

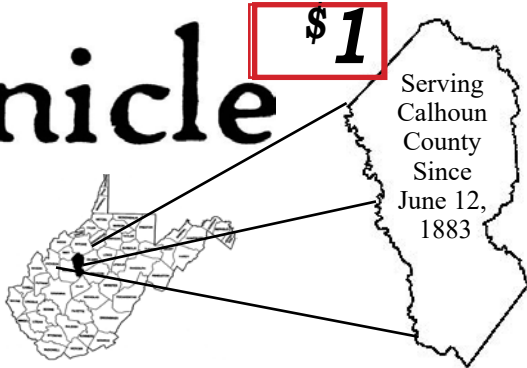


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It was 80 years ago, and it will never happen again



Picture of the 1945 State Champions. First Row L-R: Carney Marks, Blain Wright Glennard Vannoy, Earl Gainer, Richard Bennett, Ernest Duskey, Carl Conrad. Second Row L-R: Jean Roberts, Betty Whitesel, Edmund Brown, Billy Boggs, Jerry Roberts Harrison Turner Jr., Eugene Williams, Coach, and Douglas Carpenter.

This story was written 10 years ago by Gary G. Smith, a 1954 graduate of Normantown High School. Eighty years ago, Normantown did the unthinkable by being something of the mouse that roared as it beat all comers to win the 1945 West Virginia state high school basketball championship,

**By Gary G. Smith
NHS Graduate 1954**

Seventy (now 80) years ago, this coming March 24, Normantown High School won the 1945 WV State Boys Basketball Championship. I thought that this historic distinction should be recalled and celebrated one more time and that you the reader would like to read about it again. During the 101-year (now 111-year) history of the State Tournament, many schools have won this gala event and for the players, coaches, schools and communities doing so is a great honor and I do not mean or want to diminish its importance for those that have won. But the 1945 win by Normantown High School was different for WV basketball because of the way it happened and the time-period in which it happened. It became a legendary real-life story of a struggle between large and small schools, between an underdog team and the #1 rated team, between the have-nots and the haves, the over-coming of these obstacles which made it historic for the young coach, his players, and the fans as well as for our state. It was a once in a lifetime experience and I believe an even greater story than the one on which the movie, Hoosiers, a similar story, was based. It will never happen again.

FIRST: In 1945 WW II was in operation and had a big impact on all schools, one of which was gas rationing and as with all coaches and principals, Coach Eugene Williams had to beg extra stamps for travel to regular games and even more so to get to the tournament games played at Glenville, Clarksburg and Morgantown. Howard Westfall, father of the Troy Coach, gave him extra gas stamps. Because of this hardship, and other reasons, tournament officials for the Sectional Tourney and the State Tournament scheduled the semifinals and the finals for the same day, thus the winner had to play 3 games in two days to be champion.

SECOND: In 1945 there were no divisions among the schools such as Class A or B, Single A, Double A or Triple A. All schools regardless of size, small to large, played each other in tournament play. This simply meant that the smallest school to win the state tournament had to defeat the largest schools and that is what this story is about. Normantown High School was

not the smallest school in WV but was a very small school with only 47 male students in grades nine through twelve and less than 200 students, boys and girls enrolled in seven through twelve. It certainly was the smallest school in the state tournament.

THIRD: Normantown High served students located in a rural district of Gilmer County, in other words, country kids from the small towns of Normantown, Rosedale, Lockney, Steer Run and Cedarville and the hollows in between and beyond. In the 1944-45 school term ninth grade students from Rosedale were moved to Normantown. This move gave the team Blaine Wright, a terrific ball handler and player. Blaine became one of the starting five. Sadly, he was killed in an automobile accident his junior year.

FOURTH: The experienced Normantown Coach Frank Martino was drafted into the Armed Services and left the potential champions without a coach. The Gilmer County Board of Education transferred Eugene Williams, Principal and Coach for Cedarville School grades 1 through 8 to Normantown as Coach. Coach Williams, a Troy High graduate was a graduate and athlete for Glenville State College but because of a hearing problem had failed the draft. He had no experience coaching a high school team and only one year under his belt at Cedarville but proved himself an asset to the team.

The 1945 tournaments began as usual with the Region 2 Sectional 8 Tourney and were comprised of teams in the immediate area, teams the NHS boys had played and defeated during regular season play. Only Spencer had managed to defeat Normantown, and that victory came on a night when Tex Gainer and Blaine Wright was absent because of illness. Thus, Normantown fans had high hopes for the hometown team, the 17-1 Little Kanawha Valley Conference Champions. On Friday evening came Tanner High School one of Gilmer County’s five high schools. They fell to NHS 64 – 36 in an easy win with Carl Conrad, the sixth man, scoring 15 points with the second team playing much of the game. On Saturday afternoon, NHS met Glenville High School, a team that they had defeated in two conference games. Glenville boys were determined to not let it happen again and fought as hard as possible to prevent it ending the game in a tie, but in the overtime a long shot by Glennard Vannoy with only 10 seconds to go pulled Normantown out to a 31 – 30 victory.

This victory earned the Normantown team a spot in the sectional tour-



Are we safe? Do our fire hydrants work?

By Gaylen Duskey
Are we safe?

Really that it what it all comes down to when it comes to fire hydrants connected to the water lines of the Town of Grantsville and the Mount Zion and Pleasant Hill public service districts.

The worthiness of the water hydrants was recently called into question by a couple of requests to the town for information about them ... like how many there were and how reliable were they.

Apparently, the answers were a bit muddled or outdated, according to the people filing the requests.

And the need for the extreme accuracy of the answers was brought to the forefront when a late-night fire on High Street destroyed a legacy house -- the old Lorentz ‘Boxcar’ Hamilton house.

Reportedly some fire hydrants near the house could not produce enough waterflow to fight the fire so water had to be brought from elsewhere.

Crystal Mersh of the 1982 Foundation had filed one of the requests for information.

“What matters?” she asked, and answered, “fire hydrants matter.”

She explained, “the town council was informed and shocked to hear in their January meeting of non-operational and/or failing fire hydrants. I and others have continued to follow up on this matter with not much information to date. I sent a detailed request to one of the council members who agreed to help get the information. I have requested the following:

“I would like to get a full inventory

of how many hydrants there are in town, how many by code should there be, the last test result report for each hydrant and how many are in operation to code currently. I would like to know what has been done since it was reported at the council meeting in January. Thank you very kindly for your help in this matter.

