

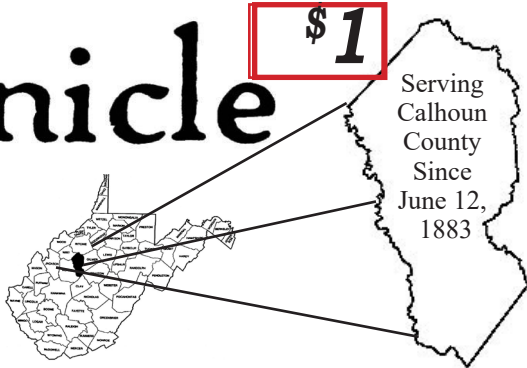


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“Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts”



Whole Number 7175

Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Consolidation Meeting Ends Abruptly After Accusatory Statements

Courtesy Ridgeview News

A meeting of the Calhoun County Commission with the three water entities, The Town of Grantsville, Mt. Zion PSD, and the Pleasant Hill PSD was held Monday evening, April 21, 2025, in the Little Courtroom.

Prior to the meeting, Clerk Jean Simers swore in newly appointed Mt. Zion PSD board member Jason Firestine.

Courtney Alexander, City Councilwoman, was the first and last to speak. She began her conversation by belittling the Calhoun County Commissioners and their role in the consolidation process, accusing them of overstepping and taking control of the consolidation process when they had no right because it was between the three water companies, not

the Commission.

According to Alexander, a matter confirmed by the two other Public Service Districts and the other city council members present as well, the copy of the O&M Agreement that was sent to the West Virginia Public Service District was fraudulent. It was not the agreement signed by the three entities but had (according to Ms. Alexander) 795 changes made to it.

In October of 2024, the O&M Committee met and determined two changes that needed to be made to the agreement: 1. Clarifying how the water would be purchased from Grantsville. 2. They needed to expound upon the financials. When those changes were made, the agreement was signed.

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County Commission making big strides for Calhoun

By Gaylen Duskey

It started with the bold move of hiring a county commissioner and it bounced on from there as the Calhoun County Commission has been nothing short of a whirling dervish in its efforts to bring the county into the modern age.

County Commission Craig Arthur and his two commission members – Jacob McCumbers and Eric Lupardus – have done quite a lot.

Whether it was going from one to two meetings a month or hiring a professional administrator done more in the first four months of the year than past commissions have done in a year.

And despite being a mixed commission with two Republicans – Arthur and Lupardus – and McCumbers, the lone democrat. Thus far there have been fewer

2-1 votes than may be expected.

The commission recently grabbed hold of an issue that has been bothering people for a while – non-registered salvage yards along with dilapidated structures in areas outside the town limits of Grantsville.

Some of the things accomplished by the commission include:

Approval of Liability Insurance Renewal the Commission approved the renewal of \$54,002 for WV Corp Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation, ensuring continued coverage for the county.

Community Engagement Through Logo Contest County Administrator Jennifer Randolph proposed a contest for local students to design a county logo. The Commission agreed, fostering youth involvement in local government.

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Two Outstanding Individuals Honored in Calhoun County



Annie Jones

Calhoun County is celebrating the remarkable achievements of two exceptional individuals who have made a significant impact on their community and schools. Annie Jones and Randy Harris have been recognized by the Calhoun County Board of Education for their dedication and hard work, earning prestigious titles for the 2024-2025 school year.

Annie Jones has been named the Calhoun County Teacher of the Year for 2024-2025. She works with the FFA program. Her unwavering passion, commitment, and dedication to her students’ success have inspired countless young minds. Annie’s efforts in shaping the future, one student at a time, have earned her this



Randy Harris

well-deserved recognition.

Randy Harris, who works at Calhoun Middle/High School. has been honored as the Calhoun County Service Personnel of the Year for 2024-2025. His tireless work behind the scenes has been a cornerstone of the community and schools. Randy’s contributions, often unnoticed, are vital to the smooth functioning of the educational system, and his recognition highlights the importance of his role.

Calhoun County is fortunate to have such incredible individuals in its midst. The community joins together in celebrating Annie and Randy for their outstanding achievements and the positive difference they continue to make.

Mechanic’s lien for \$858,591.44 filed against 1982 Foundation

A mechanic’s lien was filed by The Viking Group, Inc., a contractor, against the property known as the “Calhoun Community Center Project” located at 113 and 103 School Street, Grantsville, West Virginia.

The lien is being claimed to secure payment of \$858,591.44, along with accrued and continuing interest, for work and labor performed under a written contract dated July 7, 2023.

The property in question comprises multiple parcels assessed for real property tax purposes, specifically Tax Map 5, Parcels 2, 3, 4, and 4.1, within the Grantsville Corporation District in Calhoun County, West Virginia. The lien is being filed against the interests of The 1982 Foundation, represented by Crystal Mersh, and Calhoun Community Center Landlord, LLC, which is managed by Rees Broome, PC. The lien holder is CV Appalachian Investments 12, LLC, represented by CV Appalachian CDE Inc., with Bowles Rice LLP serving as the trustee.

The notice serves as a formal declaration that The Viking Group, Inc. has not been paid for the work performed on the property and is seeking legal recourse to secure payment. The lien applies to the land, buildings, structures, and improvements associated with the project. The document also refers to a Memorandum of Ground Lease Agreement related to the property, though the details of this agreement are not fully provided in the excerpt.

Crystal Laughlin Mersh speaking on behalf of the 1982 Foundation posted the following:

“I will provide the following limited comments as this is a legal matter and it is pending.

“Not only has the VG been paid in full, but they have also over billed and have been overpaid. We have for the past 3

months been deep in reconciling this matter after the inspector from Regions Bank who administers the tax credits noted that there were not at the level complete that they (Viking) were reporting.

“We further paid the subs directly for their invoices that were submitted after this matter was in discussion to ensure that they received the payment. The subs are continuing under new contracts with the new GC.

“We terminated the contract for breach. Our initial concerns for breach were communicated to them on Jan 13. We have worked diligently to reconcile their records provided only to find that there are multiple breaches of the contract, multiple instances of over billing, duplicate billing or billing for items not provided for under the contract and frankly abysmal accounting practices. Our Board of Directors will make decisions next week regarding final plans to right this matter which may include civil and criminal action.

For Robin and I personally it is a sad state of affairs to have to deal with this matter. It is a great project. One that a first time contractor could have made a real name for himself in a positive way. Now a local young man who was a member of the last graduating class in that old stone building will do just thatnot some wanna be hot shot from Charleston.”

Mersh later added: “The new general contractor is Hardway Construction who will employ several local craftsmen and carpenters to complete the project as well as the sub-contractors responsible for the major trades.”

The 1982 Foundation notified The Viking Group on April 18 of sixteen categories of contract breach with numerous individual violations within each category

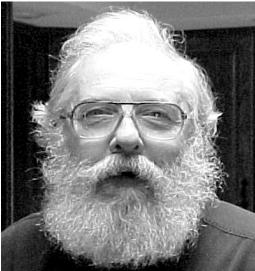
The 1982 Foundation concluded that communication with a demand for payment of \$1,846,566.53.



Carissa Sands, has her pig tails flapping in the breeze during the long jump, middle school track, “Mid-Season Middle School Meet” in Bridgeport, April 15. Please see Calhoun Sports on Page Five. Drew Caldwell Photography courtesy Bonnie Sands

CRESTON
NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
PHONE 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment and delivered the Easter Sunday message to the Burning Springs M. E. Church.

April 26 will be the big Creston ATV Poker Run which will be fun for the entire family with a 61 mile ride through the water, the mud, the rocks, through the woods, by the wildflowers and lots of scenic sights. Biscuits and gravy start out the day, check out some fine fishing spots, places for a picnic, choice wild turkey and deer hunting [at the appropriate times], etc. Signups end at noon. There will be tee shirts, chances on a hunting bow and door prizes. Workers are needed April 25 to mark the route and on April 27 to take down the signs. Contact Barb at 275-3202.

The Creston Neighborhood Watch will have an Adopt a Highway event, Tuesday, April 29 at 5 P.M. Contact Donna at 275-2578.

Suellen Arthur and Donna Sue Ferrell were among those who participated in the plant exchange at Mom’s Place on Saturday.

Rebecca Ferrell, aged 60, wife of Joe Ferrell of Umstead Ridge, lost her battle with cancer. The funeral will be April 26 at the Matheny Whited Funeral Home in Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hacker were attending to business in Elizabeth.

