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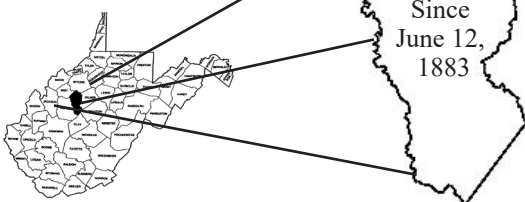
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Town of Grantsville Report Unmet Reporting Requirements

Courtesy Ridgeview News

The Town of Grantsville, as with all water treatment companies, have mandatory reporting and monitoring requirements to keep in compliance with State Regulations. In a report filed by Chad Drennen, current Operator of the Grantsville Municipal Water Plant on February 28th, 2025, the following violations were

reported for the months of January 2024 to December 2024.

However, although it was stated that the fault was on the “previous operator,” this was not entirely true. Mr. Drennen began his employment in May of 2024, meaning one half of the year’s violations fell to his responsibility. The violations continued from May until December.

Jenifer Randolph hired as Calhoun County’s first administrator

By Gaylen Duskey

Realizing it is 2025 not 1925, the Calhoun County Commission made a bold decision to step into today when it hired a county administrator.

Jenifer Randolph, who has been a dedicated public servant for over 15 years, serving as the County Administrator for Roane County, became the first administrator in Calhoun County history and as such the first professional put in charge of the business of the county.



Jenifer Randolph

Known for her exceptional administrative skills and her ability to navigate the complexities of county governance, Randolph has earned a stellar reputation across the state.

Her name is often mentioned with respect and admiration in Charleston, where her contributions to Roane County are well recognized.

Despite Roane County being a larger and more affluent area, she decided to take on a new challenge. She accepted a position in Grantsville, a smaller community that offered her a salary of \$50,000. This was a significant decision, considering the average salary for a county administrator in West Virginia is \$81,000.

However, for Randolph, the move was not just about the money.

According to Calhoun Commissioner Eric Lupardus he felt she sought a place where she could feel truly appreciated and make a meaningful impact. That is the case in Calhoun where the county is often among the lowest in income and

highest in unemployment.

Randolph’s first day in Grantsville is set for March 17th, and she will be working out of the annex building, which is also used for early voting. This location, formerly the old city hall, is conveniently situated on the left as you enter and it offers a good amount of office space and is away from the courthouse’s hustle and bustle, providing her with a peaceful environment to carry out her duties.

Her new office space will also grant her a degree of autonomy, which will be beneficial if Calhoun County and Grantsville transition to a metro government structure in the future.

WV Spring Fire Season, Burning Restrictions Returned March 1

The start of West Virginia’s annual spring fire season started on Saturday, March 1, with the return of burning restrictions.

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents to confine outdoor burning to 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

“Even though we have had a wet and snowy winter, it doesn’t take very long for our fuels to dry out. Since January 1, we have responded to 29 fires that have burned approximately 161.6 acres. We would like to ask the public to please follow burning restrictions, especially on sunny and windy conditions,” said Jeremy Jones, Director/State Forester of the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

Statewide burning restrictions will remain in effect until the spring fire season closes on May 31. The Division of Forestry has issued burning guidelines on its website at wvforestry.com/fire-laws.

Regulations include:

- All fires must have a safety strip.
- The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide.
- Fire must be attended until completely extinguished.

Only vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and yard clippings are permitted to be burnt.

Spark-throwing machinery such as power shovels or sawmills operating on land subject to fire must contain an adequate spark arrestor.

Inflammable waste disposal areas must annually remove all grass, brush, debris and other inflammable material adjacent to disposal areas to provide adequate protection, preventing the escape of fire to adjacent lands.

“Our fire laws protect one of West Virginia’s most valuable resources, our forests,” Jones said. “We urge everyone who decides to burn anything outside to be completely familiar with the guidelines available on our website. It doesn’t take long for our fuels to dry out and fires to escape easily during the spring months.”

Commercial burning during prohibited periods requires a permit, which are issued by local WVDOF offices. A permit is required for each commercial burning site.

Any person or company that causes a fire on grass or forest land must reimburse the state for the costs of suppressing the fire. Fines for forest fires caused by negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000, with an additional civil penalty of \$200.



Courtesy Laughlin Aerial, LLC.

Captured some photos of the recently completed solar project at Calhoun Middle/High School, a 596.6 kilowatt array was installed atop the building by Secure Solar Futures. A smaller 172 kilowatt system was installed atop Pleasant Hill Elementary. Calhoun County is the first school system in West Virginia to install solar on their school roofs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Grantsville Municipal, WV3300701

Our water system violated drinking water monitoring requirements within the past year(s). Even though these were not emergencies, you, as our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During periods listed in the table below, we did not monitor or test as required and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. Also, test results show that our system exceeded the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids.

What should I do?
You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, it is recommended that you consult with your doctor.

What does this mean?
This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and/or Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct, the type of samples we are supposed to take, and when the samples should have been taken.

Required Monitoring	FedRep ID	Required Reporting	Compliance Period
VIOLATION: 2	30186 30086	MCL, AVERAGE MCL, AVERAGE	3/1/1986 to 3/31/1986 2/1/1986 to 2/28/1986
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VIOLATION: 27	540861	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	5/1/2024 to 5/31/2024
VIOLATION: 36	540860 540856	MONITORING, RTNRPRT MAJOR (SWTR-FILTER) MONITORING, RTNRPRT MAJOR (SWTR-FILTER)	5/1/2024 to 5/31/2024 3/1/2024 to 3/31/2024
VIOLATION: 38	540857 540858	MONITORING, ROUTINE (IESWTRLT1), MINOR MONITORING, ROUTINE (IESWTRLT1), MAJOR	3/1/2024 to 3/31/2024 3/1/2024 to 3/31/2024
VIOLATION: 41	36066	RES DISINFECT CONCENTRATION (SWTR)	7/1/1993 to 7/31/1993
VIOLATION: WB	540859 540855	FAILURE TO COMPLETE OR SUBMIT MOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE OR SUBMIT MOR	5/1/2024 to 5/31/2024 3/1/2024 to 3/31/2024
VIOLATION: WL	540810	CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM	9/1/2011

What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action)

Violations occurred during previous Operator. The water system will strictly adhere to the monitoring schedule to meet all regulations The water system is working with WV RCAP to meet all requirements concerning Cross-Connection Program

For more information, please contact Chad Dennen at 304-354-7316

Or PO Box 146, Grantsville, WV 26147

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Grantsville Municipal

State Water System ID# WV3300701 Date Distributed 2.28.2025

- To help better understand the violations, below are the violation descriptions.

