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Waldron will never have to say, ‘what if?’



Abi Waldron, accompanied by her mother Shannon Waldron at the volleyball senior day is participating in five sports at Calhoun High School following in the steps of former Calhoun athlete Josh Schoolcraft who participated in four sports along with dance and theater.

By Gaylen Duskey
 Some day when she is older Abi Waldron should never have to step back and say “what if” when it comes to her high school athletic days.
 That’s because the Calhoun High School senior is participating on five sports teams for the Red Devils.
 She is doing it this spring juggling two sports – softball and track – and doing well in both.
 Saturday, she slammed the first home run hit by a member of the Red Devils as Calhoun beat South Harrison for its first victory. The Red Devils beat the Hawks 5-4 en route to a doubleheader split as the Hawks won the second 15-12.
 Earlier in the she hit new personal records in the 100-meter dash and the shot-put in something of an unusual combination.
 She also participated in cross country, volleyball and basketball and was one of the leading performers in each sport.
 “This young lady keeps me busy,” her mother Shannon Waldron said. “This year

she decided to go out for five sports and does a fantastic job in every one. Whether it’s participating, helping her teammates or volunteering to show her support for other teams.
 “Abigail Waldron sure keeps me on my toes keep it up Abi, very PROUD of you!”
 Another mother, who knows exactly how busy she is is Donna Schoolcraft whose son played four sports including football, basketball, cross country and track while also participating in FFA and while playing in the band, dancing and acting.
 “He may not have been the greatest athlete, but as far as school pride, I would rival him against anyone,” she said. “Josh also did theater and performance in dancing with the girls he lived at that school.”
 “Do it all because he did and looking back. He now loves his high school years and appreciates every opportunity that he had,” she said. “Abi is a wonderful young lady and will do whatever she sets her mind to.”

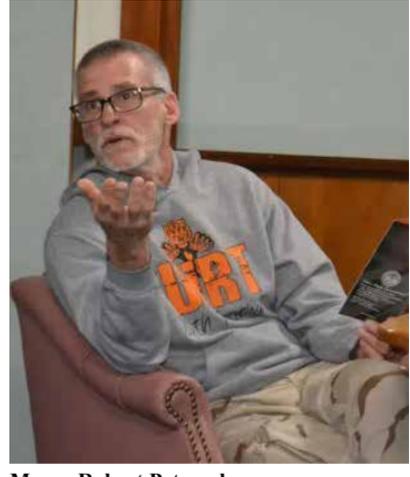
Waldron announces write-in candidacy for town recorder

Shannon Waldron announced her candidacy for town recorder as a write-in in the June 2025 Grantsville Municipal Election. Her opponent in the election is current recorder Emily Collins who had been unopposed.
 Waldron graduated from Calhoun County High School in 1986. She went to Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, earning her CNA in 1990, and to Arch A. Moore Vo Tech (now Roane-Jackson Career Center), where she obtained her LPN in 1991. She graduated from Glenville State University in 2023 with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice forensic science and an associate’s degree in general studies.
 She is a mother of five children: Kevin Yeager Jr., Zachary Yeager (state wrestling champion), Justin Yeager, Gabriel Waldron, and Abigail Waldron. She is also a grandmother to five grandchildren: Joselynn Yeager, Liam Yeager, Payden, Elijah Yeager, and Ella Yeager.

She has 14 years of experience in nursing.
 Her extended family includes notable figures such as Samuel Tanner, her 5th great-grandfather from Roane, WV, and Ernest Weaver, her grandfather who served as a Master Chief in the Navy. Her father, Freddie Helmandollar, also served as a Master Chief in the Navy from Pocahontas, WV.
 Shannon’s siblings include Mary Johnson, who served in the Navy, and Jason Rider, a Wayne Underwood recipient in 1996. Her granddaughter, Joselynn Yeager, is also in the Navy. Shannon’s uncle, Donald Weaver, was a biology teacher and football coach at Calhoun County, and her great-uncle, Bob Weaver, is associated with the Hur Herald.
 She said she prefers to stay under the radar, though she acknowledges the need to step into the spotlight occasionally. Running for recorder she says is one of those times.

Fireworks expected at Monday (April 7) town council meeting

By Gaylen Duskey
 The agenda has not yet been posted for the April 7, 2025, Grantsville Town Council meeting but almost assuredly fireworks are very possible.
 That’s because questions have arisen about finances, water and fire hydrants and answers are being demanded.
 Grantsville business owner Crystal Mersh wrote Grantsville Mayor Robert Petrovsky the following letter:
 “Good morning, Mayor,
 “I and others have had a number of calls and contacts related to the concern for the inoperable fire hydrants and your and the council’s lack of action to remedy the situation. The council was informed on Jan. 10 and as you can see on the video at 19 minutes a council member spoke up and expressed great concern and indicated this was the first time the town council had been informed of the failing tests from October 2024. You promptly shut that concern down and reverted to a discussion accusing the GVFD of stealing water (which is also incorrect as you are responsible for having an operational meter there). The attempts to distract and derail focus on critical topics such as operational fire hydrants are over. The people have had enough.
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- “People’s lives and safety are at risk and they deserve real answers not just a few papers flung at them and no action plan by the governing body.
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- “Sincerely,
 “Crystal Mersh
 “PS. We will be prepared for a change of date as we know that tactic has been used in the past to limit attendance.”
 And this exchange was the tip of the verbal iceberg.
- An earlier exchange:



The fire hydrant in the corner of the burn out house on High Street

copy from either of the two entities that have received it. That will address 1,3,4 and 5. The rest of what you ask for will be handled as maintenance when it can be conducted. You may research whatever code you can find in regard to what a system as antiquated as this might have had for location specs. There will be nothing to provide to you in reference to 2,6,7 or 8. As stated, you can get your copy whenever you have time to walk in and get it or you can ask Melissa Keener for it.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 08:48:21 PM CDT, Crystal Mersh <cmersh@americanmedicinescompany.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor,
 Thanks for the information. I will collect the information from the town office.
 Just to clarify ... you have no plan of action to remedy the matter? And you consider this routine maintenance?
 Thanks for your prompt response.
 Crystal

On Mar 25, 2025, at 10:26 PM, Town Mayor <townofgrantsville@yahoo.com> wrote:

The town has recently been benefiting from its 60% increase and has ordered guts for some of the identified non-working hydrants. Provided they can be reworked without replacement, that will be the process moving forward. As for any new additions that would most likely be part of the water line project and their status is still unknown with the funding under the new presidency. Other points

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CRESTON NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
PHONE 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church and served the Holy Communion.

