

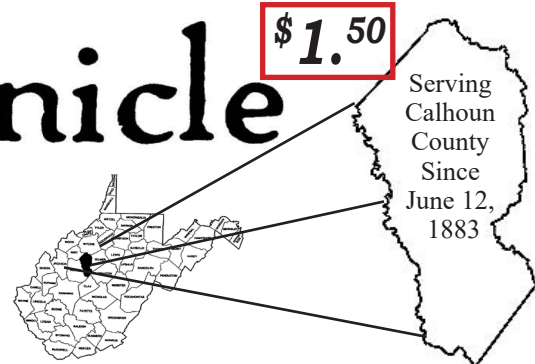


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Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation Eyes Small Business and Drone Technology for Growth

By Stephen Smoot

The main philosophical difference between the two greatest philosophers in history is this. Plato argued that one must change the malleable world to fit one’s own conceptions. Aristotle countered by saying that one must adapt the reality one perceives to what the world is.

One could call Sheila Burch, executive director of the Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation at least mostly an Aristotlean.

“For six years, my focus has been and will be small business development,” shared Burch.

Economic development authorities, whatever their moniker, have a common function. West Virginia State Code defines their roles as “to promote, develop, and advance the business prosperity and economic welfare of the municipality or county for which it is created.”

“We also promote county development as well” in terms of supporting the expansion of infrastructure such

as water and sewer projects that will support both residents and business alike.

Also noted in state code, these organizations work to “encourage and assist” businesses moving into the area or assist existing establishments. EDAs work with other entities to pursue common economic development goals, but also work to create conditions that will serve as a foundation of future business.

In recent years, counties have found benefit in combin-

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Congratulations to the Class of 2026



North Star’s Team of Caring and Compassion Works to Bring Hope to Children and Change to a System

By Stephen Smoot

Greg Collins, executive director of North Star Child Advocacy Center for the past four years and a law enforcement officer for over two decades before that shared a chilling fact

“When you go to Wal Mart and walk the aisles,” or anywhere else that adults and children gather together, he explained, that one will most likely have severely abused children walk right past. Collins can share this in confidence because, as he also related, one in 10 West Virginia children endure some type of abuse

“One in 10, that’s pretty horrible. That’s a lot of kids. We’ve got to do better.”

North Star serves as one of 21 child advocacy centers (CACs) throughout West Virginia. Together, they form the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network, which exists to, as its website explains “to ensure that the children of West Virginia have access to high-quality, evidence-based treatment services that put their well-being at the heart of abuse investigations.

Locally, Calhoun County Commission President Eric Lupardus has voiced solid support for the CAC and its mission. Earlier this year, he heard from those who had gone through the program deliver statements on the program’s impact. He stated that “the youth speakers were particularly impressive, delivering useful messages that highlighted systemic concerns warranting further attention.”

Statewide, in 2025 CACs were “able to support over 4,734 children in fiscal year 2025 alone. Collins shared that North Star, which serves Wood, Wirt, Ritchie, Pleasants, and Calhoun counties, generally operates as one of the busiest in the state. Last year, they saw the third highest number of children in West Virginia, but in the four years prior, saw more than any other.

North Star, in a typical year, sees over 600 potential victims of abuse, usually the severest cases brought to Child Protective Services and/or law enforcement agencies. Since Jan 1 2022, 114 of those cases originated in Calhoun County. That number does not include those tied to alleged crimes committed by Jacob McCumbers, former Calhoun County Commissioner and school-teacher. Those were assigned to another agency.

Collins stated that 114 in that time frame represented a significantly high number for a sparsely populated county. He went on to add that “I’m a Calhoun County guy” and that he took the initiative to expand the footprint of North Star to include the county when he heard that children here went unserved.

“As kids, we were all taught about ‘stranger danger,’” noted Collins, who went on to explain that “between zero and one percent” of children face abuse from a stranger. The portrait of a typical abuser is much more terrifying because they are generally within a few degrees of closeness to the children.

Horrifically “the largest percentages of abusers are biological parents, followed by a stepparent or a boyfriend or girlfriend of the parent. Recent cases also illustrate that women have potential to inflict harm upon children in terrible ways, just like men.

Collins emphasizes that adults in a position of trust with children and shared that he and his staff have worked with children abused by teachers, coaches, and others who are employed in a position of trust. One of the most heinous situations, however, comes with abuse by clergy.

A church environment is more easily manipulated by child abusers, said Collins, because parents want to teach children to trust other church members and see the church as a safe environment. Clerical abusers also

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Honoring Bert Lamp and Providing For Community

By Tina Persinger Hamrick

Today we officially signed the closing documents on Bert’s Place.

Bert’s Place will provide 12 recovery-friendly affordable housing units for families right here in our community. This project was made possible through a \$1.5 million grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.

This project means more to us than words can express. It is an investment in families, recovery, stability, prevention, and long-term community strength.

At Calhoun FRN FSC, we know strong communities begin with safe housing and supportive environments. Bert’s Place will help families build stability, support recovery journeys, increase self-sufficiency, and create opportunities for children and parents to thrive together. This project also helps sustain and grow the work of our organization so we can continue expanding services that strengthen families across our community.

This project is deeply personal to me. I began the process to purchase this building four years ago. Bert Lamp was part of the original committee and believed wholeheartedly in this vision. She once told me, “I want to be the house manager and help mentor those struggling and help them thrive while living here.”

Before we could finalize the project, Bert passed away. We chose to name this project in her honor because her heart for helping others is woven into every part of this vision.

To some, this may look like another rental property. But when I look at this building, I see something much bigger.

I see resilience.



I see recovery.
 I see families thriving.
 I see children growing up in stable homes.
 I see survivors of domestic violence finding safety.
 I see 12 families living in a drug-free environment filled with support and encouragement.
 Most of all... I see hope.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He'd been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny.