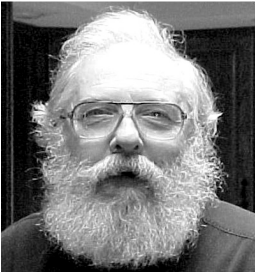
“Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major” is a violation type code used to indicate that a public water system failed to meet monitoring and reporting requirements for disinfection byproducts (DBPs).

Explanation

 - DBPs are chemicals that form when chlorine or other disinfectants react with organic matter in drinking water.
 - Public water systems are required to monitor disinfectant residuals at various locations in the distribution system.
 - The results of these monitoring efforts are reported to the relevant regulatory agency on a regular basis.
 - Regular monitoring helps determine if drinking water is safe from microbial contamination.
 - Monitoring trends over time can help identify health problems or avoid them before they occur.
 - A Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR) violation for a water treatment plant’s filtration process can occur when turbidity levels are too high.
 - What is a SWTR violation for filtration?
 - A SWTR violation occurs when a water treatment plant’s filtration process doesn’t meet turbidity criteria
 - High turbidity levels indicate that the filtration process may not be working properly
 - The type of filtration process used determines turbidity limits and monitoring requirements
 - What are the consequences of a SWTR violation?
 - The water treatment plant must provide public notice of the violation
- The type of notice depends on the type of violation
 - If a waterborne disease outbreak occurs, the water treatment plant must notify the EPA as soon as possible
 - What is the SWTR?
 - The SWTR establishes minimum treatment requirements for public water systems that use surface water as a source
 - The SWTR’s goal is to reduce the risk of infection to less than one per 10,000 people per year
 - West Virginia’s water quality standards limit turbidity in streams to prevent excessive suspended matter from entering the water. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) monitor public water systems for compliance with these standards.
 - Turbidity standards The EPA’s standard for turbidity in drinking water is 1 nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU).
 - Stream turbidity In West Virginia, streams cannot have a turbidity that exceeds 10 NTU above background turbidity.
 - Monitoring The EPA and DHHR monitor public water systems for compliance with turbidity standards.
 - Corrective action public water systems must keep records of actions taken to correct violations for three years after the corrective action is completed.
 - The Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) builds on the requirements of the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR) and specifies treatment requirements to address Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants in public water systems serving less than 10,000 persons.
 - MOR – Monthly Operational Reports.

CRESTON
NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
PHONE 275-3578



With the change in the weather, freezing and thawing there have been lots of down trees & slips of mud & rocks into the ditch lines and in the roads. A big rock rolled out of the old quarry in the Germany section of Creston almost blocking the Little Creek Road. Atlas & Hercules were both off on some errand, so the state road had to bring equipment to move the boulder. No doubt Buddy Bell was glad that the road kept it from coming down near his abode.

Gary Dickens suffered a stroke the other evening and refused immediate medical treatment. The next day a helicopter took him to Morgantown, but he did not survive. It was said that he was 63. There will be a benefit for his expenses Saturday March 8 at Shade Tree from noon to 6 P.M. There will be a dip and donate, etc.

The warmer weather in February allowed for a few chickweed flowers and some very tiny jill over the ground blossoms.

A local resident had occasion to attend to business in the Morgantown area and learned that the potholes on I-79 put those on I-77 to shame. One Morgantown area resident who has family in Wirt County noted that she was not going to get new tires for her chariot until they were fixed. It appeared that some of the “imperfections in the surface of the roadway” were being addressed near Clarksburg.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) ruled that Mother Hope can change customers on their gathering lines from natural gas to propane or electric. There are said to be 629 impacted families including several Creston residents. The PSC said there would be public meetings in 19 counties but there would not be one in Calhoun County. Mother Hope, part of the Rockefeller Standard Oil empire, wants to abandon 1,068 miles of gathering lines including at least two big lines in the Creston area. A hearing on that

will be held May 14, 2025, starting at 9:30 A.M. at the PSC headquarters in Charleston. At a previous PSC meeting the lines to be abandoned were kept secret. The economic impact of the proposed abandonments would be significant, putting it mildly. At the prior meeting in Grantsville the Hope PR man told about all the woes dealing with the old EQT (Equitable Gas, Pittsburgh & West Virginia, Carnegie Natural Gas/ U S Steel) lines they acquired in other parts of the state. Old Hope men who were at that meeting noted that company biggies were noted for their bloviating skills. The legislature is now in session. Will they speak up and act on behalf of the citizens or will they listen to the slicksters who, in their spare time, sell refrigerators to the Esquimaux.

Detroit based DT Midstream announced that they would be supplying natural gas to the proposed new power plant in Pleasants County.

It was learned that David Goff passed away. Burial will be at Ground Hog.

On May 21 there will be the Appalachian AI Energy Conference at the Hilton Garden Hotel at Southpointe [Canonsburg, Pennsylvania]. EQT’s Toby Rice says that the lion’s share of energy to run the AI facilities will be supplied by natural gas from Marcellus & Utica wells.