Rev. Isaiah the Methodist Supt., held a meeting at the Pisgah church concerning the dissolution of the Methodist Church and the fate of the remaining churches. For a long time the "leadership" was 'embarrassed' by the "country churches" where folks actually believe what was written in the Bible and many continued to read the King James translation. The sophisticated erudite learned ones considered such at least naive and perhaps quaint. Now most of the country churches are gone as part of the attack on Christianity and western civilization. The new "woke" Methodist church has no place for men like John and Charles Wesley and Francis Asbury, who apparently once preached in what is now Wirt County. The new "enlightenment" is closing "big churches" in big towns and the "leadership" is keen on getting the \$\$ for what, in some places, is valuable real estate. As they say, "Follow the money."

Kathleen Cervone got her chariot back after encountering a rock at "Red Cut" just before the Munday road but after driving away from the dealer/repair shop all the "idiot lights" came on so now it is back to the shop we go.

The Creston Community Easter party will be Sunday, April 13 at 2 P. M. at the Creston Community Building.

Ruby Pearl Collins, age 91, passed away at the Minnie Hamilton Extended Care unit after a protracted illness. She was the daughter of Frank and Ola Hopkins Monroe and a granddaughter of Jonathan dePue and Melissa Headley Hopkins who lived on Island Run.

Some local folks motored up to Nicholas County to dig ramps but found only a few but saw beaver dams and lodges.

Spring continues in Creston with spring beauties, hyacinths, blood root, twin leaf, butter cups and winter cress greens big enough to pick. The spring peepers are providing music for those who take the time to listen.

A big crowd was on hand at city hall in Ellenboro for the meeting on the abandonment of 1100 miles of Hope Natural Gas Company [Rockefeller] gas gathering lines. These are what they call the "red lines". The "news" was that Mother Hope now intends to transfer/sell all the lines to Rusty Hutson Jr.'s Diversified Gas & Oil. To say that the natives were "restless" would have been a very mild understatement as answers were not really forthcoming. When asked why Diversified was not represented at the meeting there was no answer since it was obvious that the Alabama based firm would have a very significant impact. Earlier the PSC had ruled that Mother Hope could start changing folks over to propane and the PSC had a man there, but he never opened his mouth. It should be noted that he did talk at the Grantsville meeting. There were 3 Tee Vee stations at the gathering and the affair made national news with a report on Marcellus Drilling

News. Ritchie County commissioners were instrumental in having the meeting there and seeing to having a good crowd. Earlier the Hope man, Mr. Jeff Nehr, said the lines would be given to "any taker" but now the sum of \$18 million seems to be on the table. [Peasants mind your own business!]

The Creston Community Building meeting was Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 P. M. At the Creston Community Building.

There was a meeting in Wirt County to set up a Christian school since the government school[s] are obviously failing since they do not have to compete or encourage students to learn and learn to think.

Some local folks were visiting up in Ohio Amish country where farmers had fine teams working up ground.

Denver based Antero Resources announced that the company is now producing 3.4 bcf/day of natural gas in West Virginia and 50 more wells are to be drilled this year.

The legislature passed a bill "to make it easier" to have data centers and power plants in West Virginia. There is a proposal for such a situation in Wirt County — wells, power plant and data center. Hear, hear!

The DOGE team in Washington continues to find waste, fraud and abuse in the federal budget. Now the effort involves Social Security and fraud with at least one person over age 200 still drawing "benefits" -- now get away as all is 'above board' 'cause I said so. Several years ago, a local resident received a check for a daughter that was "special needs". He was old and unable to work at the time. She went with some folks to visit up in Ohio and while there married a fellow. Thus, her father no longer was entitled to the check for his daughter. Each month the check was mailed back to Social Security and each month a check would come. Finally, the last check was sent back by certified mail, return receipt requested. Then the checks stopped but then the father got letters demanding that he repay the prior checks [that he did not cash but returned]. Finally, he received a letter from SS saying that he did not have to pay back those checks and he kept that letter. A few years later he received a terse letter demanding that he repay "all he owed" or else there would be a deduction from his check. "Pay or else". A very 'blunt' letter was sent to the SS folks along with a copy of the prior letter stating that he did not have to repay anything. The man was lucky as he had a helpful postmaster and folks who could craft letters for him. It is obvious that fraud has infested the agency for a long time. Those who would prey on the vulnerable need to "earn" long vacations in "nice places". Perhaps the Bureau of Prisons could take some lessons from the folks in El Salvador.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$68.36/bbl. With condensate fetching \$50.36/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$67.36/bbl. The NYMEX price of natural gas is \$3.95/MMBTU.

Do we need Michael Buffer to announce our next town council meeting?

By Gaylen Duskey
When the April 7th Grantsville Town Council meeting gets under way do we need Michael Buffer?

For those who may not know Michael Buffer is an American ring announcer for boxing, professional wrestling, and National Football League events. Pioneering a distinct announcing style in which he rolls certain letters and adds other inflections to a fighter's name and known for his trademarked catchphrase: "Let's get ready to rumble!", he was inducted into the International Sports Hall of Fame in 2019.

So, do we need him when the meeting gets under way and Grantsville Mayor Robert Petrovsky and Grantsville business owner Crystal Mersh get down to business on the business of Grantsville?

Will it be: Let's get ready to rumble!!! Or will we have a quiet discussion on fixing the problems of Grantsville -- and they are myriad -- especially on the issues of fire hydrants, water problems and financial questions?

Only time will tell but electronic messages between the mayor and Mersh have been very curt to say the least and this may carry over into the meeting especially since the mayor is a lame duck not seeking re-election in the June municipal contest.

