

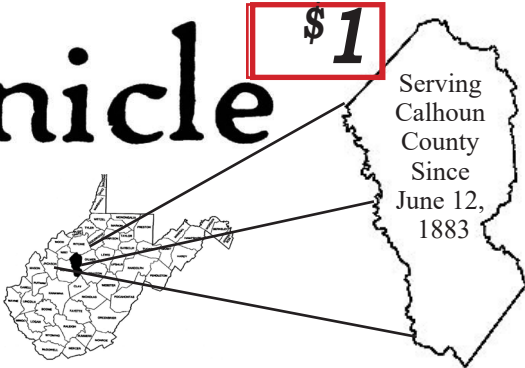


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Easter being celebrated across the area

Please see our Easter Page on page 8 of this edition of the Calhoun Chronicle.

By Gaylen Duskey

For the last few days Christians worldwide, including right here in our part of the world, have been celebrating or preparing to celebrate Easter.

Since Easter is the most important Christian holiday representing the resurrection of Jesus and the foundation of faith the celebrations are filled with optimism of a better life ahead.

The early Church Fathers emphasized Easter as a living reality and central mystery of faith, leading to the development of unique liturgies and practices. Easter is intricately connected to the promise of salvation, affirming victory over sin and death while emphasizing communal and cosmic renewal.

However various Christian traditions celebrate Easter in culturally distinct ways, reflecting the universal message of hope and resurrection across diverse communities.

Yet all celebrations emphasize the resurrection of Jesus.

We have all kinds of celebrations not associated with religious ceremonies such as Easter egg hunts, chocolate bunnies and large dinners.

Yet in a way they are all interrelated. The traditions of the Easter Bunny and Easter eggs have roots in a mix of pagan rituals, Christian customs, and 19th-century European folklore.

Easter Bunny: Rabbits were symbols of fertility and renewal in pagan spring festivals due to their reproductive abundance. In 8th-century Britain, early Christians merged their customs with celebrations of the goddess Eostre, associated with spring and fertility, whose sacred animal may have been the hare. This blending of traditions likely led to the Easter Bunny’s association with the holiday.

Easter Eggs: Eggs symbolized new life and fertility for ancient Romans, who dyed and gifted them during spring. Early Christians adopted this symbolism, preserving and dyeing eggs during Lent to distinguish them from fresh ones. On Easter, they consumed the colorful eggs, which also came to symbolize the resurrection.

By the 19th century, folklorists connected the Easter Bunny with eggs through myths, such as Eostre transforming a hare into a bird. This evolved into the modern tradition of the Easter Bunny delivering eggs and egg hunts, central to today’s celebrations.

Melissa Gayle Oshoway Memorial Easter Egg Hunt scheduled

Every year, the Calhoun County Park transforms into a magical wonderland of joy and excitement as families gather for the Melissa Gayle Oshoway Memorial Easter Egg Hunt. This cherished tradition, now in its 28th year, is a heartfelt celebration of community, childhood wonder, and the enduring memory of Melissa Gayle Oshoway.

On Saturday, April 19, 2025, at precisely noon, the park will come alive with laughter and anticipation as children aged 0-12 embark on a thrilling hunt for over 6,600 hidden eggs. Sponsored by John and Sue Oshoway in loving memory of their daughter, the event is a testament to the power of love and generosity. The Grantsville Lion’s Club has also played a vital role, contributing to the success of this special day.

The eggs, scattered across the park near the barn, hold treasures that spark joy in every child’s heart. Some contain candy or small toys, while others hide tokens that can be exchanged for extraordinary prizes at the stage. Bicycles, Easter baskets, skateboards, stuffed animals, money, and countless other surprises await the lucky hunters.

Rain or shine, the event promises to be

a day of unforgettable memories. Volunteers and spectators are warmly invited to join in the fun, whether by lending a helping hand or simply soaking in the excitement of the children. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance, ready to pose for pictures and spread smiles.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, the Calhoun County Grief Support Group will sell concessions to raise funds for their important work in the community. Their efforts remind everyone of the strength and unity that binds the county together.

As the event approaches, a meeting for all volunteers will ensure everything runs smoothly. Changes to the event will be discussed, ensuring that this year’s hunt is the best one yet.

Thanks to the generosity of Donnie Pitts and the Calhoun County Park Committee, the park’s beauty provides the perfect backdrop for this beloved tradition. The Melissa Gayle Oshoway Memorial Easter Egg Hunt is more than just an event, it’s a celebration of life, love, and the joy of giving. On April 19, families will gather once again to honor Melissa’s memory and create moments that will be cherished for years to come.

Former Bus Driver Pleads Guilty in Calhoun County School Bus Accident Case

Jeffrey Allen Brannon, a former school bus driver, appeared in court to plead guilty in a case stemming from a tragic 2023 accident that left multiple Calhoun County schoolchildren injured.

The hearing, presided over by Judge Anita Harold Ashley, marked a significant development in case 24-F-20, which has drawn widespread attention due to the severity of the charges and the impact on the community.

Brannon, represented by Defense Attorney Keisha D. May, faced 19 felony counts, including three counts of DUI with serious injury and 16 counts of child neglect causing serious bodily harm.

Prosecuting Attorney Michael Hicks informed the court that the State had reached a plea agreement after consulting with the children and their families. The agreement would spare the victims from enduring a lengthy trial while ensuring accountability for Brannon’s actions.

During the hearing, Defense Attorney May explained that she had thoroughly reviewed the evidence with her client, including bodycam footage, recorded statements, interviews, and other exhibits. Despite efforts to suppress certain evidence, such as a video statement taken before Brannon was mirandized, May advised her client that accepting the plea was in his best interest. Brannon agreed, acknowledging his understanding of the consequences of his guilty plea.

The charges carry significant penalties. For the DUI counts, Brannon faces 2-10 years of imprisonment and fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. For the child ne-



glect charges, he could receive 1-5 years of imprisonment and similar fines. Judge Ashley will determine whether the sentences will run concurrently or consecutively, meaning Brannon could face a minimum of 22 years and a maximum of 120 years behind bars. Additionally, his guilty plea will prohibit him from possessing firearms.

When questioned by the judge, Brannon admitted to driving a school bus while under the influence of alcohol, an act that endangered the lives of the children in his care. Prosecuting Attorney Hicks stated that the State’s evidence included reports, body cam footage, breathalyzer results, blood tests, and medical records.