The dogwoods are almost at prime as in the blue phlox along many local roadways, Wild vetch is in bloom as are butter cups. The invasive autumn olive is about the flower. The pest brought in by the government “to help us” does have one positive as the bees are able to make lots of honey from the nectar that the plants produce. At the recent Wirt County Farm Bureau meeting the state apiarist gave an excellent talk on bee keeping. Now the main problem is a parasite that came

from China.

The comely Kim spent Easter with her mother, Wilma Mowrey.

The Wirt County Board of Education is trying to promote a new high school since the “building is old”. It seems that “educrats” are in it for the money and the easy way to get it is to have big building projects with fees, jobs like clerk of the works, etc. There is a thing called maintenance that is required for all structures and buildings do not do the teaching. Perhaps this is brought up in part to head off a move for a competing school in Wirt County. The school board is “doing a survey”.

It was reported that there are six more planned data centers in Pennsylvania while Balico, who had plans for a big facility in Pittsylvania County Virginia backed out over local objections. There was to be a 3,500 megawatt power plant in that scheme. The W. Va. Legislature was said to have passed laws to make such possible in W. Va. Who knew that building a data center required special laws? Seems the big boys and the deep state kept their control over the W. Va. Legislature. We can’t check the gas meters and there remains a mandate for vaccines that have never been tested. Some good candidates need to be recruited to retire some in the 2026 elections.

A number of local residents participated in an Easter Parade in Parkersburg, One tall fellow with long hair and a beard played Jesus of Nazareth and looked the part.

The wood boring bumble bees are flying about causing concern for folks who live in wood structures.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude crept up to \$64.68/bbl. While condensate brought \$45.68/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light fetched \$52.68/bb.

OBITUARY



Leica Goodrich

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Leica Ellen Goodrich, 56, of Calhoun County, WV. Leica went to be with the Lord on April 18, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on August 8, 1968, in Grantsville, WV to Flossie McDonald and the late Bobby Nich-

olson.

Leica was a devoted wife, wonderful mother, and loving grandmother. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Paul Richard Goodrich Jr, her daughters, Amber (Kennith) Siers and Krista Goodrich, her son, Paul “Bub” Goodrich III, and grandchildren, Cameron, Kendall, Kian, Caylee, Hunter, Kierra, Harley, and Owen. She is also survived by her brothers, Tommy, Shannon, and Nick Nicholson. Leica was preceded in death by her father, Bobby Nicholson, her sister, Roberta Lamp, and her mother and father in law, Charlotte and Paul Goodrich Sr.

Leica was loved by all that knew her. She was always kind and never

wavered from the gentle spirit she was blessed with. She battled each tribulation with grace. She was a true testimony that God answers prayers as he brought her through so much in her life. She will always be remembered for her dedication and love for her family. She will be sorely missed.

A funeral service was held at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., 107 Grantsville, WV, 26147, on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., with Rev. Roger Carter officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. She was laid to rest at Collins Community Cemetery, Stumptown, WV. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



David Weaver

Sunbury - David C. Weaver, 85 of Market Street passed away on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

He was born January 10, 1940 in Spencer, WV a son of the late Chuck D. and Opal E. (Reynolds) Weaver. On

November 27, 1959 he married the former Patricia Ann Nicholson who survives.

Dave was a 1958 graduate of Spencer High School and later attended classes at Bloomsburg University.

He retired after many years of service as a foreman from National Gypsum Corp.

Mr. Weaver served on the Juvenile Court Advisory Board of Northumberland County and on the Project 10/4 Board.

He was a talented artist making beautiful pen & ink renderings.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, Dave is survived by; two daughters, Debbie A. Weaver and her significant other, Keith Patton of Nor-

thumberland, Kathy J. Cantrell and husband Donald of Springfield, VA, two sons, David C. Weaver II and his wife, Erin of Hartford, TN, Allen M. Weaver of Sunbury, two grandchildren, Donald and Cassidy Cantrell and sister, Barbara Curry of Parkersburg, WV.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Richard Curry.

At Dave’s request there will be no funeral services.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Americus Hose Co., 100 Linden St., Sunbury, PA 17801

Arrangements are by the Zweier Funeral Home, 157 Chestnut Street, Sunbury.

Me not cover a major news story? They don’t know me at all

By Gaylen Duskey

First email:

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 8:01 PM

To: publisher@mountainmedianews.com

Subject: Lien on the 1982 FOUNDATION Property

As the Calhoun Chronicle is basically controlled by the 1982 Foundation, I doubt the news of the lien placed against them will be allowed by your Chief Editor Robert Dusky, but it is important news when the Engineering/ Contractor group that was heading up construction, Viking Group, has placed a lien in the amount of \$858,591.44 in the Calhoun County Courthouse, Clerk of the Courts Office on 4-14-25. I believe citizens that buy that paper might find it news worthy. You might contact Mr. Dusky and have him verify and print. Thank you

Second email:

Mechanics Lein Filed Against 1982 Foundation

Amount due? \$858,591.44

Apr 15

Mechanics Lein filed in Calhoun Courthouse against The 1982 Foundation for lack of payment.

Amount due? \$858,591.44.

Will the local online “news” outlet cover it? No.

Will The Calhoun Chronicle cover it? No.

Is it public record on file at the courthouse? Yes.

Will I be paying for every page of the document or editorializing on the matter? No.

Will she attack me anyway? Probably.

From my boss: Will you cover it?

My reply: We plan on running it on the front page sans comment. We plan to let the legalities play out. Period.

A little later I sent the following to my boss: Here is what we have thus far and will wait to see if there is an answer or countersuit by the 1982 Foundation.

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Etc. etc. etc ... you can find the story on the front page of this week’s Calhoun Chronicle under the headline: **Mechanic’s lien for \$858,591,44 filed against 1982 Foundation.**

They did not think I would run the story?

They don’t know me at all.

When I was Editor of the Daily Iberian in New Iberia, La., I continued to run stories about criminal activities in the Iberia Parish Sheriff Department despite death threats.

Yes, real death threats relayed to me by members of the Lafayette State Police Detachment in the next parish over.

“What did you do to Romo (the Iberia Parish Sheriff at the time)? I was asked.

“I just told the truth,” I said.

Back then when I was younger and full of vinegar I lived by the code “you got to stand for something, or you’ll fall for anything.”

So, I stood for the truth, and I stood

for a fair and honest press.

And I braved things until one of the senior deputies started telling me about how he liked my daughter’s little tan Volkswagen bug with the black bra on it. It had one of those black leather covers on the front they referred to as a bra.

He told me how proud she seemed of her car, and it would be a shame if she were to have a wreck.

I got the message. Their threats had now gone from me to my family.

That was enough to get me to change jobs going from being editor at the Daily Iberian to sports editor of the Alexandria Town Talk. It was safer and it paid more.

So, to think I would not cover this story ... they don’t know me at all.

GIVE THE BOYS A HAND: I was super impressed when the new Calhoun County Commission decided to hire a county administrator – a professional – to run things kicking the county from 1925 governance to 2025 governance.

It was impressive but President Craig Arthur and commission members Jacob McCumbers and Eric Lupardus have really stepped up their game working of consolidation of the water districts and coming up with workable laws and ordinances to take care of dilapidated structures and unsupervised salvage yards.

Doing things to benefit the people?

Wow!!! What a concept. Go guys go.

INTRODUCE YOURSELVES

FOLKS: With the clock ticking people need to learn about who is running for town offices and what they stand for before the June municipal election.

What we want you to do is email us at contact@calhounchronicle.com and give us a short biography and a picture of yourself.

We also would like your feelings on the issues.

The Big Three for us is:

1. How would you have voted on the 60 per cent water rate increase and why. And do you have any problems with the seemingly secretive way the meeting was held.

2. Your feelings about the town working with the county for a metro government under the direction of a professional administrator.

3. What would you do to fill the open storefronts in town and to especially bring Dollar General back.

There are other things we’d like to know about too like your feelings on the combing of the three water districts, assuring open and public meetings with agendas sent to the media as a matter of routine and other things like promoting community involvement with the town.

THANK YOU MARCUS AND SHANNON: Marcus and Shannon Davis are stepping down as directors of the Calhoun Youth Basketball Association and new leadership for that organization is being sought.

This is the time for some new leadership to take over and to thank Marcus and Shanno for all they have done.

Marcus has a young but very promising boys’ basketball program to run.

We are lucky here in Calhoun to have so many young programs with vibrant leadership ready to blossom in the future.

Athletically, I see good things ahead if we stay the course and continue to work hard.

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

How do you get to Heaven?