“Lack of operational and fully functioning fire hydrants is critical,” she said. “A lesson that was reinforced this week. Our town is 50 percent senior citizens, and we need to protect them. Our firefighters are always there from all over the county, and they need our protection too.”

The answer she got was basically not satisfactory.

“This week I was informed of the following by a council member:

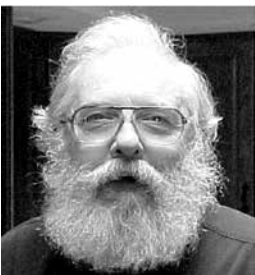
“John and Jesse tested and flushed them in October. Some hydrants have a two-inch line and are too small to fight fires. The new O&M manager will tackle all the problems for Mt Zion. Pleasant Hill and Grantsville when he is in place. He and his team should be able to start fixing these problems soon at all locations.”

“I do know the Ridgeview News inquired and asked for results and were given results from 2023 indicating these were the last results available. Nothing was provided for the tests done in October of last year.”

Despite the brouhaha that has erupted on the internet and elsewhere it all brings us back to the original question: “Are We Safe?”

CRESTON
NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
PHONE 275-3578



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

Rev. Craig Blankenship will be the speaker Sunday evening March 30 at the New Home (Mayberry) church on W. Va. 14 before one goes up Mayberry Run. He was the popular preacher at Burning Springs, New Home and Elizabeth before semi retiring to Wheeling. The occasion is the Fifth Sunday service at 6 P.M. There is ample parking next to the church which is situated high on the hill overlooking the scenic Left Reedy Creek valley.

The Amphibian Chorus has announced that spring is here and along the roads colt’s foot is in bloom and catkins are shedding pollen. Grass is growing and the USDA’s multi flora rose is coming out in leaf. Potato patches have been planted with the anticipation of creamed potatoes from the first ones that are graveled.

Ted Grim was spending some time at his place and called on Bessie Arthur & Ellen Hedge. He is having chariot trouble; it seems the FWD decided to kick in automatically in his truck.

Wilma Mowrey’s sister Arlene, age 90, passed away up in Ohio. Also, Wilma has been on the sick list.

One local resident had occasion to attend to business in Gilbert, an area that had recent bad flooding. It was noted that gasoline is 50 cents/gallon more expensive in Beckley than in Parkersburg. Makes one go hmmm.

The Hope Natural Gas Company meeting on the abandonment of 1000 miles of gas pipelines is on Tuesday, March 25 at 6 P.M. At the old schoolhouse (City Hall) in Ellenboro. Turn on Old US 50 like one was going to Lambertton and it is up on the hill.

Windy weather has caused electric outages as well as telephone and internet interruptions. One local resident in frustration purchased Elon Musk’s Star Link. Musk is a national hero after rescuing the astronauts that the senile one left up in space. Star Link came to the rescue after the bad storm in western North Carolina and east Tennessee when FEMA refused to act. Speaking of FEMA, they have a place in Pineville which seemed to not be very busy. Citinet has been stringing cable in the Burning Springs section.

Folks from Palestine said the trucks had New York license and the trailers were licensed in Maine and the workers had no ID and spoke a foreign language.

Mary Newton and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin and Jack.

Seems like some folks never learn. It appears that the West Virginia legislature is once again trying to get an amendment on the ballot to change the Tax Limitation Amendment of 1932 that protects homes and farms. The scheme is to allow “business inventory” to be tax exempt meaning that all the fractionation plants, worth \$billions would be tax exempt saving the “poor” out of state fellows \$billions in taxes. To make up the slack, homeowners would have to “pay up”. Several years ago some of the “wise ones” down at the Mouth of the Elk noted that taxes on owner owned homes in West Virginia were “too low”. Folks need to let their favorite legislators know about this proposed travesty.

According to the W. Va. State Treasurer’s office in 2023 severance tax on oil & gas was \$19.8 million with \$4600 from Wirt & \$20.200 from Calhoun County. The tax generated in Marshall County was \$4.2 million. Since the State Tax Department and the mineral owners are not allowed to check the meters on the Marcellus & Utica wells reporting of severance tax [and county ad valorem taxes] by the “big boys” is voluntary. There have been class action cases against some with \$millions awarded for cheating on royalties but, of course, those who donate to “our rulers” wouldn’t cheat, now would they? It was also reported that court actions continue, apparently with the blessing of the state government to set aside the Tawney Case. Seems the “boys” want to take deductions from the small royalties that are paid to West Virginia mineral owners. As one fellow said several years ago, “I want it all!” For world-class oil and gas the royalty should be 25% gross, but we are not supposed to know or expect such. “Don’t you know your place?”

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil crept up to \$67.26/bbl. With condensate bringing \$49.26/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light fetching \$56.26/bbl. The price [elsewhere] of natural gas was \$3.964/MMBTU.

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 mechan-

ics, 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@calhoun-chronicle.com.

OBITUARY



Christine Corbett Boothe

don, Ohio, and lived a life filled with joy, laughter, and a deep love for family. Christine loved to cook, work in her garden, and spend time with her family. Christine was united in marriage to her late husband Donzil Boothe on November 8, 1969.

Christine was preceded in death by her husband Donzel Boothe, her father George Matthew Corbett, stepfather Don Davis, great-grandma Merle Frances, and great-grandpa Paul Frances.

Christine is survived by her three sons Richard Boothe of Mt. Zion, Brian Boothe (Becky) of Stumptown, WV, Mark Boothe of Parkersburg, grand-

children Jasmine Boothe, Matthew Boothe, Amanda McPherson (Todd), one great-grandchild Addison McPherson, her mother Eleanor Davis, and her siblings Sandy Sullivan, Donna Susnjara, Chuck Davis, Lorna McFadden and Ray Leggett.

A private family service will be held. Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., 107 Market St., Grantsville, WV, 26147, has been entrusted to honor Mrs. Boothe’s wishes of funeral arrangements. Interment will be in Pleasant Hill UMC Cemetery, Grantsville. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

1963, the daughter of Raymond Baker and the late Kathryn (Sampson) Baker.

