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The Calhoun Chronicle



The Grantsville News

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Grantsville Town Council Addresses Hydrants, Safety and City Trash

Courtesy Ridgeview News

Grantsville City Council met on Monday evening in the City Building for their regular monthly meeting. All council members were present: Cheryl Sturm, Linda Staton, Courtney Alexander, Rissa Staples, Emilee Morgan and Recorder Emily Collins.

Mayor Robert Petrovsky opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Under citizens' concerns, city resident

Gayle Ford asked multiple questions with regard to excess garbage on residents' property, junk cars etc., wanting to know if this was an issue the WV State Health Department should address. He was advised that the city will be sending letters to residents informing them of the need to get their yards in order. A question that had been asked earlier as to whether or not a city resident was required to have Waste Management trash service, the answer was no. However, Councilwoman Cheryl Sturm stated that the residents could be asked to provide receipts as to where they disposed of their trash.

DNR Officer C.R. Stephens provided the WV Code, Chapter 22, saying that residents have to have trash service or be able to provide receipts for every 30 days

of where the trash is disposed of.
Under the Mayor Communications, Mayor Petrovsky invited Wood Craftsman and artist, David Gerlach to show the signs he had created for the City Park of the Park Rules and contributors to the park. The mayor elaborated that the park has had several visitors lately and interest in scheduling the pavilion. For more information or to book the park contact the City Office at 304-354-7500. There is no fee for the Pavilion, but it must be scheduled through the office for guaranteed space.

Recorder Emily Collins reported that the Bennett and Dobbins audit that was done of town financials was good. The only thing needed addressed was the bud-

get revisions which would be addressed later in the meeting.

Ms. Kennedy of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council provided a report on the City's Water and Sewer Projects. The Water project is still in the process of collecting proposals for the legal and accounts services and the sewer project is waiting on work from the engineer. When the Mayor asks if the water project was still a "line project", Ms. Kennedy responded that it was a question for the Engineer. Her final statement was that they were on tract for the CDGB (Community Development Block Grant) audit for the end of April.

Area businesswoman Crystal Mersh suggested that the City contact the WV Water Development Authority for additional funding Possibilities. She provided the name of Marie Prezioso, Executive Director. She also suggested that ARC has possible area development funding that could be considered a possibility. Mayor Petrovsky stated that the Sewer Project will definitely being a pressing issue for more funding.

The recent meeting regarding fire hydrant issues, held with the Calhoun County Commission, Pleasant Hill PSD and the Mt. Zion PSD, as well as the Town of Grantsville was considered a successful meeting. Mayor Petrovsky informed those in attendance that in October all hydrants were tested and documented with four being found inoperable. They're attempting the repair of those hydrants, but the parts are currently unavailable. They hope to repair all four, but one of those will likely have to be replaced completely. The cost difference between the repair and replacement is \$700 for the repair, and up to \$5,000 for the replacement. The concern over water line dimensions not meeting standards will hopefully be addressed when the new Water Project replaces many of the lines in town. City

staff intend to take care of the matter of



color-coding hydrants for flow pressure as soon as the weather is warmer. Color coding helps Fire Department Staff know the pressure on any given hydrant when hooking to the hydrants during a fire.

Sgt. K.M. Williams of the WV State Police attended last night's council meeting to Officer insight on the fire department issues. Regarding the hose bridges that can be used across highways to allow traffic to cross over a fire department hose, Sgt. Williams didn't advise using them because if a car didn't hit them in a correct manner, the hose would slide and be damaged, costing a fire department thousands in replacement.

In research of the hose bridges there are multiple options available to protect the expensive fire hoses (which is a reasonable concern). The greatest concern, however, would still be the ability to protect all concerned by utilizing hydrants closest to the scene.

Mrs. Mersh requested to know what four hydrants were not operational and was provided that information following the meeting. Her concern for this matter had to do with the American Medicine Company's consideration of placing a manufacturing facility in Calhoun. Having community safeguards in place is a prerequisite for their consideration. The AMC opportunity will provide hundreds of jobs and career opportunities for Calhoun and surrounding communities as well as secure common prescription availability that currently has Americans at risk. Should countries like China or India stop providing highly used prescriptions such as hypertension Medications, diabetes and more, Americans would be in a critical position of losing access to those medications. The opportunity to manufacture in the United States and in particular Calhoun County is an amazing chance to secure the future health of our

Mersh updated that the talks on the AMC project are moving at a rapid pace, and we should know soon if West Virginia and Calhoun County will be the chosen location.

Emily Collins, Recorder provided approximate balances of City finances as being \$4128 in the Sewer, \$19,000 in Water and \$1,100 in the General fund.

The meeting was dismissed into an executive session on personnel matters.

County Meeting Sparks Action for Improved Fire Protection

In a special meeting held last Thursday (April, 4, 2025) by the Calhoun County Commission, local leaders and residents came together to address pressing con-cerns about fire protection and water hydrant maintenance. Commissioners Craig Arthur, Jacob McCumbers, and Eric Lupardus led the discussion, which focused on ensuring the county's fire hydrants and water systems are equipped to

handle emergencies effectively.

The meeting, however, briefly veered off-topic when Grantsville resident Gayle Ford raised concerns about dilapidated structures, trash disposal, and noise levels within city limits. While Commissioner Lupardus acknowledged ongoing discussions about county ordinances, he clarified that the county's authority over city matters is limited. Mayor Robert

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Friends and volunteers helping Calhoun County Make It Shine Saturday as retired Judge Larry Whited and David Stull are two of more than 40 volunteers that fanned out to clean the county's highways.

Hydrant Testing

How does hydrant testing work? The Ridgeview News had a good example of how the testing works and what the outcome of those tests means.

The basic premise behind the tests is to "discharge water at a measured rate of and observe the corresponding pressure drop in the mains.

Each flow test collects information on three different forms of pressure:

Static pressure – water main pressure under normal, non-flowing conditions

Residual pressure - water main pressure when water is flowing

Pitot pressure – the flow pressure at the outlet(s) of the flowing fire hydrant(s) Additionally, flow tests allow com-munities to accurately color-code their

fire hydrants, providing firefighters with the water-flow capabilities of each individual fire hydrant. Here is a list of what each fire hydrant color represents: The County plans to address this by

working on getting the hydrants across the county painted the appropriate color:
Red indicates a water-flow capacity of less than 500 gpm

Orange indicates a water-flow capacity of 500 to 999 gpm

Green indicates a water-flow capacity

of 1,000 to 1,499 gpm

Blue indicates a water-flow capacity



of 1,500 or greater gpm When Ridgeview News asked the Town of Grantsville what method of

testing they used, a Hydrant Meter or the "Pitot Pressure", Chad Drennen said that although he used the Hydrant meter, he could do it in a way that did not restrict flow. That restriction of flow would give a false read on actual water pressure, lessening the amount reported which was a part of the concern of this meeting. But Drennen did not think that was an issue.

