

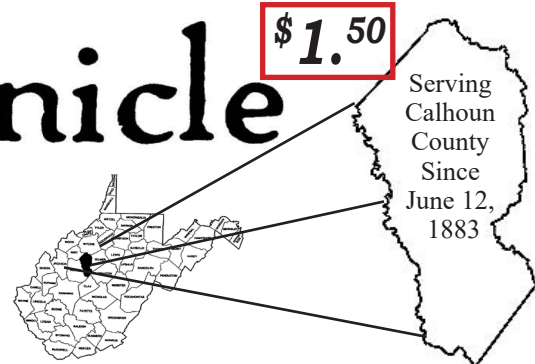


# The Calhoun Chronicle



## and The Grantsville News

“Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts”



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### Calhoun County Commission Reports Strong Year of Progress Under Administrator Jennifer Randolph

The Calhoun County Commission is celebrating a productive and financially responsible year, highlighting major grant successes, operational improvements, and measurable cost savings since the hiring of County Administrator Jennifer Randolph in early 2025. Commission officials credit Randolph's leadership, organization, and aggressive pursuit of funding opportunities as key factors in the county's recent momentum.

Since 2025, the Commission has written and pursued more than \$1.2 million in grant applications, securing approvals for projects including:

- Court security upgrades
  - Recycling center improvements
  - Litter control enforcement
  - Energy-efficient lighting upgrades
  - Funding for public safety equipment
  - Grant support for new police cruisers
- In addition to grant writing, Randolph has implemented stronger financial oversight practices and cost-saving measures, including restructuring investments to generate significant annual interest revenue for the county. Her administrative leadership has strengthened documentation processes, improved interagency coordination, and streamlined communication between state agencies, grant offices, and local departments.
- Beyond financial gains, the county has seen operational improvements across multiple areas:
- Upgraded courthouse lighting and infrastructure
  - Enhanced court security systems
  - Support for ambulance and emergency services funding
  - Investment planning for park and recreation facilities
  - Increased collaboration with regional

and state partners  
 Commissioners noted that Randolph's structured approach to grant management and compliance has positioned Calhoun County competitively in statewide funding opportunities.

“Jennifer has brought organization, professionalism, and determination to the administrative side of county government,” a commissioner stated. “Her ability to pursue grants and identify cost-saving strategies has directly benefited our taxpayers.”

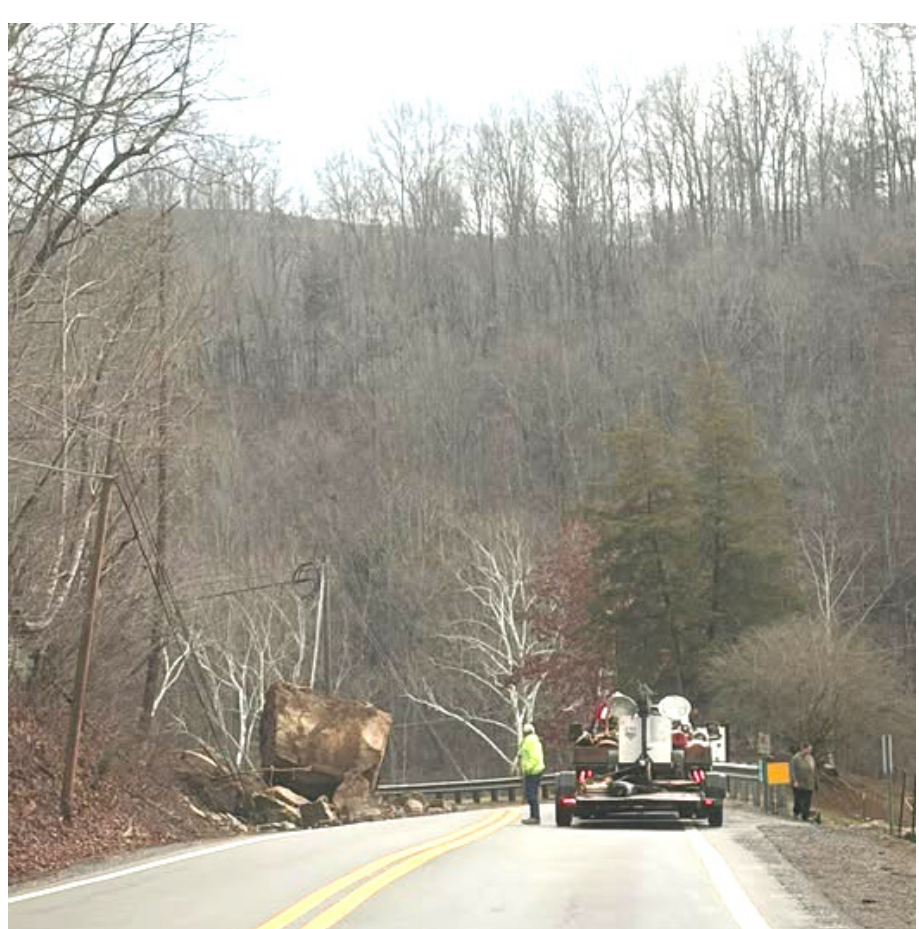
The Commission emphasized that while teamwork across departments has driven progress, Randolph's coordination and follow-through have been instrumental in turning applications into approvals and ideas into implemented projects.

A photo shared by the Commission highlights the team working together, showcasing the improved collaboration and positive atmosphere in the courthouse since the replacement of two clerks. Officials noted that the courthouse now has a much better vibe, with offices working together more effectively than ever before.

As the county continues to pursue additional infrastructure, public safety, and recreation funding opportunities, officials remain optimistic about the direction Calhoun County is heading.

“We are blessed to have Jennifer Randolph serving as our County Administrator,” the Commission shared. “Her dedication to this county and its people is evident in the results we are seeing.”

With a continued focus on fiscal responsibility, grant acquisition, and community development, Calhoun County leaders say 2025 has set a strong foundation for future growth.



### That was the week that was – weather version

By Gaylen Duskey

Somebody somewhere said: “If you don't like the weather, stick around.”

Was it Mark Twain? Will Rogers? Ring Lardner? James A. Cruikshank? T. Morris Longstreth? Anonymous?

Don't know, don't care.  
 But if you are looking for some drastic changeable weather we have had it here in Calhoun County.

To wit:  
 Monday was a normal drab early winter day. Nothing to be excited about.

Tuesday was supposed to be warmer but early in the morning – 4:20 a.m. – black ice had formed on various spots of the roads including Route 5 (West Little Kanawha Parkway) at the bottom of Annamoriah Hill. If was enough to turn the car I was riding in into a huge pinball bouncing off the guardrail all the way back across the highway into a brushy hill.

Wednesday not a bad day with warmer temperatures

Thursday we had thunder and lightning and hail and what has been described as two tornado warnings in Calhoun County, at least technically.

Friday the skies were cloudless with high blue, azure skies. We did, however, have some high and strong winds.

Saturday it was beautiful before it rained

Sunday it snowed

Monday, it snowed even more.

Tuesday and on this day the sun came up once again showing you can talk about the weather, but you can't do anything about it.

During the week we had a few calamities including the black ice that left me alongside the road.

For instance up the West Fork (Route 16 South) a large boulder came off the hill and landed in the road creating a driving

hazard and slowing traffic.

While no immediate weather caused the rock slide – it was caused by the freezing and thawing of the ground over a long period of time – the rest of the events were a direct results of immediate weather events.

For instance strong winds that hit Grantsville blew one of the Christmas stars which are still hooked up more than a month after Christmas into the street near the old Stump Hotel.

And as for the foreseeable future here is the 10-day weather forecast from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office:

**Sunday, February 22** High: 34°F | Low: 30°F Wind: 7 mph Precipitation: 0.67 in

**Monday, February 23** High: 34°F | Low: 25°F Wind: 11 mph Precipitation: 0.82 in

**Tuesday, February 24** High: 37°F | Low: 19°F Wind: 9 mph Precipitation: 0 in

**Wednesday, February 25** High: 46°F | Low: 37°F Wind: 11 mph Precipitation: 0.11 in

**Thursday, February 26** High: 52°F | Low: 34°F Wind: 11 mph Precipitation: 1.23 in

**Friday, February 27** High: 45°F | Low: 30°F Wind: 7 mph Precipitation: 0 in

**Saturday, February 28** High: 63°F | Low: 36°F Wind: 7 mph Precipitation: 0 in

**Sunday, March 1** High: 43°F | Low: 32°F Wind: 7 mph Precipitation: 0.34 in

**Monday, March 2** High: 39°F | Low: 25°F Wind: 7 mph Precipitation: 3.24 in

**Tuesday, March 3** High: 48°F | Low: 30°F Wind: 7 mph Precipitation: 0 in

This forecast was provided by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and updated on February 22 at 2:30 PM.

### Roane County Emergency Squad and Minnie Hamilton Health System Enter Into Collaborative Agreements

Minnie Hamilton Health System (MHHS) and Roane County Emergency Squad (RCES) are pleased to announce the signing of a new collaborative agreement for ambulance transport services, effective March 1, 2026.

After thoughtful review of regional service needs and long-term sustainability, both organizations believe this partnership represents the strongest and most effective path forward. Under this agreement, Roane County Emergency Squad will provide facility-to-facility transport services for Minnie Hamilton Health System. This collaboration enhances efficiency, strengthens service stability, and supports our shared mission of delivering high-quality care to the communities we

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### The Glen Fowler I never knew

By Gaylen Duskey

I knew Glen Fowler. He was a nice guy. Terry and Joyce's dad. Big wheel at the bank.

My knowledge of him basically ended there.

He was a quiet guy. Seemed to be a good dad. Worked hard. Worked his way up at the bank. He had been in the military just like just about every other male his age in Calhoun County.