Donna was Christian by faith and was a homemaker and project Manager for the NWVRHEC.

She is survived by daughter, Sophia

Steigleder and brother, David Thornton of Virginia.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. Cremation services entrusted to the Leavitt Funeral Home Parkersburg.

The angry woman in the parking lot brought me back to reality

By Gaylen Duskey

I had occasion to take a couple trips to Parkersburg recently and they were mostly enjoyable.

The first day we went to a furniture store where we had to talk to management about a clothes dryer, we had bought which had shorted out. Ironically it happened the same night the house up behind us – the old Lorentz “Boxcar” Hamilton – burned.

Both were too close for comfort.

We also had a chance to do a little shopping at a couple of the big box stores and have some Chinese food. I don’t like their government but love their food.

The next day we had to go back to Parkersburg, and they finally had what we went shopping for the day before.

This time we went to one of my favorite places – the Broadway Sandwich Shop – and while there I learned it would be celebrating its 100th anniversary in three years.

That’s impressive.

It had been a peaceful couple of days where I was able to take my mind off the internet battle that was taking place here in Calhoun County.

But the bloom came off the rose on our way out of the box store parking lot where my wife backed up and apparently got in front of a woman walking out to her car.

My wife said she was sorry and pulled away but the woman she had pulled in front of was not satisfied. She started yelling obscenities while shaking her fists while making obscene gestures.

Fortunately, my wife who had worked in the step-down unit of the mental health department at St. Joseph Hospital where she often had to physically deal with violent patients, did not notice.

I did and thought to myself what in the world is the matter with her? My wife apologized. Does she (the irate woman) want her (my wife) to fall on her sword? Does she want her to prostrate herself and beg for forgiveness? Hari kari?

Gee whiz, what is wrong with some people?

Road rage while walking?

But it did jolt me back to Calhoun where all “heck” was breaking out on the internet about the Town of Grantsville, fire hydrants, amount of debt owed, knowledge of the debt owed and the upcoming municipal election.

The Calhoun Chronicle plans to publish a Meet the Candidates page before the June election and we invite all candidates including any potential write-in candidates to submit a picture and a brief biography.

We also would like the candidates to give their opinion on the following issues:

Metro government.

Open meetings and advance agendas.

Fixing town’s water problems including fire hydrants.

Getting a handle on finances.

Filling vacant store fronts, especially Dollar General.

Cleaning up dilapidated structures.

The replacing of destroyed historic Ginkgo trees.

Anyhow this gives you a chance to

weigh in on things that are or will be important to Grantsville.

Please e-mail your responses and pictures to contact@calhounchronicle.com for inclusion on the page.

The blowup may indirectly have come from a post I made decrying HB3387 which was first discussed a few days ago before moving out of committee to the full house.

What the bill would basically do is combine up to three county school systems – such as Calhoun, Gilmer and Clay – into one entity under control of the state board of education.

I said it was a bad idea because it is a bad idea and it duplicates what we already have in place the RESA system where school systems combine resources and efforts to obtain supplies, resources, etc.

I said it was just an added layer of bureaucracy and added nothing to what we have except more bureaucrats, frankly, flying in the face of trends today such as eliminating the federal Department of Education.

According to WVMetronews.com: “The pilot program, overseen by the state Board of Education, would consolidate up to three contiguous counties under emergency control — or that are anticipated to be placed under state control. The bill includes a reporting requirement and a study resolution to evaluate the program’s effectiveness.”

One thing people worried about was when the state BOE would give control back to the local districts.

The answer – never!!!

Once a bureaucrat gains control of something a mindset sets in that says, “this is mine and I must keep it.”

A perfect example if the God-awful Regional Jail Authority which was supposedly established to help counties and has done anything but.

That was a stupid idea and HB3387.

Anyhow it morphed from school systems to counties

Anyhow it morphed from school systems to counties but that is not as far fetched as it sounds since not long ago the folks running the state did attempt to combine Wirt County into Wood County if some levy failed to pass in Wirt.

The levy passed and the combining idea went away.

But the idea of combing counties could and did happen so don’t kid yourself and say that it won’t.

Anyhow that is roughly, along with the fire hydrant problem and inability to get a handle on finances or the history of finances what brought to a head the online battle.

And this brouhaha is exactly the perfect example of why a metro style government is needed in Calhoun and Grantsville.

Now!!!

While I love the volunteers and applaud the work they do when it comes to running two economies – Grantsville and Calhoun County – today we need a professional.

Today is 2025 not 1925 and it is time we accepted that and governed like it.

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

Music set at CCCOA

Music At the Senior Center On July 13th 50/50 and concessions will be available stats at 600 pm Everyone welcome

WVDNR announces Gold Rush returns April 1-12

WVDNR will stock 69 lakes and streams with golden rainbow trout

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced the return of Gold Rush stockings at 69 lakes and streams around the state starting April 1.

“As we celebrate the eighth anniversary of the Gold Rush, we look forward to seeing all of the ways this exciting event helps recruit the next generation of anglers and helps us keep West Virginia’s outdoor traditions alive and well for years to come,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

From April 1-12, the WVDNR will stock more than 50,000 golden rainbow trout at 69 lakes and streams around the state, including waters in or near 15 state parks and forests. Of these fish, 100 will receive a numbered yellow tag. If an angler catches a golden trout with one of these tags, they can enter the tag number online for a chance to win one of the fol-

lowing prizes:

- (1) Free Resident West Virginia Lifetime Fishing License (1 Winner)
- (1) One-Night West Virginia State Park Lodge Stay (5 Winners)
- (1) \$25 West Virginia State Parks Gift Card (5 Winners)

All anglers with a valid fishing license and trout stamp who report their tagged catch during the event also will be eligible to receive a gift bag. All other prizes will be awarded by random drawing. To learn more about Gold Rush giveaways and stocking locations, visit WVdnr.gov/goldrush.

All anglers 15 and older must have a West Virginia fishing license with a current trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing during Gold Rush. Licenses and stamps can be purchased online at WVfish.com. Anglers are also reminded to follow West Virginia’s fishing regulations, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

Donna Baker

Donna Maria Baker, 61, of Grantsville, WV, went to be with the Lord March 7th, 2025 from Camden Clark Memorial Hospital in Parkersburg.