The case has now been handed over to Probation Officer Angela Purdue for a pre-sentence investigation. Brannon’s sentencing is scheduled for June 12, 2025, at 9 a.m., where Judge Ashley will decide his fate.



On Saturday April 12th Emily Grace Anderson was crowned the 2025 West Virginia Roadkill Cook-Off Queen. Emily will Reign over the festival the weekend of September 26th and 27th in Marlinton WV. She will also be promoting her festival at many other events throughout the year. Emily will represent her title and the community of Marlinton at the WV Association of Fairs and Festivals Pageant in January 2026. Emily is the 18 year old daughter of Shannon and Trudi Anderson of Big Bend. She attends Marshall University and is majoring in Political Science and History.



Kamri Gwen Richards lifts her welder’s helmet during a demonstration at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center recently. She and a few other CGCC students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at a recent ceremony. As the school year winds down please keep up with the events elsewhere in this issue of the Calhoun Chronicle.



Before and after photos of a dump site was reported on Hog Knob Ridge Road. What an amazing difference! Thanks to Brenda Gherke Bush and Joe Lancaster for their hard work cleaning it up. Thanks to Jake Cottrill and William Surwilo for hauling away loads of the trash out. Authorities are looking for the people who dumped the trash and they think they may know who it is.

CRESTON
News

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

There was a big crowd on hand Sunday afternoon for the Creston Community Easter Party (held on Palm Sunday). Among those present were the Rev. Wm. Delmas Stutler who told the Easter and Palm Sunday story, the local circuit judge and her son and the Easter Bunny. There was an Easter egg hunt for the little ones, a meal for all and baskets full of goodies for those who met with the Easter Bunny.

The spring Creston ATV poker run will be on Saturday, April 26 with signups ending at noon. The “run the route” to clear the route will be Saturday, April 19. Be at the building with your chariot and tools circa 8:30 A.M. Connie Mollohan was to go but she fell and badly hurt her wrist. As they say, “Some folks will do anything to avoid work”.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Walker recently returned from a trip out to southern California along the “southern route”. They stopped at a border patrol check point to get a photograph with the border patrol men and their patrol vehicle. When asked about how it was that now Trump is president the response was, “Well before the new administration we had about 300 encounters with illegal aliens each day and now we might have three.”

A number of Creston and Brooksville residents attended the SOOGA (South East Ohio Oil and Gas Association) which is also the group for small West Virginia operators. Winnie Sinnett who lives on Yellow Creek is the president. Of key interest to local folks is the status of Mother Hope’s proposed abandonment of 1100 miles of gas gathering lines. After the “tense” meeting in Ellenboro all the additional meetings were cancelled. It is now understood that the Rockefellers are not going to give away, abandon or sell their “red lined” gas lines but that they are going to keep them and include them in the new rate case the utility intends to file later this month with the PSC (Public Service Commission). In other words, “Stay tuned”.

There was a talk about the Biden methane rules under 0000b [Quad OB] and Ohio producers must comply as undoing federal EPA rules is difficult and some of the RINO US Senators demand that all the green new deal programs be kept. Under the new rules snitches can turn in “violators” but presently the only approved snitch is Carbon Mapper, Inc. and presently they only operate in California. Locally producers intend to sell their natural gas, not to vent into the atmosphere as is done in third world countries. A special guest at the meeting was SOOGA the new blood hound that is a deputy dog for the Washington County Ohio Sheriff’s Department.

Braiden Ferrell was one of three from the Little Kanawha Christian School who qualified for the state spelling bee in Lewisburg. Another was Morgan McFee. There are only 20 statewide.

Jacques Frost made a call in the Creston area and, among other things, killed the Japanese knotweed that was already quite high. Trilliums, sessile trilliums, toothworts, spring beauties, blue bells and other spring ephemerals are beautiful now and morel mushrooms should be up for those who are able to find the patches.

The Appalachian Regional Commission, which is now run by Broadway Joe Manchin’s wife gave a \$1.3 million taxpayer grant to Virginia Tech to develop “turquoise hydrogen,” whatever that might be. Discussions elsewhere make it clear that “hydrogen as the solution to pollution” has seen better days

There was an announcement that there might be a gas fired power plant and data center between Thomas and Davis up in Tucker County. The electric plant would generate 1656 megawatts. The proposed operation in Indiana County Pennsylvania would be a 4.5-gigawatt power plant. Along those lines Microsoft said that their proposed data centers in Columbus Ohio suburbs have been put on “pause”. There has been talk about such a facility in Wirt County.

The Appalachian AI Conference will be held May 21 at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Southpoint Pennsylvania. Tickets for the event can be ordered online. Among the speakers is the fellow whose firm builds the data centers. It was noted that because of this there will be a 50 per cent increase in electric demand by 2050 and it was noted that it took eight years to build the Utica fired electric generating Guernsey power plant along I-77. Toby Rice who runs EQT, the Pittsburgh oil and gas giant noted that it would take 1800 additional horizontal wells to pull this off.

There had been some talk about Wishguard taking oil and gas leases in Wood and other counties. It was noted that there was no green stuff [even at 10 cents on the dollar] and that those who signed might get paid in four months. Firms that are drilling wells are offering leases with very bad terms where, when wronged, the property owners are not allowed to go to the courts for relief. It should be noted that the State of West Virginia presently receives a 20% gross lease with no deductions and for world-class oil and gas fields this is low.

Local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$60.50/bbl. With condensate fetching just \$42.50/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$49.50/bbl. WTI (West Texas crude is \$62.40 and Brent (North Sea crude) is \$64.76.bbl. Natural gas [elsewhere] is \$3.53.

Computer expert Larry Wease was calling at the Creston Space Dock as were J. P. and A. C. Marks.

Jack and John Griffin retrieved a big blue ball that had lodged in a tree along the West Fork of the Little Kanawha just above Creston.

John Griffin was calling on Ellen Hedge, daughter and son in law up on Bear Fork of Little Creek.

When you start quoting Sheldon Cooper, well, you are very confident

By Gaylen Duskey

Is there an easy way to say I was right all along?

Probably.

Is there a way to say I told you so without seeming like a smart aleck know it all?

Possibly.

But I leave it to all-around good guy Sheldon Cooper from the television show ‘The Big Bang Theory’ to describe how I look at being right all along on something I have repeatedly said.