Reflecting the new day in America the congress voted to abolish the “methane tax” promoted by Broadway Joe Manchin and his pal Joe Biden. The tax was to be \$1,500/ton.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dropped to \$68.76/bb. With condensate fetching only \$50.76/bbl. While Marcellus & Utica light brought \$57.76/bbl. While the spot price of natural gas was in the \$4 range the Henry Hub January price was \$3.044 with DTI (Mother Hope) at \$2.602 and TCO (Columbia) at \$2.792. Y grade condensate was \$32/266/bbl.

Its got to be spring because the crocus are coloring up the landscape

“Don’t wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.”
Luther Burbank

By Gaylen Duskey

I was going to write about Calhoun County hiring an administrator to run things and I will later on because it really is a great idea, one that has been a long time coming.

But on this day my son-in-law came in the house as I was getting my shoes on to go shopping saying, “ya got purple flowers coming up out there.”

Ah, I thought, my crocus.

And as I walked to the car, I saw the tiny flowers coloring the hill that I had tried to turn into a rock garden back when I could climb the hill behind my house and dig into the ground. And move the rocks around.

I had planted many bulbs on the hill because I wanted the flowers to bloom at various times to make the hill look like it was alive in the spring before settling down in summer to begin growth and regeneration for the next spring.

There were tulips, lilies, daffodils and several other varieties of flowers but the earliest were the crocus. They were the harbinger of the explosive beauty that was to come.

At least what I meant for it to be.

The crocus were always so early to bloom that oft times they ended up covered by snow with the purple making the white seem like decorations that God had given us to show the beauty we take for granted.as a spectacular event.

So, yes, I like the crocus because they are the signal that even if winter has not passed on it will soon be replaced by the refreshing feel and hope of spring. An awakening and a rebirth for earth and our spirit.

I remember back a few years ago while working on the garden The Rev. Mary Zimmer was out walking and went where I was digging in the dirt planting something or moving and placing some rocks to make the thing look like I wanted it to.

She stopped and we talked for a while with her saying she admired my diligence in working on the garden and that she sometimes mentioned it during her sermon.

I was in awe.

I said to her “I am slow, but the earth is patient” which sounded profound but was actually just a stolen line from the movie High Road to China where a Chinese wise man said, “the oxen are slow, but the earth is patient.”

We talked a bit more and she asked why having the garden was so important to me and I answered that someday I wanted my daughter to look out the window and say, “Dad’s garden looks nice this year.”

I still hope that when I am gone somebody will look at the garden and say that.

Or as the woman I consider probably the most beautiful woman ever – Audrey Hepburn – said: “To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”

I do believe in tomorrow.

IT STILL A FOOLISH THING: As a native Calhouner and a resident of Grantsville since returning home a quarter of a century ago I have waged various wars with the powers that be. Some I have won, some I have lost.

And while the ones that I have won have made things better the ones that

I have lost I have been able to put behind me even if they were not for the betterment of the general populace and many were not.

That is all except for one.

And that one was the destruction (cutting down) of the two century old Ginkgo trees we had on Main Street here in Grantsville especially since there were other options.

The Grantsville Town Council using one of its infamous hidden agenda tricks decreed the trees needed to be cut down because they were interfering with some electric lines and some bigger vehicles which drove through the town but more than anything else was the fact the trees “shed” (lost their leaves and fruit) all over a local business.

Those things all made the council decide to cut down the trees and turn them into some kind of nouveau wood sculptures. Those carvings were supposed to attract people to them as something of a tourist attraction. The are not and they have not.

Also the town said it would plant some Ginkgo trees to replace the ones that were destroyed.

Thus far the only Ginkgo tree planted in the town was planted on the lawn of Avalon (the old Calhoun County High School) by the 1982 Foundation.

Just in case the town ever decides to honor its commitment to buy and plant some Ginkgo trees the trees are available at places like Lowe’s, Amazon and the Arbor Day Foundation or you can go online for where you can buy Ginkgo trees and you’ll come up with places such as <https://www.burntridgenursery.com/Ginkgo-Trees/products/64/> and several hundred more suggestions over and over and over again.

Ginkgo trees can be found, and it is time for the town to “find” them and plant them like it said it would after it foolishly cutting them down.

WELCOME TO TODAY: The Calhoun County Commission took a giant step forward recently jumping from 1925 to 2025 when it hired a professional administrator to run county government.

After posting the job opening the commissioners interviewed several applicants before settling on Jenifer Randolph for the job. She was hired away from Roane County and will begin working in Calhoun on March 27th with her office being located in the old Grantsville Town Hall building.

Thank you, commissioners.

Now to get the Grantsville Town Council to commit to a metro government and also work with Calhoun County and the new county administrator.

After all Grantsville is part of Calhoun County.

Its time to act like it.

CHEERING FOR OUR NEIGHBOR: As long as Calhoun County has a team or an individual competing in a sport I am a Calhoun County fan but now that our girls high school team has been eliminated from the playoffs I am a big fan of the Gilmer Titans girls.

Just as back in football season when I cheered on our neighbors from Roane County as they won the state Class AA title I am cheering for the Lady Titans in Class A basketball.

Go get ‘em Titans!!!

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

OBITUARIES



Curtis Gregory

Curtis Arthur Gregory, 84, of Big Springs, WV, passed away February 25th, 2025, at Minnie Hamilton Long Term Care in Grantsville, WV.

He was born, July 17, 1940, in Franklin, North Carolina, the son of the late Dewey and Ivalee Gregory Jennings. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Pearl, with whom he co-owned Gregory’s Exxon in Big Springs.

Also preceding him in

death was brother, Jimmy Eugene Gregory, brother, William B. Gregory, Sr. and sister, Gracie Wright. He was a member of Beech Valley Methodist Church and was a longtime member of the Grantsville Lions Club, where he served in several offices and enjoyed helping with the bingo booth.

