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## Brannon gets at least 22 years in prison | AMC to hold busy week of meetings and as victims make emotional statements

By Gaylen Duskey And Shari Hardway Johnson

On March 4, 2024, Jeffrey Allen Brannon drove a school bus under the influence of alcohol, with a blood alcohol level twice the legal limit. This reckless decision led to the worst accident in the history of Calhoun County Schools, as Brannon lost control of the bus on South Calhoun Highway 16, overturning it and injuring 19 students. The tragic incident caused immense physical, mental, and emotional suffering for the victims and their families.

In court, Brannon pleaded guilty to all charges, including three counts of DUI causing serious injury and sixteen counts of child neglect. Judge Anita Harold Ashley sentenced him to a minimum of 22 years and a maximum of 110 years in prison, with sentences for each count running consecutively. Brannon will receive 466 days of credit for time served and will be eligible for parole after 22 years. Additionally, he was fined \$1,000 for the DUI charges.

The courtroom was filled with emotional testimonies from victims and their families, recounting the devastating impact of the accident. Kevin Wilson, who lost his leg, endured eleven surgeries in



Jeffrey Brannon

thirteen days and nearly died multiple times. Hoyt Helmick suffered mental and physical injuries, losing his trust in school staff and struggling with daily routines. Lydia Starcher experienced lingering headaches that jeopardized her

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# Calhoun commissioners cover many issues in meeting

By Gaylen Duskey

The Calhoun County Commission meeting on June 10, 2025, showcased the recent spirit of progress and unity that defines our community.

Commissioners Craig Arthur, Jacob McCumbers, and Eric Lupardus con-vened in the Little Courtroom to address

Residents addressed their concerns and updates, with Hortz Motz discussing Pleasant Hill water billing rates and the anticipated benefits of Frontier Communications' fiber installation, expected to improve connectivity within three months. Motz also highlighted a recent outage that disrupted essential services. Gayle Ford raised questions about service fees, prompting commissioners to offer assistance in finding answers. Tyler Ohrn, representing Congresswoman Carol Miller, extended federal support to the county.

A public hearing on ordinances sparked debate, with Ed Lott urging the commission to prioritize health and safety in the Dilapidated Structures Ordinance. Concerns were raised about fines for unauthorized salvage yards, with the final

commission approved over \$27,000 for renovations at Upper West Fork Park, including basketball court elevation and fencing, while reaffirming their commitment to local investments by keeping funds with Calhoun Banks.

Commissioner McCumbers shared

updates on park improvements and upcoming Independence Day celebrations, while Commissioner Lupardus highlighted the Wood Festival and the potential economic boost of \$38 million in salaries if the AMC (American Medicine Company) facility is established in the county.

Sheriff Graham Knight proposed purchasing a narcotics testing tool and suggested donating outdated equipment to the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center for student training. The commission revitalized the 911 Board and approved a \$100,000 REAP grant application to enhance Cabot Recycling Station.

Amid economic challenges, commissioners encouraged local shopping and announced the opening of Hardway Heating and Cooling. Independence Day celebrations at Calhoun County Park on July 3-4 and an appreciation board dinner on August 30 promise to bring the community together.



Storms moving across West Virginia triggered flooding in many areas including Pine Creek here in Calhoun County where 2.5 inches of rain fell in a short period of time bringing a flash flood to the area.

# a town meeting on June 25

According to American Medicine Company Chairman Crystal Mersh AMC is gearing up for an exciting event in Calhoun County as it prepares to host a reception on Wednesday (June 25, 2025) to unveil its vision and plans for bringing the manufacture of essential medicines back to the United States.

This event promises to be a significant gathering, with government officials, business leaders, and key influencers from across the state invited to experience the warm hospitality of the region.

The week leading up to the reception will be a busy one for the AMC executive team. They will convene on the campus of GSU for regular business meetings and a special session focused on marketing

Glenville Mayor Mark Sarver has graciously provided the meeting location, ensuring the team has a productive environment to finalize their plans. The marketing team, along with video production professionals, will be actively engaged in filming and photography throughout the week. A highlight of this creative effort will be a photo shoot at J&B Drug Store, the hometown pharmacy, hosted by Leisa Jarvis Stover. With AMC's branding rooted in rural America, the team anticipates capturing stunning visuals that reflect the essence of their mission.

The reception itself will be a celebra-tion of community and culture, featuring

a dinner titled "A Taste of West Virginia." Guests will enjoy a mouthwatering menu that includes smoked BBQ ribs, chicken, and Frankie4Fingers Famous Burnt Ends, complemented by pinto beans, fried potatoes, and fresh garden vegetables. A special guest chef, Cindy Cottrell, will prepare combread for the event, honoring the culinary legacy of her mother, Iva Hoskins, whose kitchen was known for its delicious aromas and joyful atmosphere.

AMC is inviting community members to contribute to the dinner by preparing crock pots of pinto beans or fried potatoes, adding a personal touch to the feast. The Pool Co-op team will be on hand to serve the meal and entertain guests with a spirited Hillbilly Golf match, ensuring the evening is both enjoyable and memo-

The event is set to take place on June 25, and AMC has extended a special invitation to the incoming town council members to join the festivities. The community has worked tirelessly to make Calhoun County look beautiful and welcoming, and this reception will be a showcase of their efforts and pride.

With a blend of business, creativity, and community spirit, AMC's reception is poised to be a remarkable event that highlights their commitment to revitalizing American manufacturing while celebrating the rich culture and hospitality of rural West Virginia.

## Happy birthday West Virginia and bring on summer

By Gaylen Duskey

As long as there had been an Earth there has been a summer solstice. Before man. Before dinosaurs. Before even the amoeba that formed the first life on this planet there has been a summer solstice.

It has existed since the creation of the universe, and it took several million

years for man to discover it.

But it took man getting scientific knowledge and inventing the calendar and ways to tell time. It even took man wanting to tell time and mark days.

But it has always been as the longest day of the year when the sun was highest Actually the sun never but the earth tilted on its axis placing the planet it its position for the longest day.

And somewhere along the way it was decided that the day was June 20.

Then a little over 150 years ago - 163 to be exact - the state of West Virginia was established during the middle of the American Civil War.

In a week where the 1st bank chartered in US (National Bank of Davenport Iowa) was taking place as was the Skirmish at Greencastle, Pa., West Virginia was admitted as 35th US state of the Union.

This was before professional baseball even began – a team of professional players was hired in Cincinnati, Ohio, known as the Red Stockings - although a baseball like game was mentioned in a book in 1744 in Great Britain.

Back to the formation of West Virginia. Here are some facts: Secession in Vir-

Eastern Virginia relied on a slavebased agricultural economy, while western Virginia developed industries using free labor.

Sectional tensions increased after events like the Dred Scott decision (1857) and John Brown's raid (1859).

Virginia's secession convention began

on February 13, 1861, and the Ordinance of Secession passed on April 17, 1861.

West Virginia Statehood Movement: The First Wheeling Convention (May 13–15, 1861) aimed to defeat the secession ordinance.

Virginia voters approved secession on May 23, 1861, leading to Union troop in-

vasion on May 26.

The Second Wheeling Convention
(June 11–25, 1861) reorganized Virginia's government and elected Francis H. Pierpont as governor.

Formation of West Virginia:

On August 6, 1861, the Second Wheel-Convention drafted an ordinance to form a new state, initially named Kanawha.

On October 24, 1861, western Virginians voted for the new state ordinance.

The state was renamed West Virginia, and its constitution was approved on February 18, 1862.

Lincoln signed the statehood bill on December 31, 1862, and West Virginia officially became a state on June 20,

**Post-Statehood Challenges:** 

Guerrilla warfare and Confederate raids threatened West Virginia's stability. Despite internal conflicts, Union sup-

port ensured the state's survival. Virginia's legal attempt to reunify with

West Virginia in 1871 failed.

**Economic Transformation:** 

Postwar West Virginia experienced growth due to rail expansion and the rise of coal and timber industries.

Ironically in the Confederacy's attempt to break away from the United States the western half of Virginia was able to form a new state.

In other words West Virginia was the only state that succeeded in seceding.

So on June 20th say Happy Birthday West Virginia and welcome to summer.

#### A TASTE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Join us as we bring you a menu of delicious cuisine from the Middle East. Enjoy an evening with friends, a date night or even by yourself! The company is always great and the food the best you'll find in any five star restaurants. Please see A Taste of Calhoun on Page 10!



# **CRESTON** NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE PHONE 275-3578



only held Sunday School as Rev. Gillespie was off. Next week, a Gideon speaker will bring the message. The Creston area has been experiencing rain, which has brought hay harvesting operations to a halt. Meanwhile, in

The Burning Springs M.E. Church

Ohio Amish Country, some folks have been putting up second-cutting alfalfa

Denise Bunner's rose bush is spectacular, and milkweeds and butterfly weeds are at their peak, as are the Chinese chestnuts with their "unique" smell.

A Creston resident named Jackie, who lives on the family farm (since 1832), demonstrated her motorcycle skills the other day, so to speak, and her father has the video to confirm the story.

A local woman fell out of bed the other night but was not hurt. It seems she was having a dream about being chased by an immense bee.

On Saturday, June 21, Shade Tree will celebrate its 10th anniversary with live music, all sorts of food, and special events. Make sure to stop by and join in the fun.

For months now, local residents have been receiving calls about "more benefits" from Medicaid/Medicare, especially from "Mary" and "John." Often, the calls are disguised as local numbers as scammers try to deceive residents. Recently, one local resident received a mailer along the same lines. The political discourse often mentions the safety net, but the mailer depicted a healthylooking welfare recipient with expensive earphones, lounging in a hammock paid for by taxpayers. The debate continues about cutting able-bodied individuals from welfare benefits, with questions about why taxpayers should support those who choose not to work.

New data has emerged suggesting that the COVID vaccine causes cancers and other diseases, and the average lifespan in vaccinated nations is reportedly dropping. "Long COVID" is also said to be a problem caused by the vaccine. Allegations have surfaced that some leaders knew better but failed to act responsibly. Concerns about vaccines for infants have also grown, with SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) reportedly linked to a vaccine, with deaths occurring seven days after the shot. Testing of vaccines appears to be insufficient, and there is growing concern about the increase in autism. Families impacted by these issues are understandably taking serious

Dr. Fauci and his associates in government, along with government-controlled media, reportedly dismissed ivermectin, possibly because they knew it could cure the "Wuhan Kung Flu," which Fauci allegedly helped develop in a germ warfare lab. Recently, the University of Wisconsin published a report on Dr. William Campbell, who shared a Nobel Prize in Medicine for discovering that ivermectin cured river blindness. Initially used to treat heartworm in cattle, ivermectin is now said to be effective in treating cancer. At least one local resident is alive because his neighbor found some of the drug to treat the man-made virus.

The West Virginia State Folk Festival will be held on June 19 and 20 in Glenville. Attendees can enjoy traditional music performances, fiddle and banjo contests in the afternoons at the college auditorium, and evening programs featuring the best performers. Square dancing will take place downtown by the

Wilma Mowrey has been spending time at the Minnie Hamilton hospital facility. Several local residents, ranging from young children to great-grandmothers, have tested positive for Lyme disease and are now undergoing treatment. One local man discovered a dark spot on his elbow, which turned out to be a tiny tick that had burrowed in. While he had encountered regular ticks over the years, this was a first. Reports indicate a significant increase in Lyme disease cases

The West Virginia Supreme Court ruled favorably in cases where Antero and Jay Bee sought to take deductions not allowed in their leases.

Discussions about data centers in West Virginia seem to have "gone away." The state is often viewed as an energy colony, existing to make others wealthy and prosperous. Meanwhile, the State of Ohio has approved Williams Company's plan to build a power plant in New Albany to power a Facebook AI center. Amazon has proposed \$20 billion worth of centers in eastern Pennsylvania, which has angered environmentalists who believe such projects might contribute to global warming.

