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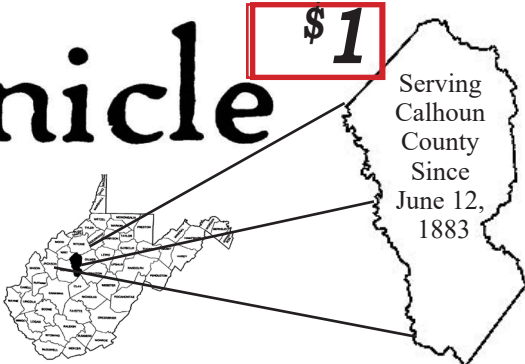
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Grantsville Town Council Addresses Hydrants, Safety and City Trash

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 budget 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 Nation.

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 concerns 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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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 flow from the system at a given location 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 communities 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



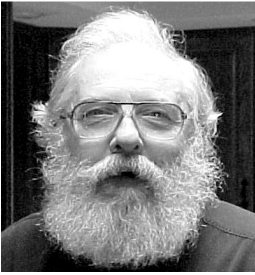
Local teen, Madison Jones, was crowned the Teen Queen at the WV Interstate Fair and Expo Pageant held on Saturday March 29 at WVU-P. Madison, along with Queen Elizabeth McDonald will reign over the Interstate Fair and Expo June 17-21, 2025. Madison, a sophomore at CMHS, is the daughter of Kenny and Debbie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



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.

CRESTON
NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
PHONE 275-3578



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

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 P in 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 Foundation said that mature countries

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 contests.

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 gasoline and fetches just over \$1/gallon. It is interesting to note that while the price of crude oil has dropped, gasoline 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 Oshway 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.

This event is sponsored by John and Sue Oshway 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 prizes.

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 us.

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.

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ics, space available, and accuracy.

3) Editorial staff reserves the right to contact others concerning the subject matter to balance the presentation of the issue and/or concern.

3) Phone numbers must be included to facilitate editorial questions and fact-checking processes.

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

We had a really good week here in Calhoun County

By Gaylen Duskey

That was the week that was perfect in every way.

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 available to emergency shelters was discussed

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

The LEPC is working on finding solutions.

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 criterion.

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 repeated 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 were:

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@cit-link.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 5)

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 followed.

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 dinner

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.

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 Market!

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, WV

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

Thank You

Cheryl Greathouse

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Calhoun Civil Air Patrol Squadron holds weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at 413 High Street Grantsville, WV.

The First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry on Route 5 E outside of Grantsville is a non-profit food pantry open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Community Resources Incorporated (CRI) Food Pantry: Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.- 4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court Street.

Upper West Fork Park meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Calhoun County Park, a Night Sky Park, is always open - except for a special occasion or event that requires closing of the gate. The park board meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the park's "barn."

Calhoun County Historical Society meets at the Family History Center Museum (former Quality Shop) on Main Street on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Calhoun County Library hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Online 24 hours at <https://calhoun-lib.com/>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County Farmer's Markets

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

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

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

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

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



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

April 10, 1848: John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. In 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.

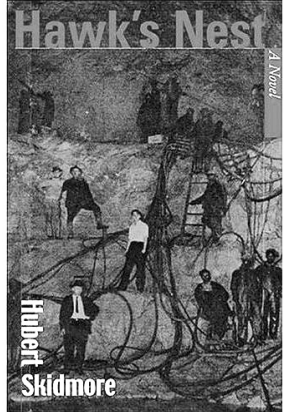


April 11, 1821: Congressman Jacob Beeson Blair was born in Park-

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 interests.