He is survived by his son, Curtis (Lisa) of Ripley, son, Trevie (Virginia Ann) of Parkersburg, daughter, Lisa (David) of Evans and son, Jimmy of Big Springs; grandchildren, Tricia Sadaqa, Nicole Smith (Ben), Trevie C. Gregory, David L. Foster (Caitlyn), Rome Gregory (Aubrianna), Ryan Gregory (Alyssa), Levi Greg-

ory, Lexi Gregory and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., 107 Market St., Grantsville, WV, 26147, officiated by Rev. Rick Metheney. Visitation was held Sunday, March 2nd from 1-3:00pm. A private burial service will be held later at the family cemetery in Big Springs.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grantsville Lions Club or Beech Valley United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com



Rosemary McKown

Rosemary Frances Collins McKown, 86, of Ravenswood, WV, went to be with the Lord while surrounded by her beloved children on February 26, 2025, at CAMC Memorial.

She was born on December 9, 1938, in Stumptown, WV, the daughter of the late Harry Blaine and Tacy Maxine Schoolcraft Collins. She was raised in Gilmer County’s Lockney

and graduated from Nормantown High School in 1957. Shortly afterwards, she married Richard McKown and would enjoy raising their children on Pleasant View Ridge in Ravenswood.

She was a devoted mother and wife who enjoyed many hobbies: crocheting, quilting, tole painting, ceramics, reading, walking, playing dominoes with her husband, and mining for gemstones in Franklin, NC. She was also a wonderful cook and famous for her Pancake Fridays.

Rosemary is survived by her children Kathy (Greg) Patton, Richard (Lori) McKown II, Joan (Michael) Dunlap, and Rosemary (Todd Shannon) Burdette; 4 grandchildren, Emily Keffer, Isaac (Kimberly) McKown, Erin McKown, and Elias (Danielle) McKown; 4 great grandchildren, An-

drew Keffer, Hunter Keffer, Claire McKown, and Lindon McKown; and sister, Jeannie (Ken) Stealey of Coolville, OH. She also leaves behind many precious nieces and nephews and her dear friend Dorothy Groves.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Dreama Lynn McKown; sisters, E. Kathryn Collins, Billie Moss and Judith Collins-Moore; brother, Richard Collins; precious puppy Pandey; and her husband of 60 years, Richard McKown.

Per her wishes, a family graveside service will be held at Collins Cemetery in Lockney, WV, later in the spring, with her grandson Isaac McKown speaking.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on our Facebook page or on our website at roushfuneralhome.net.

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.

Editorials, letters to the editor, press releases, meeting notices, and announcements can be sent to contact@calhouchronicle.com.

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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.

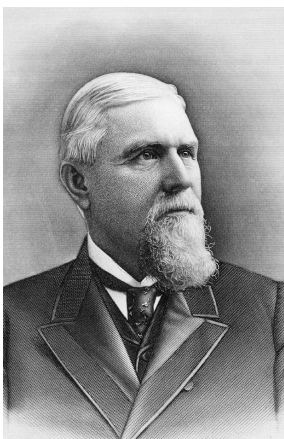


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The
**West Virginia
Encyclopedia**

Contact: Stan Bumgardner • bumgardner@wvhumanities.org • 304-346-8500

March 6, 1820: Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state's first commissioner of immigration.



March 6, 1828: Johnson Camden was born in Lewis County. In 1861, he opened one of the state's first oil wells, in Wirt County, and a refinery in Parkersburg in 1869. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.

March 6, 1900: A mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County killed 46 men. It was the state's first major mine disaster of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed at the same mine.

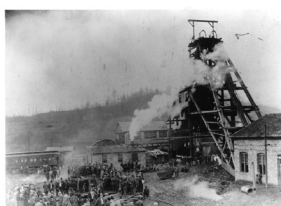
March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.



March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State

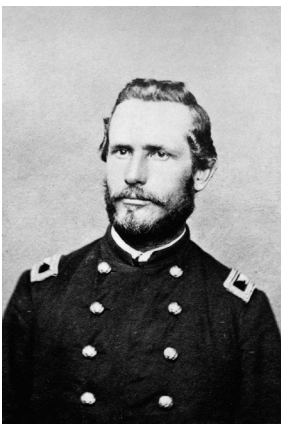
of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor's office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.



March 8, 1926: An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

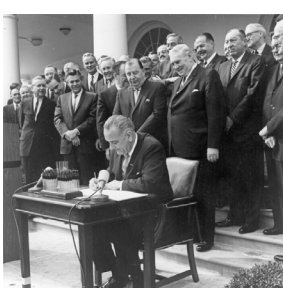
March 8, 1963: The state colors of blue and "old gold" were adopted by the legislature.



March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah

was born in South Charleston. In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams (1975-87), was a six-time All Pro, and played in one Super Bowl.



March 9, 1965: President Lyndon Johnson signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.



March 10, 1910: Kermit McKeever, considered the father of the modern West Virginia state park system, was born near Renick, Greenbrier County.

March 10, 1915: West Virginia's first Rotary International club was estab-

lished in Wheeling.

March 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.



March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 12, 1835: Marshall County was created from part of Ohio County. It was named for John Marshall, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

March 12, 1850: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority

Monthly Meeting
March 18th, 2025 @ 5:00pm
Mom's Place Too
340 Main Street
Grantsville, WV 26147

Monthly Tire Event
March 21st, 2025

10:00 to 2:00

Tanya Cunningham
Assistant Director

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

Specialty Crop Block Grant Application Deadline Moved to March 10

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline to apply for FY 2025 Specialty Crop Block Grants (SCBG) to March 10. The grants are handed out by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) annually to enhance the production, processing, and consumption of specialty crops in the Mountain State. In FY 2024, eight West Virginia agribusinesses were awarded a total of \$301,000 in SCBG.

"Here in West Virginia, we don't have a lot of large-scale agriculture operations outside of the poultry and cattle industries. Ninety-eight percent of West Virginia farms are family owned and operated," explained Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "Many of our farmers, whether they know it or not, grow or produce SCBG-qualifying products. These grants can be a game-changer for farmers and producers looking to expand their agribusinesses or research ways they can move into the specialty crop market."