"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, "To be this old? Well, I guess it

beats the alternative."

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that's all. And having to walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

Brought to you by Sun Dog Days, my novel about our wild horse catching days.

Detecting that leak

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

Safety is a top priority at the Public Service Commission, and that includes helping West Virginians protect their homes from dangerous natural gas leaks.

The Commission regulates in-state transmission of gas and hazardous liquids and gas distribution lines.

Our team of gas pipeline safety experts enforces federal and state pipeline safety regulations.

But you, too, can, and should, be aware of safety issues that involve these important sources of heating and cooling in your home.

Natural gas can be deadly if it escapes from pipes or appliances. Knowing the warning signs of a gas leak and how to respond can save your life.

Natural gas has a distinctive rotten-egg odor, which is added by your utility to make leaks easier to detect. If you smell this odor inside or near your home, take it seriously and act immediately.

But there are other things to look for that you might not be aware of.

There are also visual signs to watch for outdoors. Dead or discolored vegetation above buried gas lines, dust blowing from the ground, or bubbles forming in standing water may indicate a gas leak.

Inside your home, a hissing or whistling sound near a gas appliance, or even an unexplained increase in your gas bill, can also signal a problem.

If you suspect a gas leak, leave your home immediately. Do not use light switches, appliances, or electronics. Once you are safely outside, call 911 and your natural gas utility, and steer clear of the area until emergency re-



PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

sponders say it is safe to return.

Installing carbon monoxide detectors in your home adds another important layer of protection. While carbon monoxide is odorless, these detectors can alert you to dangerous conditions before symptoms appear.

Prevention is just as important as quick action. One simple but critical step is to call 811 before you dig anywhere on your property.

This free service sends a utility locator to mark underground lines so you can avoid damaging gas, electric, or other utility infrastructure.

At the Public Service Commission, we are committed to ensuring your natural gas service is safe, reliable, and responsibly managed by your utility.

At home, you can help protect yourself and your family by staying alert, maintaining your appliances, and knowing what to do if something doesn't seem right. A few moments of caution can make all the difference.

Governor Morrisey Announces America 250 Celebration at the State Capitol

Four-day event to feature world's tallest portable ferris wheel

CHARLESTON, WV – Governor Patrick Morrisey today officially launched West Virginia's celebration of America's 250th anniversary at the Culture Center in Charleston, announcing a four-day, family-friendly event on the Capitol Complex grounds from July 2-5.

"As we approach America's 250th anniversary, West Virginia is proud to host a celebration that honors our nation's history while bringing families and communities together," said Governor Morrisey. "We're excited to showcase our Capitol Complex and welcome families from across West Virginia and beyond for a world-class Fourth of July celebration in the Mountain State."

The centerpiece of the celebration will be the America 250 Wheel, the world's tallest portable Ferris wheel, offering free rides and breathtaking views of the Capital City. Held alongside the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta, the Capital City Celebration will add to the excitement of the July Fourth weekend in Charleston.

"We're thrilled to host a larger-than-life event to honor America's 250th anniversary," said West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "With the nightly light show and America 250 Wheel, this event celebrates our nation while giving guests once-in-a-lifetime experiences. We hope families will join us for the four-day celebration at the Capitol Complex over July Fourth weekend!"

Capital City Celebration Event Highlights

The four-day celebration will transform the West Virginia Capitol Complex into a destination for family-friendly entertainment and patriotic celebration.

Standing 230 feet tall, the America 250 Wheel will offer panoramic views stretching up to 14 miles from the top.

The wheel features 45 gondolas, each representing a U.S. president, with seating for six riders per gondola and the ability to accommodate up to 1,600 guests per hour. At night, a 256-color LED display will illuminate the Charleston skyline.

The celebration will also feature inflatables, games, food vendors, Capitol tours, and living history experiences for visitors of all ages. Free shuttle service will connect the Capitol Complex and Regatta festivities throughout the event.

Each evening will conclude with a 3D light projection show on the State Capitol inspired by the acclaimed Washington Monument display in Washington, D.C. The presentation will highlight key moments in both American and West Virginia history.

Governor's America 250 Task Force

During the event, the Governor also announced the Governor's America 250 Task Force, made up of the following individuals:

- West Virginia University President Michael Benson
- Senator Brian Helton
- Cabinet Secretary Eric Householder
- Former Delegate Kayla Kessinger
- Jim Laurita
- Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt
- Conrad Lucas
- Jim Martin
- Delegate Pat McGeehan
- First Lady Denise Morrisey
- Jim Ruland
- Secretary of Tourism Chelsea Ruby
- Adjutant General Jim Seward
- Lee Snyder
- Marshall University President Brad D. Smith

The Sparsity Question

By Stephen Smoot

West Virginians, no matter where they live, at least west of Berkeley Springs, have very similar identities of what the image and ideal of their state is, what living in the state looks like.

Ask most to draw a picture and one would likely see the same results. A cabin nestled in the woods or perched atop a hill or mountain, perhaps a small farm attached or at least as a neighbor. Our state's official song "West Virginia Hills" and unofficial "Country Roads" reinforce the image that the best life in the Mountain State is one of rural quiet, far from the noise of the city and mostly out of view of neighbors.

Indeed, many moving in from out of state or seeking to move out of West Virginia's own cities see this as a dream lifestyle.

Last month, we had a family party. My in laws were mostly born in New York City, but they feel much better now, having moved out into smaller urban areas. When hearing our garbage bill, one who recently escaped from New York was flabbergasted at how much more expensive it is and asked why.

I explained that "in the city, each garbage truck has a pretty compact route and hits a residence maybe every few seconds to a minute. Here, you can go a few miles between houses and you also have to go up the hollers where people live even farther apart. Lots of dead miles that eat up gasoline and time.