Happy Easter Calhoun County. I hope you all had a great day in the Lord, worshipping and praising Him. That is what Easter is all about praising the one true God, the creator of the universe for His love when He gave us His one and only Son Jesus to become the one and only sacrifice for the sins of the world. This was so God could once again have a relationship with men who sought His will.

What is God’s will. Jesus said it best. He said to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and body. And to love your neighbor as yourselves. He said that all the law was wrapped up in those two commands. If you want to please God, obey His commands He said. This is in response to the question of what we must do to have eternal life. Are we as His Son who can always obey Him? No and that is precisely why we have Easter. God in His infinite wisdom knew that we could not. From the beginning of time, God had a plan. In the fulness of time, God’s Son was born to a young Jewish virgin, a descendent from the tribe of Israel God’s chosen people. He created and chose this group of people to give us His Holy Word, The Holy Bible to tell us about Him and to show His power when He brought them out from under the rule of Egypt, to the land that God had designed for them. He used His nation Israel to produce the chosen young virgin, that His Spirit would indwell and produce His Son Jesus to become the Savior of the world. Jesus was the ultimate fulfilment of the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 when He said it is finished, John 19:30 and breathed His last. Jesus was and is the only sacrifice for

all sin and is our only way to eternal life with the Father, John 14:6. Praise the Lord for His resurrection, because God, Jesus defeated death, He was the first born to eternal life, giving all of us who believes in Him eternal life also.

Again, I hope you all had a great Easter celebration and were in His house to worship and praise Him with other believers. Yes, I am late posting this a little late, but if you are alive and reading this, and are not a believer in Father God and Jesus, then it is not too late for you. Believe in them, ask them to forgive you of your sins, and confess them as Lord.

This is my first entry into The Calhoun Chronicle and hopefully not my last. I’m fairly new to the area. My wife and I will celebrate five years in Big Bend this November. This is my second year of subscribing to the Chronicle. I love the new direction taken by Gaylen Duskey. I asked him to allow me to send him emails with messages or comments for his review to see if he wanted to share and he said yes, he would check them out.

I will leave you with this. God uses His chosen nation Israel as the sign of the end times when He brought them back as a nation, after more than 2500 years of not existing. No other nation has existed, and then didn’t exist, to come back as a nation once again. Are you ready for the end time. If you have put your trust in Jesus, you are. Get involved in a Gospel preaching church that teaches the word. And stay tuned here for more information on the end times.

Michael Wade

Pastor Brooksville Baptist Church

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

1) Opinion Editorials (Op-Eds) and Letters to the Editor may contain constructive criticisms, thoughts, and observations based on reliable information. Each submission is reviewed and accepted on an individual basis.

2) Discourse should be generally respectful, without profanity, rooted in fact, professionally presented (satire is acceptable), and written by the person submitting. All submissions are subject to revision concerning writing mechan-

ics, space available, and accuracy.

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

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

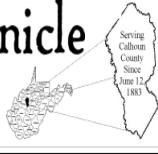
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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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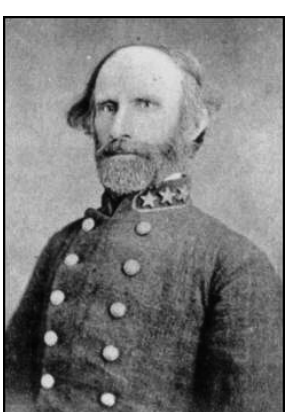
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April 24, 1865: McNeill's Rangers surrendered to Union troops at New Creek (now Keyser). The Confederate guerrilla force probably never numbered more than 100 men at any time but managed to inflict regular damage on Union operations.

April 25, 1863: About 1,500 Confederate soldiers under Gen. William "Grumble" Jones advanced through Greenland Gap, a deep pass through New Creek Mountain in present Grant County. The Confederates encountered 87 Union soldiers who held off several assaults before finally surrendering.



April 25, 1923: Union leader Arnold Ray Miller was born at Leewood on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. In December 1972 he defeated Tony Boyle to become president of the United Mine Workers.

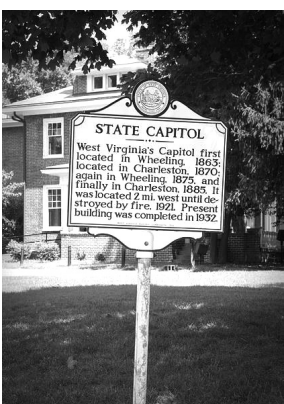


April 26, 1816: General Alexander Welch Reynolds was born in Lewisburg. He served in both the U.S. and Confederate armies. After the war, Reynolds accepted a commission as a colonel in the forces of the khe-

dive of Egypt, which ruled Egypt under the Ottoman Empire.



April 26, 1900: Baseball great Lewis Robert "Hack" Wilson, whose 1930 single season run-batted-in record stands today, was born in Pennsylvania. He started his pro career with the Martinsburg Blue Sox. He returned to Martinsburg after his retirement and is buried at Rosedale Cemetery.



April 26, 1937: The first West Virginia highway historical marker was installed in Charleston, detailing the many travels of our state capital.

April 27, 1758: Fort Upper Tract in present-day Pendleton County was destroyed by an Indian attack during the French and Indian War. The next day, Delaware and Shawnee warriors destroyed Fort Seybert in the same county.

April 27, 1978: An accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending the workers plunging to

the ground.



April 28, 1884: Musician Henry Reed was born in Peterstown, Monroe County. Reed was a legendary West Virginia fiddler whose repertory contributed to the old-time music revival in the last half of the 20th century.

April 28, 1914: An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine in Raleigh County killed 174 men. The mine connected with Eccles No. 6, operating in another coal seam. Nine men in No. 6 died of injuries and of afterdamp, the deadly gas left after a mine explosion.

April 28, 1920: The Monongahela National Forest was created by presidential proclamation. It is the only national forest completely within the boundaries of West Virginia.

April 28, 1924: An explosion ripped through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.

April 28, 1948: Watt Powell Park opened in Charleston. About 8,000 people, including Governor Okey L. Patteson, attended the city's inaugural game in the Class A Central League. After the 2004 season, Watt Powell

Park was replaced by what is now known as GoMart Ballpark, and the old park was demolished in 2005.

April 29, 1863: Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards and volunteers. The Confederates prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.



April 29, 1924: Playwright, teacher, and actress Ann Kathryn Flagg was born in Charleston. She is best remembered for her play Great Gettin' up Mornin', which was broadcast by CBS-TV in 1964.

April 30, 1871: Coach Fielding "Hurry-Up" Yost was born in Marion County. He was a tackle on West Virginia University's football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, Yost's first season as coach at University of Michigan, the Wolverines compiled an 11-0 record, including a 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.

April 30, 1927: An explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine owned by New England Fuel and Transportation Company of Everettville, Monongalia County. The explosion, subsequent fire and gas in the mine killed 97 men.

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Announcement: Calhoun County Commission Meeting

The Calhoun County Commission will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Commission Office in Grantsville, WV. Below is the agenda for the meeting:

- Agenda Highlights:**
- Opening:**
- Pledge of Allegiance followed by Prayer
- Call to Order
- Unfinished Business:**
- Review procedures and applications for the Logo Contest
- Funding request for the Wood Festival
- County vehicle policies for employees and the sheriff
- Wage & Benefits Review Board discussion
- Reimbursement for 2024 utility costs at County Park
- WVU Extension MOU and funding request for 2025-26
- New Business:**
- Drug-Free Workplace Policy and testing procedures
- Agreement with MAKO Medical for drug screening

- Update funding request policy
- Consider purchasing laptops for Commissioners, Clerk, and Administrator
- Location for early voting
- Security measures for evening meetings
- Upgrading the Commission bench
- Establishing/promoting an affiliated First Responder Program
- Scheduling quarterly subject-specific meetings (e.g., Economic Development, Grants)
- Partnership with Town of Grantsville to pave High Street/Parking lot
- Governmental review with Delegates, Senators, Auditor, and Attorney General
- Appointments:**
- Boards and Authorities
- Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
- Civil Service Board
- Personnel Matters**
- Adjournment:**
- Next meeting scheduled for **May 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**
- Community members are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions on these important topics.

Calhoun County Commission Hires Outside Legal Counsel

The Calhoun County Commission voted 2-1 to hire Harris and Holmes, PLLC during their April 15, 2025, meeting. Attorney Kevin C. Harris presented his firm’s services, offering a government law rate of \$150 per hour. Commissioner Eric Lupardus made the motion to hire the firm, seconded by Commissioner Craig Arthur, while Commissioner Jacob McCumbers opposed the decision, citing concerns about unnecessary spending. Commission President Arthur emphasized that the attorneys would only be utilized on an as-needed basis.