She was born in Beckley, WV March 19th,

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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://calhoun-lib.com/>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County Farmer's Markets

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

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

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

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

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

March 27, 1826: Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.



March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. Vance was instrumental in negotiating the Camp David Accord and the Panama Canal Treaty.



March 28, 1870: State officials, with state records and property, boarded the Mountain Boy steamboat, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia's capital from Wheeling to Charleston.



March 28, 1941: Musician Charlie McCoy

was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock 'n' roll albums, including several of Bob Dylan's. He was the musical director for the TV program Hee Haw.



March 29, 1834: Henry Mason Mathews, the fifth governor of West Virginia, was born at Frankford, Greenbrier County. There were strikes and riots during much of his administration, including the national railroad strike of 1877, which began at Martinsburg.



March 29, 1858: Clay County was created from parts of Nicholas and Braxton counties and named for Henry Clay, the U.S. senator from Kentucky.

March 30, 1837: The Virginia legislature granted a charter to establish a private academy at West Liberty in Ohio

County. The first class of 65 students met in the home of the Rev. Nathan Shotwell in 1838. That school is now West Liberty University.



March 30, 1926: Actor, singer and game show host Peter Marshall was born Ralph Pierre LaCock in Clarksburg. His career included Broadway, television and more than 5,000 episodes as host of The Hollywood Squares. He died in 2024.



March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. He appointed Jackson Arnold, grandnephew of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and former ex-

ecutive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent.



April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The two-percent tax helped fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas County, was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the site of the first European American settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.



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LKVCS announces WVCEA winners



Miss Bayleigh Carper, daughter of Matt Carper and Erin Carper



Miss Olivia Fitzwater, daughter of Bruce and Amy Fitzwater



Miss Kendra Davis, daughter of Jesse and Denise Davis



Miss Ashlynn Ritchie, daughter of Brett and Kelly Ritchie

During the month of February, high school students across the state had the opportunity to compete in academic competitions. Among these talented individuals, several exceptional young ladies from Little Kanawha Valley Christian School proved their excellence.

Miss Bayleigh Carper outperformed many, securing 3rd place in the state in Human Anatomy and Physiology. Her classmate, Miss Olivia Fitzwater, placed an impressive 2nd place in the same category. Olivia’s success did not end there; she also earned the prestigious honor of

winning 1st place in Home Economics for the 3rd consecutive year.

Miss Kendra Davis displayed her understanding in language arts by placing in the top 20 in the state’s spelling bee. Meanwhile, Miss Ashlynn Ritchie excelled technologically, earning 1st place in Microsoft Office.

The national competition will be held in April for categories tested at that level. It is a privilege to showcase these exceptional senior ladies, recognizing them for allowing their talents to shine and for their devotion to their academic pursuits.

Calling all plant lovers!

Mom’s Place Too will be hosting a plant exchange April 19th starting at noon. You can bring plant starts, cuttings, seeds or bulbs for flowers or vegetables. You can take home starts of your choice or one of each. You can also bring flowerpots, stands, tools, plaques or anything to do with plants if you no longer use them. There will be door prizes and snacks.

Open to everyone.
Contact: Lisa Cooper, Mom’s Place Too, PO Box 641, Grantsville, WV, 26147, 304-531-2672



True Friendship, when your journey never ends! As most of you know, my graduating class of 1969 girls meet every few months for a luncheon and get-together. This month we met at JP Henery’s in Parkersburg. We have done this now for several years. I think my first luncheon was 2016 at Flatwoods. It’s a good time and a chance to keep up with everyone. Life is better when you’re surrounded with friends! Sandy Starcher, Paula Smith, Judy Myer, Robyn Johnson, Anna Music, Anita West, Diane Nicholas, Jane Carpenter, Becky Nichols, and Jane Gainer Cain.

Clean Up the Neighborhood and Cash In at Cabot Station

Spring has arrived, and with it comes the perfect opportunity to clean up your neighborhood and make some extra cash. The Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority has updated their buy-back prices for various metals, offering residents a chance to turn their trash into treasure.

On March 21, 2025, the new buy-back prices at Cabot Station were reported, encouraging locals to participate in the cleanup efforts. The updated price list, effective from March 19, 2025, includes competitive rates for both clean and dirty metals.

Residents can bring their aluminum beverage cans, cast aluminum, aluminum wheels, sheet aluminum, copper, brass, auto batteries, and radiators to Cabot Station on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 AM to 4 PM, and Saturdays from 8 AM to 12 PM. The buy-back prices vary depending on the cleanliness of the metals, with clean metals fetching higher rates.

For instance, clean aluminum beverage cans are priced at \$0.60 per pound, while dirty ones are valued at \$0.35 per pound. Similarly, clean cast aluminum is bought at \$0.40 per pound, compared to \$0.25 per pound for dirty cast aluminum. Copper, a highly sought-after metal, is priced at \$2.00 per pound for both #1 and #2 grades, while insulated copper is valued at \$0.50 per pound.

Other metals such as brass, auto batteries, and radiators also have attractive buy-back prices, making it worthwhile for residents to gather and recycle these items. Brass and brass/copper radiators are priced at \$1.00 per pound, while all other radiators are valued at \$0.50 per pound.

For more information on the buy-back program, residents can contact the Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority at 304-354-7786 or email ccswa7786@gmail.com.

Roane/Calhoun LEPC Meeting Brings Light to Lack of Emergency Preparedness

Courtesy Ridgeview News

The Roane and Calhoun Local Emergency Planning Committees met at Roane General Hospital on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025.

Those attending the meeting were Joseph Cantley, Shannon May, Makkah Ratliff, Douglas Conrad, Woody Wilson, Curt Bartholomew, Tina Persinger Hamrick, Jess Metz, Jason Wilson, Hillary Hickman, Judy Brannon, Shari Johnson, and Eric Lupardus. Randall Richards and Jacob McCumbers attended via Teams viewer.

The meeting was called to order and led by Melissa Gilbert of the Roane LEPC followed by the Treasurer’s report showing \$9469.64 in available funds.

The LEPC purpose is to form a partnership with state, local and tribal government, responders and industry as an enhancement for prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, planning exercises and training. LEPC boards are appointed by the County Commission who is responsible for overseeing the planning and response within their communities.