Local teen wins WV Interstate Fair Pageant

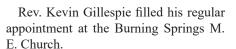




Local teen, Madison Jones, was crowned the Teen Queen at the WV Interstate Fair and Expo Pageant held on Saturday March 29 at WVU-P. Madison, along with Queen Elizabeth McDonald will reign over the Interstate Fair and Expo June 17-21, 2025. Madison, a sophomore at CMHS, is the daughter of Kenny and Debbie Jones of Grantsville.

CRESTON News

BY ALVIN ENGELKE PHONE 275-3578



The Creston Easter party will be Sunday April 13 at 2 P. M. At the Creston Community Building. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children and there will be a covered dish meal. For details call Barb at 304-275-0006.

The big Creston ATV spring poker run will be Saturday April 26 with a route through the mud holes, streams, etc. Helpers are needed for the layout (on April 19 at 8:30 A.M. At the Community Building) and bon Friday, April 25 as well as workers for the actual day of the run. Call Alvin at 304-275-3578.

Connie Boggs, age 68, passed away after an extended bout with cancer. She had been in the Creston mail carrier for several years. Burial was at the K of Pin Elizabeth. Wilma Mowrey has been on the sick list and even got to visit the emergency room [thrill, thrill].

Steve Loudin underwent gall bladder surgery and is now going around not carrying a "large" stone. His sister came to stay with him while he recovered.

City Net workers have been installing wires (or fiber cable) in Creston. The telephone company has offered local residents' rates much cheaper than what the PSC forced local folks to pay. Makes one wonder.

The Creston area had high water with some local roads under water.

Some local folks have enjoyed following the findings of the DOGE team tasked with eliminating fraud in the bloated federal government that presently answers to no one. A current example involves the FEMA response to the fires in Los Angeles California where there were 270,000 applications for taxpayer assistance when just 10,000 homes were destroyed. Apparently, there were demonstrations in Parkersburg & at the Mouth of the Elk about the RIF (reduction in force) of high paid government employees and objections to financial review of "sacred" federal programs even though it was shown that many over 150 years old were "still in the system". Heaven forbid that the fraudsters have to pay back their ill-gotten lucre and then get to spend time in a nice federal facility. There are also complaints about the proposed tariffs — says will cause inflation and make folks pay more. Most Creston folks don't wear Gucci shoes, English tweeds, drink French wine and champagne, eat Danish cheese, Caspian caviar, drive Rolls Royce, Mercedes Benz, Maseratis or Volvos so the impact should be minimal. Older folks remember some decades ago the Ford



send manufacturing away to "developing countries" and have "service industries" The nitwits that ruled us never studied economics and took bad advice and now drastic moves must be taken. There are three ways to generate wealth, one mines it, one grows it, or one makes it. Such was true when Abraham left Ur and nothing changed. Everything else amounts to transfer payments. Back when Al Gore Jr. said that we should get all our food from third world countries and recently it was learned that the US taxpayers spent \$1 billion to promote the shrimp business in foreign nations and the US was to give \$5 billion (a loan, you know) so French company Total could compete in the liquified natural gas business.

The meetings with Hope Natural Gas Company concerning the abandonment or sale of 1100 miles of natural gas gathering lines have been cancelled. To start with Mother Hope said they would give the lines to anyone but now, it seems, there is an \$18 million deal with Rusty Hutson's Diversified Energy.

The red buds are at their peak and the ornamental pears along I-77 are spectacular. One of the best areas for viewing red buds is I-79 near Sutton although it seems Dimbulb still works for the state road as big equipment has been used to what trees and shrubs along US 19, the interstates and state routes. It is obvious that the road folks have more money than they know what to do with.

The 6th US Circuit court ruled that up in Ohio Antero took \$10 million in improper deductions from royalties due to landowners.

It was announced that a \$10 billion data center and power plant will be built in Indiana County Pennsylvania that will require 750 million cubic feet/day of Marcellus & Utica natural gas to run. Is anybody awake down at the Mouth of the Elk? Perhaps those there are more concerned about "turf wars" and tinkling

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dropped to \$60.99/bbl. With condensate fetching just \$42.99/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$49.99/ bbl. Of course, Pennsylvania grade crude is used to make high dollar products while condensate is high in natural gasolene and fetches just over \$1/gallon. It is interesting to note that while the price of crude oil has dropped, gasolene has gone up 30 cent/gallon or more. Some might think that such was done to try to make our "leader look bad". Those are the same folks who told us that Joe wasn't senile and that there was not an invasion of 20 million illegal aliens. Meanwhile natural gas futures rose to \$4.14.

Oshaways set annual Easter egg hunt

On Saturday, April 19, 2025, noon, we will be having our 28th annual Melissa Gayle Oshoway Memorial Easter Egg Hunt. It will be at the Calhoun County Park out by the barn. This event is for all children ages 0-12 Years old.

Foundation said that mature countries

This event is sponsored by John and Sue Oshoway in memory of our precious daughter. Thank you for the donation from Grantsville Lion's Club.

We will be hiding over 6600 eggs. There will be lots and lots of eggs with tokens in them that you will need to bring to the stage to collect your special prize. Several of the eggs will have candy or a small toy in the egg.

We are giving away bicycles, Easter baskets, money, skateboards, stuffed animals, candy, and many, many other

We will have this event regardless of the weather.

If you want to come and volunteer or just want to watch the excitement of the children, we invite you to join us.

The Easter Bunny will be there so if you want a picture with the Easter bunny, come out to the County Park and join

The Calhoun County Grief Support Group will be selling concessions to help raise money to help support our County.

Thank you, DONNIE PITTS AND THE CALHOUN COUNTY PARK COMMITTEE, for allowing us to use this BEAUTIFUL park.

I need to have a meeting with all the volunteers before we begin this event. We have made a few changes, and I need to discuss this with everyone.

THANK YOU and we are looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, April 19 at noon.

Sue Oshaway

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@calhounchronicle.com.

We had a really good week here in Calhoun County

By Gaylen Duskey

That was the week that was perfect in

If you are old enough to remember Rowan and Martin's Laugh In the television show you may remember a skit that they did on the show where they talked about what had happened during the week and made fun of it.

If you are even older and British, you may remember a show on the BBC back in the early 1960s of the same name.