He understood immediately, but a number in the West Virginia State Legislature seem to have the same lack of understanding about the special problems posed by sparse populations. In a number of areas, the distance between towns, residences, businesses, and government institutions is significant. Then one adds in the rugged terrain and the sometimes unforgiving road network serving these areas.

State Senator Walt Helmick (D-Pocahontas) and Delegate Harold Michael (D-Hardy) decades ago served as Finance chairs for their respective committees. They saw that the sparsity issue created grave problems for county school systems in that the funding from the state aid formula could not compensate for the extra expenses incurred when vast distances converge with small populations.

With help from Pendleton County Schools Treasurer J. P. Mowery, they devised the 1,400 floor formula that helps to mitigate that issue for systems such as Calhoun, Pendleton, Pocahontas, and a number of other systems with tiny student populations, lots of miles to travel, and mountains, hills, and hollers with which to contend.

While some school systems still face significant budget problems, this has helped to give them a fighting chance to maintain healthy budgets in line with State of West Virginia financial expectations.

That said, other areas also fight to keep their heads above water, budget-wise, sometimes without the same understanding of the effects of sparse populations.

Last session, the Legislature passed EMS funding that should provide some boost to local services especially in funding. One requirement that also came out of the 2026 session lay in requiring that county commissions provide at least one ambulance service for every 18,000 residents.

As Mike Alt, Training Officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, has noted during county commission meetings in his area, a far more radical proposal was floated, that only one ambulance per 6,000 people was necessary.

Calhoun County has approximately 6,000 residents. Within the county one of the most distant towns from Minnie Hamilton Health System, and its heliport, in Grantsville is Stinson, a 36 minute drive one way in optimal conditions. Optimal conditions include good weather, normal flow of traffic, and decent road conditions. They also include winding main highways, backroads extending deep into hollers, and other obstacles.

Pendleton County has the same population, twice the square miles, and three valleys bisecting the county divided by 3,500 foot ridges. One ambulance could never cover that much ground.

In Charleston, a good response time on an urgent EMS call is about 10 minutes.

Another challenge lies in broadband expansion in these same rural areas. A decade ago, the cost of one mile of broadband fiber was approximately \$30 to \$35,000. Those costs accelerate in remote areas with miles between potential customer homes in some locations.

One could dismiss these rural residents and suggest easier living closer to urban areas. That said, Calhoun County has those working and doing business in natural gas and timber. Another example, Hardy County, has a maze of rural roadways, high ridges, and deep valleys are the home of some of the most productive poultry farmers anywhere. Pendleton County farmers raise ample numbers of cattle and sheep. One of its most remote communities boasts a bustling sawmill whose product is even sold internationally.

Yes people live there because they want to, but these out of the way areas happen to serve vital roles in the West Virginia economy. Natural gas, coal, timber, adventure tourism, all types of agriculture, and other fields of endeavor pump money into the state economy from some of the most hard to get to areas.

West Virginia's leaders in every field where it matters need to understand the special challenges facing counties with sparse populations. They should not do this thinking of rural residents as looking for a subsidy for a carefree country life but support for the important work done in these counties, the people who do it, and the families that support them.

And these residents do pay the higher cost of living there. Sheila Burch, director of the Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation cited the poor condition of local highways as a serious barrier to regional economic development in Wirt and Calhoun counties. It has spurred her to explore developing a regional drone freight facility to address the burdens of truck traffic on the roads.

Support need not be only financial. It can take creative forms, but that requires the willingness to explore solutions with the goal of reducing costs related to sparsity and geography.

In the Potomac Highlands, gasoline is about 60 cents more per gallon in Franklin than Keyser, the second largest city in the Eastern Panhandle, usually 10 cents higher even than neighboring Petersburg or Moorefield. Electric outages and snow covered roads take longer to address. For many years, most rural West Virginians battled with Frontier's unreliable copper line internet.

Yes Charleston, Huntington, Clarksburg, Morgantown. Martinsburg and so on are wonderful places with wonderful people.

But those are not what people think of when they envision West Virginia, resident or not. Because remote regions of the Mountain State are not just beautiful places to live, but vital parts of the state's economy and identity.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Donations for the upkeep of the Freed Cemetery are greatly appreciated. This cemetery is in Calhoun, WV off Leading Creek Road. Donations should be sent to P.O. Box 551 MacFarlan, WV 26148 c/o Rick Murphy. Thank you in advance.

The Calhoun County Library Board is seeking bids for filling and paving an area for a parking lot located on Mill Street in Grantsville, WV.

The approximately 5658 sq. ft. lot will need fill and dirt work including curbs and striping and to include both concrete and asphalt paving cost comparisons.

Must have a valid contractor's license and be insured and bonded. We would like to have a list of recent comparable work as well. Specifications are available at the Calhoun Library located at 250 Mill St. Grantsville, WV.

Sealed bids are due by Wednesday, June 9th by 4pm and will be opened and read at a public library board meeting. The library board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality therein. All bids must be valid for a period of 60 days from the date of opening.

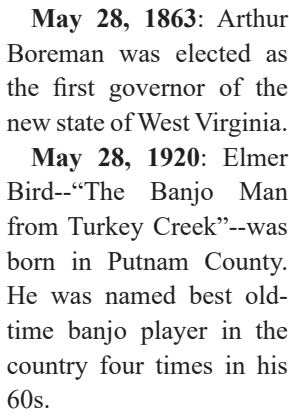
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May 27, 1912: Golf legend Sam Snead was born at Ashwood, Virginia. When The Greenbrier reopened as a resort after World War II, Snead returned as the golf pro. Snead is tied with Tiger Woods for most career wins on the PGA Tour: 82.