Duke Energy has announced plans for a new gas-fired power plant in South Carolina, which will likely be powered by natural gas from West Virginia or transported through the state. Tenaska is reportedly ready to start drilling its CO2 injection well in the northern panhandle. The gas is said to be injected into "pore spaces," but it may actually be stored in deep brine. There are questions about whether the company has permission from the proper owner to store and inject

Some local residents attended the breakfast hosted by Sen. Donna Boley at Cheryl's. The speakers were former Wood County Sheriff Sandy and former Washington County (Ohio) Sheriff Minks, who discussed current scams in the area and beyond. The very next day, one attendee received a strange phone call about "an opened FedEx package." The two former sheriffs are scheduled to give a talk at the Creston Community Building at a later date.

Stand Energy, a local buyer of natural gas, noted that after 20 years of flat electricity usage, there is now an increase due to data centers and new industrial users. This will necessitate the construction of new power plants to ensure reliable power supply.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) stated that natural gas prices would remain in the \$4 range for the entire year, while a banking group predicted prices between \$3.50 and \$3.75 through 2026. The NYMEX July future was \$4.06. Locally, natural gas sold for \$2.67788/MMBTU. The price of West Texas oil was \$68.79 per barrel, while Brent (North Sea crude) fetched \$74.23 per barrel. The conflict with Iran caused a significant jump in global oil prices due to concerns about potential interruptions in shipments to Europe and China.

# For an old guy like me Father's Day drive was a bit scary

By Gaylen Duskey

Sunday was Father's Day – and thank all you father's out there for doing what you do - and my wife decided to take me

Shoney's in Flatwoods was where she was taking me and when we got to the Cedar Creek Bridge across the Little Kanawha River up in Gilmer County I suggested we go cross country via Ce-

She asked if that wasn't out of the way and I said "no, it's probably closer."

And she foolishly listened to me.

To be honest it was a nice scenic trip with lots of well-manicured farms and lawns and pretty houses and there were lots of animals to watch along the way.

And we enjoyed the drive including the on and off downpours that turned the meandering little creek into a gushing torrent in many places.

We went past Cedar Creek State Park and saw lots of people enjoying the fishing and general ambiance of the park. Further along we got to Cedarville where I remembered going to check out a tractor once before and my memory was working well as I knew that the road would eventually lead to another road which brought you out not far from Burnsville.

I was wrong or at least my memory was wrong when I told my wife to "go right" when she wanted to turn left at the intersection of Flower Road and Cedar Creek Road.

Oops.

For the next several miles I found myself wondering where the heck was I.

And for an old beat up guy like me it was a bit unnerving especially since the needle was pointing at the E on the gas gauge of her monstrous AMC Yukon Denali.

I was worrying about running out of gas. Worrying about how I would not be able walk should we run out of gas. Worrying about figuring out where the heck we were as the road kept getting narrower and narrower. And worrying about not being able to do a thing about it, not even calling Triple A for gas, since my cell phone did not get a signal.

Finally on top of some mountain that was somewhere near nowhere my wife's cellphone got a signal, and she asked Siri for directions to Flatwoods.

"Must be close," she said, "Siri said we'd be there in about 18 minutes."

I still had no clue where we were but when we went past a sign pointing to Exchange I breathed a sigh of relief because I had at least heard of Exchange and I knew I had seen a road sign somewhere that said Exchange and when we drove under I-79 I knew we were going to make

Yes, the long and winding road we had been on emptied onto Route 4 between Sutton and Flatwoods and we had not run

When we got to the first gas station and filled her car up I learned we had less than a gallon of gas left.

Wow!!! That was close. Too close to

When we headed home my wife asked me if I wanted to go back the way we

came "since it was shorter." My answer was a quick and emphatic

Still it was a fun Father's Day for me. LEARNING ABOUT CARS: Once upon a time I thought I was a pretty good shade tree mechanic since I was able to take some thread and jimmy the linkage of the carburetor to keep it working when it was slipping.

I probably put another 200,000 miles on the car after that before selling it and buying another car.

It was too many years after that that I decided I was going to change the thermostat in a 1965 Mustang I had bought.

It turns out that I did not know my strength and twisted a bolt off in the engine block. It cost me way more to get a real garage to remove the broken bolt and install the thermostat.

My days as a mechanic were over. But here in the last few days I relearn-

ing auto parts shopping and buying. First my daughter's Ford F150 devel-

oped an awful shaking in the front end which turned out to be in the differential. So I did my research and bought two

new front axels and a differential. I did not know that these differentials

needed to match the ratio on the truck, or they were unusable. Fortunately we were able to find one

at a salvage yard near Sutton that would work so I may have saved more than \$1,000.

I hope I did.

We also found a frill guard that would fit the truck for a reasonable price. Now that's just my daughter's vehicle.

My wife's Denali needed first a transfer case.

Got that

Then it needed a whole new set of fuel injectors all eight of them.

I did not know parts for that 6.0 GMC engine were the same as those used by a Chevy Silverado pickup.

I do now.

And now to my Subaru saving the most expensive to last.

It started out with a new engine after my old friend decided to throw the timing chain, which basically just blew my engine to smithereens.

The new used engine and installation took more than \$3,000 out of my bank

That was almost immediately followed by a squeaky brake which turned into the need for new rotors, new brake pads, new bearings, new this and new that at more than \$1,000.

The mechanic said I was building a new car a piece at a time.

And you know what?

He was right.

Following that logic I am now looking to get a window switch, a couple of light lenses and a censor that tells how much oxygen the system is getting.

And I say why not?

After all it is only money. TAKE YOUR MEDICINE: I remem-

ber I was a skinny and scrawny kid and because of that my mother and grandmother kept pouring more and more Geritol and Three S (SSS) Tonic down my throat until it finally kicked in and I became a robust big guy.

I think of them trying to do good things for me as I tried to resist just about every time I hear somebody downing or fighting the efforts needed to bring the American Medicines Company (AMC) here to Calhoun County.

My mother and my grandmother both loved me and the Geritol was not all that

And it worked.

So naysayers just clam up and take your Geritol.

Those well paying jobs are good for Calhoun County.

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

# Obituary

Ptricia Ann Kight Little

Patricia Ann Knight Little, 75, joined our and Savior on June 14, 2025 after a illness. chronic She was born August 23, 1949 in Calhoun County, a daughter of the late Walter and Louise Kight. She was a resident of Sassafras Ridge in Calhoun County, a graduate of Calhoun County High School, a member of Alberts Chapel Church in Sand Ridge, and was a former employee of

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the Dollar General Store and a 14 year CNA at Calhoun General Hospital. Patricia is survived by her husband of 52 years, Donald Little; son, Michael Little of Sassafras Ridge; daughters, Heather Little of Maryland and Leslie Piggott of Parkersburg; brothers, Alfred Kight of Calhoun County and Kenneth Kight of Medina, Ohio; sister, Jeanine Richards of Parkersburg; a grandmother of five, Alexis Little, James Vassilopouslos, Eden Holbert, Taylor Basnett, and Brooke Piggott; a greatgrandmother of four, Ivy, Ellenora, Oliver, and Riley Holbert; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Kight. Service will be at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at the Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home in Spencer, with Pastor Don Stilgenbauer and Pastor Ron Little officiating. Visiting will be two hours prior to the service on Thursday.

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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

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

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.

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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 antilynching 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 presentday Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

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 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.



June 19, 1905: Senator Rush Dew Holt was born in Weston. At 29, Holt was the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate, earning him the nickname "Boy Senator." Since the Constitution sets 30 as the minimum age for senators, Holt had to wait until his birthday in June 1935 to take his seat, nearly six months into the 74th Congress

June 19, 1909: Oak amusement an Park, park in Preston County, opened. The park was an easy ride from Morgantown and helped fill up trains on weekends and holidays. On one summer day in 1909, 14 trains brought more than 4,000 people to the park.

June 20, 1861: Francis Pierpont was unanimously elected governor of the unionist Reorganized Government of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

June 20, 1863: West Virginia became the 35th Arthur Boreman state. was the state's first gov-

June 20, 1932: The West Virginia capitol was officially dedicated. Construction had begun in



June 20, 1963: On the 100th birthday of West Virginia, President John F. Kennedy made his last appearance in West Virginia. Speaking in Charleston in a pouring rain, he said, "The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do.'

June 20, 1970: The play Hatfields and Mc-Coys opened at Grandview State Park amphitheater. Written by Billy Edd Wheeler with music by Ewel Cornett, the show joined Honey in the Rock as a regular summer offer-

June 21, 1920: Wheeling Steel Corporation was organized when La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Company, and Wheeling Steel & Iron Works combined. In the 1920s, Wheeling Steel employed more than 17,000 workers and ranked as the nation's third-largest steelmaker.



June 21, 1959: Musician Kathy Mattea was born in South Charleston but grew up in nearby Cross Lanes. She rose to country music stardom in the 1980s. Since 2021, she has hosted the Mountain Stage radio program. June 22, 1926: Earl Olgebay died in Cleveland. He was one of West Vir-

ginia's most successful industrialists and a generous benefactor.



June 22, 1949: Artist Paula Clendenin was born in Cedar Grove, Kanawha County. She has earned national acclaim for her paintings, richly colored, textured shapes that merge West Virginia's mountain landscape with mystical and spiritual symbols.

June 23, 1944: A tornado struck Shinnston and the surrounding area, killing 103 people and injuring hundreds more. June 23, 1952: The

Toledo Mud Hens moved to West Virginia's capital city, making the Charleston Senators part of the Class AAA American Association for the first time. June 23, 2016: Eight

inches of rain fell in a 12-hour period. Meadow, Cherry, and Elk rivers, as well as Howard Creek, flooded downtowns and The Greenbrier resort, killing 23 people. **June 24, 1842:** Au-

thor Ambrose Bierce was born. Bierce found the setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil Warera West Virginia.

June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges also included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

June 25, 1950: The Korean War began when the armies of Communist North Korea pushed across the 38th parallel into South Korea. Army private Kenneth Shadrick of Wyoming County was among the first U.S. servicemen killed in action on July 5, 1950.

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# **Calhoun County Commission Prepares for June 23 Meeting**

The Calhoun County Commission is set to convene for its regular meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 2:00 PM. The meeting will take place at the Commission's office in Grantsville and will feature a packed agenda addressing both ongoing and new initiatives aimed at improving the

The session will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer, and the official call to order. Special recognitions will be made to honor County Commissioners Kevin Helmick and Roger Propst for their contributions to the community.

Delegations and requests will include a broadband update from Melissa O'Brien, Manager of External Affairs at Citynet, highlighting efforts to expand internet access in the region.

The Commission will then address unfinished business, including the approval of orders to adopt two key ordinances: one concerning unsafe structures and another regarding salvage yards. These measures aim to enhance public safety and improve the county's infrastructure.

New business items will focus on community support and public safety. The Commission will consider donating a police cruiser to the Calhoun/Gilmer Career Center, a request for no-touch drug testing equipment, and a proclamation for "WV Goes Purple," recognizing National Recovery Month in September 2025. Appointments to boards and authorities

will also be discussed, including the selection of representatives for the Benefits Advisory Board. The meeting will conclude with personnel matters before adjourn-

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2025, with the time to be announced. Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance Followed by

II. Call to Order

III. Special Recognitions

County Commissioner, Kevin Helmick b. County Commissioner, Roger Propst

IV. Delegations/Requests a. Broadband Update - Melissa O'Brien, Manager of External Affairs, Citynet

Unfinished Business a. Approval of Order to Adopt Unsafe Structure Ordinance b. Approval of Order to Adopt Salvage Yard Ordinance

VI. New Business a. Consider Request to Donate Police Cruiser to Calhoun/ Gilmer Career Center b. Consider Request for No-Touch Drug Testing Equipment c. Consider Proclamation for WV Goes Purple (National Recovery Month Sept. 2025)
VII. Appointments to Boards and Au-

thorities a. Benefits Advisory Board i. County Commissioner ii. Employee Representatives (2)

VIII. Personnel

IX. Adjournment – Next Meeting: July

# Summer solstice marks longest day of the year

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of

Those days of soda and pretzels and beer Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of

You'll wish that summer could always be

Nat King Cole

The summer solstice is one of nature's most fascinating phenomena, marking the longest day of the year and the official start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It is a moment when the Sun reaches its highest and northernmost point in the sky, a result of Earth's tilted axis and elliptical orbit around the Sun. This astronomical event has been celebrated and studied for centuries, inspiring traditions, scientific inquiry, and cultural significance across the globe.