Sheldon: There’s an economic concept known as a positional good in which an object is only valued by the possessor because it’s not possessed by others. The term was coined in 1976 by economist Fred Hirsch to replace the more colloquial, but less precise “neener-neener”.

So, to all those who said that governmental agencies did not have to provide the media with an agenda at least three days prior to a meeting: “neener-neener”.

Now that seems a little lighthearted and it is but now everyone knows that all governmental meetings are public and as such have to be announced and agenized in the local media – it’s the law.

W. Va. Code§ 6-9A-3 provides in pertinent part:

“Each governing body shall promulgate rules by which the date, time, place an agenda of all regularly scheduled meetings and the date, time, place and purpose of all special meetings are made available, in advance, to the public and news media, except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action.”

This question arose recently on the internet, and I was asked my opinion after reading essentially that notification of the time, place, date and an agenda of that meeting must be provided to the media, I had an answer.

I wrote: “As I have said all along, the meeting MUST be of what will be discussed at the meeting announced three working days prior to the meeting including an agenda. And, as I have said all along, they have to provide that information to the public AND THE MEDIA. It isn’t worth going back to the meeting where the water rates were raised but it WAS an Illegal meeting. And at those meetings there are TWO things that can be discussed in executive session -- personnel matters meaning only currently hired personnel -- and contract negotiations. In other words, the naming of Diedre Purdy to the civil service board was probably not allowed at the time she was named. It will get better as people start following the law and we hold their feet to the fire to see they do.”

That’s succinct and it’s the law.

Government agencies must hold open public meetings, and they must notify the public and the media and here in Calhoun County that means that they must notify the Calhoun Chronicle and the Ridgeview News.

To make it easy for the folks tasked with getting that information to the news media here are our email addresses: contact@calhounchronicle.com and talk-2shari@gmail.com. And if you want to make it personal to me my personal email address is realfang@citlink.net.

By the way there is an argument being made by some of those opposing the open meeting laws that in Raleigh County they said that such notices were not required.

That argument is not valid since the question was based on must such a notice be PURCHASED and the answer is no. They do not have to buy an advertisement, but they damn well have to notify the media.

Nice try but that Raleigh County argument is like comparing apples to oranges. It just is not applicable.

I, and I am sure Ridgeview News Publisher Shari Hardway Johnson, look forward to your emails with your meeting, time, place and agenda about a week before the meeting.

We really don’t need to go through this whole process again now, do we?

Or as Sheldon Cooper would say: “neener-neener” just to finish this thing up on a lighthearted note.

IS IT ONLY ABOUT A WOLF: If you haven’t heard in the past few months a company claims to have brought a wolf that became extinct about 15,000 years to ago – a Dire Wolf -- back to life.

Technically that is not correct since they had to use a currently living wolf to serve as a birthing mother for the Dire Wolf pups. That means the wolf pups are not 100 percent Dire Wolves, but to follow that argument is like a person trying to pick gnat droppings out of pepper.

While not a “pure” Dire Wolf it is close enough for government work.

Or is it?

I quote a notable scientific source the Rolling Stone: “A large portion of the public discourse coalesced around one specific technicality, however: Had Colossal, by making 20 edits to 14 genes in the gray wolf genome to bring it closer to the dire wolf’s genome (which they’d recently sequenced in full), actually made dire wolves? Or were Romulus, Remus, and Khaleesi “designer gray wolves,” “an approximation of the dire wolf,” and “transgenic gray wolves with dire wolf parts,” rather than the actual thing?”

Just to fill in a couple blanks Colossal is the name of the firm to make the dire wolf – ersatz or real – while Romulus, Remus and Khaleesi are the names of the three wolf pups, two males and a female.

But let’s just take a look at what may lie in the future.

What if someone decides that it would be nice to have a wooly mammoth of two running around? How about a saber-toothed tiger? Or let’s go Jurassic Park all the way and create a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Oops.

And that is just the tip of the ethical iceberg.

What happens if we decide to start bringing back humans?

You could go with the rogue argument and try to bring back evil people like Adolf Hitler, Mao Tse Tung or Josef Stalin and of course people would say “oh, no, we are not doing this.”

But what about just people like John Doe or John Smith?

Where do you come down on this?

And even more important where would God come down on this?

Unlike some people I do not pretend to be omnipotent enough to know God’s thoughts. As close as I can get is reading the Bible and pray that I understand.

So what would the answer be?

I do not know but I do think it reaches the level where man assumes he has the same power as God. He doesn’t. And what happens to man when he reaches such a level?

Philippians 2:6

“Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.”

I am not God. Nor are you. Nor are the people doing this cloning work.

There is a line we don’t need to cross. Is the creation of the ersatz dire wolf the start of it?

WHERE ARE YOU, MR. DAN? While working on the school roundup for this week’s newspaper I sadly noticed there were no Calhoun students listed in the State Social Studies Fair.

I fear that when Dan Cosgrove retired the Calhoun excellence in the Social Studies Fair may have retired too.

I remember a few years ago when my grandson Christopher Kirkland worked on a social studies project that not only won the regional competition at Parkersburg but finished second in the state in the competition in Charleston.

Christopher had a learning disability, so Dan has Monica Heiney and Kensey Bailey work with him on his project. He built teams that way and this was a good team.

Year after year Dan turned his students into researchers and devotees of the field of social studies, history and geography. Those were my favorite subjects way back when and I followed how Dan’s students had done.

Dan retired and this year Calhoun had nobody winning awards in Charleston.

Where are ya Dan, we need ya back.

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

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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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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April 17, 1827: Outdoorsman William "Squirrelly Bill" Carpenter was born on the Elk River near the mouth of Laurel Creek. Carpenter guided prominent West Virginians, including Gov. MacCorkle, through the wonders of the Elk Valley.