But those things were used as comedic inroads while That Was the Week That Was here in Calhoun was just about 100 per cent positive.

So, what all happened?

There was the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting.

At that meeting the availably to emergency shelters was discussed

Especially the paucity of shelter spaces on the West Fork area because the proposed shelters were in possible flood

The LEPC is working on finding solu-

The Calhoun County Commission met and went over the problem with water hydrants and how to fix the problems.

They came up with an action plan that not only told how the testing would be done and what the results should be and how to repair those not meeting a basic

They also came up with a color-coding system for the fire hydrants depending on water flow.

Here are the color codes:

Red indicates a water-flow capacity of less than 500 gpm

Orange indicates a water-flow capacity of 500 to 999 gpm Green indicates a water-flow capacity

of 1,000 to 1,499 gpm Blue indicates a water-flow capacity of

1,500 or greater gpm Now you can take a look at that hydrant on the corner and know how much

water it should be able to pump. Then there was the Make It Shine cleanup which I have heard may be re-

peated this Saturday. So far, they have 124 bags of trash in the big blue dumpster, with 41 volunteers

doing the litter pickup.

And finally, the school system honored several teachers and students for their excellent work.

The Calhoun County Board of Education recognized four teachers at its April 3rd, 2025, meeting nominated for Teacher of the Year 2025-2026. Those teachers

Middle School: Samantha Jarvis

High School: Anntwinette Jones

Arnoldsburg: Sailah Hill Pleasant Hill: Michelle Jones

Our congratulations to all.

We are trying to get these kinds of events to our readers, and you can help us by doing these things:

Sports teams join MaxPreps and report their schedule, roster, team stats, games etc. to MaxPreps. This allows us (The Calhoun Chronicle) access to the games where we can rewrite and publish the games. Currently only the Calhoun High School basketball team does everything completely and correctly. Thank you, coach Marcus Davis and your staff. I have been told that some of our teams use Game Changer, and I am trying to get that loaded on my computer. Also, some teams use The Athlete for scoring their events. We are working to get set up so that we can get stats to write game reports easier.

County schools to send in honor rolls

and student and faculty activities. This allows us to publish your news. Probably the best at this right now are the folks at Arnoldsburg Elementary School and the Little Kanawha Christian School. And thank you for it. But we also want reports from Pleasant Hill Elementary, Calhoun Middle School and Calhoun High School and the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center.

Information from all Calhoun County's churches. Right now, we have a goodly group listed in our Church Directory, but we would like to have every church in the county listed. We would also like to have our churches send us information on special preaching and teaching, revivals, sings, etc. The most important thing we can hear is the word of God. Please help us get the word out.

Agenda and meeting schedules from every agency that gets government funding for basic operations. The Calhoun Board of Education has been very good at getting that information to us and The Ridgeview News in a timely manner. The new Calhoun County Commission has been very attentive to those details recently. The Town of Grantsville has been very hit and miss but we are hoping that a new broom following the June election will do better.

People to let us know about things such as reunions, special programs and the like. Currently we are kept well informed by the Calhoun High School Alumni Association, Minnie Hamilton Health Systems and the 1982 Foundation about those kinds of things and we thank them greatly, but we would like to hear from the rest of you. Let us know what is going on so we can let others know too.

So please let us know by sending us an email at contact@calhounchronicle.com or to my personal email at realfang@citlink.net or contact our friend Shari Harday Johnson of the Ridgeview News at talk2shari@gmail.com.

And we thank you.

One event held almost in Calhoun County – Creston – is setting up for the upcoming season.

That is the famous Creston Poker Run and here are the specifics:

Date: Saturday, April 26th Location: 340 Anns Run Road, Creston, WV 26141 (Creston is 13 miles from Elizabeth and 14 miles from Grantsville on WV Route

Event Details:

Sign-Up Time: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

Entry Fee: \$10.00 **Prizes for Winners:**

1st Place: 30% 2nd Place: 10% 3rd Place: 10%

Important Rules: No two-wheelers allowed.

No backpacks allowed in the building. All state ATV regulations must be fol-

Participants under age 18 must wear a

All scorecards must be checked at each

station to avoid disqualification. Additional Activities:

Door Prizes

50/50 Drawing

Kitchen open for breakfast, lunch, and Proceeds: All proceeds will go toward

the upkeep of the building and grounds, as well as community events. Contact Information: For more de-

tails, call (304) 275-3578 or (304) 494-4064.

Until next time stay safe but don't live life in a bundle.

Community Market Announcement

Join us in supporting kids in foster care by participating in the Community

When: Saturday, April 12th, at 2 PM Where: Calhoun County Park, Mt. Zion Purchase a booth space to share and sell your crafts and more. Booth setup is just \$10, with extra tables available for \$2 each. Payment is required when booking your spot (no refunds unless the event is canceled).

There will also be raffles during the event!

For more information or to book your spot, contact Sara Husk at 304-532-2340.

Pleasant Hill Church Women's Ministry

Invite you to join us for "Ladies Tea" on Saturday May 17th at 12:00 noon in the Pleasant Hill Church Fellowship Hall 3177 N Calhoun Hwy, Grantsville,

Please RSVP: 304-531-7562 No later than May 2 to allow for sufficient

Food and refreshments. Thank You

Cheryl Greathouse

304-354-9513



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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

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

Grantsville Farmer's Market, Season details not

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



Contact: Stan Bumgardner • <u>bumgardner@wvhumanities.org</u> • 304-346-8500

April 10, 1848: John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. 1883, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, unseating the powerful Henry G. Davis. Kenna is one of two West Virginians memorialized by a statue in the U.S. Capitol.





April 10, 1932: Entertainer Blaze Starr was born as Fanny Belle Fleming in Wayne County. The owner of a burlesque club rechristened her "Blaze Starr." Her story was the basis of the movie Blaze.

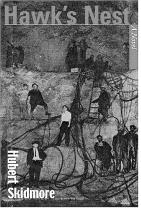


April 11, 1821: Congressman Jacob Beeson Blair was born in Park-

ersburg. Blair was the first West Virginian to be told by President Abraham Lincoln of Lincoln's support for making West Virginia a state.



April 11, 1847: Diarist Sirene Bunten was born in French Creek, Upshur County. As a teenager, she kept a diary about her daily activities, including emotional accounts of life on the West Virginia home front during the Civil War.



April 11, 1909: Writer Hubert Skidmore was born at Laurel Mountain in Webster County. In his novels, Skidmore depicted stoic endurance by mountain people in the face of misfortune and economic exploitation by outside in-

April 11, 1940: Awardwinning artist Susan Poffenbarger was born in Charleston. Her work can be found in many galleries as well as in the IRS National Computing Center in Martinsburg and the Federal Courthouse Annex in Wheeling. She died in 2025.