Prosecutor Michael Hicks, who attended the meeting, clarified that his legal services were included in his \$90,000+ annual salary. Commissioner Lupardus questioned Hicks on his attendance at Commission meetings, to which Hicks responded that he had attended all meetings where his presence was required.

Other Meeting Highlights:

Liability Insurance Renewal: The Commission approved \$54,002 for WV Corp Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation.

County Logo Contest: A contest involving local students was proposed to design a new county logo, with prizes provided by Calhoun FRN.

Calhoun County Park Updates:

Park meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month.

The park board is working on the baseball field fence, barn repairs, and outhouses.

Upcoming events include a Youth Fishing Day (April 26), Stars and Coffee Party (April 25-26), and Kite Festival (May 10).

Wood Festival Funding: The Commission will request clarity on funding needs for the June event at the next meeting.

Draft Ordinances: Public hearings for ordinances on dilapidated structures and salvage yards are scheduled for May 12 and June 10, 2025.

Courtroom Sound System: The Commission approved \$533.83 for new sound equipment to improve live streaming and in-person attendance.

County Vehicle Policy: A review of the policy was tabled for further discussion in May.

Wage and Benefits Review Board: The Commission is considering establishing this board to update the county handbook, which was last revised in 2011.

Board Appointment: Brian Firestine was appointed to the Mt. Zion Public Service.

Calhoun County Commission lays levy rates for 2025-26

The Calhoun County Commission issued its levy order and rate sheet for the fiscal year 2025-2026 on April 15, 2025. The document outlines the assessed property values, levy rates, and projected tax revenues for various property classes.

Regular Current Expense Levy:

Class I: Includes personal property and public utility, but no specific figures are provided for assessed value or taxes levied.

Class II:

Real Estate: Assessed value of \$110,976,370 with a levy rate of 28.600 per \$100, generating \$317,392 in taxes.

Personal Property: Assessed value of \$807,232, generating \$2,309 in taxes.

Total Class II: Combined assessed value of \$111,783,602, generating \$319,701 in taxes.

Class III:

Real Estate: Assessed value of \$36,225,180 with a levy rate of 57.200 per \$100, generating \$207,208 in taxes.

Personal Property: Assessed value of \$36,426,221, generating \$223,238 in taxes.

Public Utility: Assessed value of \$337,146,082, contributing to the total Class III taxes of \$2,344,042.

Class IV:

Real Estate: Assessed value of \$4,517,320 with a levy rate of 57.200 per \$100, generating \$25,839 in taxes.

Personal Property: Assessed value of \$2,980,066, generating \$17,046 in taxes.

Public Utility: Assessed value of \$2,524,433, generating \$14,440 in taxes.

Total Class IV: Combined assessed value of \$10,021,819, generating \$57,325 in taxes.

The total assessed value across all classes is \$591,662,904, with projected revenue of \$2,721,068. After accounting for delinquencies, exonerations, uncollectable taxes (6%, \$163,264), tax discounts (1%, \$25,578), and other allowances, the

total projected property tax collection is \$2,532,226. From this, \$50,645 is allocated to the Assessor Valuation Fund, leaving a net amount of \$2,481,581 for budget purposes.

Emergency Service Levy:

Class I: No specific figures provided.

Class II:

Real Estate: Assessed value of \$110,976,370 with a levy rate of 9.940 per \$100.

Personal Property: Assessed value of \$807,232.

Class III:

Real Estate: Assessed value of \$36,225,180 with a levy rate of 19.880 per \$100, generating \$2,016 in taxes.

Personal Property: Assessed value of \$36,426,221, generating \$72,415 in taxes.

Public Utility: Assessed value of \$337,146,082, generating \$670,246 in taxes.

Total Class III: Combined assessed value of \$409,797,483, generating \$814,677 in taxes.

Class IV:

Real Estate: Assessed value of \$4,517,320 with a levy rate of 19.880 per \$100, generating \$3,980 in taxes.

Personal Property: Assessed value of \$2,980,066, generating \$5,924 in taxes.

Public Utility: Assessed value of \$2,524,433, generating \$5,019 in taxes.

Total Class IV: Combined assessed value of \$10,021,819, generating \$19,923 in taxes.

The total assessed value for the Emergency Service Levy is \$536,602,904, with projected revenue of \$45,713. After accounting for delinquencies, exonerations, uncollectable taxes, and tax discounts, the total projected property tax collection is \$880,080.

This detailed breakdown provides insight into the financial planning and tax revenue expectations for Calhoun County in the upcoming fiscal year.

Calhoun County Enacts Salvage Yard Ordinance to Protect Community and Environment

The Calhoun County Commission adopted a new ordinance to regulate salvage yards within its unincorporated areas. The ordinance aims to safeguard community health, safety, welfare, and property values while minimizing environmental impacts. It establishes clear guidelines for permit applications, fees, and penalties for violations, ensuring responsible operations.

- Permit Application Process**
 - To operate a salvage yard, individuals or businesses must submit a detailed permit application to the Calhoun County Commission. The application process includes the following requirements:
 - Applicant Information:** Provide the name and address of the applicant.
 - Property Ownership Details:** Include the name and address of the property owner and a copy of the deed.
 - Site Description:** Submit a detailed description of the site location, accompanied by a map.
 - Sketch Plan:** Provide a sketch plan of the proposed salvage yard (can be submitted on a separate sheet).
 - Storm Water Runoff Plan:** Include a sketch of proposed storm water runoff and control measures.
 - Other Permits and Licenses:** Show evidence of applications for other required permits and licenses.
- Applications must be sent to the Calhoun County Commission at PO Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147. After submission, the Commission will review the application, hold a public

hearing to gather community feedback, and decide whether to approve or deny the permit. If denied, applicants will receive written notice explaining the reasons for disapproval.

Fines and Penalties for Violations

The ordinance imposes strict penalties for non-compliance:

Fines: Violators may face fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 per offense. Each day a violation continues is considered a separate offense.

Legal Action: The Commission may pursue injunctions or criminal prosecution to enforce compliance.

Effective Date and Legal Challenges

The ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption and applies to all salvage yards within the county’s unincorporated areas. If any part of the ordinance is declared invalid by a court, the remaining sections will remain enforceable.

Exemptions

The document does not specify procedures for exemptions to the ordinance. Typically, exemptions would require a formal request to the county commission, supported by evidence or justification. Applicants may need to consult legal counsel or contact the Commission directly for guidance.

This ordinance reflects Calhoun County’s commitment to balancing economic development with environmental and community well-being, ensuring salvage yard operations are conducted responsibly.

Story: Calhoun County’s Fight Against Unsafe Structures and Property Hazards



Calhoun County has taken a significant step to address the issue of unsafe, dilapidated, and abandoned structures that pose safety and health risks to its residents. The county commission has enacted the “Calhoun County Unsafe Structure and Property Enforcement Ordinance,” establishing the Calhoun County Building Enforcement Agency to regulate and enforce measures aimed at improving public safety and welfare.

What the Ordinance Does The ordinance empowers the newly created Unsafe Structure and Property Enforcement Agency to identify and address unsafe structures and properties. This includes regulating the repair, alteration, improvement, vacating, closing, removal, or demolition of buildings deemed unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation, fire hazards, lack of ventilation, or other unsafe conditions. It also covers the clean-up of refuse or debris that is dangerous or detrimental to public safety. Structures contaminated with methamphetamine above a certain threshold are also classified as unsafe and require remediation.

The agency reviews complaints, investigates properties, and brings cases before the County Commission. If a property is found to be unsafe, the commission can order the owner to take corrective action within a reasonable timeframe—180 days for structures and 30 days for debris. Failure to comply can result in civil penalties, and the county may hire contractors to perform the necessary work, placing a lien on the property to recover costs.

Reasoning Behind the Ordinance The ordinance was enacted in response to the growing number of abandoned and



dilapidated structures across Calhoun County. These properties not only pose safety and health hazards but also negatively impact the visual appeal and value of surrounding properties. By addressing these issues, the county aims to improve public welfare, reduce risks, and enhance the overall quality of life for its residents.

Legal Authority The ordinance is grounded in West Virginia Code §7-1-3ff, which grants county commissions the authority to regulate unsafe structures and properties. Additionally, West Virginia Code §33-10E-1 allows the county to place liens on insurance proceeds if a property is not adequately cleaned or debris is not removed following damage.