April 17, 1871: West Virginians approved the Flick Amendment, which allowed former Confederates to vote. The amendment also applied to people who had been formerly enslaved, but they had been enfranchised already by the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

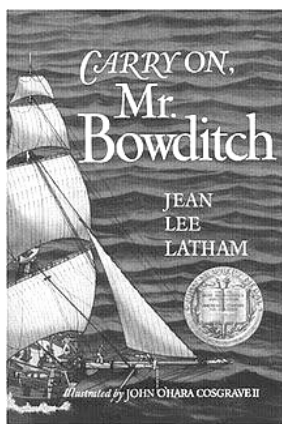
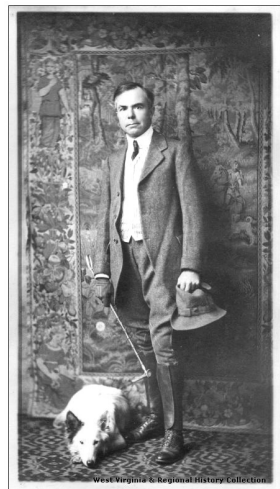


April 18, 1861: At the beginning of the Civil War, retreating U.S. troops set fire to the national armory and arsenal at Harpers Ferry to keep them out of Confederate hands. However, Virginia militia extinguished the flames and sent much of the weapon-making equipment south before destroying the site in June 1861.

April 18, 1912: The Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912–13 began when coal operators rejected the demands of their unionized workers for a wage increase. The strike that followed was one of the most dramatic and bloody conflicts in the early 20th century labor struggles in southern West Virginia known as the Mine Wars.

April 19, 1896: Writer Melville Davisson Post was born in Harrison County. His best-known works are the Randolph

Mason series, published in three volumes, and the more successful collection, Uncle Abner: Master of Mysteries.



April 19, 1902: Author Jean Lee Latham was born in Buckhannon. She wrote a number of children's books, including Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, which won the 1956 Newberry Award.



April 20, 1823: General Jesse Lee Reno was born in Wheeling. He graduated from West Point in 1846, with another cadet

from western Virginia, Thomas J. Jackson, later known as "Stonewall." Reno was the highest-ranking officer from present West Virginia killed in the Civil War.

April 20, 1863: President Lincoln issued a proclamation that in 60 days, West Virginia would become a state. This occasion was marked 100 years later during the state's Centennial celebration with a special ceremonial session of the West Virginia legislature on April 20, 1963, in Wheeling.



April 20, 1909: Fiddler Melvin Wine was born near Burnsville. A favorite of old-time music enthusiasts nationally, he was chosen as a National Heritage Fellow in 1991 by the National Endowment for the Arts, the highest recognition given to a folk artist in the United States.

April 20, 1939: Poet Irene McKinney was born in Belington, Barbour County. Governor Gaston Caperton appointed her state poet laureate in 1993, and she served in that capacity until her death in 2012.

April 21, 1908: Traditional musician Phoeba Cottrell Parsons was born in Calhoun County. Parsons's traditional claw-

hammer banjo style, unaccompanied ballad singing, riddles and storytelling have influenced countless numbers of younger musicians.



April 21, 1936: President Franklin Roosevelt established the Jefferson National Forest. The West Virginia portion of this forest includes 18,530 acres in Monroe County.

April 22, 1908: Marshall "Little Sleepy" Glenn was born in Elkins. Glenn coached basketball at West Virginia University from 1934 to 1938 and football from 1937 to 1940. He was inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

April 22, 2003: Activist Judy Bonds, a Raleigh County native, received the Goldman Environmental Prize for her fight against mountaintop removal mining. Her efforts inspired thousands and turned a local issue in West Virginia into a national cause.

April 23, 1857: Andrew S. Rowan was born in Gap Mills, Monroe County. Rowan, a military officer, was chosen as the messenger when President William McKinley wanted to send a message to Cuban General Calixto Garcia during the Spanish-American War. The 1899 pamphlet A Message to Garcia made the incident famous.

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Alzheimer’s Association Invites the Community to Register for 2025 West Virginia Walks to End Alzheimer’s®

The Alzheimer’s Association invites West Virginians to register for 2025 Walks to End Alzheimer’s®, taking place across the state this fall.

The Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s® is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease. All money raised through Walk to End Alzheimer’s benefits the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer’s Association.

“Now is the moment we’ve been waiting for. With new treatments emerging in the fight against Alzheimer’s and all other dementia, now is the time for hope,” said Sharon M. Covert, executive director of the Alzheimer’s Association West Virginia chapter. “Every step takes us closer to a cure and to achieving our mission of a world without Alzheimer’s and dementia. We hope West Virginians will register their team and walk to honor our friends and neighbors facing this disease.”

The 2025 Walks to End Alzheimer’s across the state include:

- New River Region - September 13
- Upper Ohio Valley - September 21
- Mid-Ohio Valley - September 27
- Martinsburg - September 27
- Mercer County (Bluefield/Princeton) - October 4
- Huntington - October 4
- North Central - October 5
- Tri-County (Marion, Mon and Preston) - October 19
- Charleston - October 25

To register as a team or an individual and receive the latest updates on this year’s Walks, visit alz.org/walkwv.

The Alzheimer’s Association is also seeking sponsors who are interested in sharing compelling stories, recruiting volunteers, and engaging participants. Sponsors and media partners can play a vital role in amplifying the Association’s mission and fostering community engagement and awareness. For information about sponsorships, in-kind donations or other areas of support, call the Alzheimer’s Association West Virginia Chapter at 304.343.2717.

There are nearly 7 million Americans living with Alzheimer’s dementia, including 38,100 in West Virginia. One in three seniors dies with the disease - more than breast and prostate cancer combined. Those concerned about themselves, or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer’s Association West Virginia Chapter at alz.org/wv or 304.343.2717 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to local resources.

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Marion County angler catches state record tiger trout

Catch marks new weight record for tiger trout in West Virginia

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced that Robert Riggs of Grant Town, W.Va., has set a new state record for tiger trout. Riggs caught the 27.60-inch, 12.55-pound tiger trout on March 28 at Mannington Lake in Marion County using a casting spoon and 6-pound test line.

His catch surpasses the previous state weight record of 11.98 pounds set by Nathaniel Smith at New Creek Lake. However, the tiger trout length record of 28.7 inches recorded by Mike Connolly in 2011 at Krodell Lake remains unbroken. WVDNR District 1 fisheries biologist Dustin Smith verified Rigg’s record catch.

“This incredible catch highlights the outstanding fishing opportunities that West Virginia has to offer,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “We encourage anglers to get outside, cast a line and experience the thrill of fishing in our state’s waters this spring. You never know when you might reel in a record-breaker.”

To learn more about state fish record categories, anglers may consult page 28 in the West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations. Details about the Trophy Fish Citation and Master Angler programs may be found on page 32.

As a reminder, all anglers 15 and older must have a valid West Virginia fishing license and a form of identification while fishing. Those fishing for trout are also required to have a trout stamp. Fishing licenses and stamps can be purchased online at WVfish.com, where anglers can also upgrade their annual license with a collectible license card.