How tense and terse has it been? Here is an e-mail by Mersh asking to be on the agenda with questions she would like to have answered:

"Good morning, Mayor,
"I and others have had a number of calls and contacts related to the concern for the inoperable fire hydrants and you and the council lack of action to remedy the situation. The council was informed on Jan. 10 and as you can see on the video at 19 minutes a council member spoke up and expressed great concern and indicated this was the first time the town council was informed of the failing tests from October 2024. You promptly shut that concern down and reverted to a discussion accusing the GVFD of stealing water (which is also incorrect as you are responsible for having an operational meter there). The attempts to distract and derail focus on critical topics such as operational fire hydrants are over. The people have had enough.
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Here is Mersh's call to action:
"MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 7! COME OUT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR DETAILED UPDATE SUPPORTED BY DATA. WEAR YOUR SUNDAY BEST AS WE ARE INVITING THE PRESS. THE PEOPLE DESERVE ANSWERS AND THE TRUTH!
"STAND YOU FOR YOURSELVES, YOUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR TOWN.
"PS SINCE COUNTY TAXPAYERS HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN \$160,000 IN THE TOWN ... YOU NOW HAVE A DOG IN THE FIGHT. COME AND SEE HOW YOUR MONEY HAS BEEN UTILIZED."

And there is this:
"Confirmed by the Mayor ... there is no plan to fix the nonoperational fire hydrants. They will be fixed as "maintenance when it can be conducted."
"He is unwilling to provide the code. He has no plans. He has no interim safety measures to protect the people and property until the hydrants are operating and meet specs. And he has no list of actions taken since the January meeting when this was reported to the council.
"And he put it all in writing ... now you know."

An attached note from the mayor does seem to indicate upgrades and repairs will only be done when repairs are necessary.
There there is the matter of the amount of money the town owed for bonds which went from \$317,000 to more than \$4 million.
There is also the alleged theft or loss of water at or by the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department.
The list could go on.
But we (myself and the Calhoun Chronicle) have a few basic questions.
They are: Are we safe? Do the fire hydrants function properly? How much money do we owe? And how did it get there? Is the VFD guilty of loss of water or theft? Or is this just another straw dog meant to muddle the situation?
Frankly here are the answers:
Every fire hydrant needs to be fixed NOW.
Every little "Mickey Mouse" fire hydrant needs to be replaced with a bigger sized fire hydrant NOW. And they all need to be painted red with white trim including the hydrant number. And this includes every fire hydrant in town and on lines maintained by the Mount Zion Public Service District and the Pleasant Hill Public Service District.
The amount of money owed needs to be determined NOW.
And if the amount of money owed is more than the \$317,000 we need to know how in the hell it got to the higher amount NOW. No more pussyfooting around with the financial records there has to be an accounting made or heads need to roll. This is not only misfeasance and malfeasance it may be criminal.
We need an answer to the missing or stolen water NOW.
Is it for real or a mistake? Or is it worse a straw dog? And if it is a straw dog the one putting it out there needs to apologize and probably step down. If it is not a straw dog the one putting it out there needs a pat on the back for calling our attention to it.

Frankly we have one hell of a mess and it needs to be fixed now. If that means getting better volunteers we need to do that NOW.
But it looks as if the better solution would be to go to a metro government with a trusted and competent professional administrator giving our volunteer leaders help and guidance so we never get in a mess like this again.
Until next time stay safe but don't live life in a bubble.

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@calhoun-chronicle.com.

OBITUARY

Ruby Collins

Ruby Pearl Collins, 91, of Big Springs, died March 25, 2025 at Minnie Hamilton Health Care, Grantsville.

She was born July 13, 1933 at Brohard, WV, the daughter of the late Frank and Olie Hopkins Monroe.

Ruby was a member of Strait Creek Baptist Church. She had been a cook for Calhoun County Schools and worked in the

deli at Grantsville Foodland. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and canning.

She is survived by four children, Kenny Ray Collins of Freeport, WV, Linda L. Frymier of Belpre, OH, Harley P. Collins (Carol) of Petroleum, WV and David C. Collins (Anna) of Big Springs; daughter-in-law, Eva Collins; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband,

Harley Ray Collins; son, Mike Collins; three sisters; one brother and one grandson.

Funeral services were held at 2 PM, Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Raiguel Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Matheny officiating. Burial followed in the Saunders Cemetery, Big Springs. Friends visited at the funeral home from 12-2 PM. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.McCulloughRaiguel.com.

2025 National Donate Life Month

Each day, 17 people in the United States die while waiting for an organ transplant. Thousands more await a life-enhancing tissue transplant. Still, many people are not registered to become organ and tissue donors.

Minnie Hamilton Health System is joining forces with CORE to increase the number of registered donors.

Ensuring that we have effective donation practices and hospital-wide education in place is an important first step toward an effective and robust donation system. By encouraging hospital staff, their friends and families to register to become organ, tissue, and cornea donors, Minnie Hamilton Health System aims to inspire hope, advocacy and passion among those waiting for a transplant.

"As a health system, we are uniquely positioned to not only tend to the health of our patients, but to inspire our community to be mindful of wellness in all aspects of life," said Stephen Whited, CEO. "The more people we can inspire to become organ donors, the better we can serve our mission to be leading advocates for the well-being of our entire community."

Minnie Hamilton Health System will be joining thousands of hospitals around the country in flying a Donate Life flag

during the month of April. The flag is a visible and unifying statement about the importance of donation and celebrates the hundreds of thousands of donors and recipients whose lives have been affected by organ, tissue and cornea donation.

Minnie Hamilton Health System encourages its staff to learn the facts and talk with their family members and friends about becoming advocates for organ donation.

The facts are compelling. More than 100,000 people nationally are awaiting an organ transplant.

Every 10 minutes, another person who needs a transplant is added to the national waitlist.

One organ donor can save up to eight lives while a tissue donor can improve the lives of 75 others.

Donation is a possibility only after all efforts to save the patient's life have been exhausted, tests have been performed to confirm the absence of vital signs, and brain death has been declared.

To register to become an organ donor or for more information on ways to generate hope, advocacy and passion for others during National Donate Life Month this April, visit CORE's website at www.core.org.

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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://calhounlib.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, Beria 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.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.



April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first Black state librarian in the nation when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert B. White.



April 4, 1948: Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he is best known for

his song "Sweet Beulah Land."



April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.



April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born enslaved in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history.



April 5, 1920: Gifted hand weaver Dorothy

Mayor Thompson was born. She taught generations of people about fiber arts. For her dedication to preserving folklife traditions, she was named a National Heritage Fellow in 2000. She died in Tucker County in 2008.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state's worst coal mining disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers.

April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Kanawha in Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent's residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.



April 6, 1944: Guitarist and singer David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide. He died in 2016.

April 6, 1964: Brad Smith, the former head of Intuit, was born in Huntington and then grew up in Kenova. In 2021, he became the 38th president of his alma mater, Marshall University.

April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, the longtime secretary of state was elected state treasurer but soon fell into trouble. With a stock

market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments. He died in 2003.