The word "solstice" comes from the Latin words sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still). On this day, the Sun appears to pause in its journey across the sky, rising and setting at nearly the same location on the horizon for a brief period. This "standstill" effect occurs because the Sun has reached its northernmost point relative to the celestial equator. After the solstice, the Sun's apparent path begins to reverse, moving southward as the days gradually shorten.

For those living near the Tropic of Cancer, the summer solstice is particularly remarkable. At local noon, the Sun is directly overhead, casting no shadow—a rare occurrence that highlights the Sun's unique position in the sky. North of the Tropic of Cancer, shadows are at their shortest of the year, a visual reminder of the Sun's dominance during this season.

The timing of the solstice varies

slightly each year, falling between June 20 and June 22. This variation is due to the difference between the Gregorian calendar, which has 365 days, and the tropical year, which is approximately 365.242 days. Leap years and other factors, such as gravitational influences from the Moon and planets, also contribute to the shifting date.

While the summer solstice is the longest day of the year, it is not necessarily the hottest. This is due to a phenomenon called seasonal temperature lag. Earth's oceans and land absorb the Sun's energy and release it slowly over time, meaning the peak summer temperatures often occur weeks after the solstice, in late July

Throughout history, the summer solstice has been a time of celebration and reflection. Ancient cultures built monuments to track the Sun's movements, such as Stonehenge in England and the pyramids of Egypt. These structures align with the Sun's position during solstices, demonstrating the importance of this event in early astronomy and agri-

Modern celebrations of the solstice often include festivals, bonfires, and feasts. In Sweden, people gather for Midsummer's Day, dancing around maypoles and enjoying the first strawberries of the season. In Latvia, Midsummer's Eve is marked by bonfires and the search for a mythical fern flower said to bring good luck. These traditions reflect humanity's enduring connection to the rhythms of nature. The summer solstice is not just a day

of cultural significance; it is also a reminder of Earth's intricate relationship with the Sun. The tilt of Earth's axis, its orbit, and the interplay of celestial forces create the seasons, shaping life on our planet. By understanding and celebrating the solstice, we honor the natural cycles that sustain us and connect us to

# **City Council Canvasses** 2025 Municipal Election at June Council Meeting

Courtesy Ridgeview News

Grantsville Town Council met for its regular June meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025, led by Recorder Emily Collins in the absence of Mayor Robert Petrovsky. Council members attending were Rissa Staples, Emilee Morgan, Courtney Alexander, Linda Staton, and Cheryl Sturm.

Mrs. Collins reported the lighting at the Grantsville Water Plant had been replaced for \$1,274.42 and \$1,993.00 for installation. Additional issues were discovered when troubleshooting the lighting by the river, as well as the lighting at the tank to ensure the safety of staff and customers using the water sales area, which added an additional \$2,270.00 to the bill.

Meeting minutes were approved with corrections for both the May 5 and May 14, 2025, meetings.

Under Mayor's Communications, Mrs. Collins read the resignation of Manager Melissa Keener, effective June 30, 2025. A motion to accept her resignation was approved. Ms. Keener's position will have to be approved by the incoming council on July 1, and it is to be an appointed position by incoming Mayor John Villines.

The new council must take their oath within 20 days of the election canvassing, which occurred at the June 9, 2025, meeting.

The FRN was given a check from the town for \$711.00 following their request for opioid funding that had been promised previously. The FRN also requested \$5,000 from funding received for the Pfizer Lipitor settlement given to the City of Grantsville but was denied. Mrs. Collins read a letter received from the Attorney General's Office, Chief of Staff, who sent confirmation that the Lipitor money can be spent by the Town of Grantsville in whatever way they determine. According to Collins, the town paid the street light bill, electric, and other bills due, which their general fund was unable to meet. A letter from the WV State Auditor was also received stating there were no restrictions on the spending of the Pfizer Lipitor funding.

When a member of the audience asked why the residents of the town were never advised or had the opportunity to provide input on how the \$5,000 should be spent, Mrs. Collins informed him that the people "they" elected had made the decision. The money was received on April 30, 2025.

Canvassing of the municipal election was done in the presence of all those attending, including Sarah Smith from the Secretary of State's Office. Recorder Emily Collins read the ballots while Linda Staton and Cheryl Sturm tallied the count. A bond of \$300 was established should anyone want an ad-

ditional recount, which will have to be requested within 48 hours of the can-

Following the canvass, a final election result was declared at 7:34 p.m. for the following:

Mayor: John Villines

Recorder: Shannon Waldron

Councilwoman: Tonya Cunningham Councilwoman: Emilee Morgan

Councilwoman: Jessica Metz Councilwoman: Chasity Shock Councilwoman: Rissa Staples

The city has planned a Park Fun Day on June 28, 2025, open to the entire community. The event will have family fun and food from 2-8 p.m., with a movie to follow, and is a free event.

Cheryl Sturm told the council that she had been contacted by wood craftsman David Gerlach regarding the City Park signs framing. He had been unable to have it done at the Career Center before it closed for the summer. He built the frames himself and will advise the council later on what they owe for his efforts.

Before the City Fun Day, the City Council approved the purchase of an umbrella to go onto one of the park tables. There is currently \$1,733.89 in the park account.

Another settlement will be received by the city from PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), commonly known as "forever chemicals." PFAS perfluorooctane sulfonate include (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). These chemicals have been used for various industrial purposes for years, including use in firefighting foam products used to put out chemical fires. The city is set to receive \$8,200.00 to be used for something pertaining to water or infrastructure. In their meeting discussion, it appears they plan to use the money to pay for buildings recently purchased for the water company. It should also be noted that there is now an additional test required for the water plant to test for PFAS in the water.

The current balances of the Town of Grantsville financials reported by Mrs. Collins are account balances as of May 31, 2025:

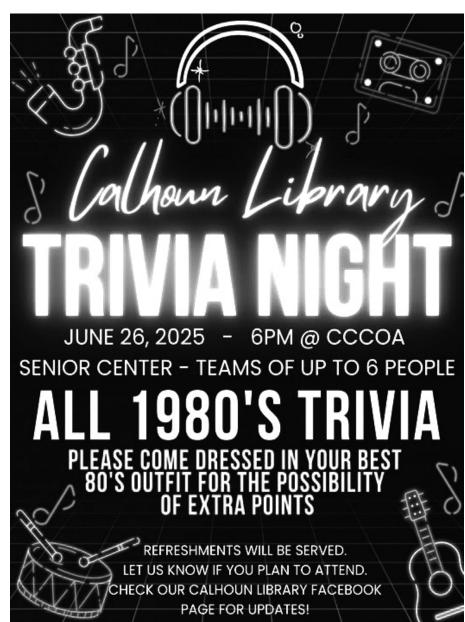
Water: \$34,597.60

General: \$2,593.97 Sewer: \$7,370.94

The town has recently received noce of future funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to build internal capacity to better meet their community's economic needs.

In June 2025, READY Local Governments awarded over \$2.8 million to 59 local governments representing 12 Appalachian states. Recipients will use funding to build internal capacity to better meet their communities' economic development needs.





## The Confederate Government of West Virginia: A Complex Civil War History

West Virginia's creation during the Civil War was a unique and contentious event. On June 20, 1863, the U.S. government officially formed the state of West Virginia from 50 western counties of Virginia. This decision was driven by Unionist sentiment in Wheeling, Virginia, and approved by Congress and President Abraham Lincoln. However, the process involved limited participation from the citizens of the new state, leaving many counties and individuals still loyal to Virginia and the Confederacy.

Divided Loyalties

The population of the 50 counties in 1861 included 355,544 whites, 2,782 freemen, 18,371 slaves, 79,515 voters, and 67,721 men of military age. Despite being considered a Union state, West Virginia had a significant Confederate presence. Half of its soldiers enlisted in the Confederate army, making it the only border state where Union forces did not dominate military enlistments. Guerrilla warfare and civil unrest persisted in the state, with Union troops remaining until 1869 to maintain order.

#### **Secession Sentiment**

When Virginia debated secession from the United States, support for the Confederacy varied across the regions that would become West Virginia. Counties bordering Ohio and Pennsylvania leaned toward Unionism, while central and southern counties showed stronger Confederate sympathies. Public meetings advocating "Southern Rights" were held in at least 21 counties, and 24 of the 50 counties voted in favor of secession. Confederate recruitment was particularly strong in counties like Putnam, Cabell, Kanawha, and Wayne, where state pride and resistance to outside interference fueled enlist-

#### Confederate Leadership and Contributions

West Virginia produced notable Confederate leaders, including Stonewall Jackson, Albert Gallatin Jenkins, and John McCausland. Jackson, born in Clarksburg, became one of the Confederacy's most revered generals. Jenkins and McCausland led raids and recruited soldiers within the state. West Virginia volunteers contributed to numerous Confederate regiments, battalions, and artillery units, with an estimated 20,000-22,000 serving in Confederate forces.

**Political Representation** 

Despite the formation of West Virginia, many elected officials from its counties remained loyal to Virginia and the Confederate government. Delegates and senators

represented these counties in the General Assembly of Virginia throughout the war. Confederate postal services and currency were also active in secessionist counties, though disrupted by the ongoing conflict.

Civilian Impact and Guerrilla Warfare

The war brought significant hardship to civilians in West Virginia. Union and Confederate forces engaged in raids, counter-raids, and guerrilla warfare, often leaving destruction in their wake. Civilians faced arrests, relocations, and property losses. Union forces, under leaders like Gen. George Crook, adopted harsh measures to suppress guerrilla activity, including burning homes and farms.

**Post-War Challenges** 

Even after the Confederate surrender, unrest continued in West Virginia. Guerrilla fighters like "Rebel Bill" Smith disregarded the peace, and Union troops were required to address disturbances until 1868. The state's divided loyalties during the war left a lasting legacy, shaping its political and social landscape for years to

West Virginia's Civil War history is a testament to the complexities of loyalty, identity, and survival in a border state torn between Union and Confederate allegiances.

## **Calhoun County Players Shine in Class A Baseball Honors**

Calhoun County's baseball talent was well-represented in the Class A honors, showcasing the skill and dedication of its players. Among the standout athletes, Landon Church, a senior infielder, earned a spot on the Second Team, highlighting his contributions to the team's success throughout the season. Additionally, Reese Schoolcraft received Honorable Mention recognition, further emphasizing the depth of talent in Calhoun County's baseball program.

These accolades reflect the hard work and commitment of Calhoun County players, who continue to make their mark in Class A baseball.

List of Calhoun County Players:

Landon Church - Second Team (Infielder, Senior) Reese Schoolcraft - Honorable Mention

## Calhoun Football Golf Invitational Results

The Calhoun Football Golf Invitational at Glenville Country Club brought together talented golfers for a day of friendly competition and camaraderie. The event showcased impressive performances across various categories.

First Place Winners The team of Zac Yeager, Casey Staples, Kevin Yeager Jr., and Shawn Hillegas claimed the top spot, demonstrating exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the tournament.

Second Place Winners Cody Smith, Nathan Allison, Mike Francis, and Braylon Mincher secured second place with their strong performance on the course.

Third Place Winners Jeff Owens, Seth Jarvis, Wes Spiker, and Josh Deweese rounded out the top three, earning third place with their consistent play.