When It Is in Force The ordinance is effective immediately upon its adoption by the Calhoun County Commission. It establishes clear procedures for enforcement, including complaint review, investigation, hearings, and corrective actions.

Through this ordinance, Calhoun County demonstrates its commitment to creating a safer and more visually appealing community while holding property owners accountable for maintaining their land.

Carpenter’s big day propels Calhoun past Wahama

The Calhoun Red Devils triumphed over the Wahama Varsity White Falcons in a thrilling 13-9 victory on Thursday, thanks to a standout performance by Garrett Carpenter. Carpenter drove in six runs on two hits, including a three-run home run to left field in the first inning and a two-run double in the third. He also added an RBI walk in the fourth, cementing his role as the offensive powerhouse for the Red Devils.

The game began with Wahama taking an early lead as Blake Henry scored on a tag-up in the first inning. However, Carpenter’s home run quickly shifted momentum, giving Calhoun a 3-1 lead. The Red Devils exploded in the third inning, scoring eight runs on six hits. Key contributions came from Cooper Morris, Kayden McCormick, Brayden Phillips, and Carpenter, with a mix of singles, doubles, and errors fueling the rally. Wahama fought back in the sixth in-

ning, scoring five runs on four hits. Hayden Lloyd, Seth Ohlinger, and Jake Roberts all contributed RBIs, with Roberts driving in three runs on a double. Despite their efforts, the Falcons couldn’t overcome Calhoun’s early dominance.

On the mound, Reese Schoolcraft pitched three solid innings in relief for the Red Devils, allowing three hits and one earned run while striking out six. Kayden McCormick started the game, giving up two runs over two innings. For Wahama, Cyrus Rickard struggled, surrendering seven runs (three earned) in two and one-third innings.

Calhoun’s offense was fueled by 10 hits, with Carpenter, McCormick, and Landon Church each collecting two. The team also stole four bases and turned a double play. Wahama tallied nine hits, with Jake Roberts leading the way with three RBIs, while Blake Henry and Eli Rickard each added two hits.



Lindsey Mann Memorial Track and Field Meet

Location: Roane County High School - County Stadium, WV, USA **Date:** Friday, April 18, 2025
Results List:
Men’s Results:
4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals:
Time: 1:54.73
Team: Calhoun County - A
Participants: Bradley Lamb (9), Jackson Clawson (10), Kristian Frederick (10), Gavin Hicks (9)
DMR 4000m Varsity - Finals:
Time: 14:02.26
Team: Calhoun County - A
Participants: Jackson Clawson (10), Kristian Frederick (10), Bradley Lamb (9), Gavin Hicks (9)
Discus - 1.6kg Varsity - Finals:
1st Place: Kristian Frederick (10) - 101’ 5” (PR)
High Jump Varsity - Finals:
6th Place: Bradley Lamb (9) - J5’ 0” (PR)
Gavin Hicks (9) - NH
Long Jump Varsity - Finals:
7th Place: Jackson Clawson (10) - 15’ 5”

10th Place: Bradley Lamb (9) - 13’ 4” (PR)
Women’s Results:
Shot Put - 4kg Varsity - Finals:
3rd Place: Faith McClain (11) - 24’ 9” (PR)
Discus - 1kg Varsity - Finals:
5th Place: Faith McClain (11) - 63’ 6” (PR)
High Jump Varsity - Finals:
3rd Place: Paige Sterns (10) - J5’ 0” (PR)
Long Jump Varsity - Finals:
8th Place: Abigail Waldron (12) - 12’ 5” (PR)
12th Place: Gabi Smith (10) - 11’ 1” (SR)
13th Place: Sandra Tanner (11) - 10’ 1” (PR)
Mixed Results:
Mixed 4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals:
Time: 55.64
Team: Calhoun County - A
Participants: Faith McClain (11), Jackson Clawson (10), Paige Sterns (10), Gavin Hicks (9)

Mid-Season Middle School Meet Recap

The Mid-Season Middle School Meet showcased the athletic talents of Calhoun’s middle school students across various track and field events. Both the boys’ and girls’ teams delivered notable performances, achieving personal records (PRs) and demonstrating their dedication to improvement.

Boys’ Highlights

In the 100 meters, Kyrian Mounts (8th grade) secured 11th place with a time of 13.93 seconds, setting a personal record. Colin Grogg (8th grade) followed in 20th place with a time of 15.37 seconds, also achieving a PR. Payden Yeager (6th grade) did not start the race.

Colin Grogg continued his efforts in the 200 meters, finishing 19th with a time of 32.66 seconds, marking another PR. In the longer distances, Mark Plumby (7th grade) placed 10th in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:06.74, while Zac Smith (8th grade) and Silas Cunningham (6th grade) competed in the 3200 meters, finishing 7th and 12th, respectively.

The hurdles events saw strong performances from Mark Plumby, who placed 6th in the 100m hurdles with a time of 19.10 seconds, and Kyrian Mounts, who finished 9th with a PR of 20.38 seconds.

In the field events, Colin Grogg excelled in the shot put, achieving a PR of 27-00.00 and placing 10th. Zac Smith impressed in the discus, throwing 61-06 to secure 15th place. Kyrian Mounts

also stood out in the high jump, clearing 4-06.00 for a PR and 8th place. He continued his success in the long jump, finishing 5th with a leap of 14-05.50.

Girls’ Highlights

The girls’ team also delivered commendable performances. In the 100 meters, Eliana White (7th grade) led the team with a PR of 16.60 seconds, finishing 22nd. Adrianna Griffin (6th grade) and Khloe Cobbett (8th grade) followed closely, while Mercy Starcher (6th grade) rounded out the group.

Brooke Tinger (7th grade) shone in the 400 meters, placing 6th with a PR of 1:10.79. She also excelled in the 800 meters, finishing 7th with a PR of 2:54.04. Reagan Morgan (7th grade) and Eliana White achieved PRs in the 200m hurdles, finishing 17th and 18th, respectively.

The girls’ relay teams demonstrated teamwork and determination. The 4x100 relay team, consisting of Kaylee Sampson, Brooke Tinger, Reagan Morgan, and Khloe Cobbett, placed 7th with a time of 1:08.07. The 4x200 relay team, featuring Temperance Caldwell, Mercy Starcher, Adrianna Griffin, and Carissa Sands, finished 9th with a time of 2:30.76.

In the field events, Reagan Morgan achieved a PR in the shot put with a throw of 19-09.00. Khloe Cobbett and Carissa Sands competed in the long jump, with Cobbett finishing 9th and Sands achieving a PR of 10-06.75 for 14th place.

Mid-Season Middle School Meet Results

Men’s Results
100 Meters Middle School - Finals
Kyrian Mounts (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 13.93a PR
Colin Grogg (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 15.37a PR
Payden Yeager (6th Grade, Calhoun) - DNS
200 Meters Middle School - Finals
Colin Grogg (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 32.66a PR
1600 Meters Middle School - Finals
Mark Plumby (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 6:06.74a
3200 Meters Middle School - Finals
Zac Smith (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 13:45.86a
Silas Cunningham (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 14:48.65a
100m Hurdles - 33” Middle School - Finals
Mark Plumby (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 19.10a
Kyrian Mounts (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 20.38a PR
4x800 Relay Middle School - Finals
5th Place - **Calhoun - A** (13:00.00)
Zac Smith (8th Grade)
Silas Cunningham (6th Grade)
Payden Yeager (6th Grade)
Mark Plumby (7th Grade)
Shot Put - 4kg Middle School - Finals
Colin Grogg (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 27-00.00 PR
Silas Cunningham (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 15-08.00 PR
Discus - 1kg Middle School - Finals
Zac Smith (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 61-06
Silas Cunningham (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 51-00
Payden Yeager (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 43-04
High Jump Middle School - Finals
Kyrian Mounts (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 4-06.00 PR
Colin Grogg (8th Grade, Calhoun) - NH
Long Jump Middle School - Finals
Kyrian Mounts (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 14-05.50 PR
Zac Smith (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 10-01.00
Payden Yeager (6th Grade, Calhoun) - FOUL
Women’s Results
100 Meters Middle School - Finals
Eliana White (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 16.60a PR
Adrianna Griffin (6th Grade, Calhoun) -