April 7, 1947: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing it was wrong to evade the draft while others had to serve in Vietnam, he volunteered as a noncombatant medic. He was killed by gunfire while dragging a wounded soldier to safety.

April 7, 2004: Gov. Bob Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State and Concord.

April 8, 1891: The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

April 8, 1951: An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

April 9, 1817: John Nuttall was born in England. He was one of the first operators to ship coal on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in the early 1870s and founded the town of Nuttallburg in the New River Gorge.



April 9, 1900: Physician Margaret Byrnside "Dr. Maggie" Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society.

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Update on 1982 Foundation activities underway

By Crystal Mersh

I would definitely say we have moved up the ladder to infrastructure. Water, public safety, cellular/broadband is top of mind everywhere. The progress in entrepreneurship is undeniable and frankly shocking. It is a testament to what we are truly made of, and it makes me very proud.

This week we have a lot on our dance card for sure. Jeremy Hardway and crew have another week of cleaning up in order to get the full team back on site. Last week we laid out the timeline, resource plan and key decisions that need to be made. It was a very productive week for sure. This week we focus on contracting and preparation for return of subs. We really do have a great team of people working on this project and I am very happy to see our local resources growing and building businesses that will serve them well in the future.

For me I will be preparing for the meeting with the Governor and preparing to mow the grass for the first time this year. I am very excited about both. I can

promise you this ... nothing would be me happier than to be able to bring good jobs to our community all while protecting supply of long-term chronic medications for Americans. Definitely the timing could not be better for such an endeavor. Hopefully we can land it and start yet another construction project.

We are also planning lots of Spring activities. The first Spice event is April 12 with A Taste of Sicily. The youth turkey hunt and workday to build the Hillbilly golf course will be on April 19th. Come out and see the kids' bounty and get a great smoked turkey sandwich. We are planning for the season at the pool with a Taco Tasting event on May 4th to support the local town yard sale day. Lifeguard interviews will begin soon, and we will have a full day of planning with them in May before the pool opens to develop the business plan for the season. That takes us to the Wood Festival where we will be serving Frankie's Famous BBQ and Smoked Ribs ... and maybe a few new things this year.

I hope all this excites you and that you can see the progress that YOU are making. Well done to all!

FIREWORKS

Continued from Page 1

to consider.

During my tenure as Mayor, not once has the fire department approached the city in any way to address any issues they may have had with their process of training or familiarization with the hydrants they use. Previously, the Chief Water Plant Operator tasked with testing the hydrants as well as being fire Chief for many years. (See 2023 Dave Johnson hydrant test report. A considerable difference in quality of reporting from 2023 and 2024). Never brought any issues to light about hydrants.

As for the hydrant that the fire department is currently saying was inoperable during the fire, that hydrant is a two inch blow off hydrant. Fire departments are not allowed to hook to them as the lines are not designed for that. Had they hooked to it, it would have drained lines in homes, hot water tanks and damaged underground lines. Something all volunteer fire fighters should be trained in on their level. The town does not conduct firefighting training.

This issue solely arose since the town confronted the fire department for selling water to certain folks for a donation, which is illegal.

In the January meeting, I spoke with Carl Brannon who was going to sit down with me, get a copy of the report and discuss the various issues that needed ironed out to include the placement of a working 2-inch meter, which has been purchased by the town, to monitor the water usage for lost water reporting issues. From the January meeting until Mrs. Brannon came to get the report the morning of the fire, the Chief never called or met with the town.

The monitoring of the hydrants will be conducted annually and really biannually as required, by the new plant operators and soon the O&M management team. Until such time as the O&M is up and running, the town will continue to repair those identified hydrants utilizing the additional funds it now has secured through the much needed 60% rate increase.

Robert

On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 09:37:53 PM CDT, Crystal Mersh <cmersh@americanmedicinescompany.com> wrote:

Thank you, Mayor.

I would also like to get copies of the purchase orders

for the "guts". This is good news. I assume I can get that from Mellissa as well.

I do remember the manner in which this matter was raised. It should have been raised to the council in October when the results were found to be failing. The shock on the town council members was clear that they knew nothing of this matter.

Regards

Crystal

From: Town Mayor <townofgrantsville@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: FOIA Request

Date: March 25, 2025, at 10:57:48 PM EDT

To: Crystal Mersh <cmersh@americanmedicinescompany.com>

Cc: Eric Lupardus <elupardus@theoutdoorstorellc.com>, craig arthur <caarthur_3@yahoo.com>, Jacob McCumbers <jacobmccumbers@frontiernet.net>

The recorder will have the order info on the guts. As for this shock you speak of, I don't know what you are talking about. Any shock I've seen has been from the unknown amount of lost water from donations sales by the fire department to certain people encompassing a 6-year window all while being accused by some recipients of that free water of the town mismanaging water. The town and council have been aware for some time of repairs needed to an ancient system but until recently (60% increase) has struggled for the funds for such repair. We have always been aware of the shortfalls and struggles of the town due to financial constraints but were way more shocked to find out that cisterns have been filled upwards to three times a month for 6 years and pools have been filled for quote "perks" for volunteers, at the towns expense and without its knowledge.

Robert

That is the background for the upcoming town council meeting.

How important is the meeting?

Important enough that the Calhoun County Commission called a special meeting for April 3 dealing with only one subject - Calhoun County Water Service Maintenance.

Stay tuned.

CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday April 3, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
AGENDA

I. Pledge of Allegiance Followed by Prayer
II. Call to Order
III. Calhoun County Water Service Maintenance
IV. Adjournment - Next Meeting: April 15, 2025

Big Bend Cemetery Report

- \$200 Mark and Emma Walker
- \$200 Beverly Smith
- \$150 Unknown
- \$150 Unknown
- \$100 Drew Evline and Bobby Bower
- \$100 Naomi Toler
- \$100 Donna Jewel
- \$100 Jan Householder
- \$100 Roger Basnett
- \$100 Chuck and Cheryl Prusack
- \$100 Vicky Greathouse
- \$50 Millie Holbert Family
- \$50 Beth Alltop
- \$50 Larry and Sue Swisher
- \$50 Jim and Marie Blair
- \$50 Jim and Kathy Walker
- \$50 Chris and Anne Lacey
- \$50 Vernon and Kelly Walker
- \$50 Louis Rader
- \$50 Dottie Rader
- Money placed in the mailbox \$146.00.