Special Awards

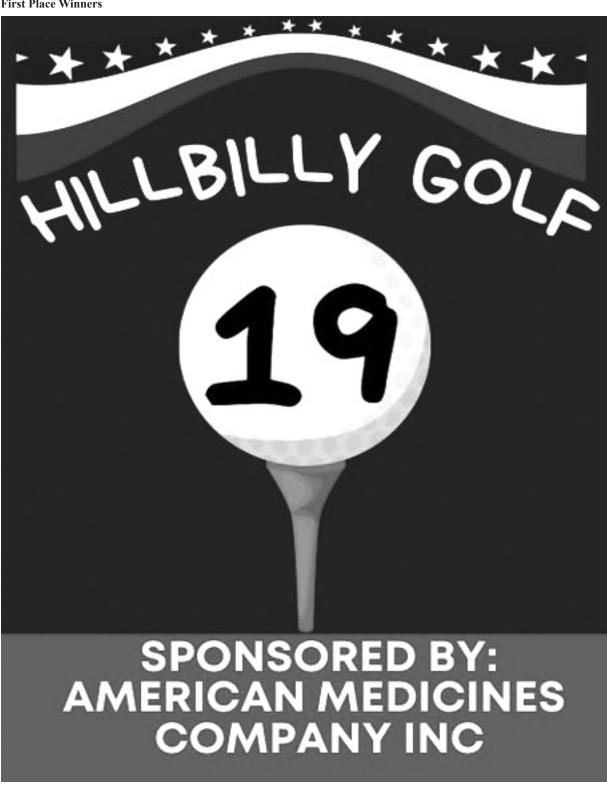
Closest to Pin: Braylon Mincher showcased precision and accuracy, earning the Closest to Pin award.

Longest Putts: Lee Summers displayed remarkable putting skills, taking home the Longest Putts award.

The event was a great success, celebrating the spirit of competition and community. Congratulations to all the participants!



First Place Winners



# West Virginia Statehood: A Unique Path to Becoming the 35th State

West Virginia's journey to statehood was unlike any other, shaped by regional tensions, the Civil War, and political maneuvering. The story begins with disputes over Virginia's borders dating back to the 17th century. Although the Virginia Constitution of 1776 solidified the borders, it did not resolve the frustrations of western Virginians, who felt underrepresented due to voting rights tied to property ownership.

The divide between eastern and western Virginia reached a breaking point in 1861 when Virginia seceded from the Union following the Battle of Fort Sumter and President Abraham Lincoln's call for troops. On April 17, 1861, Virginia's legislature passed the Order of Secession, and the citizens ratified it on May 23. In response, pro-Union western Virginians formed the Restored Government of Virginia on June 17, establishing a separate government loyal to the Union with its capital

In August 1861, the Restored Government approved the creation of a new state, West Virginia. The U.S. Constitution required Virginia's consent for the formation of a new state from its territory, which the Restored Government provided. Delegates approved the West Virginia Constitution on February 18, 1862, and Senator Waitman T. Willey introduced a bill to Congress for West Virginia's admission to the Union. Willey proposed an amendment requiring the gradual emancipation of slaves in the state. Congress approved the bill, and President Lincoln signed it on December 31, 1862. West Virginia ratified its revised constitution on March

official date of statehood. West Virginia's statehood was not without challenges. Berkeley and Jefferson Counties voted to join West Vir-

ginia in February 1863, but Virginia contested the transfer, claiming Union troops influenced the vote. The debate persisted until Congress officially recognized the transfer in 1866, and the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed

26, 1863, and Lincoln proclaimed June 20, 1863, as the

the decision in 1871.

On June 20, 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state, marking the only permanent territorial change resulting directly from the Civil War. Governor Arthur Boreman referred to West Virginia as a "child of the re-'highlighting its unique and unprecedented path bellion, to statehood.

## **WVDNR Opens Applications for Controlled Waterfowl Hunt at McClintic WMA**

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) has announced that applications are now being accepted for a controlled waterfowl hunt at the Mc-Clintic Wildlife Management Area (WMA) near Point Pleasant in Mason County. Hunters interested in participating must submit their applications online at WVhunt. com by midnight on August 15.

The controlled hunt is scheduled to take place from October 4-12, coinciding with the first segment of West Virginia's waterfowl season. Participants will be selected through a lottery system and assigned a specific hunting day and designated area. There is no fee to apply for the hunt.

"Controlled hunts like this are an important part of our mission to manage wildlife resources responsibly, while also giving hunters access to high-quality hunting experiences," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

Successful applicants will be notified by mail by the second week of September. Selected hunters are allowed to bring one guest and must report to the McClintic WMA office by 6 a.m. on their assigned hunting day. The WMA also offers a shooting station for hunters with disabilities.

For those not selected in the lottery, there is still an opportunity to participate. Hunters can sign in at the WMA office on the morning of each hunt day to claim any unassigned shooting stations.

Additional information about waterfowl hunting and season dates will be available in the 2025-2026 Migratory Bird Regulations, which can be accessed at WVDNR offices or online at WVdnr.gov by the end of August.



# LOCAL BUSINESS **DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

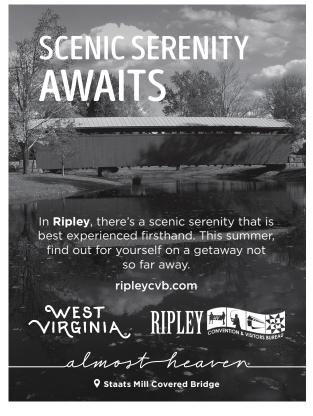
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#### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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;

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Decedent	Personal	Address
	Representative	
Mary Helen Nichols	Susan Lyons	3793 Barreut 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

March 27, 1990

October 23, 1967

#### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

255 Taylor Rd.

Barberton, OH 44203

Name of Person Filing			Date of First
Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Publication
Kellie Allen, POA for	3129 Cleve-Mass Rd.	Daughter	June 4, 2025
Carol S. Campbell	Norton, OH 44203		
Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Ernest Paul Anderson	34822 Dexter Rd.	September 18, 2022	July 23, 1971
	Langsville, OH 45741		
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Name of Person Filing			Date of First
Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Publication
Edward Dale Anderson	35503 Sheets Rd.	Son	June 4, 2025

Langsville, OH 45741 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.

Decedent Gary E. Campbell



(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 JEN-NIFER 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 394.92

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Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
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Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,	\$	268.76
Secretary of State with interest.		
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order,	\$	1,079.22
certified or personal check.		
Vou may redoom at any time before October 21, 2025, by paying the above total		

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 Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia

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# **Calhoun County Commission** Meeting: Progress and **Community Spirit Shine Bright**

On June 10, 2025, the Calhoun County Commissioners—Craig Arthur, Jacob McCumbers, and Eric Lupardus—gathered in the Little Courtroom to address pressing community matters and celebrate local progress. The meeting began with a solemn Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Commissioner Arthur, setting a tone of unity and purpose.

Residents Voice Concerns and Updates The meeting welcomed several delegations, including Hortz Motz, who sought clarity on Pleasant Hill water billing rates and shared updates on Frontier Communications' fiber installation, expected to enhance connectivity within three months. Motz also highlighted a recent 24-hour outage that disrupted landline, internet, and electricity services. Another resident, Gayle Ford, raised questions about service fees charged by the Town of Grantsville and the WV Department of Health, prompting commissioners to offer assistance in obtaining answers. Tyler Ohrn, representing Congresswoman Carol Miller, extended federal support to the county when needed.

Public Hearing Sparks Debate A public hearing on ordinances drew community input. Ed Lott urged the commission to prioritize health and safety over aesthetics in the Dilapidated Structures Ordinance, while concerns were raised about the \$50/day fine for unauthorized salvage yards. The final reading for these ordinances was scheduled for June 23, with legal guidance provided by County Attorneys Harris and Holmes.

**Investing in Community Spaces** The commission approved funding for renovations at Upper West Fork Park, allocating over \$27,000 for improvements such as basketball court elevation, fencing, and acoustic tiles. In a show of local loyalty, commissioners decided to keep investments with Calhoun Banks rather than moving funds to the WV Treasury.

Reports Highlight Progress Com-

missioner McCumbers shared updates from the Calhoun County Park Board, including new buildings, fencing, and upcoming Independence Day celebrations. Commissioner Lupardus reported on the Wood Festival and congratulated newly elected Grantsville officials. He also highlighted the potential economic boost of \$38 million in salaries if the AMC facility is established in Calhoun. Sheriff Graham Knight proposed purchasing a narcotics testing tool instead of a canine unit and suggested donating outdated equipment to the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center for student training.

Strengthening Governance and Services The commission revitalized the 911 Board by appointing new members to address inactivity, including representatives from law enforcement, emergency services, and the community. Other board appointments included Bruce Jones for the Pleasant Hill PSD Board and Samantha Hicks for the Calhoun Library Board. Additionally, a \$100,000 REAP grant application was approved to enhance Cabot Recycling Station with new doors, security cameras, and a fork-

Community Spirit and Upcoming Events Amid economic challenges, commissioners encouraged residents to shop locally and announced the opening of Hardway Heating and Cooling. Independence Day celebrations at Calhoun County Park on July 3-4 promise to bring the community together, while an appreciation board dinner is scheduled for August 30.

As the meeting concluded, the commissioners expressed optimism about the county's progress and praised the community's efforts during events like the Wood Festival. With a focus on collaboration, investment, and celebration, Calhoun County continues to move forward, united in its commitment to growth and

## **Public Hearing Announcement**

The Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority held a public hearing on Monday, June 11, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the Calhoun County Courthouse. The hearing was conducted to solicit ideas, opinions, and comments on revisions to the Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority's Commercial Solid Waste Facility Siting Plan.

During the hearing, public comments were heard, and the plans were made available for review at the following locations:

Calhoun County Library, Mill St.,

Grantsville Calhoun County Clerk's Office

531 Market St., Parkersburg, WV Written comments were accepted until Thursday, May 8, 2025, and could be

Calhoun County Solid Waste Author-

Mid-Ohio Regional Council Office,

ity's Office, 2427 W. Little Kanawha

sent to the Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority or dropped off in person at the Cabot Recycling Station. For further inquiries, contact: Lisa

Cooper Executive Director, Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority 2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy. Grantsville, WV 26147 Phone: 304-354-7786

## Capsule of events from June 16, 2025 **BOE** meeting

The document details the topics discussed, including reports, approvals, personnel changes, and future meeting dates: **Date and Time:** June 16, 2025, at 5:30

Location: Microsoft Teams (Meet-

ing ID: 267 197 354 778, Passcode: ax-3AN3W8) Dial-in **Option:** 7794,,929819627#

Meeting Agenda and Outcomes: I. Call to Order Meeting was officially

called to order. II. Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Delegations No specific details

provided. IV. Board Acknowledgements Ac-

knowledgements were made. V. Approval of Minutes

Approved minutes from May 12, 2025 (Regular) and May 19, 2025 (Special) meetings.

VI. Discussion and Reports

Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center Re**port:** Presented by Horst Motz (May 13,

**Superintendent Reports:** 

Director and School Reports. Summer School 2025 updates. Instruction/Benchmark discussions. VII. Old Business

**Policies for Approval:** 

Whistleblower Protection Policy under

Chapter: Personnel. VIII. New Business

Finance for Approval:

General Fund Invoices: \$70,992.61. Supplements: \$71,226.29.

Transfers: \$30,608.98. May 2025 Financial Statement reviewed.

Blanket approval for June invoices, supplements, transfers, and year-end close.

Board Member Pay: Discussed. Auditor Selection: Fyffe-Jones Group

selected for FY2025, FY2026, and Band Booster By-Laws: Reviewed.

**Policies Out for Comment:** 

Use and Possession of Electronic Communication Devices (Chapter: Students).

Retirements: None listed. **Resignations:** 

IX. Personnel

Ruby Duehring (Special Education

Hwy., Grantsville

Teacher, CMHS). Quinton Ward (Athletic Director, effective June 16, 2025).

Marcus Davis (Varsity Boys Head Bas-

ketball Coach). Charles Starcher (Varsity Girls Softball

Coach, effective May 30, 2025). **Employment:** Professional 2025-2026:

Autumn Lilly (School Nurse, Itinerant,

Job ID 40519, pending certification). Service 2025-2026: Jessica Hardway (CIS Facilitator,

County Itinerant based at AES, Job ID Extracurricular 2025-2026:

Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Job

Summer School 2024-25 Profession-

Amanda White (Science Camp Instruc-

tor, Job ID 44452). Michael McHenry and Julia Bettis (Fine

Arts Camp Instructors, Job ID 44294). Patty Haught (Outdoor Adventure Camp Instructor, Job ID 44296).