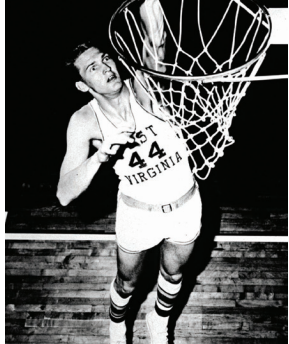
May 27, 1922: Labor leader Bill Blizzard was acquitted of treason charges following the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain. The trial was held in the Jefferson County Courthouse in Charles Town, where John Brown had been convicted of treason against Virginia in 1859.

May 28, 1863: Arthur Boreman was elected as the first governor of the new state of West Virginia.

May 28, 1920: Elmer Bird--"The Banjo Man from Turkey Creek"--was born in Putnam County. He was named best old-time banjo player in the country four times in his 60s.



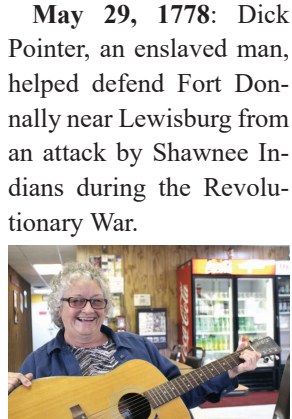
May 28, 1938: Basketball player Jerry West was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County.



West led East Bank High School to the state basketball championship in 1956 and then rewrote the record books at West Virginia University and with the Los Angeles Lakers.

May 28, 1998: The Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse in downtown Charleston was dedicated. The 440,000-square-foot building incorporated Neoclassic, Egyptian and Art Deco designs.

May 29, 1778: Dick Pointer, an enslaved man, helped defend Fort Donnally near Lewisburg from an attack by Shawnee Indians during the Revolutionary War.



May 29, 1949: Singer-songwriter and labor activist Elaine Purkey was born in West Hamlin, Lincoln County. She is best remembered for her labor anthem "One Day More."

May 29, 1961: Alderson and Chloe Muncy of McDowell County received the first food stamps in the nation. He was an unemployed coal miner, and they were the parents of 15 children.



May 30, 1883: The Soldiers Aid Society of Wheeling dedicated the Soldiers and Sailors Mon-

ument to honor Civil War Union veterans. It now stands beside West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling.

May 30, 1914: Nurse Dolores Dowling was born in Ohio and graduated from Huntington's St. Mary's Hospital. During World War II, she was one of the first American nurses to land during the 1943 Sicily invasion at Gela.

May 30, 1940: Smoke Hole Caverns in Grant County opened for tours. The cave is beautifully decorated with stalactites hanging in rows along the ceiling; the main room is called the "Room of a Million Stalactites."

May 30, 1881: Frederick Douglass gave a notable speech at Storer College in Harpers Ferry honoring John Brown, who had been executed for his abolitionist raid on the town's armory in 1859.

May 31, 1841: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Kain was born near Martinsburg. As bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, he worked to meet the needs of newly arrived immigrants who came to labor in West Virginia's mines and factories.



May 31, 1946: Writer

Meredith Sue Willis was born in Clarksburg and raised in Shinnston. Willis has authored books for children and on the subject of writing. Much of her adult fiction is set in West Virginia.

June 1, 1880: An 86-round bare-knuckle prize fight for championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big-city police.

June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

June 1, 1858: The Artists' Excursion left Baltimore on its way to Wheeling. A Baltimore & Ohio executive planned the rail trip to promote tourism. About 50 passengers were on board, including artist and writer David Hunter Strother, who described the experience in an article for *Harpers* magazine.

June 2, 1951: Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

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ing forces, but the organization serving Calhoun and Wirt counties was a pioneer of that movement. Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation served as one of the first in the state, combining in 2003.

Laura Brown, who shepherded together the Pendleton and Grant county economic development entities into Seneca Rocks Economic Development Authority in 2023, explained that the merger came because “the biggest benefit of our regional development authority is the strengthening of our numbers. She went on to add that economic development grantors prefer bigger impacts and that higher population numbers make access to such funding easier.

The combined board splits authority equally between Calhoun and Wirt, with each county naming six members.

As Burch explains, economic development in the two counties faces challenges.

“Both counties are labeled distressed counties,” she noted, explaining that Calhoun had received that designation in the 1980s and remains in that category. According to the Appalachian Regional Commission’s own agency definition, these come from the lowest 10 percent of counties in terms of economic status.

Though counties in such status can receive “preference for extra resources,” she added “our counties have not seen a lot of support from the state or federal level.”

Focusing on small business establishment, maintenance, or growth, serves as a practical strategy that rests on the challenges of the area. “We don’t have what it takes to pursue large industrial or manufacturing facilities,” said Burch. In earlier times the county did not get a railroad, but water-borne commerce moved easily on the Little Kanawha River. Modern commerce is, at least for now in the area, confined to curve-laden state and federal two lane highways.

She shared that decades of discussion centering on a proposed four-lane expressway from Parkersburg to Interstate 79 have continued to founder.

A professional shortage that likely caught experts off-guard also hamstrings attempts to establish and/or expand businesses. “You can’t find professional services here, and that has been a huge setback.” Those services include legal and financial services that were often in the past handled by small offices.

Burch has worked to connect the smallest business category of one to five employees with assistance. Some of those benefiting include small “mom and pop” restaurants, wrecker services, and more. “We even helped a guy who wants to offer septic tank cleanings,” shared Burch.

Calhoun-Gilmer Career and Technical Center serves as a powerful tool in the economic development toolkit, explained Burch. “We have a very good partnership,” she stated, adding “they do a great job.”

