost effective, it's convenient, and it's cutting-edge. At Glenville, we tell our students to be Pioneers of their future. With a Glenville State MBA in one of these five new concentrations, you will be well on your way," he added. .
The new concentrations include Artificial Intelligence, Business Analytics, Cybersecurity, Finance, and Healthcare Administration. Dr. Mark A. Manchin is enthusiastic about the new program offerings. "Here at Glenville State University, we are always working to find new and exciting ways to give our students the tools they need to succeed. We have partnerships across healthcare, finance, and tech industries to help our students build the network they need to flourish far beyond graduation," Manchin said.

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ROUTE 33 WRESTLING KICKS OFF 2025 WITH NEW CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



John D Prepares to Fight

Route 33 Wrestling is set to launch its 2025 season with a must-see event on Saturday, March 1st, featuring the beginning of a brand-new championship tournament, high-profile matchups, and title defenses. The event will mark the unveiling of a brand new championship, with the tournament running from March through September and culminating in the crowning of its first-ever champion on September 6th.

The opening round on March 1st will feature two intense matchups: Jordan Carlyle vs. John D Crazy Hillbilly, and “The Show Pony” Reese Ramone vs. The Unwiling Tatiana.

Beyond the tournament, the card is stacked with action, including a personal grudge match between former tag team partners Michael Anthony and the Jagermeister. Route 33 Wrestling newcomer Anton Bomani looks to make a dominant first impression against “The Babushka Baron” Jeffrey John, and Hero Napier returns to singles competition against JMD. The Rt33W Tag Team Championship will be defended by Grappling, Inc., and Gorgeous Morgan Taylor will put the Rt33W Open Weight Championship on the line, with their respective challengers to be announced in the coming weeks via the promotion’s official Facebook page.

“We’re ready to kick off 2025 with

a bang, and this tournament is just the beginning of an exciting year ahead for Route 33 Wrestling,” said Route 33 Wrestling director, The Boss Lady. “Our fans can expect top-tier competition, unforgettable moments, and a showcase of incredible talent. We couldn’t do it without the support of our sponsors—Grove’s Auto Service, Twister’s Garage, and the City of Spencer—who help make it all possible.

Rt33W LIVE will take place at the Armory on Main Street in Spencer. Doors open at 6 PM, with the first bell at 7 PM. Route 33 Wrestling prides itself on providing family-friendly entertainment, with concessions and vendor tables available on-site.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, with discounts available on Facebook and at Smoker Friendly on Ripley Road. A limited number of free kids’ tickets are also available at Smoker Friendly while supplies last.

About Route 33 Wrestling, LLC
Founded in 2017, Route 33 Wrestling is a 100% woman-owned and -run pro wrestling company located in the heart of Spencer, WV.
Route 33 Wrestling’s core goals are to make quality live sports entertainment accessible to all, and to put the “professional” in “professional wrestling.”



Michael Anthony hits Jager with a World Breaker Slam



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