Wesley Self (Travel WV Camp Instructor, Job ID 44293).

Kelley O'Harrow (Summer Enrichment/Intervention In-Home Instructor,

Itinerant, Job ID 41996). Julia Bettis (Substitute Summer School

Tutor/Teachers, Job ID 41116). Service: William Mitchell (Substitute Summer

School Bus Operator/Multi-Class, Job ID

X. Board Self-Appraisal Conducted self-appraisal.

XI. Adjournment Meeting adjourned.

Future Board Meeting Dates: July 1, 2025 (Regular)

July 14, 2025 (Regular) August 11, 2025 (Regular) September 15, 2025 (Regular)

October 14, 2025 (Work Session and Regular/LSIC at Arnoldsburg Elemen-November 12, 2025 (Regular/LSIC at

Pleasant Hill Elementary) December 17, 2025 (Regular/LSIC at

Calhoun Middle High School) January 12, 2026 (Regular) February 16, 2026 (Regular)

March 16, 2026 (Regular)

April 13, 2026 (Regular at 5:30 PM)

#### Bus Schedule A.M. Routes

North Route 1 Route 16 North-DHHR: 7:20 AM Rt 16 North Entrance of Yellow Creek: 7:35 AM Five Forks: 7:40 AM Pleasant Hill Elementary: 7:43 AM Vaughn Road: 7:46 AM Calhoun Banks: 7:50 AM Minnie Hamilton: 7:52 AM Calhoun Middle High School

North End Route 2 Starts at Creston: 7:25 AM Annamoriah Road: 7:30 AM Monday Road: 7:33 AM Rt 5 Entrance of Yellow Creek: 7:36 AM Furs Auto: 7:42 AM Leading Creek: 7:46 AM Courthouse: 7:50 AM Foodland/Old High School: 7:53 AM Calhoun Middle High

South End Route 1 Starts at Stinson Store: 7:20 AM Rt 1 Walnut Road: 7:24 AM Oka Road (West Fork Riding Ring): 7:28 AM Rt 16 Sears Run Road: 7:31 AM Rt 16 Milo Road: 7:35 AM Rt 16 Nicut: 7:40 AM Crummies Creek: 7:43 AM The Y: 7:51 AM Calhoun Middle High School

South End Route 2 Henrys Fork: 7:20 AM Rt 33 Pink Road: 7:24 AM Rt 33 Beech/Jesse Run Road: 7:27 AM Altizer Road: 7:31 AM Rt 33 Spring Run Road: 7:34 AM Rt 33 Sassafras Road: 7:45 AM Russet Road: 7:55 AM Calhoun Middle High School

Bus Schedule P.M. Routes Reversal of morning routes with departure time from Calhoun Middle High

There will be no midday bus runs. These bus routes are subject to change depending upon student enrollment on already established routes. Times are estimates only, and parents are asked to have children there early on the first day and be prepared to wait beyond the announced arrival time. Parents must be there to receive their children, as the bus cannot wait for long periods of time.

Any changes in bus routes and/or schedules will be announced to children and parents, if possible, at least one day before changes are made.

Anyone having questions can call Joe Paxton at 304-354-7011, Ext. 315.

# **Bonnie's Bus Offering Mammograms**

Bonnie's Bus, a mobile mammography unit operated by WVU Medicine-WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, will be visiting Braxton, Gilmer, and Lewis counties to provide 3D digital screening mammograms and breast care education for women.

#### **Schedule and Locations:**

Sutton: Community Care of Flatwoods, July 15, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Call 304-765-4400 ext. 1627 for an appointment)

Gassaway: WVU Medicine Braxton Community Health Center, July 16, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Call 304-644-0183 for an appointment)

Arnoldsburg: Minnie Hamilton Health System, July 17, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Call 304-354-9244 ext. 2022 for an

Weston: Community Care of Weston, July 18, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Call 304-269-9500 ext. 2137 for an appoint-

Screening mammograms will be billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare. Women who are uninsured or underinsured may qualify for free screenings through the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) or grant funding. A physician's order is required for a mammogram.

Since 2009, Bonnie's Bus has provided over 33,000 mammograms and detected more than 190 cases of breast cancer, helping reduce breast cancer deaths in West Virginia.

For more information, visit WVUCancer.org/Bonnie.

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## Calhoun BOE looks over financial numbers

The Calhoun County Board of Education held its regular meeting on June 16, 2025, where financial matters took center stage. The board reviewed and approved several key items related to the district's budget, ensuring smooth operations for the remainder of the fiscal year and beyond.

#### **Financial Approvals**

The board approved a series of financial transactions,

**General Fund Invoices** totaling \$70,992.61. **Supplements** amounting to \$71,226.29.

Transfers of \$30,608.98.

Additionally, the May 2025 Financial Statement was reviewed and approved, providing a detailed overview of the district's financial health.

#### **Year-End Preparations**

To streamline operations as the fiscal year comes to a close, the board granted blanket approval for all invoices, supplements, and transfers for the month of June. This measure also included authorization for year-end close procedures, ensuring that all financial obligations are met and accounted for.

#### **Auditor Selection**

In a significant move, the board selected The Fyffe-Jones Group as the district's auditor for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027. This decision underscores the board's commitment to maintaining transparency and accountability in its financial practices.

#### **Budget Implications**

The approved financial measures reflect the board's proactive approach to managing the district's resources. By addressing invoices, supplements, and transfers, the board ensures that schools and programs continue to operate efficiently. The selection of a trusted auditor further reinforces the district's dedication to sound financial oversight.

The meeting concluded with the board expressing confidence in its financial strategies, setting the stage for a successful year-end close and a strong start to the next fiscal year.

# Personnel changes addressed by BOE

The Calhoun County Board of Education convened its regular meeting on June 16, 2025, where significant personnel changes were discussed and approved. The meeting, held virtually via Microsoft Teams, highlighted retirements, resignations, and new hires for the upcoming school year and summer programs.

#### Resignations

Several resignations were announced, marking the departure of key staff members:

Ruby Duehring, Special Education Teacher at Calhoun Middle High School (CMHS), stepped down from her position. Quinton Ward, Athletic Director, officially re-

signed, effective June 16, 2025.

Marcus Davis, Varsity Boys Head Basketball Coach, and Charles Starcher, Varsity Girls Softball Coach, also tendered their resignations, with Starcher's resignation effective May 30, 2025.

The board approved several new hires to fill critical roles for the 2025-2026 school year and summer

Autumn Lilly was hired as a School Nurse (Itinerant), pending certification (Job ID 40519).

Jessica Hardway was appointed as the Community in Schools (CIS) Facilitator, County Itinerant based at Arnoldsburg Elementary School (AES), under Job ID 42791.

An Assistant Varsity Football Coach was approved for Job ID 43433.

#### **Summer School Staff**

The board also finalized staffing for the 2024-2025 summer school programs:

Amanda White will serve as the Science Camp Instructor (Job ID 44452). Michael McHenry and Julia Bettis were hired as

Fine Arts Camp Instructors (Job ID 44294). Patty Haught will lead the Outdoor Adventure

Camp (Job ID 44296), while Wesley Self will oversee the Travel WV Camp (Job ID 44293). Kelley O'Harrow was appointed as a Summer Enrichment/Intervention In-Home Instructor (Itinerant,

Job ID 41996). Julia Bettis will also serve as a Substitute Summer School Tutor/Teacher (Job ID 41116).

William Mitchell was approved as a Substitute Summer School Bus Operator/Multi-Class (Job ID 40510).

#### **Impact**

These personnel moves reflect the board's commitment to ensuring the district is well-staffed for both the upcoming school year and summer programs. The resignations of experienced staff members like Ruby Duehring and Quinton Ward mark a transition period, while the hiring of new professionals and summer instructors demonstrates the district's focus on maintaining quality education and extracurricular activities for students.

The meeting concluded with the board expressing gratitude to outgoing staff for their service and welcoming new hires to their roles.

# **Crystal Mersh commenting on summer** employees at Avalon

"Meet the young adults that are running the pool this year! A very impressive group for sure—bright, driven, and full of heart. I see it in them every day. We are learning a lot together.

We have two teams: the lifeguards and the culinary team. Both are critical to the success of their venture this year. Their base earnings come from the swimming revenue, and their upside potential for earnings comes from the food and the golf. They are constantly generating great new ideas and are eager to see what they can do to make their business a success.

All of the profit will be distributed amongst the coop members once the books are closed and verified. I cover the utilities and insurance, as these are base costs that they cannot impact. Last year, the team netted about \$16,000 after making up for a \$15,000 projected loss. They are again on a good path, but we do wish the weather would be a bit more cooperative.

I think they can easily make what they made last year if the community continues to support their hard work.

Some folks have asked why the foundation would give all the profits to these kids. Well, there are several

They deserve a chance to see what they can do and the opportunity to learn along the way.

The primary mission of the foundation is to foster and encourage improving the lives of our people. If adults see that even kids can run a business and be successful,

then I suspect they will consider their own options for entrepreneurship.

In less than five years, all of these kids will be adults. They will be the leaders of the community. They will have something to say that is worth hearing — in fact, they already do. If we can help give them the platform and some skills to advance, we surely will do it.

Last but not least, we want to encourage them and support them to pursue their dreams. Dream big and #makeithappen.

I am honored every day to earn the right to speak into their lives about many things, including what God has done in my life. I am so very honored to work with them all, and I know that Robin, Shana, Dennis, and Whitney feel the same way too.

If you would like to support their efforts from far away or here at home, please consider sponsoring a hole on the Hillbilly Golf course to advertise your favorite business or just to show your support. These sponsorships range from \$100 to \$500. You can contact me, Whitney Butler, or any member of the team.

**NOTE:** On June 30, the pool will be closed. We will be taking a field trip to Top Golf in Pittsburgh to see how their business works, including behind the scenes. We may have a little fun playing Top Golf too. We will also be inviting our summer intern, Summer Rogers, and our summer maintenance helper, Ethan Harris, to join us on the outing."





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# 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.

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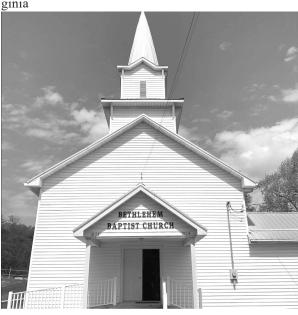
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**BAPTIST** 

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 Vir-



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Route 5 East Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville,



#### **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

First Baptist Church of Grantsville

Pastor Ron Chesser

Associate Pastor Rick Godfrey

Sunday: 10:00 - Sunday school 11:00 - morning

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** Leading

Creek

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).



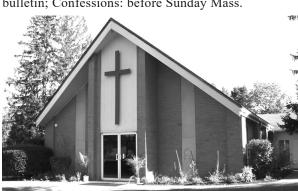
Phone 304-354-7780, Find us on Facebook! CATHOLIC



**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

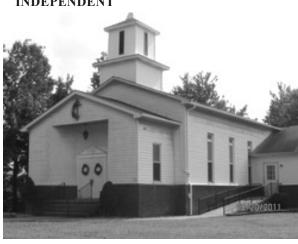


St Rt 14 S, Elizabeth (681) 236-2700 stelizofhungary@gmail.com



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

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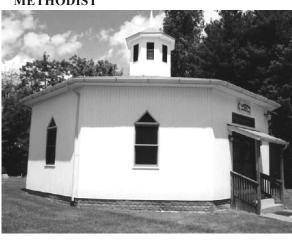
3757 N. Calhoun Highway, Grantsville, WV 26147. **Full Gospel Lighthouse Church** 

304.916.4668 Sunday Morning: 10:00 am Sunday

Big Bend, WV Pastor: Mike Doherty Phone:

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-

**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.

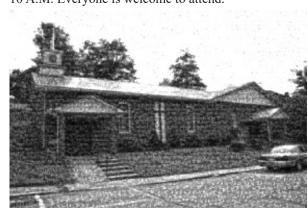
Walker United Methodist Church



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 Faceability to participate in marching band. Other victims shared similar stories of pain, trauma, and disrupted lives.