April 11, 1940: Award-winning 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 An-

nex 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 Kosuth 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 Democratic candidate 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 Rigglesman 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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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 - 138#
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 Place
Reagan Boatright - WVYWA Region 1 - 5th Place

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)
Silas Cunningham (13:53.28aPR, 10th)
100m Hurdles:
Mark Plumby (18.62aPR, 5th)
Shot Put:
Colin Grogg (23’ 6.5”PR, 19th)
Silas Cunningham (14’ 4”, 31st)
Discus:
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)
Kaylee Sampson (1:32.55aPR, 26th)
Mercy Starcher (1:35.11aPR, 28th)
800 Meters:
Brooke Tingler (3:02.02a, 8th)
Temperance Caldwell (3:14.26aPR, 12th)
Mercy Starcher (3:49.60aPR, 26th)
1600 Meters:
Brooke Tingler (6:46.28a, 7th)
Temperance Caldwell (7:30.18aPR, 9th)
100m Hurdles:
Reagan Morgan (27.09aPR, 18th)
4x100 Relay:
Team Calhoun-A (1:05.73a, 7th)
Kaylee Sampson
Khloe Cobbett
Reagan Morgan
Brooke Tingler
Shot Put:
Reagan Morgan (18’ 5”, 24th)
Lilly Rafter (18’ 3”, 26th)
Long Jump:
Khloe Cobbett (12’ 1”PR, 8th)
Adrianna Griffin (10’ 8”PR, 17th)
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

Girls:
Abigail Waldron
Addie Collins
Faith McClain
Gabi Smith
Kassidy Frederick
Paige Sterns
Sandra Tanner

Calhoun Middle School Track

Boys:
CG: Colin Grogg
DM: David McCray
KM: Kyrian Mounts
MP: Mark Plumby
PY: Payden Yeager
SC: Silas Cunningham
ZS: Zac Smith

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 with Track
Tue, May 6: South Harrison Middle School Invitational
Fri, May 16: WV Middle School State Championship
Sat, May 17: Harry Green Middle School Statewide Invitational



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

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, Spencer
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
Field: 4:00 PM | Track: 4:30 PM
Thu, Apr 17: Ritchie Co.-WV Insurance Invitational
Location: Roane County High School, Spencer
Field: 2:00 PM | Track: 3:00 PM
Tue, Apr 22: Roane LKC Challenge
Location: Roane County High School, Spencer
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 Championship
Location: St. Marys HS, St. Marys
Field: 3:45 PM | Track: 4:30 PM

ance Invitational
Location: 107 Ritchie County School Rd, Ellenboro
Field: 4:00 PM | Track: 4:30 PM
Fri, Apr 18: Lindsey Mann Memorial
Location: Roane County High School, Spencer
Field: 2:00 PM | Track: 3:00 PM
Tue, Apr 22: Roane LKC Challenge
Location: Roane County High School, Spencer
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
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Calhoun County					
2025 Outdoor Track & Field Calendar					
Date	Meet Name	Location	Depart	Field	Track
Thu, Mar 20	Philip Barbour Season Opener	Philip Barbour High School, Philippi		4:15 PM	4:45 PM
Sat, Mar 22	Don Williams Memorial	Roane County High School, Spencer		11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Wed, Mar 26	LCHS Season Opener	Lewis County High School, Weston		4:30 PM	4:45 PM
Tue, Apr 8	Raider Classic	Roane County High School, Spencer		4:45 PM	5:15 PM
Fri, Apr 11	St. Marys Invitational	St. Marys HS, St. Marys		4:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thu, Apr 17	Ritchie Co.-WV Insurance Invitational	107 Ritchie County School Rd, Ellenboro		4:00 PM	4:30 PM
Fri, 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
Fri, May 2 - Sat, May 3	Tudor's Biscuit World Charleston Relays	University of Charleston, Charleston		4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Fri, May 9	2025 LKC Championship	St. Marys HS, St. Marys		3:45 PM	4:30 PM

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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:

General Fund		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 GOVERNMENT

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		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Current Year Class I			
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%	0
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
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		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Current Year Class I			
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		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Current Year Class I			
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
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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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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:



Braidyn Ferrell



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 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 followed.

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 dinner

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 education.

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, Eliana White, Mason Lughlin, Mark 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 competitions.

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 volunteers.

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, James 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.