

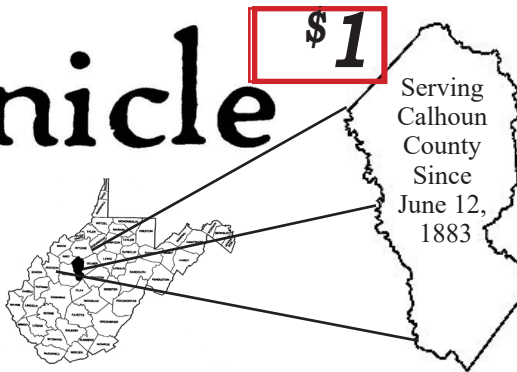


The Calhoun Chronicle



and The Grantsville News

“Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts”



Whole Number 7182

Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

Thursday, June 12, 2025

The 63rd Wood Festival now consigned to history and memory

Say goodbye my own true lover
As we sing a lovers song
How it breaks my heart to leave you
Now the carnival is gone
High above the dawn is waiting
And my tears are falling rain
For the carnival is over
We may never meet again
Tom Springfield

By Gaylen Duskey

The 63rd Calhoun Wood Festival was like all the other 62 Wood Festivals yet vastly different.

It was smaller than many. It didn't shut the streets down on Sunday. It didn't get clobbered by the weather. There were no makeshift music jam sessions. It was just different.

But in many ways it was just the same. The more things change the more they stay the same.

Deja vu all over again.

As the final fireworks lit up the night sky on Saturday, June 7, 2025, the 63rd Annual Calhoun County Wood Festival came to a close, leaving behind a trail of laughter, joy, and unforgettable memo-



ries. The theme, “Gather, Laugh & Remember,” resonated deeply with attendees, who came together to celebrate the community spirit that defines Calhoun County.



Gracie Houchin and Zander McCumbers playing along with star attraction Tyler Tritt.



Continued on page 9, along with the Wood Festival Scrapbook!

Volunteers of the Wood Festival and Molasses Festival do the hard work of having fun

Now that the volunteers have carried the 63rd Wood Festival to its successful conclusion the volunteer staff of the 58th Molasses Festival takes center stage as they begin the serious work of getting things ready for their Arnoldsburg festival.

The 58th Molasses Festival is led by a dedicated Board of Directors who ensure the event runs smoothly. The team includes:

Sandy McCumbers
Patty Hall
Daniel Laughlin
Jason Nettles, Chairman/President
Michael Hicks, Vice President
Marsha Starcher, Secretary
Janet Marks, Treasurer

The 2025 Calhoun County Wood Festival Committee is equally committed, with officers and members working tirelessly to make the festival a success. The leadership team includes:

Patty Haught, President
Loretta Freshour, Vice President (loretta084@yahoo.com)
Tanya Cunningham, Secretary
Jim Sullivan, Treasurer (jsulli56@yahoo.com)

Additional members include:
Norma Freshour
Teresa Dawn West
Mike West
Teresa Basnett
Britnee Cunningham

Members at Large:

Jake Haught

Committees:

Entertainment: Jim Sullivan, Chair (h-

304-477-3489, cell-304-531-0084)

Grand Parade: Tanya Cunningham (304-786-7670)

Booths: Teresa Basnett and Britnee Cunningham

Cornhole Tournament: (No specific chair listed)

Pageant Director: Patty Haught, Chair

Woodchuck: Loretta Freshour and Patty Haught

Fundraising Committee: Loretta Freshour (304-477-3695) and Norma Freshour

Additional Contributions:
Britnee Cunningham joined this year, bringing great ideas and organizing the Axe Throwing Contest.

Teresa Haught Basnett manages the vendors with exceptional organization.

Greg and Teresa Dawn West excel at concessions, including Jim's famous Slaw Dogs at the Car Show run by Jacob.

Loretta Freshour and her mom are always ready to help, including selling 50/50 tickets.

Patty Arnold Haught, the Pageant Director, is now the President, known for her problem-solving skills.

Jim Sullivan handles entertainment, finances, and other essential tasks to keep the festival running.

New members and their families contributed to the easiest set-up in recent memory.

Both festivals thrive thanks to the hard work and dedication of these volunteers, who bring their unique skills and energy to ensure the events are successful and enjoyable for all.

We, the undersigned Commissioners and Poll Clerks of the Election, held at Precinct No. 6 of Center District of Calhoun, do hereby certify that, having been first duly sworn, we have carefully and impartially ascertained the results of said election at said precinct for the candidates on the list of candidates for the office of Mayor, Recorder, and Council Members, and the results are as follows:

| FOR THE OFFICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES | RECEIVED VOTES - FIRST IN WORDS | THIRD IN WORDS | FOR THE OFFICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES | RECEIVED VOTES - FIRST IN WORDS | THIRD IN WORDS |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Erin Springston | Eleven | 11 | | | |
| John Villines | Thirty six | 36 | | | |
| Courtney Alexander | Twenty six | 26 | | | |
| Emily Collins | Twenty two | 22 | | | |
| Shannon Waldron | Fifty four | 54 | | | |
| Tanya Cunningham | Sixty five | 65 | | | |
| Emalee Morgan | Fifty | 50 | | | |
| Alexis Villines | Twenty seven | 27 | | | |
| Jessica Metz | Sixty | 60 | | | |
| Chasity Shock | Fifty one | 51 | | | |
| Marissa Staples | Forty eight | 48 | | | |

New Leadership for Grantsville

Grantsville is set to welcome a new government as the results of the June 3, 2025, municipal election were announced shortly after polls closed at 7:30 p.m. The town's residents cast their votes to elect a mayor, recorder, and council members, shaping the leadership that will take office on July 1, 2025.

Mayoral Race: John Villines emerged victorious in the mayoral race, securing 36 votes to defeat Courtney Alexander, who garnered 26 votes, and Erin Springston, who received 11 votes. Villines will lead the town as its new mayor.

Recorder Position: Write-in candi-

date Shannon Waldron won the position of recorder with a commanding 54 votes, surpassing incumbent Emily Collins, who received 22 votes.

Council Members: The council seats were highly contested, with six candidates vying for positions. Tanya Cunningham led the pack with 65 votes, followed by Jessica Metz with 60 votes, Chasity Shock with 51 votes, Emalee Morgan with 50 votes, and Marissa Staples with 48 votes. Alexis Villines, with 27 votes, did not secure a seat. Morgan and Staples are incumbents.

The newly elected officials will assume their roles on July 1, 2025.

Save the Chronicle campaign under way in Calhoun County



By Gaylen Duskey

Some of the stories covered by the Calhoun Chronicle seem like only yesterday when Editor Mary Ann Barrows was manning the typewriter writing the story and pressman Bernard 'Burke' Harris was running the antiquated old flatbed press putting out the latest news whether it be at that time the Grantsville fire of 1966 or the Grantsville flood of 1967.

The Calhoun Chronicle has covered so many stories over the years from the meeting of the OES (Organization of the Easter Star) to somebody's passing away with an obituary to some big stories that the rest of the world heard about.

It has been our friend and confidant and our voice to the world.

And now The 1982 Foundation is run-

ning a campaign to Save the Chronicle which is suffering through the same financial strife that has hit many newspapers killing off some such as the Welch Daily News.

Let's take a look at things the Chronicle has covered over the years:

White Pine Village: Swept away on August 5, 1943; named after the white pines on the hill overlooking the village.

Calhoun County High School Fire: Burned on February 20, 1942; suspected arson amid World War II and Great Depression turmoil.

Jehovah's Witness Controversy: Principal Don McGlothlin fired for refusing to compel a student to salute the flag; Supreme Court ruled such compulsion unconstitutional.

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A TASTE OF CALHOUN

We are planning on having a Taste of Calhoun in our June 19, 2025, edition with a sample menu from each county restaurant.

Thus far we have all the menus except from Mom's Place Too, Gino's and Tiki Taco.

If you want to participate on our Taste of Calhoun please contact us

at contact@calhounchronicle.com or you can eliminate the middleman by contacting our front office and advertising department directly at Mountain Media, LLC, PO Box 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Telephone: (304) 647-5724.