Thanks to Chris Lacey for cleaning the ditch and culverts along the service road.

Thanks also to the ones who cut the brush along the service road.

Submitted by Ron and Betty Walker, 43 Glory Lane, Munday, WV, 26152. Telephone: 304-354-7827

County Budget Approved with Unanimous Vote

In a remarkable display of teamwork and expertise, the county budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year was approved unanimously on Wednesday at 4 pm. The budget, totaling \$4,011,000, was the result of a collaborative effort between seasoned professionals and a young commission.

Craig Arthur expressed his admiration for the budget process, highlighting the educational experience of watching the county administrator Jenifer Randolph and county clerk Jean Simers work together. He noted that the process remained unchanged, with all usual participants, including the new administrator, contributing to the discussions.

Eric Lupardus echoed Arthur's sentiments, praising the confidence he felt in the elected officials' budgets and the cooperative spirit during the budget meetings. Despite the lack of citizen attendance, Lupardus invited those with questions about the process to attend future meetings.

Randolph, who can be reached at Calcom26147@gmail.com, will have the exact total of the budget for those seeking further details.

The approval of the budget marks a positive direction for the county, showcasing the effective collaboration between experienced leaders and new members of the commission.

Food Giveaway

Free food giveaway April 4th at Brohard community building 4-5 p.m. Do not line up before 3:30 p.m. Stay in your car. Equal opportunity provider.

Contact Shelly Murphy 304-354-6739 or Sheila Jones at 304-354-9307.

Ronnie Rose Benefit

Benefit and auction for Ronnie Rose April 5 at Wirt County Senior Citizens Center from noon to 4 p.m. Everything by donations only. Music will be played during the event.

Contact Shelly Murphy 304-354-6739 or Sheila Jones at 304-354-9307.

WIC available in Calhoun

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of five. WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the WIC Program or to receive more information call our local office at 304-354-6898 or our main office in Parkersburg at 304-428-3688.

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Four Red Devils get All-LKC notice



Baron Davis



Brennen Carpenter



Cooper Morris



Paige Sterns

Three members of the Calhoun High School boys' basketball team and one member of the Red Devils girls' basketball team have been honored by the Little Kanawha Conference.

One – freshman Baron Davis – was also on the Class A All-State honorable mention team announced Tuesday.

“I wanted to congratulate three of my players for getting some LKC recognition,” Red Devils boys’ coach Marcus Davis said.

His son Baron Davis was a second team All-LKC selection while Brennen Carpenter and Cooper Morris were Honorable Mention All-LKC.

Meanwhile Paige Sterns was a second team all-LKC selection.

“The season didn’t end the way we wanted it too,” Davis said. “Being young and having this experience at the varsity level, showed us the potential we can have in the year(s) to come and what we need to get better at.

“Keep working this off season and good things will happen. Great group of young men we have.”

Calhoun has already signed up for an appearance this coming season in the 2026 Snyder of Berlin/UTZ Snacks Shootout. The Red Devils are scheduled to play Union of Feb. 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Calhoun Baseball Roundup

The Calhoun Red Devils have had a challenging start to their baseball season, facing tough opponents and enduring several losses. Their season began with a 7-3 defeat against Roane County Raiders where the home team continued their winning streak in their matchups.

Calhoun managed to turn things around briefly with a high-scoring victory against Clay County Panthers, winning 10-5. This win was a much-needed boost after their previous blowout loss to South Harrison.

However, the Red Devils’ momentum was short-lived. They faced St. Joseph Central Irish next and were handed a 4-1 loss, dropping their record to 1-3. The Irish, remembering their defeat from May 2024, came prepared and secured their third consecutive win, improving their record to 3-0.

Calhoun’s struggles continued as they fell victim to the Gilmer County Titans’ airtight pitching crew, losing 10-0. This defeat marked their second consecutive loss and brought their season record down to 1-4. Gilmer County remained undefeated with a 5-0 record.

Includes only games reported to MaxPreps

Softball Roundup: Calhoun Red Devils vs. Roane County Raiders

The Calhoun Red Devils were gearing up to defend their home field against the Roane County Raiders on Tuesday. Despite a challenging season, Calhoun is looking to turn things around after scoring the most runs they have all season in a recent game against South Harrison, although they ultimately fell 15-12.

Calhoun’s record currently stands at 1-4, following a narrow 5-4 victory over South Harrison earlier in the season and subsequent losses. Roane County, with a record of 2-2, also faced a tough defeat, losing 17-2 to South Williamsport in their last outing.

Historically, Calhoun has struggled against Roane County, with a 0-10 record since March 2018. However, Tuesday’s game presents an opportunity for the Red Devils to break this streak and capitalize on Roane County’s defensive vulnerabilities, as the Raiders have allowed an average of 8.25 runs per game this season.

Both teams were eager for a win and were relying on the support of their home crowds in their upcoming games.

Includes only games reported to Max Preps

Track Meet Roundup: Calhoun County Athletes Shine

The recent track meets showcased impressive performances from Calhoun County athletes across various events. Here’s a roundup of the standout results:

Men’s Results:

100 Meters Varsity: Freshman Gavin Hicks clocked a personal record (PR) of 13.86 seconds.

200 Meters Varsity: Kristian Frederick finished with a time of 31.27 seconds.

1600 Meters Varsity: Gavin Hicks achieved a PR of 5:22.36, securing a notable position.

3200 Meters Varsity: Gavin Hicks continued his strong performance with a time of 12:02.16.

Shot Put (12lb): Kristian Frederick threw a PR of 26’ 3.5”.

Discus (1.6kg): Kristian Frederick marked a throw of 83’ 8”.

Women’s Results:

100 Meters Varsity: Senior Abigail Waldron finished 4th with a time of 15.04 seconds, while Junior Faith McClain set a PR of 16.83 seconds.

200 Meters Varsity: Freshman Addie Collins recorded a PR of 36.86 seconds.

400 Meters Varsity: Addie Collins set a PR of 1:21.38, and Faith McClain finished with a time of 1:31.35.

1600 Meters Varsity: Sophomore Paige Sterns achieved a PR of 6:06.06.

4x100 Relay Varsity: The Calhoun County team finished with a time of 1:03.85.

4x400 Relay Varsity: The relay team clocked in at 5:25.29.

Shot Put (4kg): Abigail Waldron threw a PR of 21’ 2”, and Faith McClain marked 20’ 11.50”.