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Deadline is May 15, 2025 by 4:00 P.M.

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Glenville State University FBLA-Collegiate Chapter Shines at State Leadership Conference

Members of Glenville State University’s FBLA-Collegiate Chapter along with Dr. Kevin Cain, Associate Professor of Education, attended the West Virginia FBLA-Collegiate State Leadership Conference this past weekend at the University of Charleston.

At the SLC, students participated in various business-related competitive events, workshops, and networking opportunities. These events covered a wide range of topics, such as entrepreneurship, management, finance, marketing, accounting, computer applications, and more. The competition is designed to challenge students’ knowledge, skills, and leadership abilities in their respective fields of study.

All GSU FBLA members placed in their respective events. Alongside members from the University of Charleston and Bluefield State University, GSU students demonstrated a commitment to their fields of study and to business excellence.

Award-Winning Members of the Glenville State University FBLA-Collegiate Chapter include:

Charles Copeland, President
1st Place - *Foundations of Entrepreneurship*
4th Place - *Foundations of Selling*
Haylen Book, Executive Vice President
1st Place - *Foundations of Management*
1st Place - *Foundations of Economics*
Kolton DePinho, VP of Membership
1st Place - *Foundations of Computer Applications*
1st Place - *Foundations of Computer Science*
Garrett Copeland, VP of Financial Development
1st Place - *Foundations of Accounting*
2nd Place - *Foundations of Finance*
Parker Gill, VP of Community Service
1st Place - *Foundations of Hospitality Management*
2nd Place - *Foundations of Accounting*
Charles Copeland, President of the Glenville State FBLA-Collegiate chapter, expressed his excitement, saying, “We are incredibly proud of our members and the hard work they put into their events”.

Calhoun BOE holds three meetings at career center

The Calhoun County Board of Education held a series of meetings at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. April 15, 2025.

It began with a Special Meeting Work Session at 3:30 p.m., where board members gathered to dive into the intricacies of the budget. The session was brief but impactful, setting the stage for the financial decisions that would shape the upcoming school year. As the meeting adjourned, the focus shifted to the Statutory Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

As the meeting progressed, the board reviewed the minutes from the March 10, 2025, regular meeting and delved into discussions and reports. Horst Motz presented updates on legislative changes, curriculum developments, and attendance trends. The board also acknowledged the efforts of the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, a cornerstone of education in the region.

Later in the evening, at 5:00 p.m., the Special LSIC Board Meeting took center stage. The Local School Improvement Council presented their vision for the future, showcasing ideas to enhance the educational experience for students.

Amid the administrative proceedings, the board ad-

ressed personnel matters for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Contracts were renewed, probationary positions were assigned, and decisions were made to ensure the schools were staffed with dedicated professionals.

One notable decision was the non-renewal of Clarice Burns’ contract. On the other hand, probationary contracts were extended to a wide array of individuals.

Administrative probationary contracts included Howard Barr, professional probationary contracts were extended to Shelly Mace, Gabriella Wood, Clinton Holcomb, Maria Arnold, Samantha Hall, Wesley Self, Whitney Yoak, Quinton Ward, Cheyenne Varnell, Kaitlyn Toney, Jennifer Hoskins, Pat Homberg, Hannah Wilson, Emily Wilmoth, James Mullins, Eileen Metheney, and Andrea Stevens.

Service personnel probationary contracts were also approved, ensuring the schools were supported by dedicated staff. The list included Jaden Swearingen, Terry Marks, John Griffiths, William Mitchell, Barbara Greathouse, Jasmine McGlothlin, Ethan Heiney, Brian Ritchie, Shannon Davis, Madison Gerlach, Debra Smith, Gina Toppings, Carla Carter, and Jim Sullivan.

Calhoun County Commission Meeting - April 15, 2025

The Calhoun County Commission convened its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 9:00 AM in Grantsville, WV. The session began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer, followed by the official call to order. The commission proceeded to lay the levy for the 2025-26 fiscal year before taking a recess until 4:00 PM.

Upon reconvening, the commission addressed several key items, including the approval of minutes and hearing delegations or requests from attendees who signed in to speak. The agenda featured discussions on new business matters such as renewing WVCorp liability insurance and workers’ compensation, considering a contest for a new Calhoun County logo, funding for the county park, a funding request for the Wood Festival, and hiring outside counsel from Harris & Holmes PLLC.

Unfinished business included deliberations on ordinances for dilapidated structures and salvage yards, as well as the installation of a sound system for the courtroom. Personnel items were also reviewed, including a

proposed county vehicle policy.

Appointments to boards and authorities were made, with the establishment of a Wage & Benefits Review Board and the appointment of members, as well as a Mt. Zion PSD appointment. The commission also discussed grants, contracts, and resolutions, including a court security grant application and community project funding requests.

Reports were presented by various departments and organizations, including the Sheriff’s Office, Emergency Services, the Local Emergency Planning Commission, the Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation, and others. Updates were provided on the Mt. Zion PSC West Fork Water Extension project.

Financial items were reviewed, including invoices for approval, financial statements, budget transfers, and revisions. The meeting concluded with discussions on bonds, wills, settlements, and orders before adjourning. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

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Calhoun softball drops three

Calhoun faced a tough stretch of games, suffering two defeats in back-to-back matchups. On Thursday, the Red Devils were shut out 17-0 by Wahama, marking their eighth consecutive road loss and dropping their record to 2-5. Wahama’s air-tight pitching propelled them to their third straight victory, improving their record to 13-2.

The struggles continued for Calhoun on Friday as they fell 13-0 to Gilmer County, extending their losing streak against the Titans to seven games. Later that day, the Titans dominated again, defeating Calhoun 20-4 in a rematch. These losses pushed Calhoun’s record to 2-6, while Gilmer County improved to 10-5, securing their seventh consecutive home win.

Calhoun baseball beats Webster

Chase Schoolcraft showcased patience and skill at the plate, walking three times and contributing to the Calhoun Red Devils’ dominant 13-1 victory over Webster County Varsity Highlander. Powered by a seven-run first inning and strong performances from Josiah Wilson and Cooper Morris, the Red Devils collected 11 hits, stole 11 bases, and displayed solid pitching from Wilson and Schoolcraft.