Prosecutor Michael Hicks emphasized the gravity of Brannon's actions, recommending consecutive sentences to ensure justice for each child affected. Judge Ashley acknowledged the suffering endured by the victims and their families, reminding everyone of the importance of never drinking and driving. Brannon, openly sobbing, expressed remorse for his actions but admitted he had blacked out and could not recall the events of the accident.

Several of the accident victims and their families chose to speak at Brannon's sentencing, sharing their experiences and ex-

pressing their grief.

First to speak was Miss Helmick, whose son, Hoyt Helmick, was a victim of the accident. She recounted that her son had suffered both mental and physical injuries, and that the incident had had a profound impact on him and his entire family. After the wreck, Hoyt was no longer the happy child he had been before. He couldn't sleep, replayed the accident in his head, where one of the students even thought he was dead because he was unresponsive until an adult arrived on the scene. The mother said that the incident led to a loss of trust in all the people at the school. Hoyt missed several days due to his injuries, had to undergo counseling, and had numerous doctor's appointments. He also experienced side effects, and his mental health suffered greatly due to fear. His doctor referred him to an outside counselor, and his friends were concerned about him because he no longer acted the same. He used to love talking and being around people, but after the accident, he didn't enjoy those activities anymore. He experienced daily headaches and was unable to keep up with his daily routines for school. He had to be driven to school for the remainder of the school year and didn't like to ride the bus unless his regular bus driver, whom he trusted, was there. He had to drop from weightlifting and dreaded physical therapy because of the pain and continues to require medication. Hoyt's two younger brothers were also affected by the accident due to being with their parents when they arrived at the scene causing them to be afraid to ride the bus. They spent many nights crying themselves to sleep, and the incident has taken a toll on their mental health. They missed many days of work, and Hoyt still doesn't ride the activity bus. "The bruises may heal, but the mental anguish likely never will," she said. Hoyt did not attend because he didn't want to be in

court to face Brannon Meagan Casto, Accident victim's Kevin Wilson's aunt, spoke second. Kevin lost his leg in the accident and has been forever altered Mrs. Casto said. He has suffered both mental and medical challenges. He was only 15 years old, and on the day of the wreck when, after Charter Cottrell had carried Kevin off the bus and placed him on the ground, Jeffrey Brannon looked him in the eye and told him he "wasn't hurt to get up." This was the most difficult call Meagan's Mother – Kevin's grandmother (who raised Kevin from 8 months old) had ever received. She had to listen to Kevin saying to her Mom "I need you, Mommy!" Mrs. Casto said that Brannon showed a blatant disregard for Kevin. She turned to Brannon from the podium and told him in a loud voice, "You were in charge of them. Kevin had eleven surgeries in thirteen days; he laid in the hospital with his leg split open, he screamed, begged and pleaded for them to "please pray with me I hurt so bad." He suffered so much, there was nothing they could do. Nothing helped this child for a month as he laid and cried out in pain. He almost died ten times in thirteen days. Got blood clots and had to be put on blood thinner which he reacted to, he went through hell." Mrs. Casto told Judge Ashley that she hoped she gave him every year that she could and that they run them consecutively, he doesn't deserve freedom because Kevin doesn't have it.

High School student Alex Anderson, a victim of the accident told Judge Ashley that "What happened on March 4th, 2024, was unlike anything that he'd ever experienced. I was glad I was able to wrap my arm around my friend and help. All I could hear were the screams and cries as I was carried off the bus in terrible pain from a broken femur. The days to follow were a blur, I was unable to do anything that I used to do. My senior year was ruined. I'll have many moments of pain, this is something that I and the others will live with because of one man's mistake.

Kara Starcher read a statement from her daughter Lydia Starcher:

"In the wreck, I got a concussion that gave me headaches and nausea. The weekend after the wreck. I had to leave practice multiple times for All Area Band at CMHS. The loud noises and playing my instrument triggered the headaches. For weeks, I couldn't practice my instrument as much as I needed to either. Another trigger for my headaches was heat. The loud noise trigger eventually went away but the heat one lasted all summer until the weather cooled down. Being in marching band was hard because practice starts at the end of July when it's hot outside. Being in uniform also gave me some headaches too and having a headache while actively playing an instrument feels really bad. I thought my headaches were gone until graduation this year when the music room was hot and we were in our uniforms. Now my next marching season is in jeopardy because my doctor wouldn't clear me for my sports physical because of the headaches. I often wonder how many times we rode the bus with a drunk driver. I'll probably never know the answer to that question. I spent weeks worrying about Kevin who had been my friend and classmate since first grade. My sisters always rode the activity bus with me, but they weren't on that night because neither one had practice. Would they have been seriously hurt like Kevin? Those aren't things a teenager should have to wonder and worry about. Personally, I think Jeff should spend the rest of his life in prison for hurting us the way he did and causing us so much trauma."

Kyerstan Perkins' son Garrett Carpenter was injured on the bus. Kyerstan recalled getting the call and coming to the scene. It was the worst thing you could ever imagine," she said. She told Judge Ashley that Jeffrey Brannon was screaming profanities to the point that she thought he was having a nervous breakdown over having wrecked the bus. She did not realize at the time that he was drunk. Ms. Perkins said that she wanted this day to stand for something, because "these kids didn't deserve to go through what they did. He (Brannon) made a choice, our kids have no choice on what they had to experience.

As each parent or victim gave testimony, sobs were heard throughout the room. Including those of Jeffrey Allen Brannon..

In the closing statements of Prosecutor Michael Hicks, he summed the accident up by stating that the defendant's decision caused immense pain to nineteen children. He read the name of each victim and injuries received.

Kevin Wilson Alex Anderson Charter Cottrell Garrett Carpenter Cohen Blankenship Destiny Langford Hoyt Helmick **Emily Thomas** Lydia Starcher Camden Carpenter Krystal Badgett Payton Quick Makyia Quick Dayvon Mitchell Alyssa Ogle Allie Ogle Bryer Kelley Mariah Taylor

Lauren Lovejoy Kevin Wilson's were by far the worst, but each child effected in serious physical, mental and emotional pain.

Mr. Hicks told the Judge that all of the students were dedicated to their studies and attended extracurricular activities including sports and band at Calhoun Middle High School. They are leaders in their community.



Photo of Kevin Wilson's family (left to right) Meagan Casto, Kevin Wilson, Linda Wilson, Jim Wilson and Miranda Casto. Kevin's Grandfather spoke during the sentencing saying to Mr. Brannon, "I have to forgive you, but I don't have to forget. I haven't forgiven you yet, but I will. But I will never forget."



The bus wreck

Hicks recalled a conversation he had with Roane County Deputy Jeff Smith, who lives in Calhoun and was returning home when the accident happened. He told the Prosecutor that despite his experience as a law enforcement officer who had been shot at, responded to robberies etc., the fear could not be described when he arrived on scene and wondered what was awaiting him on the other side of the overturned bus. "The gravity of the incident was evident from Smith's words," Hicks

Each child has been impacted, and their suffering will continue. To ensure justice, Hicks' recommendation to Judge Ashley was that she impose separate consecutive sentences for each child. The charges against Brannon include three counts of DUI causing serious injury which carries a minimum sentence of two years and a maximum of ten years for each count. Additionally, he faces sixteen counts of child neglect, with a minimum sentence of one year and a maximum of five years, on each count. These sentences will be run consecutively, resulting in a total of 22 years to 110 years in prison.

Brannon was given an opportunity to speak but wept and spoke in manner that could not be heard from behind. He did say that he had gone to Walmart that day but had blacked out and did not recall anything after that, including the accident. He expressed his love for all the children, describing them like his own, particularly Kevin, who was "always the best kid on the bus," he said to the Grandfather.

Judge Anita Harold Ashley thanked the families for their statements and appreciated Brannon's decision to enter a guilty plea for each child. She did acknowledge that Brannon's blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit during the accident and expressed his inability to imagine the suffering endured by children, parents, and grandparents over the past year and a

Based on the pleas of guilty, Brannon faced the recommended sentence for three counts of DUI causing serious injury, with a minimum sentence of two years and a maximum of ten years in prison on each charge as well as a mandatory fine of \$1,000 to \$3,000, which he received a fine of \$1,000. Additionally, he faced the penalty for sixteen counts of child neglect, with a minimum sentence of one year and a maximum of five years for each count. He will receive 466 days of credit for time served and will be eligible for parole in 22 years, but his sentence is as high as 110

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## TIME FOR A TASTE OF CALHOUN

A TASTE OF THE MIDDLE EAST .. *4 COURSE MEAL FEATURING KABAB* 

June 21 @ 6:00pm. We can likely seat a few more folks than normal if we have reservations in advance. \$30 per person. Entrees will be Persian Chicken Barg and Turkish Ground Lamb Kababs; and Galilee Style Grilled Fish Kababs ... a grilled onion salad, staters still under development and for dessert we will feature a local guest chef our very own <u>Jim Sullivan</u> who will do his amazing Baklava.

By Gaylen Duskey
The "Taste Of" series of festive meals

at Avalon hatched the idea of how about a Taste of Calhoun for one edition of the Calhoun Chronicle.

This is the edition and elsewhere in this issue are menus from every restaurant we could think of in Calhoun County and if we left anyone out we apologize and if the menus are not up to date we apologize for that too.

But we do have a Taste of Calhoun and while not overly exotic it is very tasty and filling.

From the tasty hot dogs at Big Daddy

D's at the Corder Bridge on the Roane-Calhoun line to the pizza at the Local

Oven in Big Bend to all the places in between every restaurant offers something special.

For instance Circle S Farms offers locally raised meats. The Pit Stop offers excellent hero sandwiches. Tudors features country cuisine and Gino's has an Italian vibe while Tiki Taco features, what else, tacos (and a big swimming pool), Alice's Attic has ice cream delights and Mom's Place Too brings it all together with specials and a regular daily menu.

Looking into the future we see this: Calhoun Restaurant Roundup: Big Daddy D: Hot dogs

Circle S Farms: Local meats Local Over: Pizza Tudors: Varied menu Kwik Stop: Hero sandwiches Alice Attic: Ice cream Mom's Place Too: Full-service restau-

Gino's: Italian food Tiki Taco: Tacos Coming Soon:
River Dogz: Snacks and pool hall
The Varsity: Upscale menu
Enjoy now and in the future.

It may be time to take a tour of the Taste of Calhoun.

Worms in the Dirt: \$3.50 Not Your Mama's Banana Split:

Cyclone (Oreo, Caramel, Reese's Flavors): \$10.00 Drinks

Root Beer Float: \$3.50 Milkshakes: \$3.99

#### Alice's Attic

**Phone:** (691)-442-0042 Sizes: 7", 14", 16"
Cheese: \$3.99 | \$8.99 | \$11.49
Pepperoni: \$4.99 | \$9.99 | \$12.99
Meat Lovers: \$6.99 | \$15.99 | \$16.99
Veggie Lovers: \$6.99 | \$15.99 |

**Everything:** \$7.99 | \$16.99 | \$17.99 **Additional Toppings:** \$0.75 | \$1.25

Hot Dogs Regular Hot Dog: \$2.00 WV Hot Dog (Hot Dog Sauce, Slaw, Onion): \$3.00 Burgers

All Beef Hamburger: \$4.99 Cheese Burger: \$5.24 **Double Cheese Burger:** \$6.99 Bacon Cheese Burger: \$6.49 DB Cheese Burger: \$8.99 Sandwiches **BLT:** \$4.75 Chicken Sandwich: \$4.95 PBJ: \$2.50

Grilled Cheese Sandwich: \$2.50 Pulled Pork Sandwich: \$6.50 Sauce Bun: \$4.50

Salads

Taco Salad (with Chips): \$9.99
Grilled Chicken Salad: \$9.99
Garden Salad: \$9.99
Alice's Crunches (Filled with sliced meats, soft cheeses, olives, tomatoes, dressing of choice): \$4.00

Sides and Snacks Nachos & Cheese: \$4.79 Buffalo & Boneless Wings (6): \$6.75 French Fries: \$4.00 Onion Rings: \$4.00 Chili Cheese Fries: \$4.75 Mozzarella Sticks: \$6.00 Cup of Coleslaw: \$1.00 Chicken Nuggets (6 Piece): \$4.00

Ice Cream
Soft Serve Ice Cream:
Small: \$2.50 | Large: \$3.50
Flavors: Chocolate, Vanilla, Swirl Hand-Dipped Ice Cream:

One Scoop: \$2.25 | Two Scoops: \$3.00 | Three Scoops: \$3.50 | Flavors: Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Butter Pecan, Cookies n' Cream Special Treats:

Hot Fudge Sundae: \$3.50 Hot Fudge Brownie Sundae: \$4.50 Banana Split: \$6.00

Flavors: Chocolate, Vanilla, Banana, Peanut Butter, Caramel, Hazelnut, Strawberry, Red Raspberry, Watermelon, Cinnamon, Butter Pecan, Peppermint, Strawberry Banana, Cookies n' Cream Slushie: \$2.00 Coffee: \$2.00 Pop: \$1.00 Water: \$1.00

\$10.00

Water: \$1.00 Iced Tea: \$1.00 Enjoy your meal at Alice's Attic!