April 11, 1964: Writer Pinckney Benedict was born in Lewisburg. His two collections of short stories, Town Smokes and The Wrecking Yard, as well as his novel Dogs of God were named Notable Books by the New York Times Book Review.

April 12, 1865: The 36th Virginia Infantry, known as the Logan Wildcats, disbanded. The Confederate company was created at Logan Courthouse on June 3, 1861, and consisted of about 85 men. The company saw its first action in the Battle of Scary Creek in Putnam County.

April 12, 1885: Photographer George James Kossuth was born. After opening his Wheeling studio in 1909, he achieved broad fame for his photos of the city and insightful portraits of world celebrities, including Richard Strauss, Jascha Heifetz, Leopold Stokowski, Clarence Darrow and Richard Nixon.

April 13, 1873: Lawyer, diplomat and 1924 candidate Democratic for President John William Davis was born in Clarksburg. Davis argued 141 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. His last case was one of the most controversial, when he argued in 1952 to continue racial segregation in South Carolina.

April 13, 1951: Sculptor Bill Hopen was born. The Sutton artist's works appear in government buildings, museums, churches, and hospitals around West Virginia, across the nation, and abroad.

April 14, 1774: Surveyors met at the mouth of the Kanawha River to establish military bounty claims in Kentucky. They became involved in several skirmishes with Indians in the region. This was the start of Dunmore's War, the name given to the conflict in the Ohio Valley in the spring of 1774.

April 14, 1945: Twenty people were killed when a commercial airplane on its way to Morgantown flew off course and crashed into the side of Cheat Mountain.

April 15, 1872: Peter Godwin Van Winkle died in Parkersburg. Van Winkle was a member of the Governor's Council of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, 1861-63, under Gov. Francis Pierpont. On August 4, 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of West Virginia's first two U.S. senators.

April 16, 1829: Jacob Beeson Jackson was born in Parkersburg. In 1881, he became West Virginia's sixth governor.

April 16, 1894: Leonard Riggleman was born in a Randolph County cabin. As president of Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston), he moved the school to Charleston in 1935 and led the college to accreditation in 1958.

April 16, 1923: Arch Moore was born in Moundsville. He was the first governor in 100 years to serve a second term, and he returned later for a third. He also was the second former governor to serve federal prison time.

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FIRE PROTECTION

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Petrovsky assured Ford that efforts were underway to address the trash issue, with a resident already taking steps to clean up the property in question.

Returning to the main agenda, Mayor Petrovsky highlighted the challenges of Grantsville's aging water system, noting that many hydrants are outdated and connected to inadequate water lines. He emphasized the need for community collaboration, stating, "Grantsville is not the only town in West Virginia struggling; we are an antiquated system." Despite past financial struggles, including a \$39,000 bail out from the county, the mayor defended the city's use of funds, asserting that park improvements were financed through designated resources.

Water plant operator Chad Drennen provided updates on efforts to repair hydrants, explaining the difficulty in sourcing the correct tools due to the varying designs of older hydrants. He has reached out to neighboring Gilmer County for assistance in the interim.

Fire Chief Carl Brannon questioned the allocation of the City Service Fee, which he believed should support fire and police services. Mayor Petrovsky clarified that the fee covers general city expenses, including fire and police, but acknowledged the city's inability to offer competitive wages to hire a police officer.

Concerns about water flow rates for firefighting were also raised. Wilson, director of the Minnie Hamilton Health System Ambulance Service, stressed the importance of meeting the required 1,066 gallons per minute for fire suppression. The county plans to address this by painting hydrants to indicate their water-flow capacity, following a standardized color-coding system.

The meeting concluded with several actionable steps to improve fire protection across the county. These include mapping hydrant locations, integrating this data into the 911 CAD system, and ensuring dispatchers provide hydrant information during fire calls. Additionally, efforts will be made to improve communication and collaboration among community members and agencies.

What was accomplished:

The matter of hydrants was addressed Action is being taken on meter Water Pressure readings

The City and PSD's will be mapping their systems to show the location of hy-

The location of those hydrants will be input into the 911 CAD system (and may

Dispatchers will be informed to provide hydrant locations on fire calls to the fire departments they're dispatching.

Heaster Selected for Barr Professional Development Award

Glenville State University Associate Professor of Business and Faculty Athlete representative, Dr. Dwight Heaster has been selected to receive the 2025 Pete and Betsy Barr Professional Development Award.

The award, which was first established in 2010 by former GSU President and First Lady Dr. Peter and Betsy Barr, is rotated annually between Glenville State faculty and staff and must be used within eighteen months of being awarded. The award is designed primarily for the recipient to further their professional growth; however, the awardee can use the money to further their particular area of interest in traditional professional development

As the recipient of the award, Dr. Heaster plans to take the funding and expand the university in the area of Artificial Intelligence. He hopes to further enhance his expertise in this rapidly evolving field by attending an in-person conference in May, participating in a series of virtual conferences, and undergoing AI training through Google Grow. These opportunities will allow him to deepen his knowledge and bring his personal experiences back to the university's AI initiatives.

"My hope is to bring this information back to campus and develop a multidisciplinary group" Heaster said. "The goal is to create a human first approach to AI that would give our students the next generation of knowledge and experience needed to work and live in the future. While my goal is to expand our student's knowl-



edge and experience, there are so many opportunities for us to utilize AI to be more efficient in our work. Thus, it will create a more balanced work life experience," he added.

Previous recipients of the Barr Award have included: Dr. Sara Sawyer (2010), Amanda Frymier (2011), Cheryl Fleming McKinney, CPA (2012), Denise Ellyson (2013), Dr. Megan Gibbons (2014), Sports Medicine Staff (2015), Dennis Wemm (2016), Dustin Crutchfield (2017), Dr. Jeff Bryson (2020), Kristen Cosner (2021), Dr. Mark Sarver (2022), Bridget Carr (2024).

The next Barr Award will be presented in 2026 to a selected staff applicant. A committee reviews all applications and selects the awardee.

For more information about the Pete and Betsy Barr Professional Development Award, contact Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of GSU Foundation David Hutchinson at David.Hutchinson@glenville.edu or (304) 462-6381.

Calhoun LEPC Meets to Discuss Weather Emergency Preparation

On Thursday, April 3rd, 2025, the Calhoun Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) convened to address the pressing issue of incoming rain and anticipated flooding in the area. The meeting saw the participation of Tina Hamrick, Jess Metz, Eric Lupardus, Carl and Judy Brannon, Jason Wilson, and Kelli Barr, who joined via phone.