Under Old Business the two counties continued to discuss their individual Emergency Response Plans. The local LEPC’s (Local Emergency Planning Committee) are responsible for developing and maintaining a local emergency response plan, ensuring a quick and effective response to chemical and all other emergencies, and conducting public information and education on such events. Having an Emergency Response plan in place is vital to public safety at the time when an emergency, whether manmade or weather related, occurs. Those plans are expected to be reviewed and updated annually, however the most recent file for Calhoun County is 2013. Emergency plans provide information such as what type of chemicals are located in or pass through your community, where emergency shelters are located, if necessary, what agencies will provide specific services and what equipment is available. With new members appointed to the Calhoun LEPC Board, their intention is to immediately work to update Calhoun’s Emergency plan and continue to keep it reviewed.

(formerly Tier II Manager), WVEMD’s online filing system. Each facility’s username is unique to its physical (9-1-1) address. During the Roane Calhoun LEPC meeting it was discovered that access by Emergency personnel in both Roane and Calhoun County was very limited. Those who should have access to the information online are Directors of Emergency Services, Fire Chiefs, Hospital administration, 911 directors, and other emergency services. However, all but one of those listed with access were inactive.

Calhoun Commissioner Eric Lupardus informed the Committee that he and others had met in Calhoun as a part of the FENIX team. The group are tasked with economic development in Calhoun and are currently working with the American Medicines Company for their consideration of Calhoun as a location for a new pharmaceutical plant. With that consideration comes a need to have an active emergency management plan in place and the team is actively pursuing the completion of that plan through the Calhoun LEPC.

According to Melissa Gilbert, The Roane County plan is currently a 16 page document that is currently incomplete, needing local chemicals listed as well as routes and methods of chemical transportation. According to Ms. Gilbert, Calhoun’s plan is several pages with a lot of information that is not needed. Written in 2013, there are no facilities listed, and other vital information is missing. A discussion was made around the fact that the collection of information for these plans, such as chemical list, reaction and methods of evacuation, service availability, etc., calls for multiple people to be working together to accomplish the completion quickly. Each community will strive to establish and stock emergency shelters, promote prevention and awareness. One recommendation was for every community to have a mobile Starlink system that would allow emergency communication.

Kenny Harris provided an EmComm History overview regarding emergency communications if the local phone communication was out. “It’s very easy to take out communication such as fiber optic cable being destroyed by an accident, Harris said. He suggested a backup plan of some type be in place should the need arise to communicate in another manner than phone. Amateur Radio Operators were suggested as a definite source of communication in an emergency as well as education of the community in who to call should the 911 system go down.

Calhoun and Roane subcommittees to be created to work toward completion of Emergency plans. The next Calhoun/Roane LEPC meeting will be April 15th, 2025, at 1 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the State Emergency Response Commission from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 9th, 2025 in Charleston.

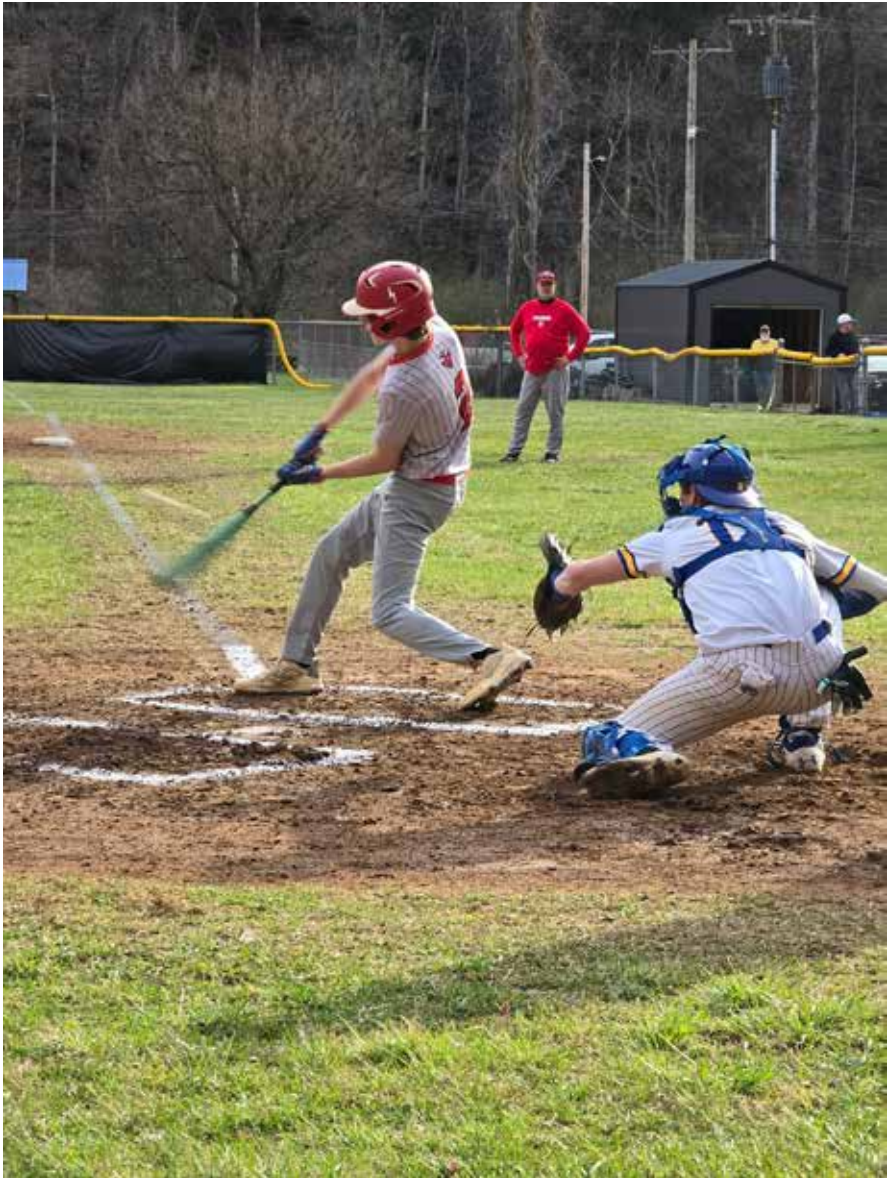
Five Calhoun students in training program

Five Calhoun Middle/High School students have been selected to participate in the Moving Onward and Upward program (MOU) through a partnership with the Northern WV Area Health Education Center (NWVAHEC) and Minnie Hamilton Health System (MHHS) from January through April. The MOU program provides an opportunity for high school students to explore health career interests through active participation in a health center environment where they experience a variety of job skills through “hands-on” learning and mentoring. Through structured meetings and the completion of independent project assignments they also gain knowledge about the education and training necessary for entry into health sciences professions. Upon successful completion of the MOU program, students become eligible to receive a stipend. Students participating are Emily Basnett, Ashlyn Boak, EmiLee Burns, Cameron Cottrill, and Brylie Wilson.