Discus (1kg): Sophomore Gabi Smith threw 48’ 6”.

High Jump Varsity: Paige Sterns cleared 4’ 2”.

Long Jump Varsity: Gabi Smith jumped 10’ 9”, and Cassidy Frederick marked 10’ 2.50”.

Sterns was especially impressive in the Don Williams Memorial meet for the Red Devils.

In the **100 Meter Dash**, Sterns sprinted her way to a commendable 4th place finish with a time of 15.26 seconds, securing 4 points for her team.

Sterns continued to shine in the **400 Meter Dash**, where she clocked in at 1:10.74, earning 6 points with her 3rd place finish.

In the **1600 Meter Run**, Sterns once again proved her endurance and skill, finishing 4th with a time of 6:13.04, adding another 4 points to Calhoun County’s tally.

In the **High Jump**, Sterns showcased her versatility by clearing J4-04.00, earning 4th place and 4 points.

Upcoming Events: The athletes will continue to compete in upcoming meets, aiming to improve their personal records and achieve higher placements. The dedication and hard work of Calhoun County athletes are evident in their performances, promising an exciting season ahead.

Venue Information: The meets were held at Roane County High School, Lewis County High School and Philip Barbour High School.

SCHEDULE

31 MARCH	MS BASEBALL VS GILMER COUNTY 5:00 PM MS SOFTBALL @ GILMER COUNTY 4:30 PM
1 APRIL	HS SOFTBALL VS ROANE COUNTY 5:00 PM HS BASEBALL @ WAHAMA 5:00 PM
2 APRIL	MS SOFTBALL VS WIRT COUNTY 4:30 PM
3 APRIL	HS SOFTBALL @ WEBSTER COUNTY 5:00 PM
4 APRIL	HS BASEBALL VS RITCHIE COUNTY 4:30 PM MS BASEBALL @ RAVENSWOOD 5:00 PM
5 APRIL	MS TRACK WALTON TIGER INVITATIONAL ROANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 10:00 AM



RED DEVIL ATHLETICS

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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
Freda Booher Wears	1617 W. Marion Avenue Marion, IN 46953	January 7, 2025	December 30, 2020

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Loretta Sampson	1617 W. Marion Avenue Marion, IN 46952	Daughter	April 2, 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 2nd day of April, 2025.

Jean Somers
Clerk of the County Commission
Class II Legal

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 25-0277-PWD-30B

PLEASANT HILL PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Rule 30B application to pass through increased costs of purchased water from the Town of Grantsville to the District's water customers.

NOTICE OF FILING

NOTICE is hereby given that Pleasant Hill Public Service District (District), a public utility, filed a request to pass through increased purchased water costs from the Town of Grantsville (Grantsville) to the District's customers. In Case No. 24-0755-W-MA, the Commission approved a rate increase for Grantsville, effective for service rendered on and after December 26, 2024. The resale rates increased 18.62%, from \$5.37 to \$6.37 per 1,000 gallons.

Commission Staff reviewed the District's application and recommended that the Commission approve Staff Recommended Rates effective on an interim basis. By Order issued March 28, 2025, the Commission approved the Staff Recommended Rates on an interim basis, that increased rates by \$1.23 per thousand gallons metered water usage for all bills issued on and after March 28, 2025.

The average monthly bill will be changed as follows over current rates:

	\$ Increase	% Increase
Residential	\$3.32	7.47%
Commercial	\$17.96	8.45%
Industrial	\$11.56	7.92%
Public Authorities	\$20.54	8.59%

The 30B procedure is designed to provide for a change in rates and charges in order to produce additional revenue sufficient, but no more than sufficient, to offset the increased cost for water purchased by the utility. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of the cost offset and the method by which it is calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

PLEASANT HILL PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

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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
Velcia Ann Stevens	Kevin Cunningham	677 Riffle Run Rd., Grantsville, WV 26147
Marellah Justine Rogers	Michael Rogers	P.O. Box 98, Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

April 2, 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 **June 2, 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.

Jean Somers
Calhoun County Commission

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code §11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE		
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	1,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense		52,382
Prior Year Taxes		7,000
Supplemental Taxes		980
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		1,819
Business and Occupation Tax		37,000
Licenses		3,000
Building Permit Fees		300
Miscellaneous Permits		50
Inspection, Dilapidated Building & Vacant Property Fees		300
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		15,000
Municipal Service Fees		40,560
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions		39,120
Gaming Income		9,001
Video Lottery (LVL)		155
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	207,667
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance (Coal Fund Only)	\$	568
Coal Severance Tax		1,383
Interest Earned on Investment		-
Reimbursements		-
Refunds		-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$	1,951

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	12,000	-
City Council	9,000	-
Recorder's Office	2,400	-
City Manager's Office	10,346	-
City Attorney	10,000	-
City Auditor	7,665	-
Printing	49	1,951
Regional Development Authority	371	-
City Hall	50,502	-
Other Buildings	5,951	-
Electrical Services	14,500	-
Police Department	10,000	-
Fire Hydrants	4,000	-
Streets and Highways	41,884	-
Street Lights	20,000	-
Signs and Signals	500	-
Snow Removal	2,500	-
Sidewalks	2,000	-
Parks & Recreation	3,249	-
Travel Council	750	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$	207,667

MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Current Expense Levy

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

CLASS I	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 2,921,460	25.00	\$ 7,304
Personal Property	0		0
Total Class II	\$ 2,921,460		\$ 7,304
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 4,517,320	50.00	\$ 22,587
Personal Property	2,980,066		14,900
Public Utility	2,524,433		12,622
Total Class IV	\$ 10,021,819		\$ 50,109
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 12,943,279		\$ 57,413
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		2,871
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%		1,091
Less Allowance for Tax Incremental Financing (if applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 53,451
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	2.00%		1,069
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 52,382

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF Calhoun
MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE

I, Emily Collins, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 17th day of March, 2025.