But I never thought of him as anything

of a military hero and didn't learn about his career until reading Bob Weaver's story about him in the *Hur Herald* a couple of decades ago.

And I must say it opened my eyes.

Let's take a look at his story from back in 2002.

Here is Glen Fowler's story in his own words:

“When Mike Ritchie (CCCOA) asked me to do this, I wasn't sure I could, something I've never done before. I asked

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## OUR HISTORY

### Glen Fowler

Glen V. Fowler was a World War II veteran, community leader, and banker from Grantsville. Born in 1926, he served as a naval aviator in the Pacific Theater during the war, flying torpedo bombers and attending the Japanese peace treaty signing aboard the USS Missouri. Glen

began his career at Calhoun County Bank as a janitor and rose to become president and CEO, serving until 2015. He passed away in 2018 at the age of 92, leaving behind a legacy of service, dedication, and love for his family, community, and country.

See story on page 6

### Plans and goals and stepping into the future

By Gaylen Duskey

*The Calhoun Chronicle*, as it is sometimes wont to do, decided it was time to take a look at what the Town of Grantsville and, by extension, Calhoun County should do to move forward successfully into the future.

We took the demographics of Grantsville from the years 2024-2025 and fed them into a computer to get where we stood with things and where we need to be headed to best suit what we had.

We found some positive things which we were not surprised by such as cost of living and outdoor amenities, but we had some negative things such as employment opportunities, which again we were not surprised by, and a higher than average crime rate, which was surprising as was a lower than average graduation rate.

We also saw positives such as good local health care and a close proximity to

educational opportunities beyond high school but vocational and higher education.

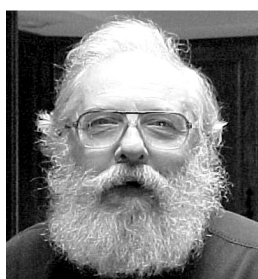
We took a look at how the town and county could achieve the goals set forth in our analysis and surprisingly found that a local, non-governmental organization had set the same goals and way to get there almost verbatim about a year earlier.

Most of those goals were addressed and progress was made in many ways yet still not reaching the stated goals often stopped or slowed down by opposition from other groups and organizations or a reticence to implement change, even needed change.

Those analysis articles and a look at the organization that nailed the road to the future will be published in the March 5, 2026, edition of *The Calhoun Chronicle*. We hope you enjoy it.

# CRESTON NEWS

BY ALVIN ENGELKE  
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The Creston bingo game is scheduled for March 7 at the Creston Community Building. Kitchen opens at noon and the games start at 1 P.M.

The cold weather went away, and the temperature was almost 70 with daffodils & jonquils quickly coming up and it was reported that crocuses were blooming in Grantsville. Flocks of robins were seen out & about and earthworms were out so the birds could feed. Then there was all the talk about blizzards and on Sunday there was enough snow to make the ground white. Time will tell for later in the week.

The weather has caused all sorts of road problems, rock slides, trees down, etc. The potholes in the Creston bridge were filled again, which was a very good thing. Some local folks had to motor to Marion & Monongalia counties where ‘real’ potholes were found, some requiring holding onto the steering wheel with both hands firmly. These were on the main roads, not at the head of “Possum Hollow” & out on “Lonesome Polecat Ridge”. Even though weather was ideal for cold mix work nothing was being done but, likely reflecting the deep corruption in state government, the crews cutting tree limbs along roadways were out doing their nonsense. It might be noted that none of the “imperfections in the surface of the roadway” had anything to do with trees along or near the highways.

Cinda Miller, daughter of Ron Miller and the late Judy Hopkins Miller Brooks, passed away. Like her mother and grandmother, she died from complications of diabetes. She was the granddaughter of Jonathan dePue (JD) Hopkins, Jr. & Holly Miller.

Watson Shepard was attending to business in Creston.

Cindy Taylor, age 67, of Newark passed away. She was the sister of the late Pat Anderson.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is now \$65.39/bbl. With condensate [super mountain high test] bringing \$47.39/bbl. And Marcellus & Utica light fetching \$54.39/bbl. Now that there is a thaw many roads to full oil tanks are too soft for the oil truck.

Local parents take note that if their babies are born in 2025, 2026, 2027 & 2028 they qualify for a \$1000 investment account that can be added to by parents, employers of parents, etc. This is a unique way to start folks out with a part of the American dream.

It goes without saying that there has been uproar over the EPA’s ruling that carbon dioxide is not a toxic or noxious gas causing “global warming”. Tests have shown that CO2 does not hold heat very well. Now the subsequent “rules”

not laws passed by congress are likely all void. The immediate impact is likely a cost saving of circa \$3000 on the cost of new cars. Then the EPA trashed the Biden era new MATS rule for coal burning power plants and reinstated the 2012 version of the guideline. It is interesting to note that the government of communist China has vehemently objected to this action. Obviously the “deep state” is strongly tied to foreign enemies & similar things are obvious from the Epstein files.

A gas fired power plant has been proposed in Monongalia County to improve the power grid but the UMWA [coal mine union] has come out in vehement opposition. Meanwhile, over in Scioto County Ohio a \$33 billion 9.2 gigawatt gas fired power plant has been proposed but now there is frenzied opposition. How dare you?

With a new snow storm in the news the results from the last one, Fern, continue to percolate. There was a massive withdrawal of natural gas from the storage fields because some lines were frozen off and workmen could not get to wells and facilities that needed attention. The Henry Hub price of natural gas spiked at \$14 and EQT got over \$7 for the natural gas that was not hedged. It was reported that EQT made an extra \$billion during the storm. Now It will be interesting to see if the extra price received for their natural gas will be reflected in royalty checks paid to W. Va. (& Pennsylvania) royalty owners. It was reported earlier that the February price on the DTI (Warren Buffett) system is \$7.15/MMBTU.

One of the invasive black buzzards was seen near Annamoriah one day last week. Sure Shot Jones & his pal, Dead Eye Dick, need to do their civic duty, SSS. That is shoot, shovel & shut up.

A turkey gobbler was in the road near Cabot Station the other day.

Electric service to Creston’s western suburbs was interrupted again on Friday. This makes it obvious that local residents need to have heating and cooking facilities that do not require electric to work. Of course the ‘green weenies’ do not want anyone to use natural gas, wood or coal to heat & cook.

The City Net crews have been busy in the area hooking up internet. Of course several local folks signed up with Elon Musk’s Starlink which seems to work like a charm even when the power is out [if one has a generator].

Frank Smith got a bunch of chocolate candy on the occasion of his birthday. He was said to be a very happy man.

Wilma Mowrey has been on the puny list, and another woman was taken to the hospital by ambulance on Sunday.

# 15 Ways to Protect Yourself From Fraud

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Following the highly publicized and not yet solved \$12,850 fraudulent check written on the Town of Grantsville the following article by AARP seemed to contain some great advice.

By Amy Nofziger and Mark Fetterhoff

Scams are rampant these days, with criminals stealing a reported \$12.5 billion from Americans in 2024, according to the Federal Trade Commission. And that’s likely a fraction of actual losses, because fraud is notoriously underreported. But there are ways to protect yourself, including staying up on the latest schemes and following the advice listed below. Also consider adding the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline phone number, 877-908-3360, into your phone right now, so you’ll have it if you need to call us to report a scam attempt or get more advice on how to prevent scams and identity theft.

## 1. Stop mail fraud at the mailbox

Informed Delivery is a free service from the U.S. Postal Service. The agency emails photos of letter-size mail expected to be delivered to you that day or shortly after. This is a great way to be sure that nothing is stolen from your mailbox by ID thieves. Sign up at InformedDelivery.usps.com.

Pick up mail as quickly as possible after it’s delivered, and always take your outgoing mail directly to the post office. A hot fraud now is scammers stealing checks from mailboxes, erasing the ink and using them to steal from bank accounts.

## 2. Halt scammers at your front door

Consider installing a video camera; they are increasingly less expensive, and they’re easy to install. If you don’t recognize a visitor, don’t answer. If you find yourself being pressured to buy or donate, have a refusal script ready (consider taping it near the door) that says, “I do not do business at my door. Please leave me something to review. If I’m interested, I’ll call you.”

Be wary of people posing as utility workers who show up unannounced. Don’t allow anyone into your house without an appointment.

## 3. Prevent garbage theft

Shred any papers that contain private information (financial statements, bills, shipping receipts) before putting them out for pickup to avoid identity theft. Don’t want to invest in a good cross-cut shredder? Many communities have shredding events or permanent drop-off sites. Get in the habit of dropping off your accumulated documents once every few months.

## 4. Watch for credit card skimming

Card skimming, in which the criminal affixes a credit card reader on top of a legitimate card reader at a store or gas station, is estimated to cause up to \$1 billion in losses annually. When you are paying at a gas station or other point-of-sale location, inspect the device for loose/broken/scratched machinery to make sure someone hasn’t tampered with it. If you are unsure, notify the cashier and pay using an alternative method.

## 5. Monitor your credit report

Routinely check yours (many credit card companies provide it for free; if not, go to AnnualCreditReport.com or call 877-322-8228). Watch for unusual activity; if you see any, report it immediately to the appropriate financial institution.

Then freeze your credit report. This prevents scammers from opening new credit cards or making big purchases in your name. You can unfreeze it as needed for legitimate transactions. Visit IdentityTheft.gov for more information.

## 6. Safeguard your wallet

Remove cards and information you don’t need to carry (such as your Social Security or Medicare card). Make copies of the remaining cards (front and back) and store them in a safe place.

Audit your wallet and purse frequently. Take out any unnecessary items that collect and could compromise your personal information if lost or that would be a hassle to replace.

## 7. Protect your financial accounts

Create online accounts with each of your financial institutions. Come up with a unique password for each, and every few months, revise the passwords. (Your best bet is to use a passphrase: lloveyml7dogz! is much stronger than Scruffy23. Keep track of passwords in a highly secure password manager or by writing them down and storing them safely.) But you should not rely solely on passwords. Many financial institutions will allow you to use a one-time passcode sent to your phone as an extra layer of security.