As part of the Community and Rural

Rotations Support (CARRS) program through the WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health, students in this year’s program met with WVU Physician Assistant student, John Campbell, during his community and rural rotation at Minnie Hamilton Health System. He shared his experiences pursuing a professional health degree with them.

The mission of the Northern WV Area Health Education Center (NWVAHEC) is to bring quality healthcare to the underserved populations by training, recruiting, and retaining health care professionals. The organization focuses on 3 populations: students in grades 9-12 (pipeline), college-level health professions students (community-based training), and health care professionals (continuing education). The counties served include Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood.



The Schoolcraft boys were active in Calhoun’s 21-1 win over Van as Chase Schoolcraft (23) laid down a bunt while Reese Schoolcraft (2) made contact on this pitch.



Glenville State runner Savannah Cunningham ran to a new personal record in the 400m dash with a time of 1:03.82 and in the 800m run at 2:28.01 at UNC-Charlotte over the weekend. Cunningham was a member of the track and basketball teams at Calhoun High School.

CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Softball Roster

- **Head Coach:** Charlie Starcher
- **Players**

#	Pos.	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt	Avg
		Lauren Lovejoy	12			
		Abigail Waldron	12			
		Brylie Wilson	11			
		Laney Arnold	10			
		Mia Starcher	10			
		Kayleigh Cunningham	10			
		Raylee Cunningham	10			
		Madison Cunningham	10			
		Lena Smith	10			
		Kendall Snodgress	9			
		Remedy Riddel	9			
		Paisley Cummings	9			
		Addison Collins	9			

CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Baseball Roster

- **Head Coach:** Josh Johnson
- **Assistant Coaches:** Dan Morris, Jeff Basnett
- **Players**

#	Pos.	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt	Avg
		Brayden Phillips	12			
		Landon Church	12			
		Camron Jarvis	12			
		Kayden McCormick	12			
		Logan Tinger	12			
		Zander Quick	11			
		Josiah Wilson	10			
		Maddox Swicki	10			
		Cooper Morris	10			
		Garrett Carpenter	10			
		Chase Schoolcraft	10			
		Reese Schoolcraft	10			
		Lance Grogg	10			
		Logan McCormick	10			
		Alex McKown	10			
		Orion Swearingen	10			
		Evan Burch	9			
		Ruger Carder	9			
		Evan Collins	9			

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The Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority will hold a public hearing to solicit ideas, opinions and comments on its revisions to the Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority's Comprehensive Litter and Solid Waste Control Plan.

The hearing will take place at Calhoun County court house, Monday, April 28, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. during which time public comments will be heard. These plans may be reviewed at the Calhoun County Library on Mill St. in Grantsville, the Calhoun County Clerk's office, Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority's office at 2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy. Grantsville and the Mid-Ohio Regional Council office at 531 Market St., Parkersburg, WV. Written comments will be accepted until Thursday, May 8, 2025, and may be sent to the Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority at 2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy., Grantsville, WV 26417 or dropped off in person at Cabot Recycling Station.

Lisa Cooper Executive Director for
Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority
2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy
Grantsville, WV 26417
304-354-7786

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 8th day of June 2022, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 3/28/2025 at 10 AM:

**2022 Ram 2500
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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 10th day of March 2025:

Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy	
	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I		
Personal Property	\$ -	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-
Total Class I	-	-
Class II		
Real Estate	110,976,370	430,588
Personal Property	807,232	3,132
Total Class II	111,783,602	433,720
Class III		
Real Estate	36,225,180	281,107
Personal Property	36,426,221	282,667
Public Utilities	337,095,823	2,615,864
Total Class III	409,747,224	3,179,638
Class IV		
Real Estate	4,517,320	35,054
Personal Property	2,980,066	23,125
Public Utilities	2,524,433	19,590
Total Class IV	10,021,819	77,769
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected		
Gross Tax Collections	\$ 531,552,645	\$ 3,691,127
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	6.00%	(221,468)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00%	(34,697)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		-
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund		3,434,962
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund	2.00%	(68,699)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected		\$ 3,366,263

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.

SIGNED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2025

Michael Fitzwater

SECRETARY OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 10th day of March 2025:

Excess Levy		Excess Levy-Library		Bond Levy	
Levy Rates/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/100	Taxes Levied
Class I					
Personal Property	4.97	\$ -	0.714	\$ -	1.44
Public Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-	-	-
Class II					
Real Estate	9.94	110,311	1.428	15,847	2.88
Personal Property	802	115	115	233	
Total Class II	111,113	15,962	15,962	32,224	
Class III					
Real Estate	19.88	72,016	2.856	10,346	5.76
Personal Property	72,415	10,403	10,403	20,965	
Public Utilities	670,146	96,275	96,275	194,019	
Total Class III	814,577	117,024	117,024	235,833	
Class IV					
Real Estate	19.88	8,980	2.856	1,290	5.76
Personal Property	5,924	851	851	1,715	
Public Utilities	5,019	721	721	1,453	
Total Class IV	19,923	2,862	2,862	5,767	
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections		\$ 945,613	\$ 135,848	\$ 273,423	
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	6.00%	(56,737)	0.060	(8,151)	(0.00)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00%	(8,889)	0.010	(1,277)	
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing		-	-	-	
See worksheet P/I		-	-	-	
Net Projected Tax Collections before Assessor's Fund		-	-	-	
Less-Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund		-	-	-	
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected	\$ 879,987	\$ 126,420	\$ 274,243		
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies	\$ 4,246,250				