The primary focus of the discussion was to evaluate the existing protocols for weather and other emergencies. Kelli Barr, the 911 Director, confirmed that protocols had been established for some time. However, there was a lack of clarity among those responsible for handling emergencies and assisting families in crisis. Although a few emergency shelter locations had been identified, their availability remained uncertain. The Arnoldsburg Community Building, Pleasant Hill Church, and the Grantsville Fire Depart-

ment were willing to serve as emergency shelters, but issues regarding contacts and staffing persisted.

Tina Hamrick, Director of the Calhoun Family Resource Network (FRN), offered a solution by providing a location on the lower level of their building for use as an emergency shelter, complete with food supplies. Hamrick has been proactive in gathering information about other potential shelter locations, as her agency frequently assists families in crisis. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that 211 has access to this information when requests are made.

The Southern side of Calhoun County, including the West Fork area, faces a significant challenge as it lacks a point of contact for emergency shelter because the Community building being prone to flooding. Commissioner Eric Lupardus suggested using Pleasant Hill and Cal-

houn Middle High Schools as shelters, but Kelli Barr noted that obtaining permission from the schools involves several complicated steps. Lupardus stressed the need for a comprehensive plan for all areas before an emergency occurs, including clear signage at shelter locations.

For community members seeking assistance during a weather emergency, Barr recommended calling the back lines of Calhoun 911 at 304-3654-9271 and 304-354-0061, both of which are record-

Reflecting on the previous flooding episode, Commissioner Lupardus expressed concern over the panic among Calhoun citizens due to a lack of information. He pointed out that neighboring counties, Roane and Gilmer, were more proactive in disseminating information about shelter locations and weather conditions. Barr acknowledged feeling overwhelmed



but appreciated the community's efforts to overcome past obstacles.

Barr informed the group about her collaboration with Intrado, a mass notification system that works with ATT and the Calhoun 911 CAD (Computer Aid Dispatching) system.

The meeting concluded with a consensus that the steps taken, and information gathered would enhance the safety of Calhoun citizens in future emergencies.

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Calhoun Chronicle

Yard sale planned

Creston Food Pantry 8405b Little Kanawha Parkway is holding a Yard Sale on April 12 starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds to help with upkeep and utilities. Donations wel-

Orma Cemetery

Here is the list of donations for the Orma Cemetery

Lois Newell: \$1,000.00

Edna Zwoll & Juanitta Berdine: \$150.00

Paul Conard: \$125.00

David and Melissa Yoak, Jim Groves, Marie and Darrell Collins, Chester Cain, Laysel Robinson, Freda Wears, Oretta Sampson: \$100.00

Donald and Donna Scott, Grandson of George Sampson, Wife of Billy F., Donna Hardy, Harold Richards: \$50.00

Janet Glessner: \$40.00 Thelma Hall: \$20.00

Unknown and Unknown: \$5.00 Submitted by Sharon Settle 304-655-8280

Exciting New Initiative for Families with Children Ages 0-5!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a special event designed to connect families with local resources and build a strong foundation for our children's future. We are looking for FIVE families to participate in this unique opportunity!

Event Details:

Date: April 22, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Pleasant Hill Elementary School

Why Join Us?

Connect with local resources that support your child's growth

Build relationships with other families and community partners

Receive valuable tools and information to help your little one thrive

Spots are limited! RSVP today to secure your place by emailing d.smith@k12.wv.us.

Let's build something amazing together! We can't wait to see you there!

Debra Smith Early Childhood Coordinator

Contact: Pleasant Hill Elementary Phone: 304-354-

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Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority

Monthly Meeting April 16th, 2025 @ 5:00 pm Mom's Place Too 340 Main Street Grantsville, WV 26147 **Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority** Tire Collection April 18th, 2025

from 10 - 2 Tanya Cunningham

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

Senior nutrition program returning

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) announced the return of the West Virginia Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP).

The SFMNP is designed to help low-income senior citizens access fresh, local fruit and vegetables. Seniors sign up for the vouchers at their county-level senior cen-

ter. Applications will be available after June 1st. Farmers wishing to participate in the program should

note that applications are currently available and due no later than APRIL 15th, 2025. Information and applications can be found at Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program: West Virginia Department of Agriculture (wv.

For more information, contact SeniorFarmersMarket@wvda.us or Amanda Kittel at akittel@wvda.us or 304-558-2210.

Calhoun BOE Recognizes Teachers and Students



The Calhoun County Board of Education recognized four teachers at the April 3rd, 2025, meeting nominated for Teacher of the Year 2025-2026. Those teachers were:

Middle School: Samantha Jarvis High School: Anntwinette Jones Arnoldsburg: Sailah Hill Pleasant Hill: Michelle Jones **STUDENTS**

ACADEMICS Students recognized for achievements were:

Cameron Jarvis - 1st Place Sports Medicine at the HOSA 2025 State Leadership Conference.

Explore New Manufacturing Design Contest Winners:

Brooke Tingler Eliana White

Mason Laughlin

Mark Plumby

Nevaeh Fulks

ATHLETICS

Varsity Basketball Boys:

Baron Davis - 2nd Team LKC: Honorable Mention All State

Brennen Carpenter - Honorable Mention All LKC

Cooper Morris - Honorable Mention All LKC

Varsity Basketball Girls

Paige Sterns – 2nd Team LKC

High School Wrestling

Tucker Sampson - LKC 3rd Place -

Nicolis Butler - 4th Place LKC - 175# Reese Schoolcraft - Region Champion - 106#

Kyleigh Morris - WV State Championship Girls - 5th Place

Middle School Wrestling

Ezra Anderson - LKC Champion - 7th

Place WSAZ

Cooper Summers - LKC Champion Sam Bailey - LKC Champion Dayton Mitchell - 3rd Place LKC Silas Cunningham - 4th Place LKC, WVYWA Regionals - 5th Place, WV Youth Novice States - 2nd Place

Youth Wrestling

Christopher Morris - WVYWA Region 1 4th Place; WVYWA States 4th Place

Myles Morris - WVYWA Region 1 3rd Place

Charlotte Bain - WV Girls Jr. States 3rd Place; WVYWA Region 1 4th Place; WVYWA States 5th Place

Kinsley Parsons – WV Girls Jr. States 3rd Place

Sophia Goodrich - WV Girls Jr. States 3rd Place

Ezra Anderson - WVYWA Region 1 3rd Place; WVYWA States 7th Place; WV Jr. States Champion