Then get in the habit of reviewing the transaction lists on a weekly or biweekly basis. Be sure you can account for every listed transaction. Spot something

odd or incorrect? Immediately report it.

## 8. Safeguard your smartphone

If you have a newer model, turn on biometric identification (fingerprint or facial recognition); this will help prevent a thief from logging in to your phone.

Send calls from unknown numbers to voicemail (you can enable this in the phone’s settings). Make sure your voicemail is set up and not full, so you can receive legitimate messages.

Scammers are sending far more bogus texts, often posing as companies you routinely deal with. Never respond to an unsolicited business text; if you think it might be valid, call the organization or go online.

Also make sure you are signed out of any financial apps on your phone — credit cards, financial institutions and peer-to-peer apps such as Venmo, CashApp or Zelle — when you aren’t using them.

## 9. Secure your computer

Turn on two-factor authentication for all secure websites you frequent, such as financial institutions or utility companies (find out how via each site’s online security center). Then only someone logged in to your phone can receive the code to access those accounts.

Consider subscribing to an antivirus software service. Some security experts say browsers and device manufacturers have more built-in malware protection than years ago, such as Microsoft Defender, which comes installed on some devices. Some paid subscriptions also include ad tracker blocking, cloud backups of your machines and identity theft monitoring.

## 10. Protect your email accounts

Actively designate unsolicited and unwanted email that shows up in your inbox as spam, so future emails from that site get blocked.

Do not open file attachments in emails from businesses or people you don’t trust completely. Malware is often planted via email attachments.

## 11. Set limits on social media

Set your profile so that only your friends can see your Facebook page. To do that, click the downward arrow button in the upper-right corner of your Facebook page, then click on Settings & Privacy and Privacy Checkup. This easy-to-use wizard will guide you through the settings. And never accept friend requests from people you don’t know or respond to random messages from strangers. But also note that impostor scams, where someone pretends to be your friend, are rampant on social media.

## 12. Verify online stores

To avoid shopping scams, when typing in a URL, double- and triple-check the spelling to ensure you are on the correct page. Scammers often create a URL with one letter off from the authentic one in hopes you won’t catch it.

Remove your credit card number and information from restaurant delivery and retail store sites. Pay using an e-payment service that keeps credit card info on a highly secure site.

## 13. Don’t pay for anything in gift cards, cryptocurrency or gold

It’s best to pay with a credit card which can protect you from all sorts of scams — including gift card scams. Criminals prefer untraceable methods of payment that are hard to reverse, so will ask for gift cards, cryptocurrency, gold bars, prepaid debit cards. If someone — especially a stranger — asks for payment or debt settlement using one of these payment methods, think twice.

## 14. Find a sounding board

It’s a good idea to have at least one person who can help you identify potential scams by being a financial confidante — an objective party you can consult before making big purchases or money transfers to ensure that they’re wise and legitimate. And, as noted above, you also can call the toll-free AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360 for advice, support and resources (available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET).

## 15. Change the way you think

Learn how to not engage. You are under no obligation in these modern times to respond to calls, emails or texts from strangers — especially given that so many of them are fraudulent. One option: Open your iPhone’s contact list and add your family, friends, doctors and other important numbers. Then go into your phone settings and turn on the setting for “silence unknown callers.” This will send any caller who isn’t in your contacts list directly to voicemail.

Learn to say no. Sometimes a caller will get through. Get tough: Say, “I do not do business over the phone. Goodbye.” Then hang up without remorse.

Trust your instincts. If something doesn’t sound right, run it by someone you trust and take extra time to think about it.

## Calhoun County Sheriff’s Department Scam Alert

By Graham Knight  
Calhoun County Sheriff

My office has recently become aware of a scam circulating in which an unknown individual posing as “Deputy Stephens from the Sheriff’s Office” has called people and demanded bond payments in the amount of several thousand dollars in order to avoid being arrested. This is a fraudulent scheme and does not originate from the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Office or our deputies. The Sheriff’s Office never makes phone calls related to bond payments and is not responsible for accepting payments related to bonds or court costs. Please see the following for some tips to avoid being scammed:

Verify the identity of the caller—no one from the Sheriff’s Office will call and demand payments from you in order to avoid arrest or secure release from jail. If the caller has a foreign accent and makes threats in order to acquire your payment, this is also a clue that is it not a call from us!

Check the phone number—the phone numbers for the courthouse are public

and can be found online. If the phone number looks suspicious, hang up immediately and call the appropriate courthouse office to verify the origin of the phone call.

NEVER give your personal information out to an unknown caller. The Sheriff’s Office will never ask for your social security number or bank account information, and we will only ask for your credit card information if you call us directly to make a tax payment.

Remember, if you have not been arrested, you will not have a bond to pay! If a call seems suspicious, hang up. If you believe someone has tried to scam you by claiming to be from the Sheriff’s Office, you can always call our direct line at 304-354-6333 to verify whether we have called you.

My deputies are outraged that someone is using their name to scam the people of our county, and we all hope that you are able to use this information to keep the scammers from taking advantage of you. Stay vigilant and trust your instincts if something feels fraudulent.

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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

writing mechanics, space available, and accuracy.

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

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

Editorials, letters to the editor, press releases, meeting notices, and announcements can be sent to [contact@calhounchronicle.com](mailto:contact@calhounchronicle.com).

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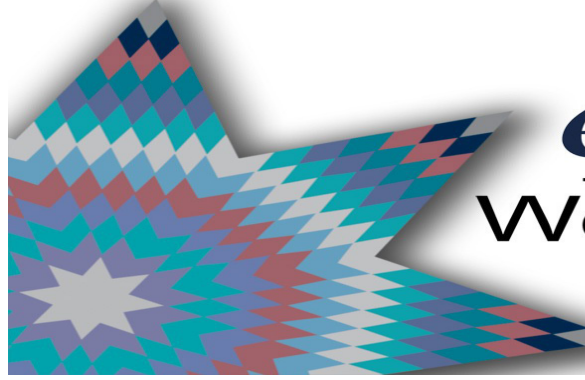
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**County Farmer's Markets**

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

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

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

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

To add your community service information to this listing email [contact@calhouncronicle.com](mailto:contact@calhouncronicle.com).

**Feb. 25, 1903:** An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

**Feb. 25, 1911:** Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the *West Virginia Hillbilly*, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

**Feb. 26, 1766:** Wheeling society hostess Lydia Boggs Shepherd Cruger was born. Her friendship with Sen. Henry Clay of Kentucky helped secure the routing of the National Road from Wellsburg to Wheeling.

**Feb. 26, 1869:** The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

**Feb. 26, 1972:** One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

**Feb. 26, 2022:** Fire destroyed the historic administration building of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Romney.



**Feb. 27, 1867:** Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school to train teachers. The first term began June 15,

1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

**Feb. 27, 1871:** Summers County was established from segments of Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer and Monroe counties. The county was named after George W. Summers, one of West Virginia's founders.

**Feb. 27, 1871:** The legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

**Feb. 28, 1831:** Fayette County was formed by the General Assembly of Virginia from parts of Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier and Logan counties. The county was named for the Marquis de Lafayette, the French military officer who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

**Feb. 28, 1858:** McDowell County, the southernmost county in West Virginia, was created from part of Tazewell County, Virginia. The new county was named after James McDowell, a governor of Virginia.



**Feb. 28, 1875:** Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.

**Feb. 28, 1909:** Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik

of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone County, he still holds state high school and Marshall University rushing records.



**Feb. 28, 1922:** Musician Eleanor Niera Parker was born in Fayette County. With her husband Rex Parker, she recorded popular country songs such as "Building Your Treasures in Heaven" and "Moonlight in West Virginia" in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

**March 1, 1831:** Jackson County was created from parts of Wood, Mason and Kanawha counties and named in honor of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president.



**March 1, 1870:** The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution. It is now a university.

**March 1, 1898:** Homer Adams Holt was born in Lewisburg. In 1937, he became West Virginia's 20th governor.



**March 1, 2011:** Sutton native Jorea Marple was sworn in as West Virginia's first female superintendent of schools.

**March 2, 1840:** The Virginia General Assembly granted a charter for Bethany College. From the beginning, it has been a four-year, baccalaureate-degree college, the oldest such institution in West Virginia.

**March 2, 1896:** Clair Bee was born in Pennsylvania. Bee was a successful, innovative college basketball coach and widely published author of both technical basketball books and young adult fiction centered on sports.

**March 2, 1915:** A blast swept through Layland No. 3 Mine in Fayette County, killing 114 men.

**March 2, 1927:** The West Virginia capitol building known as the "pasteboard capitol" was destroyed by fire. This wood-frame building in downtown Charleston had been built in just 42 days after the previous Victorian-style capitol building burned in 1921.

**March 2, 1961:** Governor Wally Barron signed legislation that granted Marshall College university status.

**March 3, 1843:** Barbour County was created from parts of Lewis, Harrison and Randolph counties and named for Virginia jurist Philip Pendleton Barbour.

**March 3, 1890:** Teacher and civic activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison was born in Virginia. She helped develop NAACP chapters in southern West Virginia and created the Christmas Seal Project.

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## County commission holds regular meeting

The Regular Commission Meeting was held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:00 pm. The meeting began with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commission was called to order, and the Board of Equalization and Review convened. Public comments were addressed, with individuals signing in to speak.

The minutes from previous meetings were reviewed and approved. Unfinished business included discussions on the Courthouse Amazon account and the selection of a county logo/seal. New business items were considered, including software systems for tax preparation and mailing, proposals for the Mural 250 Project, a questionnaire for WVCORP insurance renewal, the Summer Concert Series at Calhoun County Park, and quotes for O&M building construction.