16.97a
Khloe Cobbett (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 17.06a
Mercy Starcher (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 19.47a
200 Meters Middle School - Finals
Khloe Cobbett (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 36.31a
Adrianna Griffin (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 36.56a
Kaylee Sampson (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 37.67a PR
Eliana White (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 40.85a
400 Meters Middle School - Finals
Brooke Tinger (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 1:10.79a PR
Temperance Caldwell (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 1:20.05a PR
Kaylee Sampson (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 1:28.43a PR
Mercy Starcher (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 1:37.36a
800 Meters Middle School - Finals
Brooke Tinger (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 2:54.04a PR
Temperance Caldwell (6th Grade, Calhoun) - 3:18.24a
200m Hurdles - 30” Middle School - Finals
Reagan Morgan (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 45.56a PR
Eliana White (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 46.91a PR
4x100 Relay Middle School - Finals
7th Place - **Calhoun - A** (1:08.07a)
Kaylee Sampson (7th Grade)
Brooke Tinger (7th Grade)
Reagan Morgan (7th Grade)
Khloe Cobbett (8th Grade)
4x200 Relay Middle School - Finals
9th Place - **Calhoun - A** (2:30.76a)
Temperance Caldwell (6th Grade)
Mercy Starcher (6th Grade)
Adrianna Griffin (6th Grade)
Carissa Sands (8th Grade)
Shot Put - 6lb Middle School - Finals
Reagan Morgan (7th Grade, Calhoun) - 19-09.00 PR
High Jump Middle School - Finals
Carissa Sands (8th Grade, Calhoun) - NH
Long Jump Middle School - Finals
Khloe Cobbett (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 11-06.00
Carissa Sands (8th Grade, Calhoun) - 10-06.75 PR
Adrianna Griffin (6th Grade, Calhoun) - FOUL

West Virginia Insurance Invitational

Ritchie County High School
April 17, 2025
Complete List of Calhoun County Competitors:
Men’s Competitors:
Bradley Lamb (9th Grade)
100 Meters Varsity - Prelims: 13.73aPR
400 Meters Varsity - Finals: 1:03.27aPR
110m Hurdles - 39” Varsity - Prelims: 23.19aPR
4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals: 1:53.93a (Team Member)
Gavin Hicks (9th Grade)
200 Meters Varsity - Prelims: 26.76aPR
400 Meters Varsity - Finals: 1:02.21aPR
1600 Meters Varsity - Finals: 5:47.94a
4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals: 1:53.93a (Team Member)
Jackson Clawson (10th Grade)
1600 Meters Varsity - Finals: 5:29.52aPR
3200 Meters Varsity - Finals: 11:31.39aPR
4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals: 1:53.93a (Team Member)
Kristian Frederick (10th Grade)
Shot Put - 12lb Varsity - Finals: 26’ 7”PR
Discus - 1.6kg Varsity - Finals: 98’ 11”PR
4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals: 1:53.93a (Team Member)
Women’s Competitors:
Abigail Waldron (12th Grade)

100 Meters Varsity - Prelims: 14.80aSR
200 Meters Varsity - Prelims: 31.27aSR
Shot Put - 4kg Varsity - Finals: 21’ 3”PR
4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals: 1:00.28a (Team Member)
Addie Collins (9th Grade)
100 Meters Varsity - Prelims: 16.72aPR
200 Meters Varsity - Prelims: 34.49aPR
400 Meters Varsity - Finals: 1:17.61aPR
4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals: 1:00.28a (Team Member)
Faith McClain (11th Grade)
100 Meters Varsity - Prelims: SCR
400 Meters Varsity - Finals: SCR
Shot Put - 4kg Varsity - Finals: NM
Kassidy Frederick (11th Grade)
200 Meters Varsity - Prelims: 39.61aSR
Long Jump Varsity - Finals: ND
Paige Sterns (10th Grade)
1600 Meters Varsity - Finals: 5:54.37aPR
High Jump Varsity - Finals: 4’ 8”
4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals: 1:00.28a (Team Member)
Gabi Smith (10th Grade)
Shot Put - 4kg Varsity - Finals: 18’ 9”
Discus - 1kg Varsity - Finals: 55’ 5”PR
Long Jump Varsity - Finals: 9’ 8.5”
4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals: 1:00.28a (Team Member)
This list includes all competitors from Calhoun County across various events.

ATTN CMHS PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

On Sunday, May 18th the Calhoun Athletic Department and Boosters will host our Annual Sports Banquet. This will be a split banquet.
Middle School Awards- begin at 2pm
Dinner will be served at 3pm
High School Awards - begin at 4pm
Anyone wishing to submit photos for our annual sports slide show need to email your submissions to calhounathleticboosters@gmail.com by NO LATER THAN APRIL 28TH! Emails MUST have your students’ name and grade in the subject line. Limit 5 pics per sport per athlete!
The main course of the meal will be provided by CMHS Athletic

Boosters. Dinner will be hamburgers and hot dogs. Below is listed what each grade needs to bring. Please coordinate with your coaches/teams to be sure everyone isn’t bringing the same items.
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7th Grade- Coke products (cans please)
8th Grade- Side dishes
9th Grade- Chips
10th Grade- Desserts
11th Grade- Pepsi products (cans please)
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Pleasant Hill Pumpouse 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.
Key Topics: Project overview, construction timeline, bid due date.
Contact: 304-354-7752 or phpsd@live.com

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Organization: Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley / Local Elected Officials **Date:** Friday, April 25, 2025, **Time:** 10:00 AM **Place:** Workforce Development Board Office, St Joe Landing, 1824 Murdoch Ave., Parkersburg, WV **Contact Person:** Katie Dillon, (681) 588-0420 **Comments:** Agenda available upon request.

Alice's Attic Music Night

Date: Friday, April 25, 2025, **Time:** 6:00 PM **Location:** 346 Main Street, Grantsville

Description: Don't miss out on Bluegrass opportunities in Calhoun! Whether you are a musician or a music lover, you will enjoy the multi-talented individuals who attend the bi-weekly events at Alice's Attic in Grantsville. Everyone is welcome to bring their instrument and join us for a night of music and fun.

Public Service Announcement

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental food program designed to support pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of five. WIC provides food, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County.

To apply for the WIC Program or to receive more information, contact the local office at 304-354-6898 or the main office in Parkersburg at 304-428-3688.

The Calhoun County WIC Clinic, located at 300 Mill Street, Grantsville, is open every Wednesday in May from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please note that hours may be subject to change.

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MEETING

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Among many things that Ms. Alexander said to the three Commissioners, Craig Arthur, Jacob McCumbers, and Eric Lupardus, she spoke very accusatory, saying that “Everyone here cost us a “*expletive* good general manager.” Her reasoning for that was Chad Drennen had pulled his application from consideration because the group had changed the O&M Agreement to say that all decisions made by the group would have to be unanimous.

The decision being unanimous was stating that all three entities had to be unanimous, not every single person involved (had to agree). But that seemed not to be understood or appreciated by Ms. Alexander.

City Recorder Emily Collins suggested that the group go back to the original agreement.

Ari White, Board member of the Mt. Zion PSD, spoke up saying that he believed he knew how the fraudulent agreement had gotten into the hands of the WV PSC. He stated that Anita West, former Mt. Zion PSD Board member, had had their attorney look at the agreement and make changes. When the document was returned, they had collectively agreed not to accept their attorney’s recommendations but keep the original agreement. He believed that Anita had (Intentionally or Unintentionally) nonetheless, in error, sent the wrong agreement to the WVPSC.

COMMISSION

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Prizes will be awarded across three age categories, with the winning logo creator receiving a special prize.

Support for Calhoun County Park Commissioner McCumbers reported on park improvements, including the installation of a baseball field fence, exterior barn repairs, and outhouse renovations. The Commission is considering providing \$8,000 to assist with utility costs, with reimbursement requested at the end of the year. The park hosted successful events like the annual bluegrass gathering and has planned activities such as an egg hunt, Youth Fishing Day, a stars and coffee party, and the Annual Kite Festival.

Hiring of Outside Legal Counsel the Commission voted to hire Harris and Holmes, PLLC for specialized legal expertise, ensuring the county has access to professional legal support when needed. The decision passed 2-1, with Commissioner McCumbers dissenting.

Draft Ordinances for Community Improvement Draft ordinances for Dilapidated Structures and Salvage Yards were presented and scheduled for public hearings on May 12th and June 10th, 2025, aiming to address community concerns and improve local infrastructure.

Courtroom Sound System Upgrade the Commission approved \$533.83 for new courtroom sound equipment to enhance live streaming and in-person attendance experiences.

Review of County Vehicle Policy A policy regarding the use of county-owned vehicles is under review, with further discussion scheduled for May’s agenda to ensure proper use by departments like the Sheriff’s Office.