Rylan Boatright - WVYWA States 2nd Place

Brantley Schoolcraft - WVYWA Region 1 4th Place; WVYWA States 5th Place; WV Jr. States Runner Up

Carper Summers - WVYWA Region 1 2nd Place; WV Jr. States 5th Place

Cooper Summers - WVYWA Region 1 3rd Place; WVYWA States 7th Place; WV Jr. States 3rd Place

Isaac Fitzwater - WVYWA Region 1 Champion; WVYWA States Runner Up; WV Jr. States Runner Up

Silas Cunningham - WVYWA Regionals 5th Place, WV Youth Novice States - 2nd Place

Sam Bailey - WVYWA Region 1 - 4th

Reagan Boatright - WVYWA Region 1 - 5th Place



Glenville State University's women's 4x100 relay team won the event at the University of Charleston Invitational at Laidley Field. The Pioneer's team of 1) Hannah Hill, 2) Savannah Cunningham, 3) Jayden Cover and 4) Isabella Torres posted a time of 51.68. Cunningham, a graduate of Calhoun High School the baton from Hannah Hill.

Calhoun County 2025 Outdoor **Track & Field Schedule Red Devils**

ance Invitational

Rd, Ellenboro

Thu, Mar 20: Philip Barbour Season Opener

Location: Philip Barbour High School, Philippi Field: 4:15 PM | Track: 4:45 PM

Sat, Mar 22: Don Williams Memorial Location: Roane County High School, Field: 11:00 AM | Track: 12:00 PM

Wed, Mar 26: LCHS Season Opener Location: Lewis County High School, Weston

Field: 4:30 PM | Track: 4:45 PM Tue, Apr 8: Raider Classic Location: Roane County High School,

Spencer Field: 4:45 PM | Track: 5:15 PM Fri, Apr 11: St. Marys Invitational

Location: St. Marys HS, St. Marys

Thu, Apr 17: Ritchie Co.-WV Insur-

Field: 4:00 PM | Track: 4:30 PM

Spencer Field: 2:00 PM | Track: 3:00 PM

Field: 4:00 PM | Track: 4:30 PM Fri, Apr 18: Lindsey Mann Memorial Location: Roane County High School,

Location: 107 Ritchie County School

Tue, Apr 22: Roane LKC Challenge Location: Roane County High School,

Field: 4:30 PM | Track: 5:15 PM Fri, May 2 - Sat, May 3: Tudor's Biscuit World Charleston Relays Location: University of Charleston,

Charleston Field: 4:00 PM | Track: 4:00 PM Fri, May 9: 2025 LKC Champion-

ship Location: St. Marys HS, St. Marys Field: 3:45 PM | Track: 4:30 PM

Walton Middle School Meet

Here is the list of Calhoun participants and their results across various events:

Men's Results:

100 Meters:

Mark Plumby (13.39aPR, 7th) Colin Grogg (15.50aPR, 27th) Payden Yeager (17.34aPR, 39th)

200 Meters:

Mark Plumby (28.85aPR, 11th)

Colin Grogg (32.67aPR, 24th)

1600 Meters:

Mark Plumby (5:56.55aPR, 7th) Zac Smith (6:14.04a, 10th) Silas Cunningham (6:39.52a, 14th)

3200 Meters:

Zac Smith (13:21.19a, 7th) Cunningham (13:53.28aPR,

100m Hurdles:

Mark Plumby (18.62aPR, 5th)

Shot Put:

Colin Grogg (23' 6.5"PR, 19th)

Silas Cunningham (14' 4", 31st) Zac Smith (64' 9"PR, 16th)

Silas Cunningham (54' 4"PR, 29th)

Colin Grogg (53' 4.5"PR, 31st) Payden Yeager (42' 2", 36th)

Long Jump: Zac Smith (11' 8"PR, 24th)

Payden Yeager (10' 5.5"PR, 32nd)

Women's Results:

100 Meters:

Khloe Cobbett (16.77a, 27th)

Adrianna Griffin (16.93aPR, 30th) Kaylee Sampson (17.57aPR, 39th) Mercy Starcher (19.45aPR, 51st)

200 Meters:

Temperance Caldwell (34.07aPR,

18th)

Khloe Cobbett (34.73a, 21st) Adrianna Griffin (35.80aPR, 26th)

Lilly Rafter (37.33aPR, 33rd) 400 Meters:

Brooke Tingler (1:11.09aPR, 6th)

Mercy Starcher (1:35.11aPR, 28th) 800 Meters:

Temperance Caldwell (3:14.26aPR,

Brooke Tingler (6:46.28a, 7th)

Temperance Caldwell (7:30.18aPR,

100m Hurdles:

Reagan Morgan (27.09aPR, 18th)

Team Calhoun-A (1:05.73a, 7th)

Kaylee Sampson

Shot Put:

Long Jump:

Khloe Cobbett (12' 1"PR, 8th)

This list includes all participants from Calhoun and their respective results.

Calhoun Track Roster

Here is the roster for the Calhoun County High School Outdoor Track and Field 2025 team:

Boys:

Bradley Lamb

Gavin Hicks Jackson Clawson Kristian Frederick

Abagail Waldron Addie Collins Faith McClain Gabi Smith Kassidy Frederick

Paige Sterns

Sandra Tanner

Girls:

Calhoun Middle School Track

CG: Colin Grogg

DM: David McCray KM: Kyrian Mounts

MP: Mark Plumby

PY: Payden Yeager SC: Silas Cunningham

ZS: Zac Smith

Girls:

AG: Adrianna Griffin

BT: Brooke Tingler

CS: Carissa Sands

EW: Eliana White **KS**: Kaylee Sampson

KC: Khloe Cobbett

LR: Lilly Rafter MS: Mercy Starcher

RM: Reagan Morgan TC: Temperance Caldwell

Middle School Track Schedule

Tue, Apr 15: Mid-Season Middle

School Meet

Fri, May 2: Walton Middle Fight Back

School Invitational Fri, May 16: WV Middle School State

Tue, May 6: South Harrison Middle

Location

Calhoun County

Date

Fri, May

2 - Sat, May

Fri, May 9

Tudor's Biscuit World

Charleston Relays

2025 LKC

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with Track

2025 Outdoor Track & Field Calendar

Meet Name



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Thu. Apr 17	Ritchie CoWV Insurance Invitational	107 Ritchie County School Rd, Ellenboro	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	
IFri. Apr 18	Lindsey Mann Memorial	Roane County High School, Spencer	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	
Tue, Apr 22	Roane LKC Challenge	Roane County High School, Spencer	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	