Reports were provided by the commissioners, followed by discussions on resignations and appointments to boards and authorities. Personnel matters were addressed, including budget allocation strategies to strengthen employee benefits and a request to increase the County Clerk Deputy position for Whitney Butler from part-time to full-time.

Grant opportunities were reviewed, and legal updates were provided. The Assessor, Nettles, presented erroneous tax assessments and consolidations, including a consolidation from December 9, 2025. Matters related to wills, bonds, settlements, and estates were discussed.

Financial topics included outlining the budget process, approval of invoices, and budget revisions and transfers. The meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting scheduled for March 9, 2026, at 1:30 pm, followed by a budget meeting. Additional budget meetings were scheduled for March 2 and March 16, 2026, at 1:30 pm.

## Minnora Charge of Methodist churches closed

On February 25, 2025, the three churches that made up the Minnora Charge of the United Methodist Church — Walker United Methodist Church, Orma United Methodist Church, and Minnora United Methodist Church — were officially closed following a resolution passed by a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. These churches were part of the Little Kanawha District in Calhoun County, West Virginia.

Subsequently, the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference decided to convey the property associated with the Minnora Charge to the Interdenominational Outreach Ministry Association. The property, located in Washington District, Calhoun County, spans approximately 4 acres and was originally acquired by the Trustees of the Minnora Charge in 1940 from Gathel B. Conley and Abraham Conley.

The official notice of this proposed conveyance was issued on February 10, 2026, stating that the transfer of ownership would occur on or after February 26, 2026. The conveyance will be executed through a quitclaim deed, granting all rights, title, and interest in the property to the Interdenominational Outreach Ministry Association. This marks the end of the Minnora Charge's presence in the area and the transition of the property to a new organization.

## ROANE COUNTY

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serve.

In conjunction with this agreement, Roane County Emergency Squad has also entered into a separate agreement with the Calhoun County Commission to provide 911 ambulance services for Calhoun County, also effective March 1, 2026. That agreement is distinct from the transport services agreement with Minnie Hamilton Health System.

We understand there may be questions as these changes move forward, and we want to clearly outline three important points:

1. Separate Agreements:

The 911 ambulance service agreement with the Calhoun County Commission and the transport services agreement with Minnie Hamilton Health System are separate contracts with separate funding structures.

2. Levy Funds:

Levy funds collected in Roane County and Calhoun County will remain in their respective counties and will be used strictly for operating expenses within the county in which they are collected. No levy funds from either county will be used to support Minnie Hamilton Health System's transport services. Likewise, no levy dollars will be used to subsidize services outside of the county where those funds are generated.

3. Regional Collaboration & Mutual Aid:

While the agreements are separate, the benefit to our communities is shared. Having transport services based

at Minnie Hamilton strengthens the regional EMS network. Long-standing mutual aid agreements between area EMS agencies will continue as they always have, ensuring additional support when needed. This collaboration enhances overall coverage and provides added 911 support when available—an important benefit for the citizens of both Roane and Calhoun counties.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the leadership and Board of Directors of Roane County Emergency Squad, the Board of Directors of Minnie Hamilton Health System, the Calhoun County Commission, and the Roane County Commission for their commitment to thoughtful planning and responsible stewardship of public resources. Most importantly, we thank our EMS professionals and the citizens we serve for their continued trust and support.

This collaboration reflects a shared commitment among regional partners to work together across county lines for one common purpose: providing reliable, sustainable, high-quality emergency medical services close to home.

For additional information, please contact:

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mratliff@roaneems.com | 304-927-3725  
Stephen Whited  
CEO, Minnie Hamilton Health System  
stephen.whited@mhhs.healthcare | 304-354-9735

## Community Opportunities Roundup

Coach Michael Stump Vocational Scholarship Presented by Steve Kinder and PATCH.

Applicants must attend a vocational/trade school and complete the Kinder Family Memorial Scholarship application.

For more information, contact 525-709-0577.

Calhoun Family Support Center Pool Pass Program

Earn a free pool pass by completing two virtual lessons per pass.

No scholarships will be issued for pool passes.

All requirements must be completed by May 1st.

For details, contact Tina Persinger Hamrick.

Youth Scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$75 are available for youth aged 18 or younger (or still in high school).

Applicants must reside in Calhoun County.

The last day to apply is May 1st.

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Wood Festival Pass Program

Free passes available through completion of two virtual lessons per youth pass.

No scholarships will be issued for Wood Festival passes.

All requirements must be completed by May 1st.

**For details, contact Tina Persinger Hamrick.**

Make sure to check the respective packets for additional details and requirements!

## West Virginia Trappers Association Annual Spring Fur Auction

Join us for the West Virginia Trappers Association's Annual Spring Fur Auction, taking place March 6-8, 2026, at the Gilmer County Recreation Center, located at 1365 Sycamore Run Road, Glenville, WV.

**2026 WRESTLING STATE QUALIFIERS**

120 LANCE GROGG - 11  
138 EVAN BURCH - 10  
144 EZRA ANDERSON - 9  
150 TUCKER SAMPSON - 10

100 KY MORRIS - 11  
126 LANEY ARNOLD - 11

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**Fur Auction:** Sunday, March 8th, at 1 PM

**Board of Directors Meeting:** Thursday, March 5th, at 7 PM

Vendors will be present throughout the weekend. This event is free and open to the public—everyone is welcome to attend!

For more information, contact Jeremiah at 304-916-3329, visit our **Facebook page**, or check out [www.wvtrappers.com](http://www.wvtrappers.com).

## Bear Fork Hunting Club Meeting

The Bear Fork Hunting Club will hold a meeting on **Saturday, February 28th at 7:30 PM.**

Location: **Arnoldsburg Community Building**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Two Calhoun girls advance to state tournament

Calhoun's Kyleigh Morris finished fifth in the 100 Division Sunday at Parkersburg High School and Laney Arnold finished eighth at 126.

Both will advance to the state tournament.

Here is the score list for the 2026 Girls Regionals - South Region:

PARKERSBURG - 304.0  
SOUTH - 207.0  
LIBERTY - 183.5  
RIPLEY - 124.0  
GEORGE WASHINGTON - 122.5  
OAK HILL - 114.0  
GREENBRIER EAST - 109.0  
SHADY SPRING - 102.5  
CABELL MIDLAND - 98.5  
RIVERSIDE - 93.0  
LOGAN - 84.0  
NICHOLAS COUNTY - 69.0  
SPRING VALLEY - 67.0  
WAHAMA - 67.0  
PIKEVIEW - 61.0  
ST ALBANS - 42.0  
CALHOUN - 41.0  
BLUEFIELD - 36.5  
HURRICANE - 35.0  
WOODROW WILSON - 35.0  
MAN - 33.0  
HUNTINGTON - 31.0  
NITRO - 27.0  
POCA - 24.0  
LINCOLN COUNTY - 23.0  
PRINCETON - 22.0  
GILMER COUNTY - 20.0  
MIDLAND TRAIL - 18.0  
RAVENSWOOD - 17.5  
TUG VALLEY - 11.0  
CLAY COUNTY - 9.0  
WEBSTER - 2.0  
CAPITAL - 0.0

## Game Roundup and Statistics

Game 1: St. Marys

**Date:** 2-16-2026

**Opponent:** St. Marys

**Final Score:** Calhoun 67, St. Marys 63

Team Statistics:

**2-Point FG:** 36 attempts, 17 made

**3-Point FG:** 21 attempts, 2 made

**Free Throws:** 7 attempts, 4 made

**Rebounds:** 10 offensive, 21 defensive (31 total)

**Assists:** 10

**Steals:** 10

**Blocks:** 1

**Turnovers:** 10

**Fouls:** 10

Player Statistics:

**Chase Schoolcraft:** 39 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists,

1 steal

**Cooper Morris:** 15 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

**Micah Allen:** 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

**Trevor Mayle:** 3 points, 1 rebound

**Sawyer Groves:** 8 points, 1 rebound

**Caleb Allen:** 0 points, 1 rebound

**Hoyt Helmick:** 0 points, 0 rebounds

**Cohen Blankenship:** 0 points, 3 rebounds

Game 2: Richwood

**Date:** 2/2/24

**Opponent:** Richwood

**Final Score:** Win 49-37

Team Statistics:

**2-Point FG:** 36 attempts, 17 made

**3-Point FG:** 21 attempts, 2 made

**Free Throws:** 7 attempts, 4 made

**Rebounds:** 10 offensive, 21 defensive (31 total)

**Assists:** 10

**Steals:** 10

**Blocks:** 1

**Turnovers:** 10

**Fouls:** 10

Player Statistics:

**Chase Schoolcraft:** 23 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists,

1 steal

**Cooper Morris:** 10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

**Micah Allen:** 10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

**Trevor Mayle:** 0 points, 1 rebound

**Sawyer Groves:** 0 points, 1 rebound

**Caleb Allen:** 0 points, 1 rebound

**Hoyt Helmick:** 0 points, 0 rebounds

Game 3: Union

**Date:** 2/10/24

**Opponent:** Union

**Final Score:** Loss 37-38

Team Statistics:

**2-Point FG:** 30 attempts, 15 made

**3-Point FG:** 19 attempts, 4 made

**Free Throws:** 19 attempts, 13 made

**Rebounds:** 10 offensive, 31 defensive (41 total)

**Assists:** 9

**Steals:** 4

**Blocks:** 0

**Turnovers:** 8

**Fouls:** 7

Player Statistics:

**Chase Schoolcraft:** 19 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists,

1 steal

**Cooper Morris:** 12 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

**Micah Allen:** 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

**Trevor Mayle:** 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist

**Sawyer Groves:** 0 points, 1 rebound

**Caleb Allen:** 0 points, 1 rebound

**Cohen Blankenship:** 0 points, 1 rebound

**Hoyt Helmick:** 0 points, 0 rebounds

**Easton Boak:** 0 points, 0 rebounds

**Preston Sauer:** 0 points, 0 rebounds

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**Josie Richards**

## Calhoun Triumphs Over Braxton in a Thrilling Match

In a closely contested game, Calhoun secured a narrow victory over Braxton with a final score of 47-44. The game was a nail-biter, with both teams showcasing their skills and determination throughout the four quarters. Braxton started strong, scoring 9 points in the first quarter, but Calhoun managed to keep pace and ultimately outlasted their opponents.