Clay County vs. Calhoun Red Devils (4/9) Clay County Varsity Baseball (2025) defeated the Calhoun Red Devils 12-4. Ayden Brown’s first-inning triple set the tone for Clay County, while Calhoun briefly tied the game with Ruger Carder’s single and an error. Clay County dominated the second inning, scoring five runs on six hits, including a single by Landon Elliott. Noah Collins led Clay County with three hits and three RBIs, while Logan McCormick went 2-for-3 for Calhoun. Clay County stole eight bases compared to Calhoun’s five. Pitching highlights included Reese Schoolcraft allowing seven runs over four innings for Calhoun, and Noah Collins allowing three runs over 3.1 innings for Clay County.

Calhoun Red Devils vs. St Mary’s Blue Devils (4/12) The Calhoun Red Devils secured a thrilling 9-8 walk-off victory in extra innings against St Mary’s Blue Devils. Chase Schoolcraft delivered the game-winning double in the bottom of the eighth and had a standout performance, going 3-for-4 with a triple, double, and single. Despite St Mary’s early lead, Calhoun tied the game multiple times, with Josiah Wilson and Reese Schoolcraft contributing key hits. Pitching highlights included Chase Schoolcraft allowing five runs over two innings and Landon Church throwing 1.1 innings of scoreless relief with three strikeouts. Josiah Wilson went 3-for-5 with two RBIs, while St Mary’s stole 13 bases compared to Calhoun’s seven.

Calhoun Red Devils vs. Wirt County Tigers (4/16) Calhoun Red Devils suffered an 8-1 loss to the Wirt County Tigers, marking their third straight defeat. The loss dropped Calhoun’s record to 1-5, while Wirt County improved to 6-2-1 with their third consecutive win. Calhoun looked to bounce back in their next game against Webster County Varsity Highlander on Monday.

Raider Invitational Results

Men’s Results	
100 Meters Varsity - Finals	11. Abigail Waldron (12) - 34.12aSR - Calhoun County
13. Gavin Hicks (9) - 13.84aPR - Calhoun County	400 Meters Varsity - Finals
200 Meters Varsity - Finals	4. Paige Sterns (10) - 1:11.82a - Calhoun County
14. Kristian Frederick (10) - 31.95a - Calhoun County	
1600 Meters Varsity - Finals	Addie Collins (9) - 1:19.91aPR - Calhoun County
5. Gavin Hicks (9) - 5:26.96a - Calhoun County	
	Faith McClain (11) - 1:25.33a - Calhoun County
Jackson Clawson (10) - 5:35.25a - Calhoun County	1600 Meters Varsity - Finals
3200 Meters Varsity - Finals	Paige Sterns (10) - 6:05.57aPR - Calhoun County
4. Gavin Hicks (9) - 12:05.77a - Calhoun County	4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals
	4. Calhoun County - A (1:02.41a)
Jackson Clawson (10) - 12:07.55a - Calhoun County	Gabi Smith (10)
Women’s Results	Paige Sterns (10)
100 Meters Varsity - Finals	Addie Collins (9)
6. Abigail Waldron (12) - 15.00a - Calhoun County	Abigail Waldron (12)
	High Jump Varsity - Finals
Faith McClain (11) - 16.79aPR - Calhoun County	2. Paige Sterns (10) - J4’ 10”PR - Calhoun County
200 Meters Varsity - Finals	Long Jump Varsity - Finals
	11. Gabi Smith (10) - 9’ 1” - Calhoun County

St. Marys Invitational Results

April 11, 2025, Calhoun County Athletes	
Mens Results	
400 Meters Varsity - Finals	34. Kristian Frederick (10th) - 26’ 3”
32. Bradley Lamb (9th) - 1:05.99aPR	Discus - 1.6kg Varsity - Finals
1600 Meters Varsity - Finals	17. Kristian Frederick (10th) - 91’ 11”
22. Gavin Hicks (9th) - 5:28.86a	Womens Results
	100 Meters Varsity - Prelims
Jackson Clawson (10th) - 5:41.08a	34. Sandra Tanner (11th) - 18.74aPR
3200 Meters Varsity - Finals	200 Meters Varsity - Prelims
14. Gavin Hicks (9th) - 11:31.91aPR	Paige Sterns (10th) - DNS
	Sandra Tanner (11th) - DNS
Jackson Clawson (10th) - 11:36.97aPR	1600 Meters Varsity - Finals
110m Hurdles - 39” Varsity - Prelims	9. Paige Sterns (10th) - 6:00.34aPR
14. Bradley Lamb (9th) - 24.06aPR	3200 Meters Varsity - Finals
4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals	8. Paige Sterns (10th) - 13:20.36aPR
13. Calhoun County - A - 1:54.79a	Shot Put - 4kg Varsity - Finals
Bradley Lamb (9th)	Kassidy Frederick (11th) - ND
Jackson Clawson (10th)	High Jump Varsity - Finals
Kristian Frederick (10th)	9. Paige Sterns (10th) - J4’ 4”
Gavin Hicks (9th)	Long Jump Varsity - Finals
Shot Put - 12lb Varsity - Finals	Kassidy Frederick (11th) - ND



Calhoun High School graduate Savannah Cunningham (second from left), a junior from Glenville State, In the 200-meter finals, took third place with a time of 27.83 seconds, achieving a personal record (PR) despite facing a headwind of -1.0. In the 400-meter she claimed second place with a time of 1:02.12, setting another personal record (PR).