One key economic development selling point to outside investment lies in having a ready to go, skilled workforce. Burch said that fields studied there, such as carpentry and auto or other mechanic, can lead to good paying jobs that keep kids local and also fulfills economic needs.

“Programs that a lot of the students gravitate toward” help to encourage staying in the area. Also, skilled work serves for some as a step to entrepreneurship. Burch said she “helped a couple of them set up a construction business LLC.”

“Those career and technical centers are a blessing,” she noted, saying that the area still has tremendous needs in the fields of electrician work, HVAC, and informational technology.

She went on to say that the development corporation has also forged strong partnerships with both Glenville State and Fairmont State universities.

Although the focus lies on small business, Burch has at least one field that could produce a big effect.

She described what she called the “air mobility program” that will tie in Roane County Airport with the heliport coming together at Minnie Hamilton in Grantsville. The idea lies in creating facilities in which heavy duty freight carrying drones could dock to refuel, receive maintenance, and also potentially pick up or drop off freight.

“They don’t need four-lane highways,” she noted, then added “they don’t need a lot of water or electricity,” issues which have served as an issue of complaint among those against data center related economic development.

Other counties across the state, she stated, have also started to explore this avenue of development. Additionally, the proposed sites sit strategically between an Ohio River and rail connected intermodal in Wayne County and the Front Royal Inland Port intermodal in Virginia that connects to international trade.

Burch anticipated that if the project takes shape, it would bring jobs and services, especially those “critical to health and safety.”



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NORTH STAR

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disgustingly warp the faith of children and adults alike to protect themselves from consequences and perpetuate their evil doings.

Institutions and organizations that serve children also, unfortunately, serve as magnets to those who do the most hurt to children.

Collins’ main point is that any type of person can be an abuser and that they work hard to manipulate others around them to prevent detection. Sociopathic abusers in particular can exude personal charm that can disarm otherwise vigilant parents and guardians.

“What we have to worry about is who is spending time with our kids,” said Collins.

Staff at North Star and the other CACs can join a case when a CPS or police investigation commences. Collins shared that CACs serve a vital role because both law enforcement and CPS workers are buried with cases, but abused children need special care at this point. CACs, however, cannot initiate on their own. CPS and/or law enforcement has to bring them in.

CACs overall partner with these investigating agencies to assist and support both discovering the perpetrators and creating a space and environment of safety for the child. Non offending families are part of the process. CACs will arrange transport when needed, as well as resources and support services. Many of the non offending families do their best for the children, but still may face significant problems and CACs may be able to help.

One of the most important aspects of serving these children comes with forensic interviews. These both try to gently bring the facts of the case from them while also conducting tests to collect DNA. Collins explains that even a kiss can leave sufficient DNA for identification.

The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security’s Division of Administrative Services operates the SANE program. According to its website, its mission is “to ensure that medical providers are qualified to provide comprehensive, compassionate, trauma-informed care to individuals reporting sexual assault statewide.”

Once they take the specialized training, they may undertake what the United States Department of Justice refers to as SAFE, or sexual assault forensic examinations. Such an exam, as the Justice Department explains includes medical forensic history, a comprehensive examination, coordinated treatment of injuries, complete examination documentation, and collection of physical evidence.

Each professional and each examination follows national standards and protocols.

At North Star, most of the time the client/patient comes in within 96 hours of the last assault. An initial medical examination comes first with a goal of collecting evidence to identify and/or collect evidence against the offender.

All of that sounds clinical and organized on the surface, but this is real life. A child has experienced trauma and may come in angry, confused, or even non responsive. A case may come in the middle of the night. Collins explained that they take care in each case to take the child’s state into consideration, especially if they come in very tired.

AG McCuskey to Supreme Court: One City Cannot Set Energy Policy for the Whole Country

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Attorney General JB McCuskey is standing up for West Virginia’s energy workers and states’ rights in an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the brief, West Virginia, Alabama and a 24-state coalition, are urging the Court to throw out a lawsuit brought by Boulder County and the City of Boulder, Colorado, against major oil and gas producers.

The amicus or “friend of the court” brief, filed in Suncor Energy v. Boulder County, argues that allowing a single Colorado locality to hold the entire energy industry liable for global climate change under state law would unconstitutionally allow one jurisdiction to dictate national energy policy — and deal a devastating blow to states like West Virginia that depend on traditional energy production.

“States, cities or municipalities cannot use local laws to impose their far-left ideology on the rest of the country. This is an attempt to fill their coffers at the expense

The child’s mental health also takes priority. Interviewers take great care to provide an environment to help the child feel safe. “We can stay with them for two days or two years,” Collins stated, sharing that the program will continue to support victims and non offending families or guardians of the child.

What most outside of the world of those treating severely abused victims often forget is the trauma endured by the professionals. The West Virginia State Legislature started to address this issue in another field by designating mental health funding to support EMS workers through the trauma seen in their job.

Resilience is key. Collins shared that a practitioner may engage with a child who has endured indescribable abuse, talk with him or her for hours. They then have to get in the proper mindset to help another victim of terrible abuse in the afternoon.

He stated that one of the toughest parts of his job lies in “helping them get through it.” Sometimes that means that a staff member will come to his office in tears to cry and vent, so they can get back to a state in which they can help. Collins shared that he has no issue with being flexible if the work ends prior to the workday, but the staff member needs to get away and decompress.

Caring is important, said Collins, but that must also involve “compartmentalizing” and staying focused on helping the child.

Some of the most excruciating pain from the job, he explained, comes after providing support and help to an abused child, then a judge places the child back in the environment where the abuse occurs. Then it occurs again.

CACs get some funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act. Its Victims Crime Fund, established 42 years ago, provides revenue generated from federal fines to support organizations such as CACs that support victims. That said, Collins explained that those fine numbers have dropped, as have funds from DC. The West Virginia State Legislature, he said, provided help in “evening out” the funding.