Josie Richards led Calhoun with an impressive 25 points, proving to be the standout player of the night. Tiara Rogers and Faith McClain contributed 5 points each, while Laney Arnold added 6 points to the team's tally. Kendall Snodgrass and Paisley Perkins chipped in with 2 and 4 points, respectively.

Braxton's effort was led by Aveh Mollohan, who scored 12 points, followed by Lauren Pritt with 10 points. Addison Chapman added 6 points, Kendall Key contributed 4 points, and Zoey Propst, Mallory, Zoey McQuain, and Lila Fitzwater rounded out the scoring with 3, 3, 2, and 2 points, respectively.

## Calhoun Triumphs Over St. Marys in LKC Placement Game

In a thrilling LKC Placement game, Calhoun County edged out St. Marys with a narrow 67-63 victory on Monday night. The game was a back-and-forth battle, with both teams showcasing their skills and determination.

Calhoun started strong, outscoring St. Marys 18-12 in the first quarter and extending their lead to 44-26 by halftime. However, St. Marys mounted a fierce comeback in the second half, outscoring Calhoun 37-23. Despite their efforts, Calhoun held on to secure the win.

Calhoun's standout player was Caleb Schoolcraft, who delivered an impressive performance with 39 points, including five 3-pointers. Cooper Morris contributed 12 points, hitting two 3-pointers, while Sawyer Groves added 8 points, including one 3-pointer. The team collectively made eight 3-point goals and finished with a total of 22 field goals and 13 free throws out of 21 attempts.

St. Marys, now 1-16 for the season, was led by Roe Maston, who scored 25 points, including one 3-pointer. Trevor Maley also had a strong showing with 24 points, sinking five 3-pointers. Chan Wilkinson added 10 points, while Jude Bills and Jonah Sole contributed 2 points each. St. Marys made six 3-point goals and converted seven free throws out of 10 attempts. Wilkinson led the team in rebounds with 8, while Maley recorded 2 assists and Wilkinson had 3 steals. The team committed

The game was held on Calhoun's Senior Night, honoring seniors Makayla Ferguson and Tiara Rogers for their contributions to the team. The victory was a fitting way to celebrate their dedication and hard work.

With this win, Calhoun improves to a 4-16 record and now prepares to face the No. 2 ranked Tug Valley in the first round of the Class A Region 4 Tournament.

**Box Score:**

Braxton: 9 | 8 | 13 | 14 - 44

Calhoun: 47

**Braxton Scorers:** Addison Chapman - 6 Lauren Pritt - 10 Kendall Key - 4 Aveh Mollohan - 12 Zoey McQuain - 2 Zoey Propst - 3 Lila Fitzwater - 2 Mallory - 3

**Calhoun Scorers:** Kendall Snodgrass - 2 Laney Arnold - 6 Paisley Perkins - 4 Josie Richards - 25 Tiara Rogers - 5 Faith McClain - 5

Calhoun will look to carry their momentum into the regional tournament and continue their journey in the postseason.

only five turnovers.

In the JV game, Calhoun defeated St. Marys 43-26. Frame led Calhoun with 14 points, while Liam Davis scored 7 points for St. Marys.

St. Marys will look to bounce back in their next LKC Placement game against Roane on Wednesday.

**Box Score:**

**Calhoun 67, St. Marys 63** Calhoun: 18 26 10 13 - 67 St. Marys: 12 14 17 20 - 63

**Calhoun Groves:** 3 (FG), 1-2 (FT), 8 points **Mayle:** 1 (FG), 1-2 (FT), 3 points **Morris:** 5 (FG), 0-0 (FT), 12 points **C. Allen:** 0 (FG), 3-4 (FT), 3 points **M. Allen:** 1 (FG), 0-0 (FT), 2 points **Schoolcraft:** 13 (FG), 8-13 (FT), 39 points **Totals:** 22 (FG), 13-21 (FT), 67 points **3-point goals:** 8 (Schoolcraft 5, Morris 2, Groves 1)

**St. Marys (1-16)** **Roe Maston:** 11 (FG), 2-2 (FT), 25 points **Jude Bills:** 1 (FG), 0-0 (FT), 2 points **Trevor Maley:** 8 (FG), 3-5 (FT), 24 points **Chan Wilkinson:** 4 (FG), 2-2 (FT), 10 points **Jonah Sole:** 1 (FG), 0-0 (FT), 2 points **Totals:** 25 (FG), 7-10 (FT), 63 points **3-point goals:** 6 (Maley 5, Maston 1)

**St. Marys Stats:** Rebounds: 37 (Wilkinson 8) Assists: Maley 2 Steals: 4 (Wilkinson 3) Turnovers: 5

**JV Game:** Calhoun 43, St. Marys 26 Calhoun: Frame 14 points St. Marys: Liam Davis 7 points

**Next Game:** St. Marys at Roane on Wednesday (LKC Placement game)

## Roundup on Calhoun Wrestlers at WVSSAC Division II Region IV Championships (Feb 20, 2026)

Calhoun County finished 7th overall in the team standings with a total score of **100 points**. The team had several wrestlers place in their respective weight classes, showcasing strong performances across the board.

**Individual Results for Calhoun Wrestlers:**

**Lance Grogg (11) - 3rd Place** in the **120 lb** weight class with a record of **22-18**.

Bout 121: Bye

Bout 122: Fall over Rogan Moore (Tug Valley) (9) (19-17)

Bout 341: MajDec 13-2 over Bye

Bout 375: Bye

3rd Place Bout: MajDec 14-9 over Bye

**Colin Grogg (9) - 5th Place** in the **126 lb** weight class with a record of **23-16**.

Bout 31: Fall over Nick Burguss (Point Pleasant) (9) (20-14)

Bout 128: Fall by Austin Modrzakowski (Ripley) (9) (27-16)

Bout 237: Bye

Bout 343: T-Fall 16-0 by Gunner Trimble (Gilmer) (10)

Bout 316: Bye

Bout 378: Dec 16-12 over Easton White (Wahama) (11)

**Ezra Anderson (9) - 3rd Place** in the **144 lb** weight class with a record of **26-17**.

Bout 138: MajDec 20-10 over Matt Phelps (Ravenwood) (12) (33-5)

Bout 293: Fall by Mason Philyaw (Ripley) (12) (23-16)

Bout 349: Fall over Grady Starsick (Gilmer) (11)

Bout 391: Bye

3rd Place Bout: Fall over Grady Starsick (Gilmer) (11)

**Tucker Sampson (10) - 4th Place** in the **150 lb** weight class with a record of **31-10**.

Bout 142: Dec 13-9 over Landen Adkins (Lincoln County) (9) (2-10)

Bout 60: Fall over Tucker Sampson (10) (28-8)

Bout 351: Fall by Parker Boggess (Sissonville) (11) (15-0)

**Hayden Staton (12) - 5th Place** in the **157 lb** weight class with a record of **23-8**.

Bout 146: Fall over Elijah Woods (Buffalo) (9) (1-23)

Bout 68: Fall over Hayden Staton (12) (20-6)

Bout 353: Dec 20-16 by Vincent Anthony (Point Pleasant) (10)

Bout 398: Dflit INJ by Wes Lane (Sissonville) (12)

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Bout 142: Dec 13-9 over Landen Adkins (Lincoln County) (9) (2-10)

Bout 60: Fall over Tucker Sampson (10) (28-8)

Bout 351: Fall by Parker Boggess (Sissonville) (11) (15-0)

Agate Summary for Calhoun Wrestlers (Starting at 157 lbs)

157 lbs: Hayden Staton (12) - 5th Place (Record: 23-8)

**Bout 146:** Fall over Elijah Woods (Buffalo) (9) (1-23)

**Bout 68:** Fall over Hayden Staton (12) (20-6)

**Bout 353:** Dec 20-16 by Vincent Anthony (Point Pleasant) (10)

**Bout 398:** Dflit INJ by Wes Lane (Sissonville) (12)

175 lbs: Kristian Fredrick (11)

**Bout 83:** Fall by Jamiere Starcher (Ripley) (11) (8-26)

**Bout 329:** Fall by Mitchell Walker (Sissonville) (12)

190 lbs: Nick Butler (10)

**Bout 157:** Fall by Caden Hill (Point Pleasant) (12) (15-23)

**Bout 272:** Dec by Dennis Gillenwater (Lincoln County) (11)

190 lbs: Austin Putnam (11) - 5th Place (Record: 22-17)

**Bout 159:** MajDec 10-0 over Nick Butler (Calhoun) (10) (20-15)

**Bout 410:** Fall over Bryson Shaffer (Ripley) (11)

## Roane County Dominates Calhoun County in High-Scoring Matchup

Roane County showcased their offensive prowess in a commanding 83-50 victory over Calhoun County. The game was marked by standout performances from both teams, with Roane's balanced scoring lineup proving too much for Calhoun to handle.

Leading the charge for Roane was Will Odle, who poured in an impressive 22 points, followed closely by Zeke Taylor with 20 points. Phil Stricklin and Brennan Carpenter contributed 13 and 12 points, respectively, while Logan Wilson added 9 points to the tally. Logan Beebe and Cooper Greathouse rounded out the scoring with 5 and 2 points.