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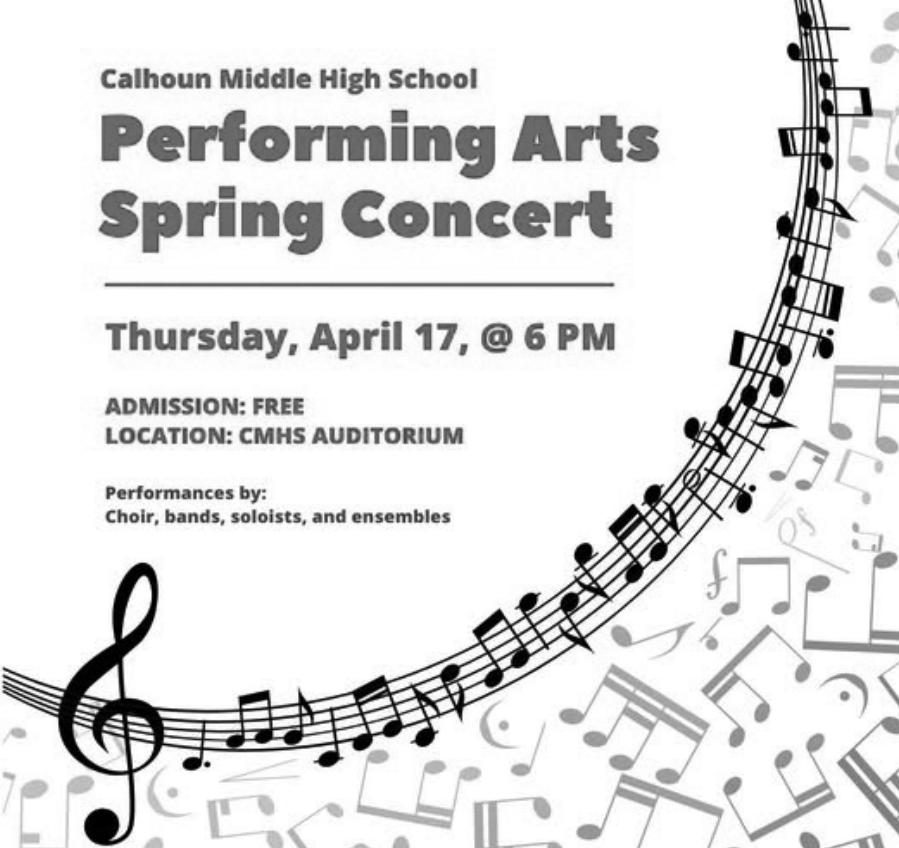
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Public Notice No.: BS-034-2025
Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association
Publication Date: April 12, 2025
The West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Division of Water & Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Water Pollution Control Permit WV0116025, which covers discharges to waters of the state from small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). The agency is proposing that the General Permit be issued for a five-year term.

An MS4 is a conveyance or system of conveyances that is:

- Owned by a state, city, town, village or other public entity that discharges to waters of the U.S.
- Designed or used to collect or convey stormwater (e.g., storm drains, pipes, ditches)
- Not a combined sewer
- Not part of a sewage treatment plant, or publicly owned treatment works (POTW).

This General Permit regulates storm water runoff from MS4s and is designed to prevent stormwater runoff from washing harmful pollutants into local surface waters.

The draft permit and fact sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/stormwater/MS4/Pages/default.aspx>.

The public comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 17, 2025 and ends on May 17, 2025. During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and can be sent Via email to Billy Shirley at Billy.T.Shirley@wv.gov or by regular to: Attention: Billy Shirley
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
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Charleston, WV 25304

All comments received by the end of the comment period will be considered prior to the agency making its final decision on the draft General Permit. Comments and/or requests for a public hearing should include the name and contact information of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. Hard copies are available for review at WVDEP headquarters in Charleston or any of the agency's regional field offices and can be mailed upon request. Contact Billy Shirley at (304) 926-0499, Ext. 43893 or Billy.T.Shirley@wv.gov.

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Pleasant Hill Pumphouse repairs Pre-Construction Meeting
Date: April 30, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 122 Nobe Rd, Big Bend, WV 26136
Purpose: To discuss plans for roof and utilities repairs on Pleasant Hill PSD pumphouse and underground utilities.
Who Should Attend: Mandatory pre-construction meeting for all contractors interested in placing a bid on the project.
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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

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Easter schedules provided to the Chronicle

Brooksville Missionary Baptist Church
Saturday, April 19: Annual Easter egg hunt at 9:00 AM (Church parking area)
Fairview Memorial Freewill Church
Weekly Service: Sundays at 6:00 PM (Rev. Tom Law officiating)
Chapel Baptist Church
Good Friday: April 18 at 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday, April 20:
7:00 AM: Sunrise Service
Breakfast following Sunrise Service
10:00 AM: Sunday School
11:00 AM: Easter egg hunt (Chapel Baptist at Nobe Rd)
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Holy Thursday, April 17
7:00 PM: Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass in the Parish Hall until Midnight
Good Friday, April 18
No 8:30 AM Mass
3:00 PM: Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Holy Saturday, April 19
No 8:30 AM Mass
No Eucharistic Adoration
No Reconciliation
12:00 PM: Blessing of Easter food in the Chapel
8:30 PM: Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 20
7:00 AM: Easter Sunday Mass
9:00 AM: Easter Sunday Mass
11:00 AM: Easter Sunday Mass

A Community Comes Together: Preparing for Summer Fun

Spring was in full swing, and the community was buzzing with excitement as preparations for the upcoming summer season kicked into high gear. Whitney Butler had announced lifeguard and Tiki Taco interviews at CMHS, scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th. Emails had been sent to applicants and their parents, ensuring everyone was informed about the process. For those unable to attend, alternative arrangements were being made, showcasing the community’s flexibility and commitment to inclusivity.

Meanwhile, Crystal Laughlin Mersh was rallying the town for the Hillbilly Golf Classic Series, a fun-filled event where teams of two could compete for the coveted “green jacket” and a share of the proceeds. The series promised laughter, camaraderie, and a chance to support the lifeguards in their efforts to raise funds for the season.

As the weekend approached, the focus shifted to the Spring Fling on Saturday, April 19th. The practice field was set to undergo a transformation, with Jeremy Hardway leading the excavation efforts.

Volunteers were needed to install sand traps, greens, and iron wheel targets for the final Hillbilly Golf Driving Range. The field was designed to serve multiple purposes, including hosting concerts on a permanent long deck in front of the rock wall.

The community spirit was palpable as people prepared to clean up the pool area and surroundings, ensuring everything was ready for summer fun. Smoked turkey sandwiches, a local favorite, would be sold to keep everyone fueled for the day’s tasks. There was even talk of clearing the brush along the river, with hopes that someone would step up to lead the effort.

This was more than just a day of work—it was a celebration of teamwork, creativity, and the shared goal of making the community a better place. As the sun rose on April 19th, neighbors, friends, and families came together, ready to roll up their sleeves and turn their vision into reality. Summer was just around the corner, and the town was determined to make it unforgettable.



Pictured here from above in a photo by Laughlin Aerial, LLC, is the school roof of the Avalon campus while a couple of days later a ground level picture shows the roof beginning to be installed on the structure.

CORRECTION

There were factual errors in this report earlier. The Calhoun Chronicle regrets the errors.