Needs of abused children, Collins said, significantly outstrip funding. He explained that it has prevented North Star from expanding the services that they provide and that proper treatment after abuse could prevent slides into homelessness and addiction. Furthermore, victims of abuse who do not receive treatment sometimes grow up and become abusers themselves. This creates a generational cycle.

The lifetime cost of the issues stemming from abuse, especially if not properly addressed, come to an average of \$1,167,000.

Ultimately, Collins explained, CACs have a mission to not only address abuse after it happens, but work to root out the causes and try to prevent the harm.

“We have to stop pulling people out of the creek and figure out why they are falling into it in the first place,” stated Collins.

And the Calhoun County Commission will continue to partner with North Star. Lupardus shared that “the Commission plans to invite Mr. Collins to a future meeting to discuss how we can strengthen our partnership with this vital organization.”

of the rest of the nation. We have fought this kind of climate warfare before and we will continue to fight it, not only to protect our energy industries, but because it’s the right and constitutional thing to do,” Attorney General McCuskey said.

This brief is the latest in a series of steps taken by Attorney General McCuskey to protect West Virginia’s energy interests. In addition to filing lawsuits against Vermont and New York over their state superfund laws, the Attorney General has led or joined coalitions to stop regulatory overreach by federal agencies and other states.

West Virginia and Alabama co-lead the brief and were joined by Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

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Calhoun County High School Athletes Deliver Strong Performances at WVSSAC State Track & Field Championship

Calhoun County High School closed out its 2026 track and field season with a series of strong performances at the **WVSSAC State Track & Field Championship**, highlighted by a **new school record**, multiple topten finishes, and standout efforts from both veteran and firstyear state qualifiers.

★ School Record: Boys 4x400 Relay

The boys 4x400 relay team of **Jackson Clawson, Kyrian Mounts, Eli Ferrell, and Gavin Hicks** made school history by running **3:53.25**, setting a **new Calhoun County High School record**. Their 11thplace finish in the state capped off a season of steady improvement and exceptional teamwork.

★ Individual Athlete Highlights

Kyrian Mounts

Kyrian Mounts delivered one of Calhoun County's strongest state meet performances, finishing **8th in the long jump** with a leap of **18'9"**. His topten finish placed him among the best jumpers in West Virginia and capped off a breakout season that also included contributions on both the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.

Kristian Frederick

Kristian Frederick turned in a standout showing in the **discus**, placing **4th in the state** with a throw of **117'5"**—one of the highest finishes by a Calhoun thrower in recent years. Frederick also anchored

the 4x100 relay and continued to demonstrate his versatility as both a sprinter and a field event leader.

Boys State Meet Results

- **4x100 Relay** – 15th, **49.40**
Frederick, Mounts, Mitchell, Hicks
- **4x400 Relay** – 11th, **3:53.25 (New School Record)**
Clawson, Mounts, Ferrell, Hicks
- **Discus** – 4th, **117'5"** *Kristian Frederick*
- **Long Jump** – 8th, **18'9"**
Kyrian Mounts

Results

- **4x200 Relay** – Competed in finals *Gabi Smith, Addie Collins, Regan Smith, Rylan Smith*

A Season of Growth and Achievement

The 2026 track and field season showcased the rising strength of Calhoun County High School's program. From school records to statelevel competitiveness, the Red Devils demonstrated resilience, improvement, and pride throughout the year.

Calhoun County Schools congratulates all athletes and coaches for their dedication, sportsmanship, and accomplishments.



Treasurer Pack Encourages Students to Enter SMART529 “Fund the Future”

\$10,000 Sweepstakes Ahead of Deadline

Entries must be submitted by Wednesday, May 20 to qualify

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Larry Pack is reminding students ages 17 or younger to enter his Office’s SMART529 “Fund the Future” Sweepstakes that will award one West Virginia child \$10,000 in college savings.

“As a father of six children, I know how important it is to save for higher education. Our children will become the future leaders of our state,” Treasurer Pack said. “That is why I encourage all eligible West Virginia families to enter our state-wide sweepstakes by this Wednesday for

a chance to win thousands of dollars that can be invested in their college education.”

The “Fund the Future” sweepstakes, now in its third year, will award one lucky West Virginia child \$10,000 deposited directly into a SMART529 account. To enter the sweepstakes, parents or legal guardians must submit an online entry form at www.wvtreasury.gov/fundthefuture.

To be eligible: Entries must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.

Child must be 17 or younger. Child AND parent or legal guardian must be a resident of West Virginia. Only one entry per eligible child permitted.

Multiple children in a household may be entered to win.

Entries must be submitted by Wednesday, May 20. To enter the sweepstakes or view the official rules, visit www.wvtreasury.gov/fundthefuture. The winner of the sweepstakes will be randomly selected and announced on Friday, May 29, also

known as “National 529 Day.” Treasurer Pack launched the “Fund the Future” sweepstakes on May 1 in Charleston. Since then, there have been more than 4,200 entries.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds. Complete information about SMART529 plans and investment options is available at www.SMART529.com.

LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY INFORMATION

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“NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING”

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the *Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Intended Use Plan* for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program. A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2027 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP’s Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2027 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP’s web site.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (MINNORA 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 May 28, 2026 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to **Joseph T. Bailey**, 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 public road on the upper side of the said road thence running back into the field seventy feet to a stake thence fifty feet to a stake, thence seventy feet to a stake at the public road thence with the public road fifty feet to the place of beginning and being the same lot on which now stands a new Church House erected for said Methodist Episcopal Church South and this conveyance includes a space of ten feet all around the Church so erected making the number of feet as aforesaid fifty by seventy feet.