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## Big Daddy D's



Pickle Hotdog: \$4.50
Bop & Nanna Hotdog
(homemade chimichurri, feta
cheese, spicy mustard): \$4.50
Food Items:
Chicken Strips (serving
of 3 lightly breaded chicken
strips): \$4.00
Chicken Wrap (grilled or
crispy chicken with lettuce,
tomato, cheese; ranch, BBQ,
or honey mustard): \$6.00
Spicy Chicken Wrap

Spicy Chicken Wrap (crispy chicken with let-tuce, cheese, jalapenos, spicy sauce): \$6.25 Chicken Strip Basket w/ Fries: \$7.25

Daily Meal Deals:
Big Daddy D Special (2 regular hotdogs, bag of chips, bottle of pop): \$8.50
Little Daddy D's Special (kids only: 1 hotdog, bag of chips, snow cone or bottle of water): \$4.50
Drinks:
Bottles of Pop: \$2.00

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Ice Cream: Bowl of Ice Cream: \$2.00

Milkshakes (chocolate, vanilla, peanut butter, or strawberry): \$4.50 (16 oz)

Soda Floats: \$5.00 The "Moo-blast" (comes with Oreo or candy pieces):

Specials: Specials will come and go, just ask!

Salads: Side Salad: \$3.49

Chef Salad: Small: \$6.49 Large: \$9.99

Swiss, Provo Jack): \$10.20

Sides:

soda: \$9.29

cheeses.

lime soda.

Cal/slice.

rus soda.

346 Cal.

Diet citrus soda.

Zero-calorie cola.

Refreshing cola.

Gino's Pizza & Spaghetti

House

Griddle Menu:

Burgers (1/3 pound of loally sourced beef):
Hamburger: \$9.79

Cheeseburger (American,

Philly Cheesesteak (grilled onions & green peppers)
Dan's Cheesesteak (grilled

onions, lettuce, tomato & pickles): \$11.49

**Specialty Sandwiches:** 

Pork Tenderloin Pizza Sub: \$9.99 BLT on a Hoagie: \$7.99

Chicken Sandwich: \$9.99

Circle S Big Dog, small fry, and soda: \$7.99
2 Hot Dogs, small fry, and

Note: All prices are per pound for deli meats and

Starry - 2L Bottle: Lemon

Pepsi Soda - 2L Bottle:

Family Chocolate Brownie: 9" brownie. 200

Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookie: 9" cookie. 120 Cal/

sticks with icing topping.

Mtn Dew - 2L Bottle: Cit-

Unique blend of 23 flavors.

Diet Mt. Dew - 2L Bottle:

Cinnastix: Hot cinnamon

Dr. Pepper - 2L Bottle:

Diet Pepsi - 2L Bottle:

Oven-Baked Sandwiches

Half Italian Meatball: Meatballs, marinara, mozza-rella, provolone. 572 Cal. Half Hot Ham & Cheese:

Ham, mozzarella, provolone, lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo.

Whole Italian Sub: Sala-

mi, ham, mozzarella, provo-

lone, lettuce, tomato, onion

banana peppers, mayo. 1154

Cheese: Beef patty, mozza-rella, provolone, lettuce, to-

mato, onion, banana peppers, mayo. 737 Cal. Whole Hot Ham &

Half Beef Steak &

Chocolate

Small Fries: \$3.49

Large Fries: \$4.49 Onion Rings: \$4.89

Meal Deals:

Bacon Cheeseburger

Cheesesteaks:

Provolone, Pepper

\$5.50 (16 oz)

**Circle S Farms** 

Daily Meal Deals:

Pickle Hotdog: \$4.50

Big Daddy D's Menu & Store Information

Store Details: Phone: (681)-460-1104 Hours: 11 AM - 6 PM, Tuesday-Saturday

Appetizers: Onion Petals: \$5.00 Fries: \$3.50 Potato Chips: \$1.00 Bacon/Ranch Fries: \$4.00

Loaded Fries (topped with chili, cheese & bacon): \$4.75
Chicken Bacon Ranch
Fries: \$7.00

Jalapeno Poppers: \$5.00 Mozzarella Sticks (ranch or marinara sauce): \$4.00 Deep Fried Cauliflower: \$4.50

Fried Green Tomatoes: \$4.00 Mushrooms: \$5.00

Deep Fried Pickles: \$5.00

Hotdogs:
Regular Hotdog (toppings:
house-made chili sauce &
slaw, onion, shredded cheese,
jalapenos, ketchup, mustard, & relish): \$3.00

Audrey Dog (bacon-wrapped, house-made black cherry sauce, cowboy can-dy): \$4.50 Mexi-Momma Hotdog

(sour cream, homemade chili sauce, shredded cheese, crushed Doritos): \$4.50 Rodeo Hotdog (homemade BBQ sauce, onion chips, homemade slaw): \$4.50

Buffalo Hotdog (feta cheese crumbles, buffalo sauce, onions): \$4.50

Reuben Hotdog (sauer-kraut, 1,000 island dressing, swiss cheese) when avail-

**Operating Hours:** Monday-Friday: 10 am - 5

pm Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm Contact: Deli: (304) 655-

8055 Save ahead to order!
Deli Sandwiches (\$10.99
each unless specified):

Turkey (\$10.99)
Cold Cut (Salami/Bologna/Ham) (\$10.99)
Veggie (\$10.99)

Italian (Capicola/Ham/ Pepperoni/Salami) (\$10.99) Pastrami (\$10.99)

Roast Beef (\$12.99)

Extra Cheese: \$1.00

Mustard, Spicy Mustard,

Honey Mustard, Mayo, Miracle Whip Ranch Dressing

Vegetable Toppings: Pickles, Cucumbers, To-mato, Lettuce, Onions

Bell Peppers (Red/Yellow/ Orange), Black Olives

Banana Peppers, Jalapeño

American, Pepper Jack,

Specialty Pizza
14" Deluxe: Pepperoni,

sausage, mushrooms, green

peppers, banana peppers, sweet onion, green olives, three cheese blend. 300 Cal/

11" Hawaiian: Ham, ba-

con, pineapple, three cheese blend. 120 Cal/slice. 11" Deluxe: Same top-pings as 14" Deluxe. 172

16" Chicken Bacon Ranch: Grilled chicken,

bacon, ranch, sweet onion,

green peppers, three cheese blend. 249 Cal/slice.

9" Chicken Bacon
Ranch: Same toppings as
16" Chicken Bacon Ranch.
247 Cal/slice.
9" Deluxe: Same toppings
as 14" Deluxe. 171 Cal/slice.
14" Chicken Bacon
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14" Chicken Bacon
Ranch: Same toppings as
16" Chicken Bacon Ranch.
286 Cal/slice.

11" Chicken Bacon
Ranch: Same toppings as
16" Chicken Bacon Ranch.
171 Cal/slice.

16" Deluxe: Same top-

16" Deluxe: Same toppings as 14" Deluxe. 264 Cal/slice.

9" Hawaiian: Same toppings as 11" Hawaiian. 170 Cal/slice.

Drinks & Desserts

Extras: Extra Meat: \$1.50

**Condiments:** 

Peppers Cheeses:

Provolone, Swiss

Chicken

Ham

536 Cal. Whole Beef Steak &

Cheese: Same toppings as Half Hot Ham & Cheese.

Cheese: Same toppings as Half Beef Steak & Cheese. 1474 Cal.

Half Italian Sub: Same toppings as Whole Italian Sub. 552 Cal.

Whole Italian Meatball: Same toppings as Half Italian Meatball. 838 Cal. Salads

Garden Salad: Lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumbers, green peppers. 107 Cal.

Antipasto Salad: Lettuce, pepperoni, ham, salami, banana peppers, tomato, olives, mozzarella, provolone. 476

Deluxe Ham & Cheese Salad: Garden salad with ham, mozzarella, provolone. 331 Cal.

Grilled Chicken Salad: Garden salad with grilled chicken, bacon, mozzarella, provolone. 648 Cal. Appetizers

Jumbo Breadsticks: Parmesan garlic breadsticks with marinara or garlic butter. 163

French Fries: Salted and fried. 331 Cal.
Cheese Breadsticks:

Garlic butter, three cheeses, marinara or garlic butter. 214

Onion Rings: Crispy and golden. 612 Cal. Mozzarella Sticks: Fried

cheese sticks with marinara. 694 Cal.

Garlic or Buttered Bread: 4 slices. 411 Cal. Wings 6 Pc. Original Breaded

Wings: Breaded wings with dipping sauce. 466 Cal.

Boneless Wings: 10 oz.

boneless wings with sauce. 574 Cal.

10 Pc. Naked Unbreaded Wings: Bone-in wings with sauce. 1093 Cal. Pizza Bread, Flatbreads, &

Calzones

Calzone: Dough stuffed with marinara, mozzarella, provolone, up to 3 toppings. 750-1119 Cal.

Flatbread Pizza: Flatbread crust with 1 topping.

Specialty Flatbread Pizza: Specialty Flatbread on flatbread crust. 1007-1339 Cal.
Whole Pizza Bread: Mar-

inara, mozzarella, provolone on toasted bun. 641 Cal. Pasta Lasagna: Pasta sheets,

meaty sauce, ricotta, mozza-rella, provolone, garlic/but-tered bread. 1073 Cal.

Baked Spaghetti: Spaghetti, meaty sauce, mozzarella, provolone, garlic/buttered bread. 1074 Cal.

Homestyle Spaghetti: Spaghetti. Spaghetti, meaty sauce, garlic/buttered bread. 781 Cal.

Pulwiches Pubwiches

Chicken Bacon Ranch Pubwich: Dough, grilled chicken, bacon, mozzarella, provolone, lettuce, tomato, onion, green peppers, ranch. 1469 Cal.

Big Dough, Ham Pubwich: Dough, ham, mozzarella, provolone, lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo. 1190 Cal.

Sirloin Philly Steak Pub-

wich: Dough, sirloin steak, mozzarella, provolone, mushrooms, green peppers, onion, lettuce, tomato, mayo. 1337 Cal.

Combos
Large 3 Toppings Pizza
Cheese Breadsticks Combo: Large pizza with 3 toppings and cheese breadsticks.