SIGNED THIS 10th day of MARCH, 2025 by

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2024-C-000001	2023	1697	HEFFNER HAROLD C/O JOHN HAROLD	HEFFNERST RT 16 PARCEL #1 16.19 AC SUR 1/3 INT	CENTER	\$206.10
2024-C-000002	2023	1698	HEFFNER HAROLD C/O JOHN HAROLD	HEFFNERYELLOW 16.19 ACRE TRACT 2 1/3 INT	CENTER	\$206.10
2024-C-000003	2023	1699	HEFFNER HAROLD C/O JOHN HAROLD	HEFFNERSNIDER RIDGE 1.17 AC SUR 1/3 INT	CENTER	\$171.77
2024-C-000004	2023	1700	HEFFNER HAROLD C/O JOHN HAROLD	HEFFNERSNIDER RIDGE 2 3/4 A SUR 1/3 INT	CENTER	\$358.32
2024-C-000005	2023	2752	PROBST PATRICIA D	L K 50.24 AC SUR 84 AC BY COMP	CENTER	\$1,042.98
2024-C-000006	2023	2753	PROBST PATRICIA D	L K 3 AC 16/34 FEE	CENTER	\$198.55
2024-C-000007	2023	1285	GAINER MICHAEL	PHILLIPS SUR 1/4 AC 60X190	CENTER	\$192.63
2024-C-000008	2023	671	CLAWSON RICHARD S	1.76 AC SUR PINE	CENTER	\$399.83
2024-C-000009	2023	672	CLAWSON RICHARD S	.974 AC SUR PINE CREEK	CENTER	\$334.45
2024-C-000010	2023	2754	PROBST PATRICIA D	STUMP ADDN (63) 1/8	CENTER	\$198.19
2024-C-000011	2023	4044	WHITEHOUSE HELEN P	67 BIG ROOT ES-300 OGM C MARSHALL .004166660	CENTER	\$177.54
2024-C-000012	2023	4045	WHITEHOUSE HELEN P	42-1/2 BIG ROOT BUCKEYE MARSHALL .004166660	CENTER	\$177.54
2024-C-000013	2023	2755	PROBST PATRICIA D	11 PINE	CENTER	\$174.44
2024-C-000014	2023	2756	PROBST PATRICIA D	18 PINE	CENTER	\$175.18
2024-C-000015	2023	2757	PROBST PATRICIA D	53 L K NELLIE PROBST W-3620	CENTER	\$185.90
2024-C-000016	2023	2758	PROBST PATRICIA D	3 L K	CENTER	\$174.44
2024-C-000017	2023	4019	WERNER BERNITA	75 & 108 SQ PLS PINE J L ELLIOTT #1 W-4480	CENTER	\$198.67
2024-C-000018	2023	3692	TIERNEY JESSIE N HRS	2/12 74 YELLOW LEWIS #1 W-57	CENTER	\$177.54
2024-C-000019	2023	3693	TIERNEY JESSIE N HRS	2/12 72 BEE G PARR (MIKE ROSS INC) W-170	CENTER	\$177.54
2024-C-000020	2023	4509	GODFREY CHRISTY ETALS	0.23 AC HAMILTON ADDN	GRANTSVILLE CORP	\$452.73
2024-C-000021	2023	4395	CRESTON OIL CORP	11.01 AC SUR	GRANTSVILLE CORP	\$422.55
2024-C-000022	2023	4959	TACKETT JIMMY & STELLA	LOT 10 BLIZZARD ADDN	GRANTSVILLE CORP	\$924.63
2024-C-000024	2023	8463	KERBY JOHN HRS	SUR 1/2 - 29 BARNES RUN 7/42 INT	LEE	\$226.47
2024-C-000025	2023	9697	PERRINE SHARON	2801 SQ FT SUR-1/10 INT SINKING SPRINGS	LEE	\$171.77
2024-C-000026	2023	8855	MACE ROGER	1.5 ACRES SUR HENRY’S FORK	LEE	\$189.14
2024-C-000027	2023	5084	ALBICHT WILLIAM T	HENRYS FORK 26AC SUR	LEE	\$787.02
2024-C-000028	2023	7605	HALL PERRY	1/40 52 AC FEE PANTHER RUN	LEE	\$186.05
2024-C-000029	2023	7606	HALL PERRY	1/20 52 AC FEE PANTHER RUN	LEE	\$206.10
2024-C-000030	2023	9136	METZ GEORGE HRS	CRUMMIES SUR 58 AC	LEE	\$1,124.82
2024-C-000031	2023	11169	THOMAS WILLIAM RAY	PT LOT NO 8 ARNOLDSBURG 50X56	LEE	\$647.49
2024-C-000032	2023	11170	THOMAS WM RAY	PT LOT NO 8 ARNOLDSBURG 50X30 FEE	LEE	\$193.75
2024-C-000033	2023	5706	BROOKOVER JESSE JR & ETALS	9 CRUMMIES	LEE	\$177.54
2024-C-000034	2023	6723	DOWNS AMY & VERE	1/6 80 1/2 W F KEITH-POWELL/LON	LEE	\$177.73
2024-C-000035	2023	6727	DOWNS WILLIAM & HARLEY	1/48 100 LEATHERBARK PRIME MELLOTT #800	LEE	\$177.54
2024-C-000036	2023	6728	DOWNS WILLIAM & HARLEY	1/168 54 SPRING RUN	LEE	\$177.54
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WHAT: Moving Onward and Upward Shadowing Program Participants
WHO: Selected high school juniors and seniors at Calhoun Middle/High School
WHEN: January through April, 2025
WHERE: Minnie Hamilton Health System

Five Calhoun Middle/High School students have been selected to participate in the Moving Onward and Upward program (MOU) through a partnership with the Northern WV Area Health Education Center (NWVAHEC) and Minnie Hamilton Health System (MHHS) from January through April. The MOU program provides an opportunity for high school students to explore health career interests through active participation in a health center environment where they experience a variety of job skills through “hands-on” learning and mentoring. Through structured meetings and the completion of independent project assignments they also gain knowledge about the education and training necessary for entry into health sciences professions. Upon successful completion of the MOU program, students become eligible to receive a stipend. Students participating are Emily Basnett, Ashlyn Boak, EmiLee Burns, Cameron Cottrill, and Brylie Wilson.