Consideration of Wage and Benefits Review Board the Commission is exploring the establishment of a Wage and Benefits Review Board to update the county handbook, which has not been revised since 2011. The matter is under further research to ensure proper representation and address concerns.

Appointment to Public Service District Brian Firestine was appointed as

Ms. Alexander suggested that someone was trying to “set up” Commissioner Arthur. She further stated that “The whole O&M is null and void” according to her.

The meeting from there went completely downhill. At that point, Commissioner Craig Arthur justifiably shut the meeting down.

Commentary by The Ridgeview News

“Ridgeview News did not video the meeting, believing that it would not be necessary. However, when things began to get out of control, I (Shari Hardway Johnson) made an audio of the last 15 minutes of the meeting. Readers can draw their own conclusion about the professional level of those involved by listening to that audio.

“As for Ms. Alexander’s opinion that the Calhoun County Commission did not have a right to oversee the consolidation process and the three water entities, the Ridgeview News makes this statement:

““The Calhoun County Commission gave the water companies 1.2 million dollars of money that belonged to Calhoun County. Whether or not it was ARPA funding had nothing to do with it (which Ms. Alexander suggested). The money belonged to the entire county. Therefore, whether or not a person has water service doesn’t really matter. The entire county is invested.””

the newest board member of the Mt. Zion Public Service District, strengthening local governance.

Support for Local Events and Heritage the Commission continues to support community events, such as the Wood Festival, and encourages the preservation of local traditions like bluegrass music.

And the commission is not slowing down since it held a special meeting Monday evening to address some problems seen with the combination of the Grantsville Town Water with the Mount Zion and Pleasant Hill public service districts.

The commission addressed two key topics: the need to repost the manager position after Chad Drennen declined the offer and the ongoing plans for ADA compliance in the newly purchased office near the water plant.

Agenda Highlights:
Reposting the Manager Position: The commission confirmed that Eric Drennen had turned down the general manager’s role. Commissioner Eric Lupardus stated, “Yes, Drennen turned the position down,”

ADA Compliance for the New Office: Emily Collins raised concerns about ADA requirements for the new office. Discussions centered on the lack of an elevator, which would limit access to upper levels. It was noted, “Well, they do need to be ADA compliant, so unless they add an elevator, folks will be forced to stay downstairs.” Lupardus confirmed, “Yes, it will be first level,” indicating that the office would primarily operate on the ground floor to meet accessibility standards.

Gravel Lot Improvements: The gravel lot near the building was also discussed, with suggestions to partially pave it for better accessibility. Eric commented, “I think they are discussing the gravel lot,” emphasizing the importance of this improvement in the overall plan.

The commission did not get to address the agenda because a verbal altercation took place between a city council member and the commission for President Arthur to end the meeting abruptly.

Calhoun – Roane County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Calhoun Sub Committee
March 25, 2025
10am
Location: Calhoun FRN Drop In Center (basement)

ATTENDED: Eric Lupardus, Jason Wilson, Hillary Hickman, Judy Branon, Tina P Hamrick, Jess Metz and J Bremar by zoom

Call to Order by Eric Lupardus
New Business
Nominate Officers

Chair of Meeting Eric Lupardus made a motion for Hillary Hickman to be the chair and Jason Wilson 2nd all agreed.

Secretary Jason Wilson made a motion for Tina P Hamrick to be Secretary and Eric Lupardus 2nd and all agreed.

Invitations (who need to be at the table)
Chiefs of all Fire Departments
Sheriff Graham Knight
State Police
Kelly Barr
Calhoun BOE
1982 Foundation
AMC
DOH
Hope Gas
MOV Health Department
DNR
Wrecker Service

Greg Carden
Carl Ballengee
Emergency Response Plan – This session was tabled till future meetings
2025 LEPC Notebook
Hazard Vulnerability Analysis
Emergency Drills
Tier II Reports
Financial Needs and responsibilities
Review Budgets – Tabled
Grants Needed _ We will be sending out a request form with invitation
Equipment Needs - We will be sending out a request form with invitation
Fire Departments
EMS
911 Center
Police
Outreach
Facebook Page We noted to put on hold
Share or our own
Emergency Plans - Tabled
Homes
Ex: Window clings for kids bedrooms
Business
Fire Hydrants
Next Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month – invitation will request what time works best
Adjourn

Exciting Pro Wrestling Action Returns to Spencer!

Get ready, wrestling fans! Route 33 Wrestling is bringing the thrill back to the Spencer Armory on **Saturday, May 3rd**. Doors open at **6 p.m.**, and the first bell rings at **7 p.m.**, promising an unforgettable evening of family-friendly entertainment. Celebrate an early **Mother’s Day** with a special raffle for attendees who bring their moms — a chance to win a **Mother’s Day goodie basket!**

The event features an action-packed lineup, including:

Open Weight Championship Match: Gorgeous Morgan Taylor defends against “The Babushka Baron” Jeffrey John.

Rural Rumble Battle Royal: Determining the next holder of the Mountain Pass Medal.

Wild and Wonderful West Virginia Championship Tournament: Two matches bringing us closer to crowning the inaugural WWWV champion.

Grudge Match: Spencer’s hometown hero, the Mountain King, faces Michael Anthony for a shot at the Open Weight Championship.

Tag Team Championship Action and a stacked undercard showcasing top regional talent.

Enjoy photo and autograph opportunities with the stars, concessions, and local vendor tables. Tickets are available now on Route 33 Wrestling’s official Facebook page, at Smoker Friendly on Ripley Road in Spencer, or at the door. Kids **five and under** enter free!

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Calhoun LEPC holds meeting

The Calhoun – Roane County Local Emergency Planning Committee gathered in the basement of the Calhoun FRN Drop-In Center to discuss the future of safety and preparedness in the region.

Among the attendees were Eric Lupardus, Jason Wilson, Hillary Hickman, Judy Branon, Tina P Hamrick, Jess Metz, and J Bremar, who joined via Zoom.

Eric Lupardus called the meeting to order, setting the tone for collaboration and action. The first item on the agenda was the nomination of officers. With unanimous agreement, Hillary Hickman was appointed as Chair, and Tina P Hamrick took on the role of Secretary.

The discussion shifted to invitations, as the group brainstormed who needed to be at the table for future meetings. Chiefs of fire departments, law enforcement officials, state agencies, and local organizations were identified as key players in the effort to strengthen emergency response capabilities. The list was extensive, reflecting the committee’s commitment to inclusivity and comprehensive planning.

Calhoun FRN: A Community United for Change

In the heart of Calhoun County, an organization is making waves in the lives of its residents. The Calhoun Family Resource Network (FRN) is becoming more than just a community program—it’s a lifeline for families, seniors, and youth alike. From January to March 2025, the FRN has been bustling with activities, initiatives, and accomplishments that showcase its dedication to fostering a healthier, more connected community.

One of the FRN’s standout services is its Food Pantry, which has provided 3,250 family pantries and 360 Senior Boxes, ensuring that no one goes hungry. With 146 deliveries per week and even a potato giveaway, the FRN is addressing food insecurity head-on. But their support doesn’t stop there; residents can conveniently pay their utility bills at the FRN office, whether by check, cash, or card.

The organization is also deeply committed to prevention, treatment, and recovery. Through engaging Facebook posts and strategically placed Mission Boxes across the county, the FRN is spreading awareness and resources. Family engagement is a cornerstone of their efforts, with workshops like Search and

Rescue, parenting classes, and even a Judged Young Writers Contest inspiring creativity and connection. Storytime at the Calhoun Library brings families together, fostering a love for reading and learning.

Recovery programs like Teen SMART Recovery and Adult SMART Recovery offer hope and guidance to those battling addiction, while training sessions such as SBIRT, Financial Aid Workshops, and Motivational Interviewing equip community members with valuable skills.

The FRN’s accomplishments speak volumes about its impact. Not only has it launched a website to expand its reach, but it was also honored as one of only five programs in the nation invited to present in Washington, D.C.—a testament to its innovative approach and success.

Looking ahead, the FRN is focused on growing its coalition, inviting new members to join its Prevention Coalition for youth. With initiatives like Eat Smart, which promotes healthy eating and walking, and important upcoming events like Drug Take Back Day and Protective Factors Training, the FRN continues to lead the charge in building a stronger, healthier Calhoun County.

Grow with Confidence: Best Disease-Resistant Roses

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Yes, there are disease-resistant roses! From landscape and old-fashioned roses to climbing roses, seasoned rose growers recommend these trouble-free varieties.