The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is funded by the USDA and administered by the WVDA. Recipi-

ents have two years to plan, implement, and gather data on their respective projects. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.

In FY 2023, Sunset Berry Farm, in Monroe County, received \$74,825 in SCBG funding to test market freeze-dried fruits they grew on their farm. Fast forward two years, the farm is now selling their products to West Virginia school systems through the Farm 2 School program

In FY 2022, Grow Ohio Valley used part of a \$61,110 SCBG to invest in a youth entrepreneurship program. Budding Wheeling, for youth 13-17, now teaches participants farming and business skills running their own flower farming business.

Application, instructions, and other information for SCBG can be found at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/specialty-crop-block-grant/>. Applications are due no later than March 10, 2025. For more information, contact 304-558-2210 or grants@wvda.us.

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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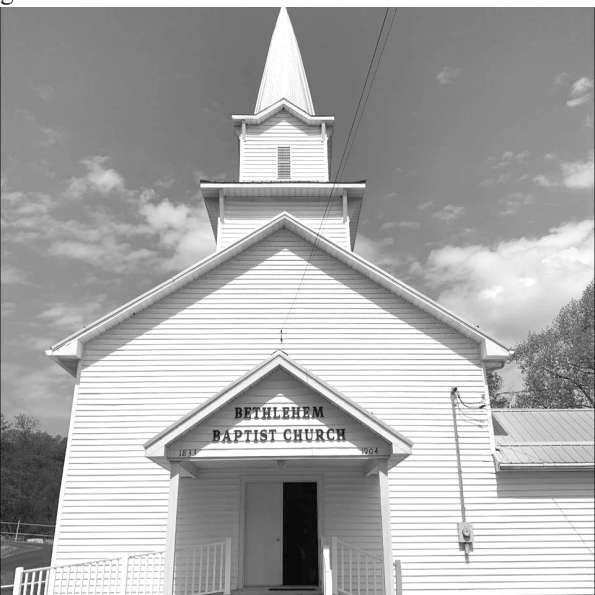
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BAPTIST

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



Brooksville Church Missionary Baptist

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

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 PM (Adult & Youth Programs). Phone 304-354-6967 The Perfect Church for Those Who Aren’t! Find us on Facebook! Brooksville Missionary Baptist Church

Chapel Baptist

1710 Nobe Rd Big Springs, WV, 26137, Pastors Harold Francis and Tom Law, Sunday Service 10-11 a.m. Sunday 6 p.m. Wednesday 6 p.m. Open until 6:00 PM +1 (304) 354-6080 <https://www.chapelbaptist.org>

Enon Baptist Church

Russett Road Grantsville, WV 26147 Pastor John Vannoy

First Baptist Church of Grantsville

Pastor Ron Chesser

Associate Pastor Rick Godfrey

Sunday: 10:00 – Sunday school 11:00 – morning worship

Wednesday: 7:00 – Bible study

Pastor Ron’s cell: +1 (304) 786-6273 Home: (304) 477-3339

Freedom Baptist Church

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



Prosperity Baptist Church
844 Leading Creek Rd.
Big Springs, WV 26137

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Steven Carter, Sunday School – 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m., Sunday Evening – 6 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. (Adult & Youth Programs).



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CATHOLIC



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

701 Mineral Road, Glenville, WV.

Pastor: Father Gary Naegele, Mass schedule: Sun. 11:00 a.m. Daily Mass and Holy Day as announced in bulletin; Confessions: before Sunday Mass.



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(304) 927-2013

holyredeemerwv@gmail.com



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CHURCH OF CHRIST



Steer Creek Church of Christ 3466 Rosedale Road Stumptown, WV 25267 Sunday Morning Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

INDEPENDENT



PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

Pastor, Rick Matheney

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Full Gospel Lighthouse Church

Big Bend, WV Pastor: Mike Doherty Phone: 304.916.4668 Sunday Morning: 10:00 am Sunday

Evening: 6:30 pm Wednesday Evening: 7:00 pm

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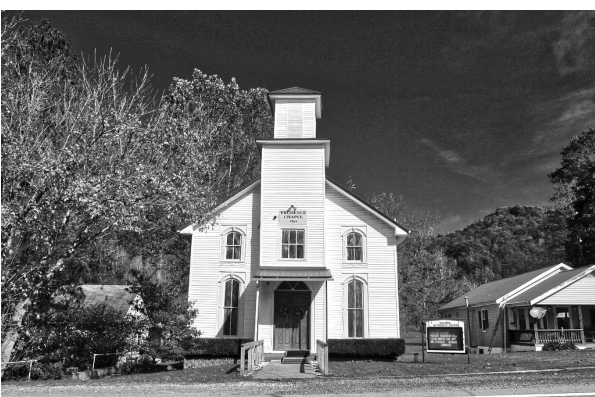
Pastor David Weaver, Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am

Mt Zion United Methodist Church



Pastor David Weaver, Worship 10:00 am, 304-514-1346

Prudence Chapel



Minnora, WV along Rt 16

Pastor Tim Hickman, preaching at 11am the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Sunday School at 10am. 2nd and 4th Sundays preaching at 10am and Sunday school at 11am. 304-354-7365 Everyone is welcome.

Walker United Methodist Church



located 1627 Walker Rd in Chloe, WV Pastor Tim Hickman Sunday services start at 10 AM

Orma United Methodist

Located at 17663 South Calhoun Highway. Sunday services beginning at 10 A.M. Pastor Timothy Hickman, preaches every first and third Sunday morning at 10 A.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Knotts Memorial Church

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

NON DENOMINATIONAL

Cornerstone Praise and Worship 527 Highland Street, Grantsville, WV. Pastor: Kevin Church Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Sunday Evening Prayer Group 6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study 6pm (adults and youth). Find us on Facebook!