Big Bend Cemetery Report Contributions:

\$200 Mark and Emma Walker
\$200 Beverly Smith
\$150 Unknown
\$150 Unknown
\$100 Drew Evline and Bobby Bower
\$100 Naomi Toler
\$100 Donna Jewel
\$100 Jan Householder
\$100 Roger Basnett
\$100 Dave and Cheryl Prusack
\$100 Vicky Greathouse
\$50 Millie Holbert Family

\$50 Beth Alltop
\$50 Larry and Sue Swisher
\$50 Jim and Marie Blair
\$50 Jim and Kathy Walker
\$50 Chris and Anne Lacey
\$50 Vernon and Kelly Walker
\$50 Louis Rader
\$50 Dottie Rader
Additional Notes:
Money placed in the mailbox: \$146.00
Thanks to Chris Lacey for cleaning the ditch and culverts along the service road.
Thanks to those who cut the brush along the service road.

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Wood Festival pageant season starting

The Calhoun County Wood Festival Pageants are gearing up for an exciting event in 2025, and the countdown is on! With only four days left until the registration deadline, organizer Patty Arnold Haught is urging contestants to finalize their entries and submit their fees to secure their spots. The pageants promise to be a memorable celebration of talent, beauty, and community spirit.

The festival features several divisions tailored to different age groups. Queen Flora, exclusively for Calhoun Junior Girls, along with Little Miss Wood Festival (ages 4-6) and Jr. Miss Wood Festival (ages 7-9), will take center stage on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Calhoun County Middle High School in Mt. Zion, WV. These events are open statewide, offering young girls the chance to shine and represent their communities.

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, the spotlight will shift to the Miss Wood Festival Queen, Teen, and Preteen pageants, open statewide to girls aged 10-21. Contestants from across the region will gather to compete for the coveted titles, showcasing their poise, talent, and dedication.

For those traveling from out of town, accommodations are available to ensure a comfortable stay during the festival. With the promise of a thrilling weekend, the pageants are calling on aspiring queens to seize the opportunity and make their mark.

Who will wear the crown next? The stage is set, the applications are live, and the excitement is building. Enter today, and it could be you stepping into the spotlight at the 2025 Calhoun County Wood Festival Pageants!

Calhoun County Highlights: Celebrating Achievements and Upcoming Events

Calhoun County Schools have been buzzing with activity, showcasing the incredible talents and dedication of students and staff alike. Here’s a roundup of recent accomplishments and exciting events to look forward to:

Prom 2025: A Night in Vegas Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 26th, as Juniors and Seniors gear up for “A Night in Vegas,” Prom 2025. The formal dance will take place from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Gentlemen are required to wear tuxedos or full suits, while ladies must don formal gowns. Reservations, priced at \$10 per person or \$15 per couple, are open until Thursday, April 17th during lunch in the Commons Area. Guests from other schools or graduates must submit permission forms by April 17th. For questions, contact Dr. Gainer. Stay tuned for picture package details!

Math Field Day Champions Congratulations to the winners of this year’s Math Field Day! Students from grades 4 through 9 demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills and teamwork. Top performers will advance to the Regional Math Field Day at WVU-P on March 17th. A special shoutout to Willis Aidan Gainer Pittman, Sophia Goudrich, Charles Kilby, and others for their outstanding achievements. #MathChamps

West Virginia Young Writers Winners Calhoun County celebrates its literary stars in the West Virginia Young Writers competition. From Talia Mayle’s “The Fairy” to Emily William’s

“Mirrors,” these young authors have captivated readers with their creativity and storytelling. Their work will now compete at the state level. Best of luck to all participants! #YoungAuthors

Art Cart Partnership Calling all art enthusiasts! Calhoun County Schools, in partnership with Art Cart, is seeking a passionate Art Teacher to inspire creativity in elementary schools. Funded through the School Levy, this initiative aims to foster artistic growth among young learners. Apply now at ArtCart.com to join this exciting program.

CGCC Applications Open the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center is now accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. Students and post-graduates can gain hands-on experience in high-demand career fields, preparing for college, certifications, and the workforce. Apply today to take the next step in your education and career!

Upcoming Events

Annual LSIC BOE Linkage Meeting: Join us on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at CGCC for parent-teacher conferences and administrative council discussions.

Senior Appreciation Ceremony: Celebrate the achievements of CGCC seniors on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 1:00 PM. Stay tuned for more details!

Calhoun County Schools continue to shine with student achievements and enriching opportunities. Let’s celebrate our champions and look forward to the exciting events ahead!

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WV Spring Gobbler Season to Open April 21

Turkey hunters encouraged to participate in Spring Gobbler Survey

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced that turkey hunting will return to West Virginia on April 21 when the spring gobbler season opens across the state.

During the season, which will run for five weeks until May 25, hunters may harvest one bearded bird per day with a season bag limit of two. All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license, unless they are hunting under resident landowner privileges, and must carry a valid form of identification while hunting. A West Virginia hunting license can be purchased at WVhunt.com.

“Spring gobbler season is a time-honored tradition in West Virginia, offering hunters an exciting challenge and a chance to connect with nature,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “As hunters prepare for their hunts in the coming weeks, we want to urge them to take advantage of the youth season because it’s a great opportunity to introduce kids to the joys of hunting and make lasting memories together.”

West Virginia’s two-day youth spring gobbler season is set to open April 19. During the season, youth hunters ages 8-17 may harvest one bearded bird per day, which counts towards their season bag limit of two. Youth hunters 8-14 must be accompanied by a licensed and unarmed adult, who must remain close enough to render advice and assistance. Youth hunters 15-17 must comply with all licensing requirements.

Hunters are reminded that hunting turkeys over bait and killing hens without beards is illegal during the spring season. Turkey hunters are encouraged to report any such activity to their local Natural Resource Police Officer or call 911 to report the violation. The West Virginia Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation pays a \$100 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone killing a turkey illegally.

For more information about the youth and regular spring gobbler seasons, check page 43-44 of the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Spring Gobbler Survey

Hunters are also encouraged to participate in the WVDNR’s spring gobbler survey, which helps wildlife biologists gather information for managing the state’s wild turkey population. Hunters are encouraged to complete the survey through the Survey123 mobile or desktop app. Additional information about this year’s survey will be emailed to turkey hunters and posted on the WVDNR website once the season starts. To learn more about the survey, visit WVdnr.gov/surveys.