Old-Fashioned Roses (Heirlooms)
Old-fashioned roses, also known as heirloom or old garden roses, are predecessors of modern roses, with some dating back to the Roman Empire. They are typically fragrant, hardy, and well-suited for colder climates. Popular varieties include:

- Rosa ‘Apothecary’s Rose’** (gallica, light red, fragrant)
- Rosa ‘Ballerina’** (hybrid musk, blush)
- Rosa ‘Blanc Double de Coubert’** (rugosa, white, highly fragrant)
- Rosa ‘Duchesse de Montebello’** (gallica, soft pink, fragrant)
- Rosa ‘The Fairy’** (polyantha, pink)
- Rosa ‘Madame Alfred Carrière’** (noisette, pearl pink, highly fragrant)

Landscape Roses
Landscape roses are ideal for mass plantings, hedges, and erosion control due to their shrub form and strong horizontal growth habit. They bloom throughout the growing season and are low-maintenance. Top varieties include:

- Rosa ‘Carefree Celebration’** (pink-orange, bushy habit)
- Rosa ‘Carefree Spirit’** (red, glossy foliage, bushy habit)
- Rosa ‘Flower Carpet Appleblossom’** (pastel pink, glossy green foliage, groundcover)
- Rosa ‘Fire Meidiland’** (red, glossy foliage, low-growing)
- Rosa ‘White Out’** (white, dark green foliage, bushy habit)

Hybrid Tea Roses
Hybrid teas are classic roses but are prone to diseases like black spot, powdery mildew, and rust. For disease-resistant options, consider:

- Rosa ‘Auguste Renoir’** (medium pink, highly fragrant)
- Rosa ‘Electron’** (medium pink, highly fragrant)
- Rosa ‘Frederic Mistral’** (soft pink, highly fragrant)
- Rosa ‘Love and Peace’** (yellow and pink, slightly fragrant)
- Rosa ‘Olympiad’** (red)
- Rosa ‘Sheer Bliss’** (pearl white)
- Rosa ‘Tiffany’** (medium pink, highly fragrant)
- Rosa ‘Voodoo’** (multicolor yellow, peach, salmon, apricot, and red)

While hybrid teas may sacrifice fragrance for disease resistance, their healthy blooms are worth the trade-off.

More Disease-Resistant Roses
For climbing roses, David Austin varieties like ‘The Mayflower,’ ‘Winchester Cathedral,’ and ‘Graham Thomas’ combine fragrance with disease resistance. The Knockout family and Carefree series are robust and prolific bloomers, including:

- The Blushing Knockout**
- The Double Knockout**
- The Sunny Knockout**

A standout landscape rose is the **Flower Carpet** series, known for its disease resistance and unique double root system. High performers include:

- ‘Apple Blossom’** (pastel pink blooms from late spring through fall)
- ‘Coral’** (salmon-colored low-grower)
- ‘White’** (snowy blooms)

By exploring beyond hybrid teas, you’ll discover a world of hardy, beautiful roses to fill your garden!



Carpet roses coral groundcover



David Austin English roses

Attention: TOWN WIDE YARD SALE (Grantsville and surrounding areas)

Date: May 3rd (Saturday)
If you would like to participate in the Annual Town Wide Yard Sale, call 304-354-7017 x106 or x105 to be added to the list.
The Calhoun County Committee on Aging (Senior Center) will be generating a list of sales to send to the Chronicle and to advertise on Facebook.
Important:
If you choose to set up in town in front of a business, please ask the store owner/property owner for permission prior to

calling to be added to the list.
Provide the following details:
Name
Location/address of sale
Contact info (in case we need further information)
Description of what you will be selling
Dates (if you choose to start your sale earlier in the week)
Start and end times
Note: The Senior Center is only generating a list for advertisement purposes and is not responsible for accidents.

Calhoun County Schools Granted Waiver Amid Weather Challenges

Calhoun County Schools is among eight county school districts granted a waiver from the state-mandated 180 instructional days due to severe winter weather and flooding that disrupted the school year. The waiver was approved by State School Superintendent Michele Blatt, following guidelines outlined in state code for counties under federal disaster declarations or state emergencies. State Assistant School Superintendent Jeff Kelley explained that the waiver process is stringent, requiring counties to exhaust all available options, such as

banked time and virtual learning, before requesting relief. “You can’t just waive for any reason. It has to fall within those guidelines,” Kelley said.
Calhoun County faced significant challenges this year, with multiple rounds of winter storms and flooding impacting school operations. Despite these obstacles, the district worked diligently to minimize disruptions to students’ education. The waiver provides much-needed relief, allowing the district to avoid extending the school year excessively.

Coffee and Stars Star Party Weekend

Hosted by West Virginia Astrophotography Association
Dates: April 25-27, 2025 (Friday-Sunday) **Location:** Calhoun County Park, 380 Park Place, Grantsville, WV 26147
Event Details: Join us for two magical nights under the stars at Calhoun County Park! This in-person event is perfect for astronomy enthusiasts of all levels. Enjoy breathtaking views of the night sky, connect with fellow stargazers, and attend engaging workshops.
Highlights:
Saturday Workshops: Learn how to use a smart telescope and capture your own images of the cosmos.

Nightscapes with Jonathan Eggleston: Explore night photography techniques.
Nightscape Processing: Enhance your astrophotography skills.
Accommodations: Stay overnight at the campground, bunkhouse, or barn space available at the park.
Registration: Secure your spot today! Visit Eventbrite to register.
Whether you’re a seasoned astronomer or just curious about the universe, this star party promises to be a stellar experience. Don’t miss out!
For more information, visit www.wvaa.us.

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority - Buy Back Price List

Updated April 16th, 2025 Prices are subject to change. For more information, call 304-354-7786 or email ccswa7786@gmail.com. Operating Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8 AM - 4 PM, Saturday 8 AM - 12 PM

Price List (Per lb):
Dry Beverage Cans (“Clean”)
Aluminum Beverage Cans: \$0.45
Aluminum: \$0.40
Miscellaneous Metals: \$0.50
Other Metals: \$0.35
High-Value Metals: \$2.00

Additional Metals: \$0.50
Scrap Metal: \$0.15
Premium Scrap Metal: \$1.00
Bulk Scrap Metal: \$100.00
Miscellaneous Scrap: \$0.50
Wet Beverage Cans (“Dirty”)
Aluminum Beverage Cans: \$0.30
Aluminum: \$0.25
Miscellaneous Metals: \$0.45
Other Metals: \$0.20
Note: Some items listed under “Dry Beverage Cans” do not have corresponding prices for “Wet Beverage Cans.”

Notice of Public Hearing

The Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority invites the public to attend a hearing to discuss revisions to its Comprehensive Litter and Solid Waste Control Plan.
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025, **Time:** 1:00 PM **Location:** Little Courtroom, Calhoun County Courthouse **Address:** 363 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147
This is an opportunity for community members to share ideas, opinions, and comments regarding the updated plan.
The plan can be reviewed at the following locations:
Calhoun County Library, Mill St., Grantsville
Calhoun County Clerk’s Office

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority Office, 2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy., Grantsville
Mid-Ohio Regional Council Office, 531 Market St., Parkersburg, WV
Written Comments: Submit written comments by Thursday, May 8, 2025, to: Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority 2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy., Grantsville, WV 26147 Or drop them off in person at Cabot Recycling Station.
For more information, contact: Lisa Cooper, Executive Director Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority Phone: 304-354-7786
Your participation is important!



Every year the Arnoldsburg Elementary School hosts a Hat Parade for students who decorate a hat or rabbit ears, or buckets, or any number of contraptions to celebrate the Spring Easter Season. The 2025 Parade had some very creative entries!



Minnie Hamilton Health System and the **Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE)** hosted a ceremonial flag raising service to commemorate National Donate Life Month. Celebrated in April, the annual observance encourages organ donation awareness, and honors organ donors and their families. Hospitals across the United States fly the Donate Life flag in April to signal their support of donation, to serve as a display of unity, remembrance and hope, and to honor those touched by donation and transplantation.
The theme of this year’s National Donate Life Month, *Let Life Sing*, was inspired by the uplifting songs of birds. Much like a bird’s song signals hope after the darkest night, the decision to become an organ, tissue, and cornea donor brings light and renewal to those in need. Every donor becomes a melody in the lives of others, offering a second chance at life for the 100,000 people currently on the national transplant waiting list. Donation is a harmonious act of compassion, and together, we create a symphony of hope that echoes through our communities.