We look forward to having our Taste of Calhoun.

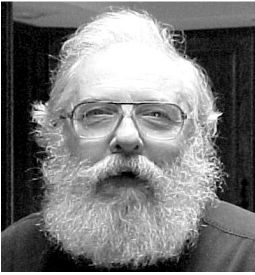
The Grantsville Town Council meets the first Monday of every month in the city building on Main Street at 6 p.m.

The Calhoun County Commission meets the second Monday of every month in the Calhoun Courthouse meeting room at 9 a.m.

The Calhoun County School Board meets the second Monday of every month at 5:50 p.m. in the school board office at Mt. Zion.

CRESTON
NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE
PHONE 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. His last service will be June 29.

Shade Tree’s anniversary event will be Saturday, June 21 with live music, games for the children and the Dilly Dunker starring celebrities like Mayor Moore, Trooper Goodnight, Commissioner Griffin and others. Of course there will be plenty of food.

Several local folks attended the Wood Festival.

One of Jim Justice’s companies had a process server call in Creston one day last week. It seems they need more cash.

The Creston area received some significant rain and a little hail. Streams are up and some significant limbs have fallen.

Kathleen Cervone and Barbara Wright are back home after taking Nancy Wright back to her residence in Florida.

Those who have problems with the present education system note that scholars are not taught to think. Well, it turns out that there is a reason for that. Back over a century ago John D. Rockefeller, Sr. stated, “I don’t want a nation of thinkers; I want a nation of workers.” Back then he put \$\$\$ in the education system and, of course, the globalists do not want citizens who can think either — it’s easier to control the sheeple. Peasants know that they are not allowed to think.

Speaking of the Rockefellers, Hope Gas has now come forth with new plans for gas meters on the lines that they said they wanted to abandon. There will be a monthly \$700 meter fee and there will be a deduction for 30 per cent line loss and with the low gas prices presently and for the past few years that means there will be no meters on their lines. As one oil and gas accountant noted, “Most meters currently don’t generate \$700/month.” A meeting is planned to discuss the issue at Jeff Isner’s place on Martin’s Branch down below Charleston. It is the old Hard Rock office now operated by Pillar Energy, etc. It was said that this Hope Gas proposal was postponed until February 2026. GoWVA the big boys oil & gas group is involved, and Hope Gas is a kingpin. Stay tuned.

It should be obvious that the Big Boys do not want anyone else in their sand box or playpen so freeze them all out. Along those lines it was reported that Enron [operating as EOG or Enron Oil & Gas] just purchased Encino for

\$5.6 billion. Both are operating in the Utica in Ohio and Encino was owned by a Canadian government retirement system. The Utica in Wirt & Calhoun counties is 1100 feet thick. Back circa 1967 the famous Bruce Bell well was drilled at Sanoma and one of the partners was called Belco which became Enron. The famous Red Adair came to W. Va. To put out the fire which happened when “things went wrong”.

Some folks with farm backgrounds hope to build greenhouses next to the AI centers in Ohio to utilize the heat and CO2 for winter greenhouses. When the government is out of the way folks can utilize opportunities for good [and profit].

Expand Energy (the merger of Chesapeake & Southwestern or SWN) announced that their BW Edge 210 H well in Marshall County was drilled horizontally for 5.6 miles.

Back in December the Biden administration gave the Kraft Heinz company \$170 million to “fight global warming” as their ‘star’ John Heinz Kerry flew all over the globe in a private jet talking the talk. Back then \$5.9 million was shoveled out of the treasury door but now the rest has been cut off. Now it will not be global warming ketchup, relish & pickles. Oh, woe.

The whip poor wills have returned to Creston. Randy Bunner said the first one he heard was around June 1. Friday night after the big rain the tree frogs [toads] were putting on quite a concert.

The comely Kim was visiting her mother Wilma Mowrey. Some local folks were consulting with their medical experts. There is a cough that lasts for weeks.

Catalpa trees are blooming as are hollyhocks.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude inched up to \$63.58/bbl. With condensate fetching \$45.58/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$52.58/bbl. West Texas oil was \$63.99 and Brent (North Sea) oil was \$66.47/bbl. Elsewhere natural gas was \$3.78. Gasolene in Parkersburg can be obtained for \$2.64/gallon. It should be noted that Pennsylvania grade crude is used for high dollar products, not motor fuel. If the folks down at the Mouth of the Elk [and in Columbus & Harrisburg] really cared about their states and economies, they would see to it that Pennsylvania grade crude would sell at a realistic price based on the value of its components. It is the equivalent of selling cherry veneer logs for pulpwood prices.

people who prefer their news on the go and will not connect with the *Chronicle*. That is why competition has always been my friend. I worked for the *Chronicle* several decades ago and continue to learn from my friends in the news world, both locally and abroad.

During the Wood Festival, the 1982 Foundation Office has established a display of antiquated archives from the *Calhoun Chronicle*. The bound versions of the *Chronicle* that have been archived and unseen for decades are now on display at a Main Street business, giving folks the opportunity to sign up for a subscription or renew their current ones. The display is open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

While I was in the former *Chronicle* office looking through the archives, I took the time to photograph some of the pictures that were once published. Many more are also available at the *Chronicle* display for your viewing pleasure. Some of the people in the pictures I know; others I do not. I found these pieces of history fascinating because they were no doubt community events that mattered—perhaps forgotten, or maybe not. Feel free to send in the names of anyone you recognize.

The campaign to Save The Chronicle is really a campaign to save Grantsville

By Gaylen Duskey

The Dalton Store Company. Gunn’s Department Store. John W. Yoak New and Used Cars. Grantsville Appliance.

The names on the yellowed pages of the Calhoun Chronicle in the Save the Chronicle display in The 1982 Foundation Building at the recently completed 63rd Wood Festival told a story without saying a word.

The names were names of ghosts from days gone by.

The Dalton Store ran a full page ad in the issue displayed of the Calhoun Chronicle.

The Dalton Store is long gone.

Ironically The 1982 Foundation now owns the building where the Dalton Store used to be.

But the story of why a Save the Chronicle movement is under way is told in those pages and the names seen on those pages. The names are ghosts of yesterday, businesses that bought advertising that are no more.

Why are we fighting to save the Chronicle?

Because we are also fighting to save Grantsville.

Back in the days of those news pages the population of Grantsville was 1,200-1,300. Now the town scratches hard to have 500. Back then each storefront had a store. Today you can practically count the stores on the fingers of one hand with fingers left over.

But both need to be saved and can be saved.

We just need to be willing to work for it.

Of the two the Chronicle is the easiest.

Despite all the platitudes and high-minded thoughts the truth of the matter is that a newspapers first job is to make money because if the newspaper fails to make money it will cease to exist.

Period.

And if the newspaper ceases to exist all the other platitudes and high-minded thoughts cease to exist at least on the platform of that newspaper.

So how does a newspaper make money?

It sells subscriptions and advertising. The more advertising and subscriptions the more money a newspaper makes and the more “news” it can give its readers.

Right now the Save the Chronicle campaign is basically focusing on getting more people to subscribe and that is a doable goal because despite the decreasing population and political infighting that has been going on Calhounians for the most part are proud of being a Calhounian.

I did some research and learned in 2016 the Calhoun Chronicle had a paid subscription rate of 2921. Nine years later I do not now what the current subscription rate is, but I am pretty sure it is more than the 300 soon-to-be former Mayor Robert Petrovsky said it was while ripping into me on an internet post.

But it is not what it was in 2016, and I am sure the Save the Chronicle campaign will lift it back up toward that level because, as I said, for the most part Calhounians are proud to be Calhounians, and the Calhoun Chronicle is part of their heritage.

The second part of the financial revitalization of the Chronicle – paid display advertising – will be much tougher because we no longer have the retail base we had back then and for some reason we are not attracting advertising from the retail base we have.

Nine years ago when the Chronicle’s circulation was 2921 the newspaper had advertising in the form of a display ad in the print version or as an insert in the print version from people like Foodland or Dollar General or Family Dollar.

Now we no longer get either type of

advertising.

And that is a killer.

Why don’t we get advertising from them?