Calhoun County fought hard, with Chase Schoolcraft delivering a stellar performance, scoring 27 points to lead

all players. Sawyer Groves added 8 points, and Cooper Morris chipped in 6. Caleb Allen and Micah Allen contributed 5 and 3 points, respectively, while Trevor Mayle and Michael Richards were held to 1 and 0 points.

Despite Schoolcraft's efforts, Roane's depth and teamwork proved decisive, securing a dominant win.

**Box Score:**

**Roane (83)** Phil Stricklin - 13 Brennan Carpenter - 12 Cooper Greathouse - 2 Zeke Taylor - 20 Will Odle - 22 Logan Wilson - 9 Logan Beebe - 5

**Calhoun (50)** Chase Schoolcraft - 27 Cooper Morris - 6 Sawyer Groves - 8 Trevor Mayle - 1 Cohen Blankenship - 0 Caleb Allen - 5 Micah Allen - 3 Michael Richards - 0

# Biography of Glen V. Fowler Calhoun's banker, military hero

Glen V. Fowler, a distinguished World War II veteran and community leader, was born to Levi Franklin and Elfie Barr Fowler in Grantsville, West Virginia. He was one of eleven siblings raised on Pine Creek Hill, five of whom served in World War II. Glen graduated from Calhoun County High School in 1944 and briefly attended Bethany College before enlisting in the United States Navy in January 1943.



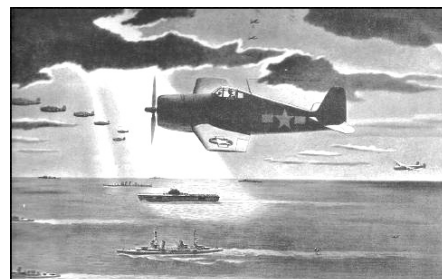
During World War II, Glen served as a naval aviator in the Pacific Theater. He flew torpedo bombers, including the TBF and TBM Avenger, and participated in numerous missions to end the

Japanese occupation of islands in the South Pacific. His squadron bombed ships, runways, control towers, and



radio stations while protecting the American fleet. Glen also attended the signing of the Japanese peace treaty aboard the USS Missouri on December 6, 1945, marking the end of the war. He later served in the Naval Reserve until 1953.

After the war, Glen returned to Grantsville and married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy D. Dye, on Janu-



ary 5, 1946. The couple shared a loving marriage that lasted 72 years and had two children, Terry Lee Fowler and Joyce Christine Baloy, four grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Glen began his career at Calhoun County Bank as a janitor and worked his way up to become the president and CEO of Calhoun Banks. He retired in 1988 but continued to serve as the acting CEO until 2015. He was deeply committed to his community and his faith, serving as a deacon and choir member at the First Baptist Church of

Grantsville. Glen often credited his Christian values for guiding his life and his interactions with others.

In addition to his professional and spiritual contributions, Glen enjoyed golfing, photography, and gardening. He shared his wartime experiences at a Veterans Day program in 2002, recounting his missions and the challenges of being a naval aviator during World War II. He also spoke about the sacrifices made by his generation, which he believed was the "greatest generation" for its perseverance and contributions to building modern America.

Glen passed away on September 29, 2018, at the age of 92, at Brookdale Senior Living Facility in Marietta, Ohio, with his wife by his side. He chose to donate his body to the Human Gift Registry of West Virginia University. A memorial service was held in his honor on October 13, 2018, at the Brooksville Baptist Church in Big Bend, West Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations were made to the First Baptist Church of Grantsville in his memory.

Glen Fowler's life was a testament to dedication, service, and love for his family, community, and country. His legacy continues to inspire those who knew him and those who learn of his remarkable story.

## GLENN FOWLER

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Mike, how much time do I have? I have plenty of material, probably won't take me over 10-15 minutes to tell you all I know. Of course, I don't know what you veterans have been through, the only thing I can tell you is my experience. That's what I'm attempting to do.

"I want to take you back to Dec. 7, 1941, 60 years ago. Where were you then? Some of you weren't around then, though a lot of you were. Of course, we know what this date was, the time the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor. The president came on the air and said, 'this is a date that will live in infamy,' which means disgrace or dishonor. This is what happened to the Japanese; they were disgraced and dishonored. At the time, I was going to college, Bethany College up next to Wheeling. I remember it very well.

"In the Fall of '42, my number was coming up; I was going to have to go into service. What am I going to do? Would I go into the Army, Navy, or Marines? What would be my choice? I was thinking, I don't want to go in the Army; they'd probably put me in the Infantry, and I don't want to go in the Army and have to lay on the ground, or sleep on the ground, long marches. The Navy might be my choice because at night I'd have a good bed and be dry, and of course, there was always the possibility that the Japanese would hit the ship, but that would be true of anybody or any part of the service you'd go into. We know that when we go into the military, especially during the war, we never knew what we were going to get into. I was almost 21, and Uncle Sam says, 'I want you,' and he's pointing his finger right at me.

"So I decided with a high school education I could go into the Naval Air Corp as a Cadet and learn to be a pilot, so that sounded pretty good to me. I was working in D.C. at the time, so I decided to join the Navy. I felt like Bernard Bell (Medal of Honor winner). When they asked him how he got out of 'Booger Hole,' he said, 'I walked out.' So, how'd I get to D.C.? With my thumb. Back in those days, people would pick you up, and this is how I got to D.C. I was in D.C. when I enlisted in the Navy in January '43, and I was taken in the Navy as a Naval Cadet.

"But you don't start flying a plane just as soon as you join the Navy, so back to school we went for learning navigation, climatology, principles of flying, and to learn about the things you needed that they had for you to do. Physical training such as gym, boxing, track, swimming, cross country, and those things—rope climbing. There's two instances I'd like to relate to you. One was about the final tests in gymnastics—rope climbing, and that was to climb a rope, hand over hand, 10-15 feet up, and then do 10 head-over-heel rollovers and wind up in a headstand. Boy, I thought, 'I hope they don't ask me to do that, I'll never

make it!' But I did it to my surprise. A lot of times we can do things we think we can't, and we can if we just try.

"Another instance was about planting grass. At Chapel Hill, North Carolina, we took up sod by the single blade and replanted it like planting onions. In a few weeks, the grass would grow together to make sod. After the grass grew, it was cut in blocks and placed as a lawn around new homes, especially for quick lawn growth. This was a new experience for me.

In October '43, I was introduced to my first plane, and after 10 hours of instruction, we had our first solo. This was at Bunker Hill, Indiana, near Peru. And it's cold in Indiana in October and November, and if the temperature was below seven degrees, we didn't fly. It was too cold. We did have enough warm clothes, shoes, helmet, and coats, but our face was exposed. We had a mask on, but the cockpit was open, and it was cold. On those cold days when you came in, there was frost on the mask where you had been breathing, and the mask would be all iced up.

"Then in Feb. 1945, I went to Pensacola, Florida. There we flew the SNJ, TBF (Torpedo Bomber made by Grumman), and TBM (Torpedo Bomber made by Martin—the Avenger). The TBF, I had always heard, was the largest single-engine plane that the Navy had, but looking through the material, it's the largest single-engine plane in the world. That thing weighed 23,000 pounds, fourteen feet high, and me being a country boy, that looked like a lot of plane. Which it was! And on the plane, we could carry a 2,000-pound torpedo or four five-hundred-pound bombs—also under the wings, we had 8 rockets, four on each wing. In the plane, there were three people: the pilot, the gunner, and a radioman. They were in the back. There was only one seat for the pilot—you were on your own when you were flying.

"In October 1944, we went to Glenview, Illinois, up on Lake Michigan, next to Chicago. We went there to qualify for carrier landing. We wondered why they would have carriers on Lake Michigan. No way could they get carriers in and out of there. Carriers were out in the ocean on military duty. They needed to train new pilots. Someone got the idea that they had a couple of side-paddle boats like the old Mississippi River boats, with paddles on the side, so they took these two boats and took the superstructure off, leveled them off, and built it for landing planes. They were only 550 feet long. Carriers in the military were 800-900 feet long. Being short, we couldn't fly off, so we had to be catapulted off every time. A catapult is a hydraulic boost, and you're sitting still, and 2-3 seconds later, you're going about 100 miles an hour.

"The USS Wolverine and USS Sable,

those ships were docked in downtown Chicago. People would watch these planes in practice when out walking around. There's 200 planes still in the bottom of that lake! What you did when coming in on carrier landing was watch this landing signal officer with flags, something like a ping-pong paddle only bigger, and he would pick you up on the right, and he'd bring you around with these paddles, and if you were going too fast, he'd give the signal to slow down, and if you're too low, he'd give you the signal that you were too low, or too high. If you were too low or too high, he'd let you know. You just followed his signals, and you were pretty safe to land. We came in just above stalling speed, around 95-100 knots, since stalling speed was about 90. When he gave the cut signal, you'd push the stick forward, pull it back to your gut, and sit down on the deck.

"I remember one pilot who was making an approach when his motor went dead, and he crashed into the water. He said the water was freezing cold, especially in October or November. Luckily, the rescue boats were ready, and they got him out quickly. They took him somewhere to warm up, stripped off his wet clothes, but he was still freezing. Somehow, he lost his balance and fell back into a heater, burning his backside. He couldn't fly for three or four days after that.

"Later, we went to Salton Sea, California, for night flying. That was a big trip for me — I'd never been anywhere like that before. I'd been to Washington, but never out west. We traveled from West Virginia to Chicago, then Kansas City, and took the southern route to Albuquerque, New Mexico, near the Grand Canyon. If you've never been there, the beauty of the landscape—the desert, the rocks, the colors — is incredible. Looking back, I was disappointed when the trip ended because I didn't know what was ahead. Salton Sea was close to San Diego, and it was just salt and sand. It never rained there. One of the guys said he'd been there for two or three years and had only seen a sprinkle of rain.