Marys

Kaylee Sampson (1:32.55aPR, 26th) Brooke Tingler (3:02.02a, 8th)

Mercy Starcher (3:49.60aPR, 26th) 1600 Meters:

4x100 Relay:

Khloe Cobbett Reagan Morgan Brooke Tingler

Reagan Morgan (18' 5", 24th) Lilly Rafter (18' 3", 26th)

Adrianna Griffin (10' 8"PR, 17th)

Championship Sat, May 17: Harry Green Middle School Statewide Invitational Devils Depart Field Track Return University of Charleston, 4:00 PM 4:00 PM Charleston St. Marys HS, St. 3:45 PM 4:30 PM



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

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Fire Hydrants

Street Lights

Signs and Signals

Parks & Recreation Travel Council

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Snow Removal Sidewalks

Streets and Highways

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)	\$

1,383 Interest Earned on Investment Reimbursements Refunds Coal General Severance ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES Fund Fund 12,000 Mayor's Office City Council 9,000 Recorder's Office 2,400 City Manager's Office 10.346 10,000 City Attorney City Auditor 7,665 49 1.951 Printing Regional Development Authority 371 50,502 City Hall Other Buildings 5,951 Electrical Services 14,500 Police Department 10,000

> MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy

4,000

41,884

20,000

500 2,500

2,000

3,249

750 207,667

1,951

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026 Certificate of Valuation

Assessed Value Taxes for Tax Purposes Rate/\$100 Levied CLASS I 12.50 Personal Property 0 Public Utility Total Class I 0 0 **CLASS II** 25.00 Real Estate 2,921,460 7,304 Personal Property 2,921,460 7,304 Total Class II CLASS IV 50.00 22,587 4,517,320 Real Estate 14,900 Personal Property 2,980,066 Public Utility 2,524,433 12,622 50,109 Total Class IV 10,021,819 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) 1,091 2.00% Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable) **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

COUNTY OF MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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

1617 W. Marion Avenue

Marion, IN 46952

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 follow Date of Will Decedent Decedent's Address **Date of Death**

	Marion, IN 46953	•	·
Name of Person Filing		Relation to	Date of First
Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication

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.

Freda Booher Wears

Clerk of the County Commission

Class II Legal

December 30, 2020

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;

Dettuent	1 CI SUHAI	Address
	Representative	
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.

Calhoun County Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH OIL AND GAS RELATED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WV PERMIT NO. WV0116815

Public Notice No.: BS-029-2025 Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association

Publication Date: April 5, 2025

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia General Stormwater Associated with Oil and Gas related Construction Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from oil and gas to surface waters of the state for construction activities.

It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Stormwater Associated with Oil and Gas related Construction Activities Permit.

The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/stormwater/ogcsw/Pages/default.aspx.

The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 10, 2025, and ends on May 10, 2025.

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing

through Friday.

Division of Water and Waste Management

601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304

Attention: Billy Shirley Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43893

E-mail: billy.t.shirley@wv.gov

The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.

For more information, contact Billy Shirley at the email address or phone number listed above Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday

Class II Real Estate

Class III Real Estate

Class IV Real Estate

Total Class IV

Total Value & Projected Revenue

23,200

23,200

4,011,622 \$

Total Class II

Personal Property

Personal Property

Personal Property

Total Value & Projected Revenue

Public Utility

Total Class IV

Public Utility

Total Class III

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:	
General Fund	Estimated Revenu
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	<u>\$ 25,100</u>
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Coal Severance Tax		4	5,000
Interest Earned on Investment			-
Refunds / Reimbursements			
Total Coal Severance	\$		5,100
	General	Co	al Severance
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fu</u>	<u>nd</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
County Commission	\$ 1	72,810 \$	-
County Clerk	2	204,328	-
Circuit Clerk	1	49,149	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	2	97,140	-
Prosecuting Attorney	1	93,521	-
Assessor	2	18,698	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	1	03,060	-
Statewide Computer Network		35,000	-
Elections - County Clerk		25,000	-
Magistrate Court		5,000	-
Circuit Court		2,500	-
County Administrator		88,150	-
Courthouse	8	82,040	25,100
Regional Development Authority		3,000	_
Community Development		64,225	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,4	43,621	25,100
PUBLIC SAFETY		_	_
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	2	85,297	-
Sheriff - Service of Process		2,974	-
Regional Jail	3	62,000	_
Home Confinement		45,490	_
Emergency Services	5	00,000	-
Communication Center		1,420	_
Flood Control		1,420	_
Courthouse Security		75,000	_
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,2	73,601	_
HEALTH AND SANITATION			_
Local Health Department		20,200	_
Mental Health		1,000	-
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION		21,200	
CULTURE AND RECREATION			_
SOCIAL SERVICES		-	-

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

	Assessed Val	ue	Levy	Taxes
Current Year	for Tax Purp	oses	Rate/\$100	Levied
Class I	•			
Personal Property	\$	0	14.30 \$	0
Public Utility		0		0
Total Class I	\$	0	\$	6 0
Class II				
Real Estate	\$	110,976,370	28.60 \$	317,392
Personal Property		807,232		2,309
Total Class II	\$	111,783,602	9	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	9	3 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	<u> </u>	57,325
Total Value & Projected Revenu	1e <u>\$</u>	531,602,904	<u>\$</u>	2,721,068
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations	& Uncollectable	Гaxes	<u>6.00%</u>	163,264
Less Tax Discounts			<u>1.00%</u>	25,578
Less Allowance for Tax Incremen	t Financing (if App	plicable)		0
Total Projected Property Tax C			<u>\$</u>	2,532,226
Less Assessor Valuation Fund			<u>2.00%</u>	0
(Subtracted from regular current of	expense taxes levie	ed only)		
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy	of Property Taxes	3	<u>\$</u>	2,532,226
C	ALHOUN COUN	TY, WEST VIRGI	NIA	
	EMERGENCY	Y SERVICE LEVY	7	
FIS	CAL YEAR JULY	Y 1, 2025 - JUNE 30	, 2026	
	Certificate of	f Valuation		
	Assessed Valu	ıe	Levy	Taxes
Current Year	for Tax Purp	oses	Rate/\$100	Levied
Class I				
Personal Property	\$	0	4.97 \$	0
Public Utility		0		0
Total Class I	\$	0	9	<u>0</u>

6.00% Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes Less Tax Discounts 1.00% Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes:
CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Assessed Value

SCHOOL LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026 Certificate of Valuation