Probably our fault since we have no one locally going to those places talking to those businesses trying to get them to invest in their sales by purchasing advertisements in the local newspaper.

We need to remedy that.

Other things I have heard or read during the Save the Chronicle event including some pointed things on internet posts.

One was a comment saying they wondered why the Chronicle was so late reporting things because they had already read it on Facebook or elsewhere on the internet.

My answer is simple: The internet is available for posting items seven days a week. The Chronicle publishes once every seven days. There is no way when you publish every seven days you cannot hoe to keep up with something that posts every day.

Besides the Chronicle wants to make sure all these daily posts on the Facebook and elsewhere on the internet are accurate. If they are not the Chronicle will not publish it.

And there is one other test that the Chronicle also does. It asks if a post is fair and honest and would you want it said about you? Often something may be fair and honest but there is absolutely no reason to post it.

I know it happened to me recently when somebody said they knew for a fact they were looking for my replacement as editor. It was probably fair and honest, and I agreed saying since I was 77 and less than six months away from having a heart attack it was prudent to have a replacement in mind.

But that is not why it was posted. It was posted to hurt, not inform. And, no, I really did not want it said about me.

Another comment was about the Chronicle being one-sided in its coverage. Somebody else referred to the Chronicle as a “MAGA rag.”

You need a little lesson in print journalism.

The people who write a column are allowed an opinion in that column and that column only. The rest of the coverage must remain as Fox News says. “fair and balanced.”

My opinion appears only in my column.

Period.

I am a conservative Republican, a Catholic and a Marshall fan. I say and admit that freely in my column in the Calhoun Chronicle and nowhere else.

That is the way print journalism works and the way it must work.

Any variation from that such as putting opinion in news stories, leaving out information not supporting your opinion in news stories or anything else like that makes your product worthless.

I have seen it happen.

Just a quick note, I have always told my reporters not ever to put opinion in your stories, or I will fire you and make it stick.

I only had one employee challenge me on it.

They became a former employee, and I made it stick.

I take journalism ethics very seriously.

I hope the Save the Chronicle campaign is successful because it is more than that it is a Save Grantsville campaign.

And while our people – Calhounians – may have a difference of opinion on many things just about every Calhounian is proud to be a Calhounian and in the end they will come together for the common good.

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

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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

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ics, space available, and accuracy.

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

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

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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

June 12, 1771: Frontiersman Patrick Gass was born in Pennsylvania and later relocated to Brooke County. Gass joined the Lewis & Clark Expedition in Illinois Territory and kept a daily account of the exploration. His journal, published in 1807, was the only complete published account of the expedition until 1814. Gass is buried in Wellsburg.



June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from 1959 until his death in 2010. His record was broken in 2013 by Congressman John Dingell, a Michigan Democrat, but Byrd still retains the Senate record.



June 13, 1861: The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate state government in Richmond illegal, created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States, elected Francis Pierpont

governor of Virginia, and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.



June 13, 1928: Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, *A Beautiful Mind*, which was later made into a movie.

June 14, 1912: Botanist Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.

June 15, 1876: Attorney and civil rights activist T. G. Nutter was born in Maryland. The first Black delegate from Kanawha County, he helped establish Lakin State Hospital and other institutions for Blacks, and crafted an anti-lynching law.

June 15, 1880: Musician "Blind Alfred" Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929.

June 15, 1963: The Cass Scenic Railroad took

its first passenger trip during the state's Centennial celebration.



June 16, 1842: Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present-day Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

June 16, 1900: Perhaps West Virginia's greatest naturalist, Maurice Brooks, was born in Upshur County. He served as a professor of biology and wildlife management at West Virginia University from 1938 to 1969. The first alumnus to receive an honorary doctorate from WVU, he wrote two classic nature books: *The Appalachians* (1965) and *The Life of the Mountains* (1969).

June 16, 1964: The Grafton Monster allegedly was first spotted by journalist Robert Cockrell (1946–2022) beside Route 119 near Grafton. His write-up of the event sparked such a tourism frenzy that the local newspaper blamed it on "spring

fever" and requested visitors to go home. No sightings have been confirmed since.

June 17, 1813: General Thomas Maley Harris was born at present-day Harrisville. He rose to prominence after the Civil War, when he served on the military commission that tried conspirators who acted with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

June 17, 1916: The West Virginia High School Athletic Association was organized at Charleston with 11 charter members. Its name was changed to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission in 1955.



June 17, 1961: A Wayne County bridge was named in honor of TV newsman David Brinkley. The bridge's condition had become a news item during the 1960 presidential primary; state officials closed the bridge, repaired it, and invited Brinkley to return for the ceremony officially naming it the "Brinkley Bridge."

June 18, 1937: Jay Rockefeller was born in New York City. He served as West Virginia's 29th governor from 1977 to 1985 and in the U.S. Senate from 1985 to 2015.

June 18, 1944: *It's Wheeling Steel* aired its last program. A half-hour musical variety radio program that drew upon talented Wheeling Steel employees and families, the show ran eight years and was broadcast nationally.

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SAVE THE CHRONICLE

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Bernard Pious Bell
Born: December 29, 1911, in Grantsville, West Virginia (Hog Knob). Earned the Medal of Honor for actions on December 18, 1944, in Mittelwihr, France, while serving with Company I, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division.
Died: January 8, 1971, due to accidental choking while eating.
Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Roy “Red” Stump
Born: January 3, 1925, in Grantsville, West Virginia (Hog Knob). Received three Purple Hearts during World War II.
Lived on the homestead of Bernard Pious Bell on Hog Knob Hill.
Featured in a TV drama “It’s a Miracle” in 2001 about his reunion with an army buddy.
Died: December 9, 2005, in Lorain, Ohio, following a long illness.

Glen Fowler
Navy pilot during World War II.
Participated in missions in the Pacific Conflict against Japan.
Attended the signing of the peace treaty in Japan after the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings.

1956 West Virginia Gubernatorial Election
Republican Cecil H. Underwood defeated Democrat Bob Mollohan.,
Underwood received 440,502 votes (53.88%), while Mollohan received 377,131 votes (46.12%).
Underwood became the first Republican governor of West Virginia since 1928 and was the youngest U.S. governors elected, turning 34 one day before the election.
Ironically Mollohan was a Grantsville native while Hohvah Hall Underwood was a Calhoun native too. Mollohan won Calhoun County 2100 votes to 2014.

Grantsville Fires:
January 17, 1966: Destroyed six businesses, nearly a seventh, and left six homeless families.
Odd Fellows building predicted to burn and take part of the town with it; came true during sub-freezing winter night.

Historical Floods:
Record crest of Little Kanawha River at 43.90 feet.
March 9, 1967: Heavy rain caused unexpected flooding, leaving many families homeless.
Previous record floods occurred in 1918 and 1937 and a later one happened in 1985.

1956 West Virginia Gubernatorial Election
Republican Cecil H. Underwood defeated Democrat Bob Mollohan.
Underwood received 440,502 votes (53.88%), while Mollohan received 377,131 votes (46.12%).
Total votes: 817,633.
Underwood became the first Republican governor of West Virginia since 1928.
Underwood was one of the youngest U.S. governors elected, turning 34 one day before the election.
Mollohan faced controversy over receiving \$20,000 and two cars from a coal operator while serving as superintendent of a male reformatory.

The **Calhoun Chronicle** has a rich history dating back to its founding in **1883**. It was established to fill the gap in Calhoun County, which was one of two counties in West Virginia without a local newspaper at the time. The Chronicle began as a **Democratic weekly** and quickly gained recognition for its quality. By **1898**, the Weekly Register praised it as one of the best papers to come to their office.

In **1900**, the paper’s founder, **S. C. Barr**, made a notable decision not to endorse the Democratic nominee for U.S. president, **William Jennings Bryan**, despite the paper’s Democratic alignment. Barr criticized Bryan’s earlier predictions about economic ruin, questioning his credibility. Shortly after Bryan’s defeat in the election, Barr sold the paper to **Sam P. Bell** and **Robert E. Hays**.

The Chronicle merged with the **Grantsville News** (founded in **1902**) in **1984**, continuing the original numbering of the Chronicle. This merger created the **Calhoun Chronicle and The Grantsville News**, which serves the Grantsville, West Virginia community.