And being the same property conveyed to Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South from Edward C. Knotts and Arminta Knotts by Deed dated October 22, 1890 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia in Deed Book ____, at Page 225, reference to which is hereby made.

The Minnora United Methodist Church was 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 May 11, 2026.

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ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI!!!!

The Calhoun County High School Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, JULY 4th at the Calhoun County Middle High School in Mt. Zion. Registration will be from 9:00am to 11:00 am with the luncheon cost of \$35.00.

The program will start at 11:30 am in the auditorium followed by lunch. This year the following classes will be honored: 1956 (70th year), 1966 (60th year), 1976 (50th) year, 1986 (40th) year and 2001 (25th) year.

Registration forms should be filled out and submitted to the above address by June 4th. On-site registration will also be available. The Alumni Membership dues are \$5.00 annually and it supports the Scholarship and postage expenses.

This day will be a fun opportunity to reconnect with classmates and friends you haven't seen in years. Submit your reservation and save the date for the high school reunion to reconnect with friends and relive great memories.

As the song says “Here’s to friends we don’t remember and times we won’t forget-I’d do it all again if I could”.

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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Calhoun County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2027 fiscal year and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

	General Current Expense Fund	General Excess Levy Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund
Estimated Revenues:				
Local Sources:				
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	3,313,708	990,697		275,965
Other Local sources	250,000	-	5,000	
State Sources:				
State aid to schools	4,939,147	-	189,409	
Other unrestricted	3,537,112	-	177,500	
Federal Sources:				
Restricted	-	-	2,036,269	
Unrestricted	50,000	-		
Miscellaneous sources	-	-		
Total estimated revenues	12,089,967	990,697	2,408,178	275,965
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources				
Estimated beginning balance	211,518	-	13,434	
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	12,301,485	990,697	2,421,612	275,965
Expenditures:				
Instruction	7,267,766.00	355,280	1,036,261	
Supporting services:				
Students	372,589	120,860		
Instructional staff	328,789	2,370	153,481	
Central administration	637,673	5,920		
School administration	320,089	2,430		
Central services	26,368	85,370		
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,483,976	235,700		
Student transportation	1,818,899	50,420	1,036,261	
Other supporting services				
Food services	31,902	7,900	1,231,870	
Community services		124,447		
Capital lease				
Capital outlay				
Debt service				275,965
Total estimated expenditures	12,288,051	990,697	2,421,612	275,965
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	13,434			
Estimated budgetary reserves	12,301,485	990,697	2,421,612	275,965
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	12,301,485	990,697	2,421,612	275,965

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, CALHOUN COUNTY, to-wit: I, Michael Fitzwater, Secretary of the Calhoun County Board of Education, foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget adopted by the Board of Education on the 13th day of May, 2026.

Michael Fitzwater
 Secretary of the Board of Education

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: May 28, 2026

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Pleasant Hill PSD

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after June 5, 2026 the Pleasant Hill PSD will submit a request to the West Virginia Division of Economic Development for the release of Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Norman Ridge and Bull River Water Extension Project
Project Number: WV-20934

Purpose: This extension project involves constructing approximately 65,000 linear feet of water lines and necessary appurtenances to extend water supply services to areas along Bull River Run Road, Norman Ridge, Big Root, and Bull River Roads in Calhoun County, West Virginia. The project aims to improve access to clean water for the local community

Location: The proposed project(s) is located near Bull River Run Rd. in Grantsville, Calhoun County.
Estimated Cost: The project is utilizing \$2,500,000.00 through an ARC grant, \$1,440,000.00 through a USDA grant, and \$500,000.00 through an IJDC grant for a total project cost of \$4,440,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Pleasant Hill PSD has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Pleasant Hill PSD, 122 Nobe Rd. Big Bend, WV 26136 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 1 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Pleasant Hill PSD. All comments received by June 5, 2026 will be considered by the Pleasant Hill PSD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Pleasant Hill PSD certifies to the State of West Virginia that Ira Arthur in his capacity as Board Chairperson consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of West Virginia’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Pleasant Hill PSD to use ARC program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of West Virginia will accept objections to its release of ARC funds and the Pleasant Hill PSD certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Pleasant Hill PSD; (b) the Pleasant Hill PSD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the West Virginia Department of Economic Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to West Virginia Department of Economic Development at 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 3, Room 700, Charleston, WV 25305. Potential objectors should contact The West Virginia Department of Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ira Arthur, Chairperson

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



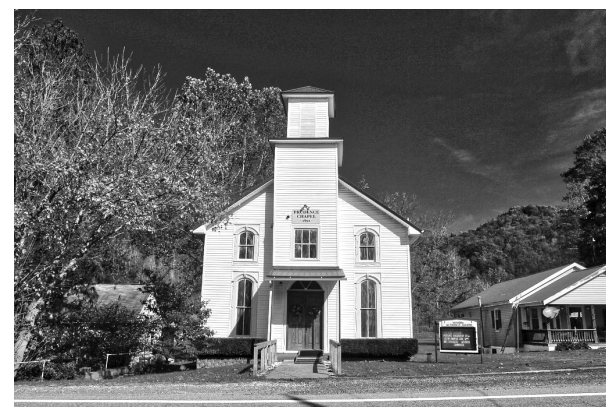
ALBERT'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am
Mt Zion United Methodist Church



Worship 10:00 am, 304-514-1346

Prudence Chapel



CLOSED

Walker Church

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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Pastor: Tom Law

Route 5 East Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville, WV



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.



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 and Wednesday Services 6 P.M. beginning in November.