Emily Collins
Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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Calhoun County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
County of: Calhoun, West Virginia

In accordance with Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Calhoun County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 422,007
Property Taxes Current year	2,481,581
Prior Year Taxes	55,000
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	55,000
Property Transfer Tax	60,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	50,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	12,000
Miscellaneous Energy Tax (Coal Bed Methane)	4,000
Licenses	200
Building Permits	100
Sheriff's Service of Process	2,974
Sheriff's Earnings	100
County Clerk's Earnings	22,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	2,000
Motor Vehicle License Fee	1,000
Rents & Concessions	34,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	25,000
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	14,000
Interest Earned	500
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,000
Sheriff's Commission	15,000
Gaming Income	40,000
Video Lottery	100
Refunds / Reimbursement (External Sources)	100,000
Emergency 911 Reimbursement	500,000
Home Confinement Reimbursements	10,000
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	103,060
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$ 4,011,622
Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 100
Unassigned Fund Balance	-
Coal Severance Tax	25,000
Interest Earned on Investment	-
Refunds / Reimbursements	-
Total Coal Severance	\$ 25,100

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
County Commission	\$ 172,810	\$ -
County Clerk	204,328	-
Circuit Clerk	149,149	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	297,140	-
Prosecuting Attorney	193,521	-
Assessor	218,698	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	103,060	-
Statewide Computer Network	35,000	-
Elections - County Clerk	25,000	-
Magistrate Court	5,000	-
Circuit Court	2,500	-
County Administrator	88,150	-
Courthouse	882,040	25,100
Regional Development Authority	3,000	-
Community Development	64,225	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,443,621	25,100
PUBLIC SAFETY	-	-
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	285,297	-
Sheriff - Service of Process	2,974	-
Regional Jail	362,000	-
Home Confinement	45,490	-
Emergency Services	500,000	-
Communication Center	1,420	-
Flood Control	1,420	-
Courthouse Security	75,000	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,273,601	-
HEALTH AND SANITATION	-	-
Local Health Department	20,200	-
Mental Health	1,000	-
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	21,200	-
CULTURE AND RECREATION	-	-
SOCIAL SERVICES	-	-
Family Court	23,200	-
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	23,200	-
CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,011,622	\$ 25,100

CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes

Current Year Class I	Assessed Value	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	14.30	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 110,976,370	28.60	\$ 317,392
Personal Property	807,232		2,309
Total Class II	\$ 111,783,602		\$ 319,701
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 36,225,180	57.20	\$ 207,208
Personal Property	36,426,221		208,358
Public Utility	337,146,082		1,928,476
Total Class III	\$ 409,797,483		\$ 2,344,042
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 4,517,320	57.20	\$ 25,839
Personal Property	2,980,066		17,046
Public Utility	2,524,433		14,440
Total Class IV	\$ 10,021,819		\$ 57,325
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 531,602,904		\$ 2,721,068
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		6.00%	163,264
Less Tax Discounts		1.00%	25,578
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 2,532,226
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	25,578
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			0
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 2,532,226

CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA EMERGENCY SERVICE LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes

Current Year Class I	Assessed Value	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	4.97	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 110,976,370	9.94	\$ 110,311
Personal Property	807,232		802
Total Class II	\$ 111,783,602		\$ 111,113
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 36,225,180	19.88	\$ 72,016
Personal Property	36,426,221		72,415
Public Utility	337,146,082		670,246
Total Class III	\$ 409,797,483		\$ 814,677
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 4,517,320	19.88	\$ 8,980
Personal Property	2,980,066		5,924
Public Utility	2,524,433		5,019
Total Class IV	\$ 10,021,819		\$ 19,923
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 531,602,904		\$ 945,713
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		6.00%	56,743
Less Tax Discounts		1.00%	8,890
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes:			\$ 880,080

CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes

Current Year Class I	Assessed Value	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	4.97	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 110,976,370	9.94	\$ 110,311
Personal Property	807,232		802
Total Class II	\$ 111,783,602		\$ 111,113
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 36,225,180	19.88	\$ 72,016
Personal Property	36,426,221		72,415
Public Utility	337,146,082		670,246
Total Class III	\$ 409,797,483		\$ 814,677
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Less Tax Discounts		1.00%	8,890
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes:			\$ 880,080

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF CALHOUN
I, JEAN SIMERS, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 26th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Jean Simers
(Signature)

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Calhoun County Board of Education
Public Hearing
Regarding the 2025-26 School Calendar
UPDATED LOCATION AND TIME

The second public hearing regarding the 2025-26 School Calendar for Calhoun County Schools will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m., at the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center. This is a change in location and time from the previously advertised announcement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHANGE OF LOCATION AND TIME

Calhoun County Board of Education will be holding a public hearing Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to Lay the Levy at the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center at 5:00 p.m. instead of the previously advertised location and time.

LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE:
The Marriage of: Civil Action No.: 25-D-3
Rebecca Nicole Lonas and Brandon Lee Lonas

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Brandon Lee Lonas is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Brandon Lee Lonas serve upon Rebecca Nicole Lonas, Petitioner, whose address is PO Box 585, Grantsville, WV 26147, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Divorce filed in this action on or before April 23, 2025. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court March 26, 2025.

Shirley R. Barrett
Clerk of the Court

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
G.L. (11/13/2023) Case No. CC-07-2025-JA-1
Adult Respondent(s): Rebecca Ross-Lonas
Brandon Lonas

ORDER OF CLASS II PUBLICATION

The subject of this suit is to determine custody of the Infant Respondent. A more particular description of this suit is contained in the Petition on file in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Calhoun County, West Virginia.

To Brandon Lonas, father of G.L.

On or about November 13, 2023, G.L. was born to Rebecca Ross-Lonas. Pursuant to Chapter 49, Article 4, Section 601 of the West Virginia Code, notice is hereby given to you that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, which proceedings can result in the permanent termination of parental rights. It appearing that the whereabouts of BRANDON LONAS are presently unknown at this time, it is ORDERED that BRANDON LONAS is notified that he may obtain a copy of the Petition from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, and it is further ORDERED that BRANDON LONAS is to appear in the courtroom of the Honorable Anita Harold Ashley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, Third Floor, Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, West Virginia, on May 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. for an Adjudicatory Hearing if he so desires to object or make other defenses to the Petition. You have the right to counsel at every stage of these proceedings and counsel has been so appointed. Failure to answer and defend could result in the permanent loss of parental rights. The adjudicatory hearing may be rescheduled without further notice of publication.

A copy of said petition, all subsequently filed legal documents, and appointment of counsel orders can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located at the Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, Calhoun County, West Virginia.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court on the 26th day of March 2025.