In **1990**, the newspaper enforced its policy of refusing political advertising within a week of an election, leading to a landmark **1991 West Virginia Supreme Court ruling**. The court upheld the paper’s autonomy, stating that the government could not compel a private newspaper to print anything without violating constitutional freedom of the press protections. This decision was a significant victory for press freedom in the state.

The paper’s owner at the time, **Carl Morris**, played a key role in this case. Morris continued to uphold editorial independence, as seen in **1998**, when he refused to run an ad critical of a political opponent, instead offering to publish an ad focusing on the candidate’s family and background. Morris owned the paper until his death in 2003.

The Calhoun Chronicle has a rich history indeed and the Save the Chronicle campaign is designed to keep it alive.

June Stargazing Events and Calhoun County Park: A Cosmic Adventure

As summer begins to unfold, June offers stargazers a perfect opportunity to explore the wonders of the night sky. Calhoun County Park, a hidden gem in West Virginia, stands out as a premier destination for astronomy enthusiasts. Known for its pristine dark skies, the park is on its way to becoming an official International Dark Skies Park, a testament to its exceptional stargazing conditions. With sparse population, minimal artificial light, and breathtaking views of the Milky Way, Calhoun County Park is a haven for amateur astronomers and seasoned stargazers alike.

June is an exciting time for astronomy events at Calhoun County Park. The park hosts annual Dark Skies Parties, where stargazers gather to set up telescopes and marvel at the universe. These events are perfect for connecting with fellow enthusiasts, sharing knowledge, and enjoying the park’s natural beauty. The Clear Sky Chart, available through the Clear Dark Sky website, provides detailed predictions for favorable stargazing days, considering factors like cloud cover, transparency, and darkness. This tool ensures visitors can plan their trips to make the most of their cosmic experience.

- Top 10 Sky Viewing Places in West Virginia**
- West Virginia is home to several incredible stargazing locations, each offering unique experiences under the night sky. Here’s a list of the top 10 places to view the stars:
- Calhoun County Park** Located east of the Mississippi River, this park is one of the best stargazing spots in West Virginia. Its dark skies and lack of crowds make it a perfect destination for astronomy enthusiasts.
 - Blackwater Falls State Park** Nestled in the Allegheny Mountains, this park boasts one of the darkest skies in the state. Its isolation from big cities ensures stunning views of the stars.
 - Calvin Price State Forest** Adjacent to Watoga State Park, this forest offers solitude and undeveloped beauty, making it ideal for stargazers seeking peace and quiet.
 - Camp Virgil Tate** Home to the Breezy Point Observatory, this camp is perfect for families and youth programming, introducing young minds to the wonders of astronomy.
 - Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park** The lookout tower here provides unmatched views of the stars, planets, and constellations, along with historical significance as part of the Civil War Discovery Trail.



June 2025

Everything you will see in the night sky this month

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|---|--|---|
|  <p>June 10 Moon Occults Antares</p> |  <p>June 11 Full Strawberry Moon</p> |  <p>June 17 'Double Star' in the sky</p> |
|  <p>June 19 Triple Conjunction of Moon, Saturn, and Neptune</p> |  <p>June 27 Boötid Meteor Shower</p> |  <p>June 29 Saturn-Neptune Conjunction</p> |

- Green Bank Observatory** Located in the National Quiet Zone, this observatory features dark skies and the world’s premiere single-dish radio telescope, hosting numerous astronomy events.
 - Lost River State Park** Remote and serene, this park offers sublime stargazing experiences, especially at the Cranny Crow overlook.
 - Seneca State Forest** West Virginia’s oldest and largest state forest, with unobstructed views from the Thorny Mountain Fire Tower or Seneca River.
 - Summers County** Southern West Virginia’s starry nights are best enjoyed at Bluestone Lake and Sandstone Falls, prime spots for stargazing.
 - Watoga State Park** Located in Pocahontas County, one of the least populated areas in the state, this park offers a tranquil setting to get lost in the cosmos.
- Whether you’re attending a June event at Calhoun County Park or exploring other top stargazing spots in West Virginia, the state’s dark skies promise unforgettable views of the universe. Grab your telescope, plan your trip, and prepare to be amazed by the celestial wonders above!



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Grants available for farmers market signage

The West Virginia Farmers Market Association (WVFMA), in collaboration with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, has launched an opportunity for farmers markets across the state through its Signage Mini-Grant Program.

This initiative aims to enhance market visibility, accessibility, and the overall customer experience by providing funding for improved signage. Farmers markets are encouraged to get creative with their signage designs to better serve their communities.

The program offers two tiers of funding: \$500 for basic signage, which includes essential information like market hours, parking details, and SNAP acceptance, and \$1,000 for comprehensive signage, which covers vendor maps, wayfinding, and directional signage. The grants will be awarded based on a competitive scoring rubric that evaluates the need, impact, and feasibility of the proposed signage projects.

To be eligible for the grant, applicants must meet specific requirements, including being a current WVFMA member, registering with the WV Department of Agriculture, and submitting a valid W-9 form. The application process also involves answering simple data questions about weekly customer counts, vendor participation, and the use of SNAP, WIC, and Senior Vouchers. These metrics align with WVFMA’s Market Metrics project, which aims to strengthen markets’ eligibility for future funding and programs. For markets not yet tracking these numbers, WVFMA offers support to help them get started.

The deadline to apply for the grant is June 16 at 5:00 PM. WVFMA staff are available to assist applicants with questions, signage planning, and data tracking setup. Holly Morgan, the Executive Director of WVFMA, can be contacted at executivedirector@wvfarmers.org for further assistance.



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Chuck Kendall III

Kendall wins fishing tournament

Chuck Kendall III shared an exciting story about his recent fishing tournament at North Bend with Hometown Bass Boys. He and Haleigh Bailes had a fantastic day on the lake, finishing in 1st place with a total of 91 inches of fish. This marked Haleigh’s first tournament win, making the achievement even more special. They managed to catch two fish over 20 inches and lost two others of similar size. Their victory also secured them a spot in the 2026 Classic,

an impressive accomplishment early in the year.

Chuck expressed gratitude to Jimmy and Andrew for their efforts in organizing the event, including scheduling and permitting, which made the tournament possible. He also enjoyed seeing Ryan Lattea at the event. The tournament featured 33 competitors, and the detailed figures from the event highlight the competitive spirit and camaraderie among the participants.

CCHS Football Golf Scramble

Join us this Saturday, June 14th, at the Glenville Golf Club for the CCHS Football Golf Scramble!

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, June 14th

Location: Glenville Golf Club

Activities:

Mulligans and 50/50 available for purchase

Opportunities to putt for prizes, including a Yeti cooler, small drone, golf

clubs, hats, shirts, free rounds of golf, and more!

Lunch provided

Awards for 1st-3rd place, closest to the pin, and longest putt

Team Registration: We still have a few openings for teams! If you’d like to enter, please contact Jeffrey Goodrich.

Thank you to all the teams and sponsors for making this event a success!