As part of the Community and Rural Rotations Support (CARRS) program through the WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health, students in this year’s program met with WVU Physician Assistant student, John Campbell, during his community and rural rotation at Minnie Hamilton Health System. He shared his experiences pursuing a professional health degree with them.

The mission of the Northern WV Area Health Education Center (NWVAHEC) is to bring quality healthcare to the underserved populations by training, recruiting, and retaining health care professionals. The organization focuses on 3 populations: students in grades 9-12 (pipeline), college-level health professions students (community-based training), and health care professionals (continuing education). The counties served include Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood.

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Pictured above from l to r Brittany Frymier, Director of Business Development MHHS, Amanda Fisher, Executive Director NWVAHEC, Steve Whited, CEO MHHS, EmiLee Burns, Ashlyn Boak, Cameron Cottrill, Brylie Wilson, and Emily Basnett.

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ney finals to be played Saturday night against Spencer High School, the pride of Roane County and the victory over Sand Fork High Saturday afternoon. Before a record crowd, the Spencer team was determined to defeat the Normantown boys but when the game ending buzzer sounded, Normantown for the first time in its history had won the Sectional Tournament by one point, 37 – 36 and was headed for the Regional Play-off.

The Regional Tournament was played at Clarksburg in the Carmichael Auditorium with two Clarksburg City Schools, Washington Irving and Victory meeting each other and two out-of-Harrison County schools, Cairo and Normantown meeting in the semifinals. Cairo fell in a rather easy game to Normantown and WI won a hard-fought battle over Victory to set up the regional championship game between them and Normantown. The confident WI boys from a much larger school than the Normantown lads and with hometown support led the way for the first half and most of the third quarter. Late in the third quarter Normantown tied the game and went ahead but WI pulled out a 25 – 24 lead as the quarter ended. In the Fourth quarter the lead changed several times. However, midway through the last quarter Normantown built a lead of 5 points only to have it cut to 1 point with one minute left in the game. Using good speed and passing, Normantown froze the ball for that last minute to win by one point, 35 – 34 and to take the Region 2 Tournament.

By now, this small unknown country school from Gilmer County was creating quite a stir as they began to collect fans from across the state of WV and thoughts began to surface that the plow boys from Normantown just might be like David from the Biblical story David and Goliath. Still as they entered the State Tournament, the Normantown team was rated dead last to win even the first game. By far, they were the smallest school in the tournament with only 47 male students grades 9 – 12 and would be pitted against the large schools of WV. The raters failed to understand that sometimes the size of the school was not as important as was the size of the heart. The undefeated Logan Wildcats were rated number one to win the championship with Morgantown a close second.

On Friday, March 23, 1945, the WV Boys Basketball State Tournament opened at Morgantown in the WVU Field House with Normantown paired against Bluefield, Morgantown against Kingwood, Charleston against Logan, and Beckley against Warwood. In the opening round of the tourney Morgantown, Logan, Beckley and against the odds makers, Normantown defeated Bluefield 42 – 33 to move to the semifinals against Morgantown on Saturday afternoon. At 1:00 on Saturday in the semifinals, Normantown defeated Morgantown 37 – 35 and Logan bested Beckley 54 – 39 propelling the 15 – 1 rated underdog, Normantown Vikings against the # 1 rated team in WV, Logan high School Wildcats, to be played at 7:00 that night. Following the afternoon victory, Coach Williams took the Normantown boys back to the WVU Dormitory to rest and to prepare for the next game that was only 5 hours away. As their way of relaxing, the boys sang country music and gospel songs and ac-

cording to a witness did so very well.

The final game of the tournament proved to be an exciting game for the packed Field House fans and spectators. The mighty # 1 Logan Wildcats was led by Charley Porter, one of the most outstanding scorers in WV that year. In a regular season game, he scored 60 points. However, the Normantown Vikings had two scoring aces of their own, Earl “Tex” Gainer and Glennard Vannoy, boys who knew how to play the game and who simply refused to let their rival win. Many thought Logan would have an easy win over NHS. Still hope springs eternal from within the human breast and so it was with Normantown fans from their tiny hamlet and certainly by those who had gathered in the packed Field House of WVU for this final game. Some came to see the mighty Logan Wildcats demolish Normantown Vikings while others came to see if the underdog Vikings could continue their tournament winning streak against another large school. The crowd certainly wasn’t disappointed as they watched Logan control and lead most of the game in what appeared to be a likely win for the Wildcats but in the end, they watched the cool lads from Normantown turn an almost impossible feat into another one-point victory and win the 1945 State Boys Basketball Championship 50 - 49.

There are very few left who watched one or more of these glorious thrilling games and they would be approaching 80 years old at this time while the players would be at least 86. I was not one of them, being only 8 years old, but I remember clearly how exciting it was to go to the Cedarville Store with my brother, Jim Smith to read the newspaper reports and to listen to men who had gathered there talk about the game as they sat around the coal heating stove. My inspiration for this subject and love for basketball as well as my appreciation of “Tex Gainer” and other members of this legendary team stem from these boyhood memories. Unfortunately, only a few of these men are still with us, Carl Conrad, 6th man, Glennard Vannoy, General of the Vikings and member of the All-State Team, Douglas Carpenter, Manager, Carney Marks, Cheerleaders, Betty Whitesel, Jean Roberts.

I have requested that Dr. Dave Cochran, Owner and Editor of the Glenville Democrat newspaper, to print this article along with the actual game reports of the 1945 Sectional, Regional and State Tournaments written by sports writers at the time of the games. These reports can be found in a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and other related information kept by Coach Williams. He gave the book to Carl Conrad who in turn gave it to the NHS Alumni Association Historic Preservation Committee. Carolyn Meadows Sturm and I, 1954 graduates of NHS, and members of this committee reproduced the scrapbook for the alumni association and thus preserved these historic materials. Both books, along with the Tournament Trophy, Blaine Wright’s uniform, “Tex Gainer’s” jacket, Carl Conrad’s jacket, “Tex Gainer’s” All Tournament Trophy and many other related materials are currently located in a Trophy Case at Gilmer County High School Cafeteria. Let us never forget what the Normantown High School Vikings did that night at West Virginia University Field House March 24, 1945.



Marissa Sands (left) and Trinity Probasco will be co-twirlers for the Calhoun High School band this fall. Both are members of Phoenix Twirlers.