Shirley R. Barrett
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Calhoun County, West Virginia

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Sherri Duskey Rinker giving away book collection



Hello friends!!!
 Is it cold and dreary where you are even though spring is officially here? I get it. Here near Chicago winter can certainly linger—but we don't have to let that dampen our spring spirit (pun intended)!
 To help spread some springtime cheer, I'm excited to be giving away this amazing collection, featuring books, a super rare Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site plush toy, and Caterpillar® swag.
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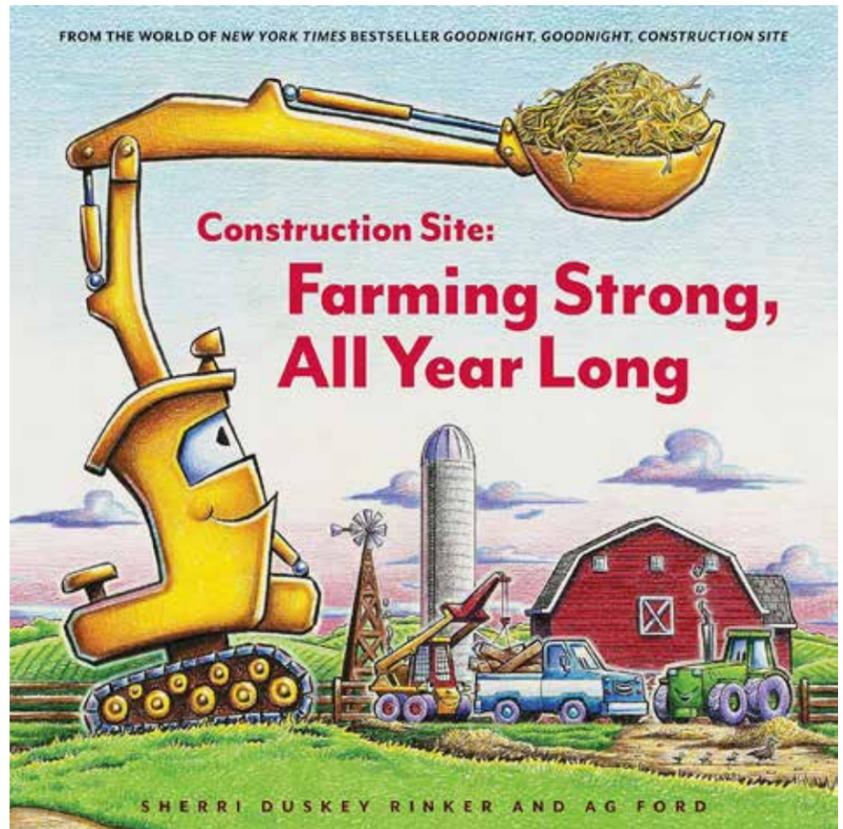
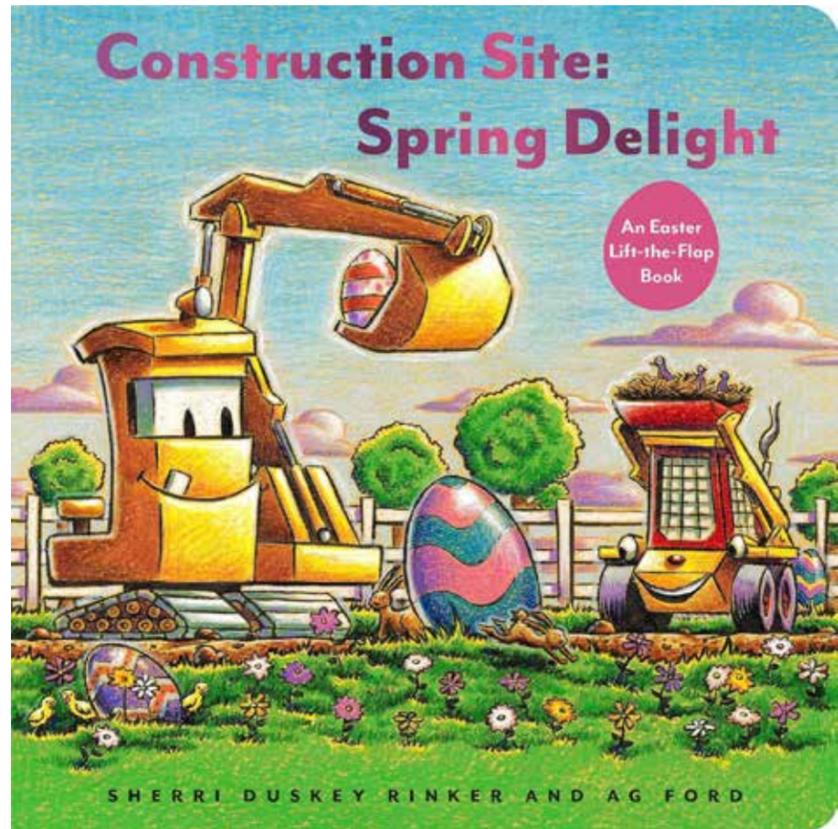
- One signed and personalized copy of Construction Site: Spring Delight!
 - One signed and personalized copy of Construction Site: Farming Strong All Year Long
 - One (RARE/no longer made) Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site Excavator plush toy
 - One CAT baseball cap, junior size
 - One small excavator foam "stress ball"
 - One CAT keychain (not pictured)
- To enter, follow my Instagram, like this post, comment, and tag two friends by Noon EST on April 4th. U.S. only, please!
 Good luck!

In case you missed it, I've put together a list of book picks to make your bedtime or classroom reading fun all year long! To download it just click the image below.

If you're looking for more books to celebrate spring, the littlest readers will love the lift-the-flap Construction Site: Spring Delight. As sunshine melts the snow away, the trucks discover the signs of spring all around them. Lift the flaps on each sturdy page reveal blooming flowers, baby ducks, gentle lambs—and a special Easter egg hunt surprise!

The farm is always bustling with activity, no matter the season—but spring is especially exciting for planting and planning. Six hardworking trucks, with the help of brand-new farm vehicles, learn valuable lessons about teamwork in Construction Site: Farming Strong All Year Long.

Sherri Rinker Duskey is an award winning writer of children's books and the daughter of the late Ronald Duskey, a 1960 graduate of Calhoun High School.



Make It Shine Planned

Make it shine cleanup is April 5th and rain date April 12th. We are looking for groups of volunteers to help clean up from flooding that has washed up trash along the road and litter tossed from vehicles that makes our roads look horrible. We also want to know of any small dump sites that need cleaned up. It makes us happy to see Calhoun shine!

Contact Lisa Cooper
 At Mom's Place Too
 304-354-7900



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