#LetsGoRedDevils

WVDNR Stocks 68 Waters with Trout and Catfish During the Week of May 27 *Final Trout Stockings for Spring Season Took Place on May 31*

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced the return of channel catfish stockings. The following lakes and streams received stockings during the week of May 27:

Anawalt Lake
Barboursville Lake
Berwind Lake
Big Ditch Lake
Brandywine Lake
Brushy Fork Lake
Cacapon State Park Lake
Camp Caesar Lake
Cedar Creek State Park Lakes
Charles Fork Lake
Chief Logan State Park Lake
Dunkard Fork Lake
Edwards Run Lake
Elk Fork Lake
Fitzpatrick Lake
Fort Ashby Reservoir
French Creek Pond
Horse Creek Lake
Hurricane Reservoir
Indian Rocks Lake
Kimsey Run Lake
Laurel Lake
Lick Creek Pond
Little Beaver Lake
Little Beaver State Park Lake
Logan County Pond (Children and Class Q)
Miller Fork Pond (Children and Class Q)

O’Brien Lake
Parker Hollow Lake
Pendleton Lake
Pipestem Lake
Poorhouse Pond
Raleigh County Airport Pond (Children and Class Q)
Sleepy Creek
South Mill Creek Lake
Teter Creek Lake
Tomlinson Run Lake
Tuckahoe Lake
Wallback Lake
Warden Lake
Woodrum Lake

The WVDNR also announced the final trout stockings of the spring season. The following lakes and streams received

stockings during the week of May 27:

Anthony Creek
Blackwater River
Cacapon Park Lakes
Cranberry River
Elk River (Randolph, Webster)
Gandy Creek
Glady Fork
Indian Creek
Knapps Creek
Laurel Fork (Randolph)
Little River West Fork Greenbrier River
North Fork South Branch
Opequon Creek
Potts Creek
Rich Creek
Shavers Fork (Bemis)
Shavers Fork (Lower Section)
Shavers Fork (Upper Section)
South Branch (Franklin)
South Branch (Smoke Hole)
Spruce Knob Lake
Summit Lake
West Fork Greenbrier River
Williams River

While daily trout stockings are not announced in advance, the WVDNR publishes a list of recently stocked waters at WVdnr.gov/fish-stocking. Anglers may also find out what waters have been stocked by calling the stocking hotline at 304-558-3399.

In inclement weather, missed stockings are made up by either additional stocking runs or additional fish added to upcoming stocking events. For more information about trout stocking locations, anglers should check pages 6–7 in the 2025 Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license and a valid form of identification while fishing in the state of West Virginia. Trout stamps are required for those fishing for trout. Anglers are also encouraged to upgrade their fishing experience by opting for a collectible license card. Licenses and stamps may be purchased online at WVfish.com.

Hunters in West Virginia harvest 10,694 spring turkeys in 2025

Harvests during two-day youth season increased in 2025

According to preliminary data released by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR), hunters harvested 10,694 bearded turkeys during the spring gobbler season.

“Spring turkey season continues to be a valued tradition in West Virginia, where hunters have a strong commitment to wildlife conservation and responsible hunting practices,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “We’re encouraged by the strong participation this spring, especially from all of the youth hunters who bagged their bird during the two-day youth season.”

Youth hunters harvested 682 turkeys (502 on Saturday and 180 on Sunday), which is a slight increase over the 601 birds that were taken in 2024. This year, the youth harvest made up 6.4% of the total harvest. Those numbers are included in the table with county totals.

Despite a strong showing from youth hunters, this year’s total harvest was 8.2% below last year’s harvest (11,650), 1.1% below the five-year average

(10,812) and 8.7% below the 10-year average (11,709).

All six districts harvested fewer birds than last year. District 1 harvested the most birds (2,459) followed by District 6 (1,945), District 5 (1,889), District 4 (1,641), District 3 (1,547) and District 2 (1,213). The top five counties with the highest turkey harvest were Mason (476), Jackson (366), Preston (362), Harrison (345) and Kanawha (306) counties.

Hunters are reminded that there is still time to report their spring gobbler hunting activity for inclusion in the 2025 Annual Spring Gobbler Survey. For more information about the survey, visit WVdnr.gov/surveys. To learn more about hunting in West Virginia or to buy a hunting license, visit WVdnr.gov.

Here is a breakdown of the spring turkey harvest numbers for each county in West Virginia’s Districts 3 and 6 for 2025:

District 6

Hunters in District 6 harvested a total

of 1,945 turkeys during the 2025 spring gobbler season, which is a decrease from the 2,208 turkeys harvested in 2024. The county-by-county breakdown is as follows:

Calhoun County: 145 turkeys harvested, down from 153 in 2024.

Doddridge County: 166 turkeys harvested, a decrease from 231 in 2024.

Gilmer County: 136 turkeys harvested, up from 119 in 2024.

Jackson County: 366 turkeys harvested, down from 400 in 2024.

Pleasants County: 85 turkeys harvested, down from 98 in 2024.

Ritchie County: 228 turkeys harvested, down from 288 in 2024.

Roane County: 226 turkeys harvested, down from 251 in 2024.

Tyler County: 199 turkeys harvested, down from 237 in 2024.

Wirt County: 132 turkeys harvested, down from 148 in 2024.

Wood County: 262 turkeys harvested, down from 283 in 2024.

District 3

District 3 hunters harvested 1,547 turkeys in 2025, which is slightly lower than the 1,585 turkeys harvested in 2024. The county-by-county breakdown is as follows:

Braxton County: 193 turkeys harvested, up from 185 in 2024.

Clay County: 95 turkeys harvested, up from 87 in 2024.

Lewis County: 259 turkeys harvested, up from 238 in 2024.

Nicholas County: 252 turkeys harvested, down from 258 in 2024.

Pocahontas County: 152 turkeys harvested, down from 186 in 2024.

Randolph County: 238 turkeys harvested, down from 275 in 2024.

Upshur County: 231 turkeys harvested, down from 244 in 2024.

Webster County: 127 turkeys harvested, up from 112 in 2024.

This data highlights the fluctuations in turkey harvests across counties, with some showing increases while others experienced declines compared to the previous year.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

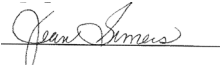
| Decedent | Personal Representative | Address |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Mary Helen Nichols | Susan Lyons | 3793 Barrcut Rd., Spencer, WV 25276 |
| Milford Newton Nichols | Kelles Newton Nichols | 314 Dwyer Ln., Lewisburg, WV 24901 |
| Ronald Brown | Jason W. Brown | 3372 S. Calhoun Hwy., Grantsville, WV 26147 |

June 4, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **August 4, 2025**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.



Calhoun County Commission

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

| Decedent | Decedent's Address | Date of Death | Date of Will |
|---|---|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Gary E. Campbell | 255 Taylor Rd. Barberton, OH 44203 | March 27, 1990 | October 23, 1967 |
| Name of Person Filing Affidavit | Address | Relation to Decedent | Date of First Publication |
| Kellie Allen, POA for Carol S. Campbell | 3129 Cleve-Mass Rd. Norton, OH 44203 | Daughter | June 4, 2025 |

| Decedent | Decedent's Address | Date of Death | Date of Will |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Ernest Paul Anderson | 34822 Dexter Rd. Langsville, OH 45741 | September 18, 2022 | July 23, 1971 |
| Name of Person Filing Affidavit | Address | Relation to Decedent | Date of First Publication |
| Edward Dale Anderson | 35503 Sheets Rd. Langsville, OH 45741 | Son | June 4, 2025 |

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street; PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later.

Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Administration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law.

Entered this 30th day of April, 2025.



Jason Simms, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission

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(2022-C-000074- CALHOUN COUNTY - MICHAEL WADE)

To: BONNIE GARCHINSKY ESTATE C/O LAUREA C. KEMBLE, BONNIE GARCHINSKY ESTATE C/O DR. MARK LEACH, M.D., BONNIE GARCHINSKY ESTATE C/O ELISSA M. LEACH, BONNIE GARCHINSKY ESTATE C/O ROGER J. GARCHINSKY, BONNIE GARCHINSKY ESTATE C/O JENNIFER VAIL FRESHLEY, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, CREDITORS & ASSIGNS OF BONNIE GARCHINSKY, ELISSA M. LEACH, JENNIFER VAIL FRESHLEY, LAURA C. KEMBLE, DR. CHRISTOPHER R. GARCHINSKY, ROGER J. GARCHINSKY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERIDAN MAP 11 PARCEL 0082 0000 0000

You will take notice that MICHAEL WADE, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000074**, located in SHERIDAN District, .68 AC FEE BROOKSVILLE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GARCHINSKY BONNIE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 21, 2023. MICHAEL WADE requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2025, will be as follows:

| | | |
|---|----|----------|
| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 13095. | \$ | 394.92 |
| Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number | \$ | 0.00 |
| Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 13047. | \$ | 271.85 |
| Additional taxes with interest. | \$ | 0.00 |
| Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. | \$ | 143.69 |
| Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. | \$ | 268.76 |
| Additional Statutory Fees with interest. | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. | \$ | 1,079.22 |

You may redeem at any time before October 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand May 31, 2025

Christal G. Perry

Christal G. Perry

Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority Monthly Meeting

Date: June 18, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Mom's Place Too, 340 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147

Monthly Tire Collection Date: June 20, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: CCSWA, 2427 W Little Kanawha Hwy, Grantsville, WV 26147

For more information, contact Tanya Cunningham, Assistant Director, Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority.