Calhoun played Gilmer Tuesday in Class A tournament

This game was played after newspaper deadlines and will be reported in the next edition.

Calhoun is 2-8 against Gilmer County since April of 2021 but they'll have a chance to close the gap a little bit on Tuesday. The Calhoun Red Devils will face off against the Gilmer County Titans at 7:00 p.m. Calhoun has given up an average of 59.4 points per game this season, so hopefully the team got some defensive drills in this week.

Calhoun is headed into the game out to prove that what happened against St. Marys last Friday (when they were outscored in every quarter) was just a minor bump in the road. Calhoun was beaten by St. Marys 81-46. The Red Devils were in a tough position after the first half, with the score already sitting at 42-22.

Despite the loss, Calhoun had strong showings from Brennen Carpenter, who shot 44% from the field on his way to 20 points and six boards, and Cooper Morris, who went 5-for-11 to rack up 11 points and six rebounds. That was a full 43.5% of Calhoun's points, marking the fourth time in a row Carpenter has posted more than a third of the team's points. Gavin Hicks was another key player, putting up seven points.

Meanwhile, Gilmer County was not able to break out of their rough patch

on Thursday as the team picked up their third straight defeat. They were four points away from ending the streak, but they lost a 64-60 heartbreaker at the hands of Webster County.

Calhoun will need to focus on slowing down Kolten Holbert, one of several Gilmer County players who made an impact when they last played. He went 6-for-7 en route to 21 points in addition to six rebounds and three steals. With that strong performance, Holbert is now averaging an impressive 15 points per game. Another player making a difference was Jacob Mick, who had 16 points.

Gilmer County's loss dropped their record down to 6-16. As for Calhoun, their defeat dropped their record down to an identical 6-16.

Tuesday's matchup will pit two of the most dominant guards against one another: Carpenter and Mick. Carpenter has been dynamite this season: he has averaged 12.3 points, 1.5 steals, and 6.9 boards. For his part, Mick has averaged 15.3 points, 1.7 steals, and 2.9 assists.

Calhoun came up short against Gilmer County when the teams last played back in February, falling 56-44.

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Calhoun Youth wrestlers compete at state meet

The WVYWA 2025 State Championships saw a strong showing from Calhoun Youth Wrestling, with several wrestlers achieving notable placements and contributing valuable points to their team.

In the 4U 40 category, Reagan Boatright faced tough competition and, despite a valiant effort, did not place, scoring 0.0 team points. Reagan was defeated by Hazel Cook from Nitro Youth Wrestling by tech fall and later by Owen Workman from Sissonville Youth Wrestling by decision.

Myles Morris, competing in the 7&8 60 category, scored 6.5 team points. Myles started strong with a tech fall victory over Blakelyn Scarafino from Young Guns but was narrowly defeated by Maddox Anderson from Competitive Edge. He continued to fight through the consolation rounds, winning by forfeit and major decision before being bested by Axel Nary from Lead Dog Wrestling Club.

Isaac Fitzwater shone in the 7&8 85 category, securing 2nd place and scoring an impressive 27.5 team points. Isaac dominated his matches with multiple falls and a tech fall, only to be defeated in the 1st Place Match by Griffin Kerby from Patriot Wrestling Club.

In the 9&10 80 category, Carper Summers scored 8.0 team points. Carper won his first two matches by fall but was later defeated in the quarterfinals and consolation rounds. Meanwhile, Christoper Morris, also in the 9&10 80 category, placed 4th and scored 23.0 team points. Christoper had a series of victories by fall and decision, ultimately losing in the 3rd Place Match to Ryder Barton from

Patriot Wrestling Club.

Silas Cunningham, competing in the 11&12 95 category, scored 1.0 team points. Silas faced a challenging bracket, winning one match by forfeit but losing his other matches by decision and major decision.

Cooper Summers, in the 11&12 105 category, placed 7th and scored 7.0 team points. Cooper had a mix of wins and losses, ultimately securing his 7th place with a fall victory over Thomas Stewart from Nicholas County Youth Wrestling.

Brantley Schoolcraft, competing in the 9&10 105 category, placed 5th and scored 17.5 team points. Brantley had a strong start with a forfeit win and a fall victory, continuing to perform well in the consolation rounds and securing his 5th place with a fall over Parker Isinghood from Brooke Cubs.

Ezra Anderson, in the Middle School 145 category, placed 7th and scored 11.5 team points. Ezra had a series of victories by fall and major decision, ultimately winning his 7th Place Match by decision over Carter Webb from Eastern Greenbrier Wrestling Club.

Charlotte Bain, competing in the G6U 45 category, placed 5th and scored 13.0 team points. Charlotte had a mix of wins and losses, securing her 5th place with a fall victory over Talia Pettry from Boone County Silverbacks.

Rylan Boatright, in the G9U 78 category, placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points. Rylan had a series of close decision victories, ultimately falling in the 1st Place Match to Vayda Knight from BCIT.

Edited story written by AI.

Red Devils' season comes to end

In a high school tournament basketball matchup on Friday night (Feb. 28, 2025), Tolsia triumphed over Calhoun with a final score of 50-29. The Class A Region IV matchup game, held at Calhoun, saw Tolsia taking an early lead and maintaining their dominance throughout the quarters.

With the loss Calhoun's season comes to an end. The Red Devils finished the season 10-14.

Tolsia started strong, scoring nine points in the first quarter while Calhoun managed only four. The second quarter saw Tolsia adding eight more points to their tally, with Calhoun trailing behind with five points. By halftime, Tolsia had established a solid lead.

The third quarter was the most productive for Tolsia, as they scored 18 points

compared to Calhoun's 10. In the final quarter, Tolsia continued their strong performance, adding 15 points to their score, while Calhoun could only muster another 10 points.