"In December 1945, they shipped us out to go overseas for combat. We had two or three ships, including the USS Bennington, USS Admiralty Islands, and USS Bougainville. In May 1945, I was flown from Okinawa to the USS Suwannee, CVE 27 — that's actually on my license plate now. If you see my car, you'll know where it came from: Air Group 40, USS Suwannee.

"That's when things got really rough. I remember thinking, 'What have I gotten myself into? This is war!' Was I scared? You bet. But I wasn't the only one in harm's way. Everyone had a job to do. Freedom isn't cheap; we have to pay for it. I thought about the people back home — my mom and dad, brothers, sisters, girlfriends, and neighbors. I

thought about the soldiers in the Army, like the ones in bunkers who would sacrifice themselves to save their comrades. That's the kind of responsibility you feel when you go into service. You know there's a chance you might lose your life.

"Our combat zone was between Okinawa and Formosa, a chain of islands we needed to control to stop the Japanese from using the airfields. We bombed runways, air traffic control towers, radio stations — anything military. Every day, someone was out looking for submarines to protect the fleet. Our target runs were from 10,000 feet. Fighter planes went ahead of us to drop bombs and clear the way. The TBF planes we flew were big and couldn't dive or pick up much speed. We could only manage a 40-degree dive, with a top speed of 280 knots, about 350 miles per hour. If we went faster, we'd tear the wings off. The fighters would go in first, drop their bombs, and strafe the targets. Then they'd come back up, and we'd start our run at about 5,000 feet. They'd catch up, get ahead of us, and provide protection.

"Speaking of protection, I remember hearing about a test pilot in the Navy who led his squadron on a strike against a Japanese fleet hidden in a cove. They thought they'd surprise the enemy by flying low, but the Japanese were ready for them. He was the only one who made it out alive. Those early pilots faced incredible dangers. By the later part of the war, we didn't have the same exposure they did.

"The most exciting flight I had in service was when I ferried an admiral from the ship to Okinawa. I don't know why they picked me, the junior pilot, since I didn't have nearly as many hours as some of the other guys. But when you're given an assignment, you do it. About halfway through the flight, we had an oil leak. Oil was streaming across the fuselage and wing of the plane. We managed to land safely in Okinawa, and they fixed the problem so we could make the return trip.

"On December 6, 1945, we were present at the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty on the USS Missouri. I like to joke that it was "MacArthur and me!" Of course, there were a lot of other people there. I read somewhere that the cost of the war was one quadrillion dollars—that's one followed by fifteen zeros. It cost \$40,000 to train each of us pilots, which was a lot of money back in 1942 and 1943."

Spoken like a banker talking about his other life.

Glen Fowler, like just about every other World War II veteran, has sadly passed away.

I knew him but the story he told that day in 2002 told me I really didn't know him.

I wish I had.

# Route 33 Wrestling to start 2026 season March 14th

On March 14th, pro wrestling fans from all over the region will make their way to the Armory in Spencer, WV, to see the return of Rt33W LIVE, an evening of thrilling professional wrestling action.

Route 33 Wrestling has hosted more than 30 live wrestling events over the past eight years in downtown Spencer, and they have no plans to slow down. A total of six events are in the works for the woman-owned company this year.

“We’ve been honored to be able to entertain families in and around Spencer since 2018,” said The Boss Lady, owner and director of Route 33 Wrestling, “and we are really looking forward to putting together another great year of live sports entertainment right here in Spencer.”

March 14th’s card will feature the return of “The Unwiling Tatiana,” who will make her first Wild and Wonderful WV title defense against The Neon Enigma; a Rt33W tag team championship rematch between Grappling, Inc. and Gorgeous Morgan Taylor and Boman (who shockingly defeated the former in December to claim their titles); and a main event bout between Rt33W Open Weight Champion Jeffrey John and Spencer local, The Mountain King.

Route 33 Wrestling is also no stranger to hosting wrestling legends. Wrestling stars who have made appearances at the Spencer Armory include Robbie E (aka Robert Stone, NXT), King Kaluha (AWA), Gary Gandy (known for facing Kevin Owens on WWE Smackdown in 2017), Cheeseburger (aka World Famous CB, ROH), and Chris LeRusso (Future of Honor).  
 “You never know who might walk through that big



Armory door!” exclaimed The Boss Lady. “There are still several legends we hope will make an appearance at Route 33 Wrestling, so stay tuned.”

Tickets to Rt33W LIVE on March 14th are available now at Route 33 Wrestling’s Facebook page and at Smoker Friendly on Ripley Road. Supplies are limited.

Admission will also be available at the door starting at 6 pm on March 14th. Doors open at 6 pm with a 7 pm bell-time. Kids 5 and under enter free.  
**About Route 33 Wrestling, LLC**

Founded in 2017 by stuntwoman and actor-combatant Jessi McCumbers (aka “The Boss Lady”), Route 33 Wrestling is a 100% woman-owned and -run pro wrestling company located in the heart of Spencer, WV.

Route 33 Wrestling’s core goals are to make quality live sports entertainment accessible to all and to put the “professional” in “professional wrestling.”

For more information, please visit us at: [linktr.ee/route33wrestling](http://linktr.ee/route33wrestling)

# Math Field Day

Celebrating the achievements of Calhoun County students in the Math Field Day Assessment, recognizing top performers across various grade levels.

Students from Calhoun County showcased exceptional skills in mathematics, earning recognition for their hard work and dedication.

Winners include:

**4th Grade:** Thorin Gungle (1st), Axton White and Kyson Sampson (2nd).

**5th Grade:** Willis Gainer-Pittman (1st), Case Lewis McCumbers (2nd), Jayden Edward Boyd (3rd).

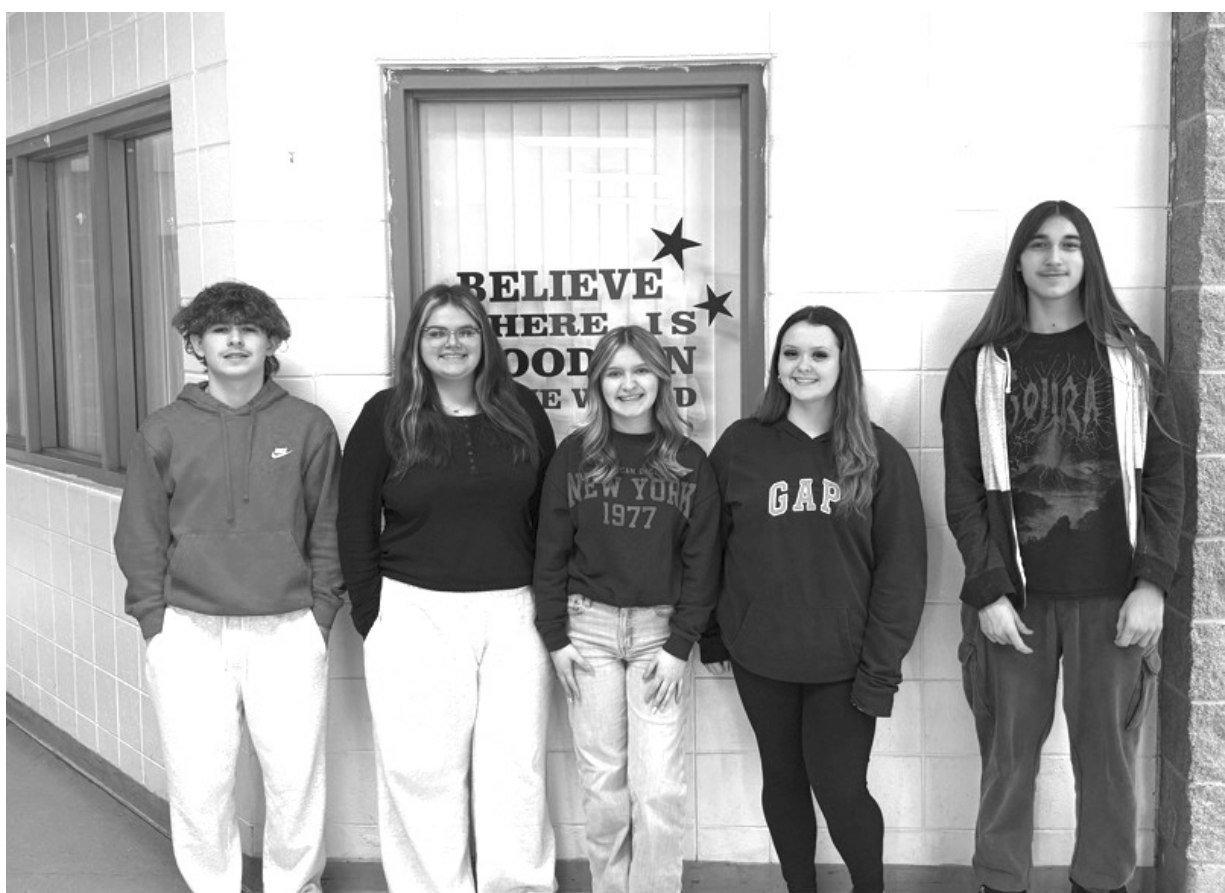
**6th Grade:** Daisy Gibson and Kenlie Jarvis (1st), Mason Sampson (2nd).

**7th Grade:** Allianna Hill (1st), Jacob Lake Gumm and Parker Hoskins (2nd).

**8th Grade:** Emma Frail (1st), Paisley Harper and Payton Quick (2nd).

**9th Grade:** Brody Rowe (1st), Kyle Christman (2nd), Dagan Gainer-Pittman (3rd).

**Senior High Team:** Includes Clay Allison, Madison Cunningham, Raylee Cunningham, Camden Carpenter, Wyatt McCumbers, Evan Burch, Addison Collins, Raonna Stamper, Lance Grogg, and Maddox Siwicki.



## LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY INFORMATION

### LEGAL

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (MINNORA CHARGE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after February 26, 2026 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to **Interdenominational Outreach Ministry Association**, all of their right, title and interest in and to the following described lot or parcel of land, situate in Washington District, Calhoun County, West Virginia, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

**BEGINNING** at a stake at the Junction of the Meadow Run and State Road No. 16, and running thence with the meanderings of said State Road, 856 feet to a telegraph pole on the lower side of said road; thence, crossing said road and running S. 42 W., 51 feet to a stake on the end of a bridge; thence S. 35 W., 380 feet up the run to a stake at the run; thence S. 46 E., 320 feet to a stake at the lower side of the Meadow Run Road; thence with the meanderings of said road, N. 58 E. 38 feet to a stake, N. 37 E., 231 feet to a stake; N. 34 h E., 150 feet to a stake; N. 84 E., 200 feet to a stake; and N., 88 E., 185 feet to the beginning, containing 4 acres more or less.

And being the same property conveyed to the Trustees of the Minnora Charge of the Methodist Church from Gathel B. Conley and Abraham Conley by Deed dated July 22, 1940 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia in Deed Book 80, at Page 161, reference to which is hereby made.

All three of the Churches on the Minnora Charge (Walker United Methodist Church, Orma United Methodist Church and Minnora United Methodist Church) of the Little Kanawha District of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church were closed effective February 25, 2025 by resolution of a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Dated February 10, 2026.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 By: Robert N. File, Attorney  
 130 Main Street  
 Beckley, West Virginia  
 (304) 253-3358

### LEGAL

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
 Under and by virtue of the terms of than certain Security Agreement bearing the 11th day of October 2024, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 03/06/2026 at 10 AM.

**2025 KEYSTONE SPRINGDALE**  
**VIN# 4YDTSGR27S7100673**

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale.  
 Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville, WV 26147  
 Terms of Sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale.  
 Calhoun County Bank, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 430  
 Grantsville, WV 26147  
 304-354-6116

### LEGAL

**UPPER WEST FORK CAP, INC.**  
 NOTICE TO PERFORMANCE COMPANIES  
 GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
**Construction of a 40' x 80' Community Park Building**

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Upper West Fork Community Park (Park) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) for the construction of a 40' x 80' community park building during the 2026 building season. The proposals shall consist of qualifications and a financial proposal.

A copy of the complete RFP will be available by emailing [anitagwest@frontiernet.net](mailto:anitagwest@frontiernet.net).

Contractors that are interested in being considered must submit a Proposal in response to this RFP on or before March 6 at 12:00 noon.

The successful company will be determined solely from the Proposals. However, the Park Board reserves the right to interview all the candidates if it so chooses.

A pre-construction meeting for contractors will be held at the Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, WV on February 27 at 12:00 noon.

An original and two copies of the proposal are required. To prevent opening by unauthorized individuals, your submittal should be identified on the envelope as follows:

**PROPOSAL ENCLOSED**  
**TIMED MATERIAL**  
 Community Park Building Project

The proposal shall be addressed to:

Contact Name: Anita West, Secretary  
 Name: Upper West Fork CAP, Inc.  
 Address: 171 Orchard Lane  
 City, state, Zip: Mt. Zion, WV 26151

The Park Board reserves the right to amend the RFP based on questions and issues raised during the conduct of this solicitation.

### LEGAL

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
 Under and by virtue of the terms of than certain Security Agreement bearing the 29th day of March 2024, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 03/06/2026 at 10 AM.

**2020 POLARIS RANGER NORTHSTAR**  
**VIN# 4XARRX99XL8040509**

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale.  
 Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville, WV 26147  
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### LEGAL

**LEGAL NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Jennifer Benson will come before the Honorable Anita Ashley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Calhoun county, West Virginia, in the Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, West Virginia on the 4th day of March, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., of said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and Petition said Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia for an order changing the name of Jennifer Benson to Jennifer Grady-Benson, pursuant to Article 5 of the Code of West Virginia of West Virginia of 1931, as amended.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 12th day of February, 2026.

Maria Arnold  
 Clerk of Court

### LEGAL

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
 Under and by virtue of the terms of than certain Security Agreement bearing the 8th day of November 2024, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 03/06/2026 at 10 AM.

**2024 YAMAHA WOLVERINE 1000**  
**VIN# 5Y4AN39Y0RA111730**

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale.  
 Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville, WV 26147  
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# Students Selected for Health Career Shadowing Program



Pictured from l to r, Amanda Fisher, Executive Director NWAHEC, Raenna Stamper, Madison Jones, Raylee Cunningham, Addison Collins, Kylynn Keith, Kayleigh Cunningham, Paige Sterns, Steve Whited, CEO MHHS.

Local sophomores and juniors have been selected to participate in the Moving Onward and Upward (MOU) program through a partnership between the Northern West Virginia Area Health Education Center (NWAHEC) and Minnie Hamilton Health System (MHHS). The program runs from January through April and provides students with hands-on exposure to careers in the health sciences.

The MOU program allows high school students to explore health care career interests through active participation in a health care setting. Students gain firsthand experience with a variety of job skills through hands-on clinical shadowing experiences and mentoring. In addition, participants become certified in CPR/First Aid and complete independent project assignments that help them learn about the education and training required for careers in health professions. Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to receive a stipend and a one-year ACT or SAT test preparation course provided through The Princeton Review.

This year's selected students represent Calhoun Middle/High School, Little Kanawha Valley Christian School, and Gilmer County High School. Students participating in this year's program are Addison Collins, Raylee Cunningham, Kayleigh Cunningham, Madison Jones, Kylynn Keith, Raenna Stamper, and Paige Sterns.

The mission of the Northern West Virginia Area Health Education Center is to improve access to quality health care for underserved populations by training, recruiting, and retaining health care professionals. NWAHEC focuses on three key groups: students in grades 9-12 through pipeline programs, college-level health professions students through community-based training, and current health care professionals through continuing education.

NWAHEC serves the following counties: Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood.

## Update on Town of Grantsville check fraud

The Virginia State Police provided an update regarding the check fraud crime committed against the Town of Grantsville in December 2025. The Virginia State Police was requested to assist with the investigation by West Virginia State Police Sergeant Kevin Williams.

Currently, a special agent is working to obtain documents and video surveillance

from Bank of America, where the check was cashed in the Richmond metropolitan area. These materials are being secured through a legal process (subpoena). At this time, there are no additional updates available.

Thank you, First Sergeant Steven P. Sclafani Virginia State Police BCI Richmond Field Office.



## Adam Mills – Candidate Profile

Adam Mills is running for County Commissioner with a focus on practical leadership, reliable infrastructure, and making sure county decisions lead to real results for residents.

Calhoun County is home, and Adam believes public service works best when it is organized, transparent, and committed to follow-through. His professional background includes technology, infrastructure, and operational management, where success depends on turning plans into functioning systems and maintaining them responsibly over time.

Long before building his ranch, Adam developed hands-on knowledge of energy systems and power storage. He and his wife later applied those principles by transforming undeveloped land into a working, self-sustaining farm supporting livestock and daily operations. The experience reinforced the importance of preparation, accountabil-

ity, and solving problems as they arise.

In his career, Adam has helped build and support complex environments that require reliability, coordination, and clear procedures. He has worked with teams responsible for moving projects from early design through staffing and day-to-day operation. He believes the same disciplined approach can strengthen county infrastructure, improve communication with residents, and support long-term economic stability.

Adam respects the work already being done by those in public service and sees his candidacy as an opportunity to contribute additional experience and energy. His guiding belief is simple: decisions should lead to action and projects should lead to results.

Residents can often find Adam attending county meetings, public discussions, and community gatherings, where he welcomes conversation with neighbors about the future of Calhoun County.



Little Kanawha Valley Christian School had a big day for nine young men and women who had the privilege of serving as pages to the House of Delegates under the direction of House Speaker Hanshaw.

## LKC Placement game

Calhoun 67, St. Marys 63  
 Calhoun 18 26 10 13 – 67  
 STM 12 14 17 20 – 63  
**CALHOUN**  
 Groves 3 1-2 8, Mayle 1 1-2 3, Morris 5 0-0 12, C. Allen 0 3-4 3, M. Allen 1 0-0 2, Schoolcraft 13 8-13 39. **TOTALS 22 13-21 67.** 3-point goals: 8 (Schoolcraft 5, Morris 2, Groves 1)  
**ST. MARYS (1-16)**  
 Roe Maston 11 2-2 25, Jude Bills 1 0-0 2, Trevor Maley 8 3-5 24, Chan

Wilkinson 4 2-2 10, Jonah Sole 1 0-0 2. **TOTALS 25 7-10 63.** 3-point goals: 6 (Maley 5, Maston 1).  
**St. Marys Stats**  
 Rebounds 37 (Wilkinson 8). Assists: Maley 2. Steals 4 (Wilkinson 3). Turnovers: 5.  
**JV: Calhoun 43, St. Marys 26**  
 Calhoun: Frame 14; St. Marys: Liam Davis 7.  
 Next game: St. Marys at Roane on Wednesday (LKC Placement game)

## Events at the Creston Community Building

Here is a roundup of the events at the Creston Community Building:  
**Easter Celebration**  
**Date:** Sunday, March 29, 2026  
**Time:** Dinner served at 3:00 PM, followed by an Easter egg hunt  
**Location:** Creston Community Building, 340 Ann's Run Road, Creston, WV 26141  
**Inaugural Bingo Event**  
**Date:** Saturday, March 7, 2026  
**Time:** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Doors

open at 12:00 PM)  
**Location:** Creston Community Building, 340 Ann's Run Road, Creston, WV 26141  
**Creston ATV Poker Run**  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2026  
**Time:** Registration from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
**Location:** Creston Community Building, 340 Ann's Run Road, Creston, WV 26141  
 Enjoy these fun-filled community events!



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