Grantsville Farmers Market

Join us at the **Grantsville Farmers Market** every Thursday from **9 AM to 1 PM** at **811 S Calhoun Highway, Grantsville**, just past Baker's Mart.

Come and explore a variety of **baked goods, fresh veggies, and farm-fresh eggs**. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact **Karen Shreve** at **304-613-5041**.

Now Hiring Water and Sewer Inspectors

Who: Prime Energy LLC, a West Virginia-based inspection company, is seeking experienced Water and Sewer Inspectors for immediate full-time, on-site work.

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Where: Projects are located across West Virginia.

When: Crews generally work 4-10s, with Friday as a makeup day. Positions are available immediately.

How to Apply: Send your resume via email to:

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primeenergyresumes@gmail.com

Requirements: Applicants must have experience in water/sewer plant operations or water/sewer new line installation. Previous water/sewer inspection experience is preferred.



Tina Persinger Hamrick

May 6 · 🌐

We will be organizing the volunteers to water the flowers that will be hung on the lamp poles!

@everyone is welcome to volunteer to help!!!

Monday: Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department

Tuesday: Minnie Hamilton Health System

Wednesday: Walgreens and Ashley Richards and Jane Morris Carpenter

Thursday: Calhoun FRN and Jess Metz as running for town council

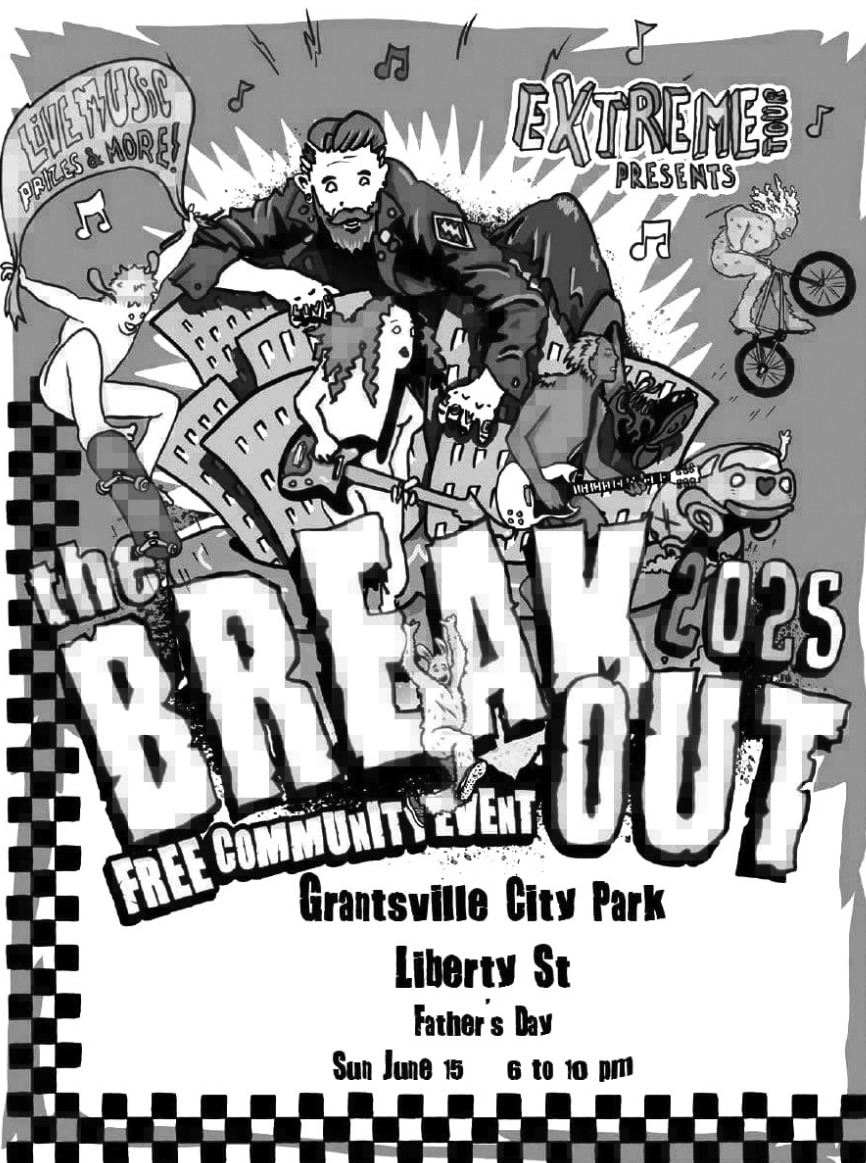
Friday: Alexa Richards

Saturday: Joe Justice Family Auto Business

Sunday: Hanes Kelly

We have an outside water spout - so need to worry where the water can come from!!!

We want our town to beautiful!!! Great way to spend some family timeWe can double n triple up on days so everyone is included



Calhoun County Shines in Spring 2025 PACF Community Action Grant Awards

Calhoun County is making strides in community development and support, thanks to the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) and its Spring 2025 Community Action Grant Program. Three impactful projects in the county have received significant funding, showcasing the dedication of local organizations to improving the lives of residents.

Pleasant Hill Elementary School With a \$500 grant, Pleasant Hill Elementary School is set to promote a love of literacy among students and families. The funding will be used to provide quality reading materials, fostering a culture of learning and engagement. This initiative aims to inspire young minds and strengthen family bonds through shared reading experiences.

Catholic Charities West Virginia Catholic Charities West Virginia has been awarded \$12,000 to support its mobile food pantry, which serves Calhoun and neighboring counties, including Doddridge, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, and Wirt. This program addresses food insecurity by delivering essential groceries to those in need, ensuring that families across the region have access to nutritious meals.

Calhoun County Committee on Aging, Inc. The Calhoun County Committee on Aging, Inc. received a \$20,000 grant to support its Congregate Meals program. With an increasing demand for this service, the funding will help the organization continue providing hot, nutritious meals to seniors in a welcoming community setting. This program not only combats hunger

but also fosters social connections among older adults.

These grants reflect the PACF’s commitment to strengthening communities and addressing pressing needs. As Fred Rader, Executive Director of the PACF, noted, “This grant cycle clearly demonstrates the increasing need among our community’s nonprofits. We’re thrilled to award nearly half a million in support, but it’s a reminder that we must continue growing our charitable resources to meet the rising demand.”

Calhoun County’s recipients are a testament to the power of local philanthropy and the impact of community-driven initiatives. With these grants, the county is poised to make meaningful progress in literacy, food security, and senior care, ensuring a brighter future for its residents.

Final public hearing on dilapidated and abandoned structures held

The Calhoun County Commission meeting on June 10 at 6 p.m. included final public hearings on dilapidated structures and salvage yard ordinances, with an opportunity for attendees not listed as participants to simply attend.

The hearing on the proposed ordinance will be followed by the commission’s regular meeting.

Explaining the Proposed Ordinance

In Calhoun County the local government has identified a growing problem: abandoned and dilapidated structures scattered across the county.

These buildings, often left in disrepair for years, pose serious risks to public safety and health. They can become fire hazards, attract pests, and even depress the value of nearby properties. Additionally, piles of refuse, debris, and toxic spills on private lands have created unsanitary and unsafe conditions for residents. Recognizing the need for action, the Calhoun County Commission has proposed a new ordinance to address these issues head-on.

The ordinance establishes the **Calhoun County Unsafe Structure and Property Enforcement Agency**, a specialized group tasked with identifying and addressing unsafe buildings and properties. This agency will consist of experts, including the county engineer, health officer, fire chief, litter control officer, and two community members, one of whom

will have knowledge of agricultural operations. The county sheriff will also serve as an ex officio member. Together, this team will investigate complaints, assess properties, and recommend actions to the County Commission.

Under the ordinance, the agency will focus on two main issues:

Unsafe Structures: Buildings that are unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation, fire hazards, lack of ventilation, or other dangerous conditions.