Key players for Tolsia included Emily Artrip, who led the team with 14 points, and Carly Johnson and Jacey Crum, who each contributed 12 points. Olivia Kelly also added seven points to the team's total. Despite their efforts, Calhoun struggled to keep up, with Faith McClain scoring eight points and Paige Stearns adding seven.

Both teams had their share of turnovers, with Tolsia committing 19 and Calhoun 20.

In another game, Gilmer dominated Sherman with a decisive 86-23 win, and will now face Tolsia in the playoffs.

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CALHOUN COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Mid/Jr Baseball Schedule				
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2	03/21/25	5:00PM	H -	DODDRIDGE COUNTY MIDDLE
3	03/25/25	5:00PM	H -	CLAY COUNTY MIDDLE
4	03/27/25	5:00PM	A -	SPENCER MIDDLE
5	03/31/25	5:00PM	H -	GILMER COUNTY
6	04/04/25	5:00PM	A -	RAVENSWOOD MIDDLE
7	04/07/25	6:00PM	A -	CLAY COUNTY MIDDLE
8	04/14/25	5:30PM	A -	SOUTH HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
9	04/16/25	5:00PM	A -	DODDRIDGE COUNTY MIDDLE
10	04/21/25	4:30PM	H -	SPENCER MIDDLE
11	04/24/25	5:00PM	A -	GILMER COUNTY
12	04/28/25	5:00PM	H -	RAVENSWOOD MIDDLE
13	05/01/25	5:00PM	H -	BRAXTON COUNTY MIDDLE
CALHOUN COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Mid/Jr Softball Schedule				
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1	03/20/25	5:00PM	A -	WIRT COUNTY MIDDLE
2	03/25/25	4:30PM	H -	CLAY COUNTY MIDDLE
3	03/27/25	5:30PM	A -	SOUTH HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
4	03/31/25	5:00PM	A -	GILMER COUNTY
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15	05/02/25	5:00PM	H -	DODDRIDGE COUNTY MIDDLE
16	05/10/25	12:00PM	A -	NEW MARTINSVILLE MIDDLE
CALHOUN COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Senior Baseball Schedule				
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2	03/20/25	5:00PM	A -	RITCHIE COUNTY
3	03/21/25	5:00PM	A -	VAN SENIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL
4	03/22/25	12:00PM	A -	SOUTH HARRISON
5	03/24/25	6:00PM	A -	CLAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
6	03/26/25	4:30PM	A -	SAINT JOSEPH CENTRAL
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16	04/14/25	5:00PM	A -	WEBSTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
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HELP WANTED

The West Fork Community Action (Arnoldsburg Park) will be accepting sealed bids for mowing/trimming of the grounds located at 1280 Arnoldsburg Road.

Bids will be accepted until Saturday March 15, 2025. The bids will be opened at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday March 18, 2025.

The winning bidder will be contacted after that date.

Bids may be mailed to: WFCA Po Box 32 Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

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City Council holds March Meeting on Monday

Courtesy Ridgeview News

The Town of Grantsville held their March 2025 meeting at the City Office at 4 p.m.

With somewhat low attendance, and very little notification there were no community concerns.

Under the Mayor’s communication:

- Mayor Robert Petrovsky discussed WVR-CAP (West Virginia Rural Community Assistance Program) receipt of their fire hydrant inspections.
- Mayor Petrovsky informed the council that he had received a call from The 1982 foundation that there will be a new crew on site at the Avalon Campus which will require that the city staff makes sure a new building permit is filed.
- Donna Schoolcraft expressed interest to the Mayor in utilizing the FEMA lots in town for community gardening.
- There continues to be a trash issue on River Street that the Mayor informed staff Jesse Davis that a call or visit should be made.
- In a recent sewer issue the sewer department work crew may have lost their \$2,100 Warthog Jetter

Head that they are continuing to attempt to retrieve.

- In reference to the recent water violations the Mayor stated that much of it was from quite some time ago and that current operator Chad Drennen had only had a couple of the violations during his time as operator because of a telemetry issue.

Under Committee reports Councilwoman Cheryl Sturm stated that she had spoken to the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center regarding the park sign and that they believed that it was too big of a project for them to do. She is now contacting Roane Jackson Vocational Center as well as David Gerlach for a price on the sign which will list park contributors and rules.

Under New Business, Recorder Emily Collins informed the counsel that there will be a budget meeting on March 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

A special meeting for the interviews of the City Water Manager was held on Monday evening.

In the matter of financials, Recorder Collins told the counsel members that from this point forward any budget revisions of 20% or more will require explanation as to why the funding is necessary to be

moved.

She also reported that the Town had been charged \$300 in late fees by Mon Power due to a U.S. Post Office error in late delivery of the Town’s payment when it was returned to the City as undeliverable to the Mon Power Address.

Also with regard to utilities, Collins said that the West Virginia State Police, who are also housed in the City’s building would need to be contacted for their non-payment of their 25% of the utilities in the City Building since December 2024.

According to Mrs. Collins the WV State Auditor’s officer is “cracking down” with the expectation that there be clarity on the payment of bills. Mayor Petrovsky suggested that she send copies of the bills being paid along with receipt information.

Divers will be coming on Wednesday, March 5th to dive the river and change the intake heads at the water plant because (according to the Mayor) they were installed improperly, unless the rain prevents the dive.

Meeting was adjourned after bill payments at 4:32 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Calhoun Board of Education will be holding a public hearing for Levy Rates for FY25-26 on Monday, March 10, 2025 to determine Levy Rates and again on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. to Lay the Levy at the Calhoun County Board of Education Central Office.

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**Calhoun County Board of Education
Public Hearing
Regarding the 2025-26 School Calendar**

The first of two public hearings regarding the 2025-26 School Calendar for Calhoun County Schools will be held Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Calhoun Board of Education office.