110,976,370

111,783,602

36,225,180

36,426,221

337,146,082

409,797,483

4,517,320

2,980,066

2,524,433

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807,232

9.94

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19.88 \$

Levy

110,311

111,113

72,016

72,415

670,246

814,677

8,980

5,924

5,019

19,923

945,713

56,743

880,080

Taxes

Levied

8.890

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72,016

72,415 670,246

814,677

8,980

5,924

5,019

19,923

945,713

56,743

8,890

880,080

802

Current Year	for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100
Class I		
Personal Property	\$ 0	4.97 \$
Public Utility	0	
Total Class I	\$ 0	\$
Class II		
Real Estate	\$ 110,976,370	9.94 \$
Personal Property	807,232	
Total Class II	\$ 111,783,602	<u>\$</u>
Class III		
Real Estate	\$ 36,225,180	19.88 \$
Personal Property	36,426,221	
Public Utility	337,146,082	
Total Class III	\$ 409,797,483	<u>\$</u>
Class <u>IV</u>		
Real Estate	\$ 4,517,320	19.88 \$
Personal Property	2,980,066	
Public Utility	2,524,433	_

Less Tax Discounts Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes: STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF CALHOUN

Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes

I, JEAN SIMERS, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CER-TIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 26th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

10,021,819

531,602,904

6.00%

1.00%

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Family Court

Total Expenditures

CAPITAL PROJECTS

TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

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.

Shula & Sourton
Clerk of the Court

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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

Rebecca Ross-Lonas Adult Respondent(s): 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 LO-NAS 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, Grants-

ville, Calhoun County, West Virginia. ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court on the 26th day of March 2025.

Sheela R Garretson Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia



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LKVCS Merit List (GPA 3.25-3.49): Alexis Blair, Wyatt Yoak



LKVCS Honor List (GPA 3.5-3.99): Front Row – Wyatt Carpenter, Caroline Walker, Landon Fitzwater, Caroline Williams. Middle Row - Harrison Barr, Owen Starcher, John Martin. Last Row - Ashlynn Ritchie, Kylynn Keith, Samuel Snider, Bayleigh Carper, Olivia Fitzwater.



LKVCS Top-of-the-Class (GPA 4.0): Brodyn Rowe, Kaelene Kerby, Ryett Bunner, Asher Starcher



LKVCS Students of Term 3: Front Row – Harper Jo Walker, Alex Bracewell. Back Row – Kylynn Keith, Landon Barr, Samuel Snider

LKVCS State Spelling Bee Winners

After waiting to hear back for a few weeks, LKVCS has been blessed with news that three of our students have won a place at the WVCEA spelling bee to be held in Lewisburg later on this month. These three young men won the honor to be among the top 20 in the state in their age category.

The winners were:







Morgan McFee

Brodyn Rowe

2025 ATV Poker Run Announcement

Join us for the 2025 ATV Poker Run at the Creston Community Building!

Date: Saturday, April 26th Location: 340 Anns Run Road, Creston, WV 26141 (Creston is 13 miles from Elizabeth & 14 miles from Grantsville on WV Route 5)

Event Details: Sign-Up Time: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00

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Entry Fee: \$10.00 Prizes for Winners: 1st Place: 30%

2nd Place: 10% 3rd Place: 10%

Important Rules:

No two-wheelers allowed. No backpacks allowed in the building.

All state ATV regulations must be fol-

Participants under age 18 must wear a

helmet.

All scorecards must be checked at each station to avoid disqualification.

Additional Activities:

Door Prizes

50/50 Drawing

Kitchen open for breakfast, lunch, and

Proceeds: All proceeds will go toward the upkeep of the building and grounds, as well as community events.

Contact Information: For more details, call (304) 275-3578 or (304) 494-

4064 Note: This is a leisurely ride, not a race. The Creston Community Building

Organization is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Come out and enjoy a fun day while

supporting the community!

Special BOE meeting recognizes teacher and student achievements

On April 3, 2025, the Calhoun County Board of Education convened for a special board meeting in Mount Zion, West Virginia. The meeting, held virtually via Microsoft Teams, began promptly at 5:00 P.M. with the call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The evening was filled with recognitions and celebrations of outstanding achievements within the community. Among the honorees were the nominees for Teacher of the Year for the 2025-2026 school year. Samantha Jarvis from the middle school, Anntwinette Jones from the high school, Sailah Hill from Arnoldsburg, and Michelle Jones from Pleasant Hill were all acknowledged for their exceptional contributions to educa-

The board also celebrated the success of Camron Jarvis, who secured first place in Sports Medicine at the HOSA 2025 WV State Leadership Conference. Additionally, winners of the Explore New Manufacturing Design Contest were recognized, including Brooke Tingler, IVI ason Plumby, and Nevaeh Fulks.

Athletic achievements were highlighted, with Baron Davis, Brennen Carpenter, and Cooper Morris receiving honors for their performance in varsity basketball. Paige Sterns was celebrated for her accomplishments in girls' varsity basketball. High school wrestlers Tucker Sampson, Nicolis Butler, Reese Schoolcraft, and Kyleigh Morris were acknowledged for their impressive placements in various competitions.

Middle school wrestlers Ezra An-

derson, Cooper Summers, Sam Bailey, Dayvon Mitchell, and Silas Cunningham were also recognized for their achievements. Youth wrestlers, including Christopher Morris, Myles Morris, Charlotte Bain, Kinsley Parsons, Sophia Goodrich, Ezra Anderson, Rylan Boatright, Brantley Schoolcraft, Carper Summers, Cooper Summers, and Isaac Fitzwater, were celebrated for their remarkable performances in regional and state competi-

The board addressed old business, approving policies related to substitutes in areas of critical need and shortage, including bus driver substitutes. New business included a memorandum of understanding for the WV Birth to Three program and the approval of several vol-

Personnel matters were discussed, with resignations from Bobbi Bell, Crystal Jarvis, and Barry Ackerman. New employment positions were filled, including Jenna Milliron as a substitute teacher, Carla "Denise" Carter as Custodian III, King as a substitute custodian. Gina Toppings in a multi-classified aide role, and Sophie Bennett as a substitute cook, pending a background check. Ian Persinger was appointed as an authorized, certified (non-paid) assistant varsity baseball coach.

The meeting concluded with expulsion hearings for four students and the announcement of upcoming meetings, including special sessions and work sessions at the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center and regular meetings at the Calhoun Board of Education.









They will make Calhoun County Shine again next Saturday if you weren't able to get out for the first one. We haven't had all the people report back yet. So far, we have 214 bags after Brenda Bush picked up today 41 volunteers, 36 miles and 49 tires. Here you see a side-by-side full of litter bags, the big blue dumpster and a couple of the cleanup crews.