Accumulations of Refuse or Debris: Piles of trash, overgrown vegetation, or toxic spills that threaten public health and safety.

The process begins when a written complaint is submitted by a resident or another county agency. The Enforcement Agency will investigate the complaint within 30 days, ensuring that any entry onto private property complies with state and federal laws. If the agency determines that a structure or property is unsafe, it will bring the complaint to the County Commission.

Before taking action, the ordinance ensures fairness by giving property owners the opportunity to respond. Owners will be served with a copy of the complaint and have 10 days to request a hearing. If a hearing is requested, the County Commission will review the evidence and decide whether the property

is unsafe. If the owner fails to act or comply with the Commission’s orders, the county may step in to repair, demolish, or clean up the property.

To fund these efforts, the county can place a lien on the property or even use insurance proceeds to cover cleanup costs. Owners who fail to comply may also face daily fines of up to \$50. However, the ordinance allows flexibility for owners who show good faith efforts to address the issues.

One unique aspect of the ordinance is its inclusion of methamphetamine contamination. Any structure found to contain 0.1µg of methamphetamine and left unremediated for six months will automatically be deemed unsafe.

The proposed ordinance is designed to balance public safety with property rights. It provides a clear process for addressing unsafe conditions while giving property owners the chance to resolve issues themselves. By adopting this ordinance, the Calhoun County Commission aims to create a safer, cleaner, and more attractive community for all residents.

This initiative reflects the county’s commitment to improving the quality of life for its citizens while addressing long-standing issues that have plagued the area. If passed, the ordinance will empower the community to take control of its future and ensure that Calhoun County remains a safe place to live.

Why Supporting Pollinators is Important

Why This Matters:

Pollinators Are Essential: Birds, bees, butterflies, and bats play a critical role in growing fruits, vegetables, and flowers.

Environmental Impact: Healthy green spaces provide shelter and food for pollinators, contributing to a healthier planet.

Community Benefits: Public green spaces enhance connections with nature and wildlife, as shown by a recent survey where 60% of people enjoy nature and 51%

enjoy observing wildlife.

How You Can Help:

Plant Native Species: Choose plants suited to your climate zone, such as milkweed for monarch butterflies.

Ensure Continuous Blooms: Select nectar-rich plants that bloom throughout the year to support pollinators year-round.

Engage Youth: Use free STEM-based lesson plans to teach children about pollinator-friendly green spaces.

Foster Community Stewardship: Organize volun-

teer opportunities and events to protect parks, gardens, and other green spaces.

Sponsoring Organization: This initiative is led by the **TurfMutt Foundation**, which advocates for the care and use of managed green spaces. Founded by the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), the TurfMutt Foundation has reached over 70 million children, educators, and families since 2009.

For more information, visit www.TurfMutt.com.

ELIMINATION
DINNER

Calhoun Youth
Livestock Program

FRIDAY AUGUST 1, 2025

✓ Steak or Chicken

✓ Baked Potato

✓ Salad Bar

✓ Dessert

\$30

Donation
per dinner

Winner gets \$500

Every 25th ticket drawn wins \$25

Doors Open
5:30 pm

Dinner
6:00 pm

Location:
The Livestock Program Barn
80 Spring Run Road
Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

Contact:
Daisy Bailey 304-462-7061





MOUNTAINEER FOOD BANK

MOBILE
FOOD PANTRY

Location: Calhoun County
DHHR Office

Address: 85 Industrial Park Road
Grantsville, WV 26147

Date: Thursday, June 12th

Time: 10am—11:30am

2025 FOOD GIVEAWAY

WHILE
SUPPLIES
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mountaineerfoodbank.org/mobile-pantry for the full schedule



Work continuing on Calhoun Chronicle Church Directory

EDITOR’S NOTE: We are still working toward creating a Church Directory for the Calhoun Chronicle and these are the churches we have thus far. We would like for you to look over the churches we have information about and correct anything we may have wrong in the church’s summary.

Also, if we missed any churches in the county, please let us know and tell us about your church. We look forward to hearing from you because each and every church is very important. Also, we would like to get information on churches in neighboring counties where Calhoun people may attend such as churches in Smithville, Stumptown and Creston. We look forward to hearing from you.

APOSTOLIC

None listed

BAPTIST

The Church at Annamoriah

PASTOR DR. BARRY A. MILLER

SS @ 10:00 & Worship @ 11:00 Located about 1/2 of a mile out Katie’s run road Annamoriah, West Virginia



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a.m. – Worship 11 a.m.

Pastor: Tom Law

Route 5 East Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville, WV



Brooksville Church Missionary Baptist

Pastor Matt Sanders, Sunday School – 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.,

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 PM (Adult & Youth Programs). Phone 304-354-6967 The Perfect Church for Those Who Aren’t! Find us on Facebook! Brooksville Missionary Baptist Church

Chapel Baptist

1710 Nobe Rd Big Springs, WV, 26137, Pastors Harold Francis and Tom Law, Sunday Service 10-11 a.m. Sunday 6 p.m. Wednesday 6 p.m. Open until 6:00 PM +1 (304) 354-6080 <https://www.chapelbaptist.org>

Enon Baptist Church

Russett Road Grantsville, WV 26147 Pastor John Vannoy

First Baptist Church of Grantsville

Pastor Ron Chesser

Associate Pastor Rick Godfrey

Sunday: 10:00 – Sunday school 11:00 – morning worship

Wednesday: 7:00 – Bible study

Pastor Ron’s cell: +1 (304) 786-6273 Home: (304) 477-3339

Freedom Baptist Church

Chloe, WV, Campus Pastor Steve Boggs. Open at 10am Preaching at 10:30 am Call 304-655-7692 for information: Internet services Done by Pastor (Mike Worf) at Freedom Baptist Church of Okeechobee Florida Sunday morning 10:30am, Sunday night 8pm, Wednesday night 7pm and Friday night 8pm



Prosperity Baptist Church
844 Leading Creek Rd.
Big Springs, WV 26137

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Steven Carter, Sunday School – 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m., Sunday Evening – 6 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. (Adult & Youth Programs).



Phone 304-354-7780, Find us on Facebook!

CATHOLIC



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

701 Mineral Road, Glenville, WV.

Pastor: Father Gary Naegele, Mass schedule: Sun. 11:00 a.m. Daily Mass and Holy Day as announced in bulletin; Confessions: before Sunday Mass.



Holy Redeemer

602 Parkersburg Rd. Spencer

(304) 927-2013

holyredeemerwv@gmail.com



St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St Rt 14 S, Elizabeth

(681) 236-2700

stelizofhungary@gmail.com

CHURCH OF CHRIST



Steer Creek Church of Christ 3466 Rosedale Road Stumptown, WV 25267 Sunday Morning Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

INDEPENDENT



PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

Pastor, Rick Matheney

3757 N. Calhoun Highway, Grantsville, WV 26147.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Church

Big Bend, WV Pastor: Mike Doherty Phone: 304.916.4668 Sunday Morning: 10:00 am Sunday

Evening: 6:30 pm Wednesday Evening: 7:00 pm

METHODIST



ALBERT’S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

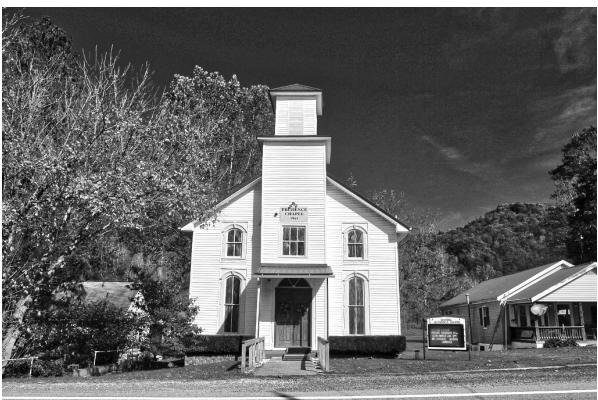
Pastor David Weaver, Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am

Mt Zion United Methodist Church



Pastor David Weaver, Worship 10:00 am, 304-514-1346

Prudence Chapel



Minnora, WV along Rt 16

Pastor Tim Hickman, preaching at 11am the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Sunday School at 10am. 2nd and 4th Sundays preaching at 10am and Sunday school at 11am. 304-354-7365 Everyone is welcome.