The second public hearing regarding the 2025-26 School Calendar for Calhoun County Schools will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 5:30 p.m., at the Calhoun County Board of Education office.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

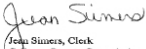
The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Sharon P. Stull	2560 ParkBrook St. NW Massillon, OH 44647	July 31, 2024	April 21, 2021
Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Sheila Villilo	2560 ParkBrook St. NW Massillon, OH 44647	Daughter	March 6, 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 March, 2025.


Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission

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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;

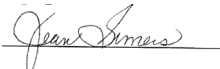
Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
David Richards	Cheryl Richards	7998 S. Calhoun Hwy, Mt. Zion, WV 26151
James L. Houchin, Jr.	Cassidy Burrows	40 Sinking Springs Rd. Mt. Zion, WV 26151

March 6, 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 **May 5, 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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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 24-0789-G-PC
HOPE GAS, INC.

Petition to abandon facilities

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On October 1, 2024, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope), a public utility, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition for prior consent and approval to abandon approximately 1,068 miles of pipelines and related facilities, or “Red Lines.” On January 15, 2025, Hope filed an Amendment to its Petition stating that Diversified Midstream LLC had agreed to non-binding terms to acquire all of the Red Lines from Hope.

The Red Lines proposed to be abandoned are located in the counties of Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Marion, Mason, Monongalia, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood. The Red Lines and locations are identified in the Petition, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission’s offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and on the Commission’s website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

Hope maintains that from Hope’s perspective the pipelines can no longer provide safe, reliable, and economical gas service to the farm-tap customers or are in jeopardy of being unable to continue providing service. The pipelines are no longer necessary or useful to Hope’s provision of service to Hope customers and are uneconomical to continue to operate, maintain, or replace. Hope estimates that the cost to operate and maintain the pipelines will far exceed \$10 million per year, and replacing the lines with new plastic pipelines will cost over \$600 million. Hope does not seek a rate increase in this proceeding.

A hearing will be held by the Public Service Commission, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 14, 2025, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission’s offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the web docket.

Anyone desiring to protest the relief requested by Hope may file a written protest or request to intervene in Case No. 24-0789-G-PC, online, through the Commission website using the “Submit a Comment” link, by mail addressed to: Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may appear at the hearing.

Anyone desiring to protest the relief requested by Hope may file a written protest or request to intervene that briefly states the reason for the protest or request to intervene. Requests to intervene must comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and must be filed within ten (10) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. The Commission will receive public comments throughout the entirety of the proceeding. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.sc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the ‘Formal Case’ link.

HOPE GAS, INC

Wednesday Evening Commission Meeting Highlights

**By Eric Lupardus
Courtesy Ridgeview News**

The Calhoun County Commission met for their second February meeting on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025. Commissioners Craig Arthur, Jacob McCumbers and Eric Lupardus were present.

A long awaited answer from Jim Hildreth, Engineer, regarding the status of the ten plus year Norman Ridge Water project brought no new information. The citizens in that area of the county have waited far more patiently than warranted for the project to begin, only to be told they’ll still be waiting.

Calhoun resident Martha Harris spoke about her need and lack of water.

The Commission has began working on the dilapidated structure issues in Calhoun County by beginning discussions on creating a county ordinance. The County powers (Commission, businesses, FINEX, etc.) have determined to make Calhoun a sought for location for business, industry and new residents.

Another property value reducing issue in Calhoun County is that of non-business Salvage/junkyards. The Commissioners will reach out to the proper agency responsible for enforcement of those areas. Lupardus has spoken with an agency that will be reaching out next week with a plan to move forward on working to get those matters cleaned up.

During a previous Commission meeting the Commissioners discussed

a discrepancy in Deputy C.R. Stephens’ pay that occurred when Sheriff Graham Knight requested and approved that he be paid time and a half for a holiday worked. The County Clerk, Jean Simers, paid Stephens regular pay, having determined that it was proper. All three Commissioners voted to approve back pay for holiday pay in which Deputy Stephens had been shorted. (This was corrected by Commissioner McCumbers where I had previously stated only two voted to approve). State code states that law enforcement is to receive time and a half for holidays.

During the discussion on that topic, Commissioner McCumbers told the Sheriff he did not see why he (the Sheriff) didn’t work holidays himself to save the budget. Commissioner Lupardus stated that the Commissioners cannot determine the Sheriff’s schedule, as he is an elected official.

Commissioner McCumbers then said “Yes, but we can control his budget.” The rather contentious conversation does not address the fact that West Virginia had the fourth lowest annual wages for police in the nation, partly reflective of the low cost of living in the state. Altogether, West Virginia spent less per capita on police than every state but Kentucky in 2017. Calhoun County could likely rank among the lowest of the low for county budgets for a sheriff’s department. Calhoun has struggled in keeping qualified deputies in the past due to low salaries. Any cuts in the sheriff’s department budget could be critical to that branch of law

CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING Monday, March 10, 2025

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Pledge of Allegiance/Followed by Prayer:
- II. Call to Order:
- III. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2025 and February 26, 2025 and Board of Equalization Minutes – January 31, 2025; February 6, 2025; February 10, 2025; February 14, 2025; February 20, 2025; and February 26, 2025
- IV. Delegations/Requests:
 - A. David Bland
 - B. Melisa O'Brien - CityNet
- V. New Business:
 - A. Repair of Courthouse Front Entrance
 - B. Purchasing New Tools for Custodian
 - C. Dates for Budget Work Sessions
 - D. Yearly Report - WAG
- VI. Unfinished Business:
 - A. PSD Water Bond Payments
 - B. Dilapidated Structures Ordinance Discussion – Junk Yard Ordinance? Salvage Yard Enforcement
- VII. Personnel Items:
 - A. Pay Increase for Custodian
- VIII. Appointments to Boards and Authorities:
 - A.
- IX. Grants, Contracts, Applications and Resolutions:
 - A.
- X. Erroneous Tax Assessments/Consolidations:
- XI. Fiduciary Items:
 - A.