For the most up-to-date menu and prices, contact the

# Miller's Kwik Stop

Address: 7558 South Calhoun Hwy, Mount Zion, WV 26151

Breakfast Breakfast Sub: (Small), \$6.29 (Large) Sausage: \$1.59

Sausage. \$1.39 Sausage & Cheese: \$1.69 Bacon & Cheese: \$1.79 Sausage, Egg, & Cheese: \$2.49 Bacon, Egg, & Cheese:

Ham, Egg, & Cheese: Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Roll: \$2.19

Sausage, Gravy, & Biscuit: \$2.99

Pipeliner Biscuit (Egg, Bacon, Sausage, Cheese, and Hashbrown): \$3.99 Hashbrown: \$0.75

Sausage Patty: \$0.75 Subs 6" Subs: Baked Ham: \$4.29 Turkey: \$4.29

Roast Beef: \$5.29 Chicken Salad: \$5.29 Cheese Club: \$4.29 Grilled Chicken: \$5.29 Pulled Pork: \$4.29 Meatball: \$4.29 Pepperoni: \$4.29 Philly Steak: \$5.29 Chicken Bacon Ranch:

12" Subs:

Baked Ham: \$6.29 Turkey: \$6.29 Roast Beef: \$6.29 Chicken Salad: \$6.29 Cheese Club: \$6.29 Grilled Chicken: \$7.29 Pulled Pork: \$6.29 Meatball: \$6.29 Pepperoni: \$6.29 Philly Steak: \$7.29 Chicken Bacon Ranch:

Cheese Pizza: \$4.29 (6"), \$6.29 (12"), \$8.29 (16") One Topping Pizza: \$4.29 (6"), \$6.29 (12"), \$8.29 (16") Everything Pizza: \$6.29 (6"), \$12.29 (12"), \$16.29 (16") Cauliflower Crust Pizza: \$6.89

Mozzarella Sticks (6): Spicy Bone-In Wings: \$3.99

Corn Dog: \$1.00 Onion Chips: \$1.99 Tater Tots: \$1.99 Hot Dogs Plain Hot Dog: \$1.39 Hot Dog with Slaw: \$1.79 Pepperoni Roll: \$1.59 Pepperoni Roll with Sauce: \$1.99

For more information or to place an order, visit Miller's Kwik Stop at the address above!

Ham & Cheese Sandwich:

Hot Dog w/Everything:

Fried Green Tomato Sand-

Breakfast Special: \$2.50 Pancake (1): \$1.25

Add Cinnamon or Pecans:

Biscuit French Toast (3

Hungry Man's Breakfast (3 Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, 3 slices of Toast or Biscuit, Biscuit & Gravy or Creamed Tomatoes): \$12.99

Combos Eggs, Toast or Biscuit: \$3.75

Biscuit: \$5.75 Eggs, Sausage or Bacon &

Eggs, Sausage or Bacon, Potatoes & Toast or Biscuit:

Ham & Cheese: \$6.75

Sausage & Cheese: \$6.75 Bacon & Cheese: \$7.50

Country (Ham, Peppers & Onions): \$7.75 Dad's (Peppers, Onions & Swiss Cheese): \$7.75

Mom's (Ham, Bacon, Tomatoes, Peppers & Onions): \$7.75

**Breakfast Sandwiches** 

Toast or Biscuit: \$6.25

Omelets

Eggs, Potatoes & Toast or

Hot Dog (Plain): \$2.00

wich: \$6.99

Breakfast

slices): \$3.99

## **Mom's Place Too**



Appetizers & Sides Chili Cheese Fries: \$7.00 Ranch Fries: \$2.99 Curly Fries: \$2.99 Waffle Fries: \$3.45 Sweet Potato Fries: \$3.99

Homemade Potato Chips: \$3.75

Onion Rings: \$3.75 Fried Cauliflower: \$3.75 Hand-Battered Mus rooms: \$3.75

Mozzarella Sticks: \$4.25 Fried Green Tomatoes (5):

Vegetables (Corn, Green Beans, or Peas): \$1.50 Side of Cheese Sauce:

\$3.00 Desserts

Milkshake (Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Peanut Butter): \$3.99
Pie: \$4.99

Ice Cream: \$3.99 Sandwiches

Cheeseburger (4 oz): \$5.99 Cheeseburger w/Everything: \$6.50

Granny Burger w/Grilled Onions: \$5.99 Denny's Double Cheese-burger: \$6.75

Cheeseburger: Bacon \$6.99

\$6.99
Mattwich (Mushrooms & Swiss): \$6.50
Double Bacon Cheese-burger: \$7.25
Mom's Burger (Double decker w/Everything): \$6.99
Specialty Sandwich (Bacon Cheeseburger w/Cheese

Cheeseburger w/Cheese Sticks, Marinara, Waffle Fries, Cheese Sauce on Gar-

BLT: \$5.99
BLT w/Egg: \$5.99
BOLT (w/Onions): \$6.99
Steak Sandwich (Swiss, Smoked Peppers & Onions

on Garlic Texas Toast): \$8.99 Philly Steak: \$6.99 Chicken Philly: \$6.99

Chicken Sandwich (Fried or Grilled): \$5.99 Chicken Sandwich w/Bacon & Swiss: \$6.75 Fish Sandwich (Cod Tail):

Ham, Bacon, or Sausage on Toast or Biscuit: \$4.50 w/Egg: \$5.75 w/Egg & Cheese: \$5.99 **Sides** Shredded Hash Browns

(add \$0.50 for Cheese or Onions): \$3.25 Oatmeal or Cocoa Wheat w/Toast: \$3.50 Side of Sausage Gravy:

Additional Egg: \$1.50 Biscuit or Toast: \$1.50 Enjoy your meal at Mom's Place Too!

#### The Local Oven

Fountain Drinks - \$3.45 Options: Dr. Pepper, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Diet Mt. Dew,

Starry, Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea

Bottled Drinks - \$2.50 Options: Diet Mt. Dew, Orange Crush, Starry, Pepsi, Mt. Dew

Pizza: Medium (14")

1 Topping: \$14.99 Taco Pizza: \$22.99 Supreme: \$23.99 Meat Lovers: \$25.99 Hawaiian: \$22.99 Additional Toppings: \$2.15

Large (16")
1 Topping: \$15.99
Taco Pizza: \$25.99
Supreme: \$26.99
Meat Lovers: \$25.99
Hawaiian: \$25.99
Additional Toppings:

Additional Toppings: \$2.25

Personal Pan Pizza

1 Topping: \$4.99 Additional Toppings: \$0.50

Personal Taco Pizza - \$6.99

Toppings:
Meats: Bacon, Ham, Taco
Meat, Grilled Chicken, Philly
Meat, Sausage
Vegetables: Olives, Green
Olives, Banana Peppers, Green
Peppers, Jalapeños, Mushrooms

Others: Pineapple
Special Taco Pizza Ingre-

Special Taco Pizza Ingredients: Salsa con Queso, Taco Meat, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Black Olives Served with Salsa and Sour Cream

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday: 11 AM
Wednesday: 11 AM - 9 PM
Thursday: 11 AM - 9 PM

# **River Dogz**



## Tiki Taco

**Tacos (6-inch) Beef**: \$5 (Meal: \$8) Chicken Specialty: \$6 (Meal: \$10) Steak/Shrimp: \$8 (Meal:

Fajitas Bowls (Served with Rice/Beans, Salad, or Nachos)

Steak/Chicken: \$12 Yummies Smoothies: \$3 Ice Cream: \$3 With Fruit With Toppings Slushies: \$3

Beef/Chicken Specialty:

# **Tudor's Biscuit World**

Prices and menu items are subject to change. Contact the restaurant for the most up-to-date information.

Breakfast Platters
Big Tator Platter: \$9.50
Two scrambled eggs on a bed of fried potatoes, bacon, covered with melted cheese and/

or gravy. Specify cheese, gravy, or both.

Big Tator Platter Combo: \$11.70 Includes two scrambled eggs on a potato bed, bacon, cheese, and/or gravy. Served with a choice of side

French Toast Sticks (5): \$6.75

2 Biscuit And Gravy Platter: \$6.25 Homemade buttermilk biscuits smoth-

ered with sausage gravy. **Low Carb Platter**: \$8.50 Three eggs made to order and two sides of meat (choose from Canadian bacon, sausage, or bacon).

Super Platter Combo: \$12.45 Choice of meat, two eggs, fried potatoes, fried apples, gravy, and a homemade buttermilk biscuit. Served with a choice of side and

drink. Low Carb Platter Combo: \$11.45 Three eggs made to order and two sides of meat (choose from Canadian bacon, sausage, or bacon). Served with a choice of side

and drink. Biscuit And Gravy

Platter: \$4.50 Baby Tator Platter: \$6.50 Smaller portion of Big Tator. Fried potatoes smothered with scrambled eggs, melted cheese, and/or gravy, topped with crispy bacon.

2 Biscuit And Gravy Platter Combo: \$9.75 Served with a choice of side and drink. Country Breakfast Plat-

ter: \$8.00 Two fresh eggs made to order, potatoes, choice of bacon or sausage, and a buttermilk biscuit.

Super Breakfast Platter: \$9.99 Choice of meat, two eggs, fried potatoes, fried apples, gravy, and a homemade buttermilk biscuit.

1 Biscuit And Gravy Platter Combo: \$7.95 Served with a choice of side

and drink. Egg Platter: \$8.00 Three eggs made to order.

Baby Tator Platter Combo: \$9.45 Smaller portion of Big Tator. Fried potatoes smothered with scrambled eggs, melted cheese, and/or gravy, topped with crispy ba-

con. Served with a choice of

side and drink.

Country Platter Combo: \$10.95 Two fresh eggs made to order, potatoes, choice of bacon or sausage, and a buttermilk biscuit.

Egg Platter Combo: \$10.95 Three eggs made to order. Served with a choice of side and drink. Joe's Gravy

\$9.00 Biscuit and gravy with two eggs made to order and one no-meat side. Joe's Gravy Platter Combo: \$10.95 Biscuit and Platter gravy with two eggs made to order, one no-meat side, and a drink (choose from 8 oz coffee, iced tea, or fountain

drink).

Specialty Biscuits
Thundering Herd Biscuit
Sandwich: \$7.00 Sausage,
hash brown potato, egg, and

sliced cheese on a homemade buttermilk biscuit.

Mary B: \$6.00 Bacon, egg, and sliced cheese on a homemade buttermilk bis-

Ron Biscuit: \$6.00 Sausage, egg, and sliced cheese on a homemade buttermilk biscuit.

Miner Biscuit: \$6.00 Ba-

con, melted cheese, and hash browns. Dottie Biscuit: \$5.00 Po-

Dottie Biscuit. 4000 tato, egg, and cheese.
Biscuit Mountaineer Biscuit Sandwich: \$7.50 Country ham, potato, egg, and cheese

biscuit sandwich. Rocket Biscuit Sandwich: \$6.75 Steak, potato, egg, and cheese biscuit sand-

Tootie Biscuit: Country ham, egg, and sliced cheese on a homemade buttermilk biscuit.

Peppi Biscuit: \$4.00 Pepperoni and melted cheese. Golden Eagle Biscuit: \$6.75 Canadian bacon, egg, potato, and cheese biscuit

sandwich. Mickey Biscuit: \$6.00 Caṇadian bacon, egg, and

melted cheese. Duke Biscuit: \$7.25 Bacon, hash brown potato, egg, and sliced cheese on a home-

made buttermilk biscuit Grilled Steak Melt Bis**cuit**: \$6.00

**Basic Biscuits** Chicken Biscuit: \$4.50 Sausage Biscuit: \$3.75 Bacon And Cheese Melt **Biscuit**: \$4.50

Shaved Ham Melt Biscuit: \$5.00 Shaved ham and melted cheese. Sausage And Melt Biscuit: \$4.50

Bacon Biscuit: \$3.75 Bacon, lettuce, tomato, and mayo.

Potato Melt Biscuit: **Buttered Biscuit:** \$2.00

One fresh homemade buttermilk biscuit with butter.

BLT Biscuit: \$5.50 Ba-

con, lettuce, tomato, and

Fried Apple Biscuit: \$5.00

Sausage Egg Biscuit: \$4.75

Egg Biscuit: \$3.00 Bacon And Egg Biscuit: Two Biscuits--Bacon

And/or Sausage Biscuit: \$5.50 Select bacon or sausage biscuit sandwiches, or mix both. Country Ham Biscuit:

Shaved Ham Biscuit: \$4.50 Steak And Egg Biscuit:

Fried Steak Biscuit: \$4.50 Egg Melt Biscuit: \$3.75 Plain Biscuit: \$2.00 Canadian Bacon Biscuit:

Breakfast Wraps Fully Loaded Wrap: \$7.00 Sausage, egg, cheese, potato, peppers, and onion. Bacon, Egg And Cheese Wrap: \$6.25 Served with