Walker United Methodist Church



located 1627 Walker Rd in Chloe, WV Pastor Tim Hickman Sunday services start at 10 AM

Orma United Methodist

Located at 17663 South Calhoun Highway. Sunday services beginning at 10 A.M. Pastor Timothy Hickman, preaches every first and third Sunday morning at 10 A.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Knotts Memorial Church

Pastor Tim Davis Sunday School: 9 am Sunday Worship: 10 am Wednesday Bible Study: 6 pm Thursday Men’s/Women’s groups: 6 pm Congregation Led Services <https://www.KnottsChurch.com>

NON DENOMINATIONAL

Cornerstone Praise and Worship 527 Highland Street, Grantsville, WV. Pastor: Kevin Church Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Sunday Evening Prayer Group 6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study 6pm (adults and youth). Find us on Facebook!

WOOD FESTIVAL SCRAPBOOK

63RD WOOD FESTIVAL

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A Week of Connection and Celebration

The festival began with excitement on Wednesday, as families gathered for the Baby Pageant and attendees enjoyed karaoke hosted by Sherry Wade. Lions Club Bingo brought smiles to many, setting the tone for the days ahead. Thursday's opening ceremonies were a highlight, with the crowning of the Woodchuck Kings and Queens and the honoring of the 2024 Charlie Whipkey Spirit of Wood Festival. The performances by Rick Poling, Trenton Cunningham, Bruce Jones, and Josh Oldaker filled the evening with music and meaning.

Friday brought a lively atmosphere with booths showcasing local crafts and food,

while rock and modern music performances kept the energy high. Saturday, the grand finale was packed with activities, from the 5K and Kids Run to the Grand Parade led by Parade Marshals Larry and Vickie Baker. The Car Show, arm wrestling, cornhole tournament, and musical performances by John Richards, Cody Clayton Eagle Band, and Tyler Reese Tritt kept attendees entertained throughout the day. The fireworks display at 10:30 PM was the perfect ending, lighting up the night and symbolizing the festival's success.

A Community United

The festival was more than just events; it was a celebration of the people who make Calhoun County special. The 2025 Wood Festival Royalty, including Queen Flora

LXIII Hallie Mace and others, brought elegance and tradition to the festivities. Larry and Vickie Baker, the Parade Marshals, embodied the spirit of community service, inspiring attendees with their dedication to Calhoun County.

Jason Wilson, an EMS leader, captured the essence of the festival in his reflection: "One of the best things about the Wood Festival is our 'front porch' time together." The festival provided a space for neighbors to reconnect, share stories, and strengthen bonds, reminding everyone of the importance of community.

Memories to Last a Lifetime

As attendees packed up their booths, folded chairs, and said their goodbyes, the streets of Grantsville were filled with

a sense of fulfillment. The festival had brought together people of all ages, from children running in the 5K to seniors enjoying the music and camaraderie. It was a week of laughter, shared meals, and moments that will be remembered for years to come.

The 63rd Annual Calhoun County Wood Festival may be over, but its impact will linger in the hearts of those who attended. It was a celebration of tradition, a showcase of talent, and a reminder of the strength of community. As the fireworks faded and the streets grew quiet and the rain started falling on Grantsville, one thing was certain: Calhoun County had gathered, laughed, and remembered, and the spirit of the festival would live on.



Bingo, a wood festival staple



The Pledge of Allegiance at the opening ceremony of the Wood Festival Thursday

Wood Chuck Winners from County Schools



Little Mister Wood Chuck Dallas Mace and Little Miss Wood Chuck Serinity Husk

Dawn Fox, Calhoun's 2025 Folk Festival Bell



Dawn Fox's life is a testament to dedication, community, and passion. Raised in Belle, near Charleston, Dawn moved to Calhoun in 1971 with her husband, Tom, when he was transferred there by the Department of Natural Resources. Together, they built a life on their farm on Sycamore Road, raising three sons—Russ, Matt, and Jay.

Dawn's love for dance began early, leading her to perform with the Charleston Ballet Company for six years. After moving to Calhoun, she shared her passion by opening a dance school in Grantsville. Her journey took a new turn in 1982 when she earned her RN degree, embarking on a 38-year career as a nurse. With certifications in Emergency Nursing and as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Dawn worked in various medical fields, including surgery, delivery, and home health, but her heart always belonged to emergency nursing. Her dedication was exemplified one snowy night when she delivered a baby boy during an ambulance call.

Throughout her career, Dawn served at Calhoun General Hospital, Minnie Hamilton Health System, CAMC-Women & Children's Hospital, and the Calhoun Committee on Aging. Beyond her professional life, she has been deeply involved in her community. A 51-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Grantsville, Dawn has held leadership roles, including Worthy Matron and Worthy Grand Matron of West Virginia. Her commitment extended to the General Grand Chapter, where she served on committees twice.

Dawn's love for nature shines through her work at the Allegheny Front Bird Banding Station at Dolly Sods since the late 1980s, where she tends bird nets and bands birds. She is also a member of the Brooks Bird Club and the Hill and Holler Garden Club in Spencer. Her hobbies include gardening, flowers, and birdwatching, reflecting her deep connection to the natural world.

An active member of Pleasant Hill Church, Dawn cherishes her family, including four granddaughters and a grandson who recently graduated from Marshall University. She feels blessed to call Calhoun her home and appreciates the support of the Grantsville Lion's Club.

Dawn Fox's story is one of resilience, service, and love for her community and family—a life well-lived in the heart of Calhoun.



Pretty Babies and royalty



2025 Queens Parade



2025 Queens with Queen's Choice Car show winner Eugene King



Pretty Baby winners

WOOD FESTIVAL SCRAPBOOK CONT.

Calhoun County Wood Festival Celebrates Contest Winners

The 2025 Calhoun County Wood Festival was a resounding success, showcasing the community's talent, creativity, and charm through various contests. Here's a breakdown of the winners from each event:

Parade Winners The festival parade brought excitement and energy to the streets, with participants vying for top honors:

Best Overall: Batman
Best Float: Donna Schoolcraft (Calhoun Thyme Travelers)

Best Marching Unit: Calhoun Band
Best Team: Rugrats T-Ball

Car Show Winners The annual car show featured stunning vehicles, with awards given to the top entries:

Top 10 (in no particular order):

Allen Dawson (55 Chevy Truck)
Richard Parsons (38 Ford Coupe)
Tom Fluharty (56 Ford F100)
Lou Rader (65 Ford Mustang)
Tim and Lisa Snider (70 Road Runner)
Scott Schimmel (32 Plymouth)
Bill Stevens (56 Ford)
Travis Miles (74 Dodge D100)
Tim Holbert (19 Can-Am Outlander)

Queens' Choice: Eugene King (65 Chevy Truck)

Best of Show: Mike Richards (31 Coupe)

Pretty Baby Contest Winners The Pretty Baby Contest brought smiles to everyone as adorable participants competed in various age categories:

0-6 months: Ivy Holbert (girl) and Kreed Hall (boy)

7-11 months: Rowan Collins (girl) and Maverick Cain (boy)

1 year: Everlee Scott (girl) and Rowan Metheny (boy)

2 years: Emeryson Jones (girl) and Aaron Stull (boy)

3 years: Ivy Lopez (girl)

The Calhoun County Wood Festival continues to be a cherished tradition, celebrating the community's spirit and talent. Congratulations to all the winners!



Save the Chronicle display



New mayor John Villines washing bridge at night prior to Wood Festival



Grantsville VFD washed the streets before festival



Best of Show winner Mike Richards



New carnival in town Friday evening



The law and the government at the Wood Festival



A table filled with bingo cards



Royalty taking a visit to the bingo tent



Axe throwing champions Dan and Barbara Cain



Carl Ballengee and new search and rescue dog Friday evening



Queen Flora LXIII Hallie Mace holds up her picture Thursday morning



Selfie fun at the Wood Festival on Thursday