(304) 354-6080 <https://www.chapelbaptist.org>

Enon Baptist Church

Russett Road Grantsville, WV 26147 Pastor John Vannoy

First Baptist Church of Grantsville

Associate Pastor Rick Godfrey

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

Wednesday: 7:00 – Bible study

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

Freedom Baptist Church

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



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CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

INDEPENDENT



PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

Pastor, Rick Matheney

3757 N. Calhoun Highway, Grantsville, WV 26147.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Church

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



Orma United Methodist

CLOSED



Knotts Memorial Church

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

NON DENOMINATIONAL

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



Prosperity Baptist Church

844 Leading Creek Rd. Big Springs, WV 26137

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

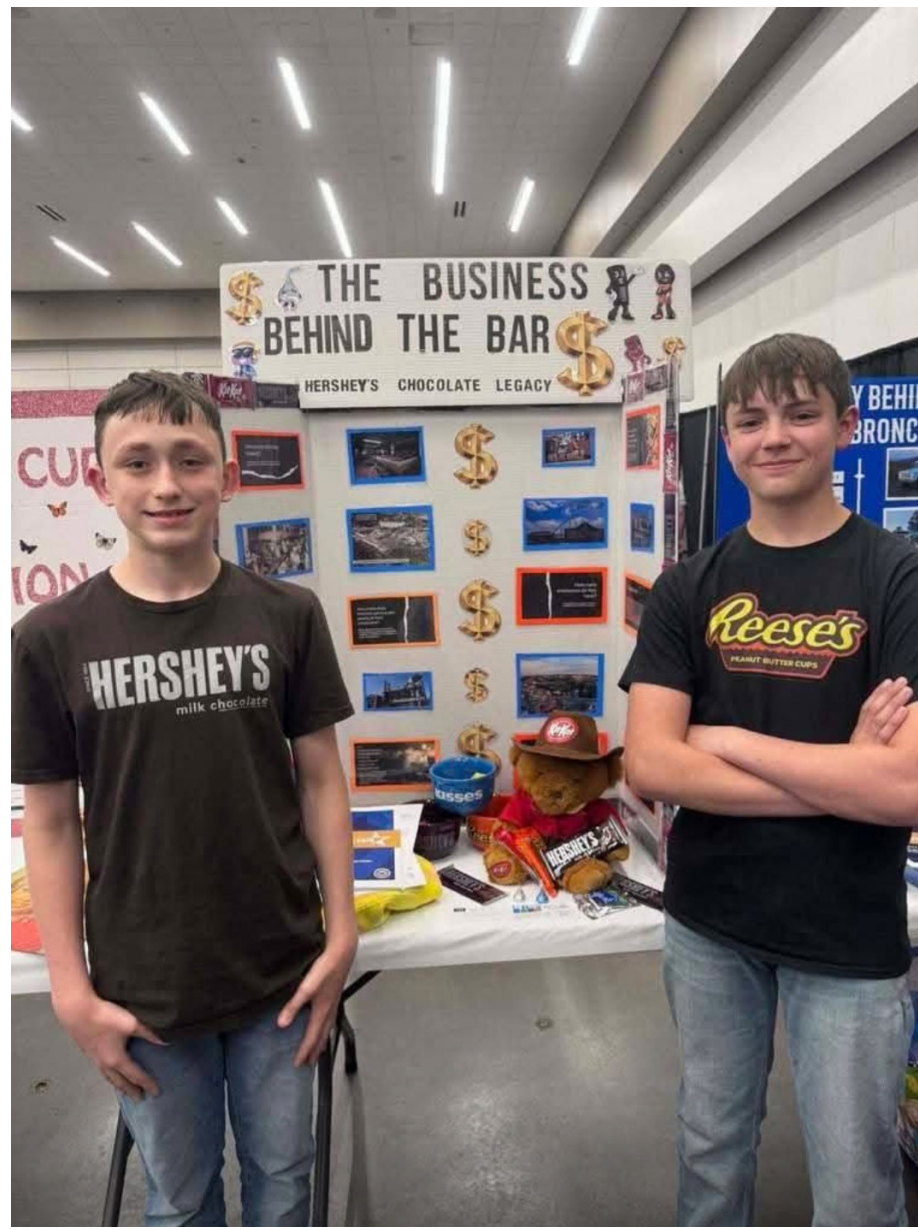
Fair Projects Place At States



Henley Cunningham and Scarettle Probasco took second Place

Calhoun County had 2 group projects place at the State Social Studies Fair!

partment of Education (WVDE) hosted 566 students during the 2026 West Virginia State Social Studies Fair (WVSSSF), the largest student par-



Silas Cunningham and Brently Snodgrass earned Honorable Mention

participation since the Fair began in 1977. Students in Grades 3-12 presented 357 projects on topics including world history, U.S. history, anthropology, geog-

raphy, economics, sociology, psychology and state and local studies. Photos and text courtesy of Calhoun County Schools

WVU Cancer Institute achieves global milestone with first-in-human clinical trial to treat pancreatic cancer

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The West Virginia University (WVU) Cancer Institute is now offering a first-in-human

Phase I clinical trial to evaluate a small implant that uses electric pulses to more precisely deliver and target therapeu-

tics to pancreatic tumors – a global first for use of this innovative treatment.

A first-in-human clinical trial at the WVU Cancer Institute, led by Brian Boone, M.D., uses a small implant to deliver a common chemotherapy drug directly to pancreatic tumors by sending low-voltage electric pulses to diffuse the therapy directly into the tissue.

Pancreatic cancer remains one of the most challenging cancers to treat, especially in those with advanced stages of the disease. Continuity Biosciences, LLC, a clinical-stage biotechnology company, recently initiated the trial, which is now enrolling patients at leading academic medical centers and cancer centers, including the WVU Cancer Institute and Michigan Medicine, the University of Michigan’s academic medical center in Ann Arbor. The clinical trial is a critical step in identifying and implementing safe, effective therapies for patients.

Enrolled patients will receive gemcitabine, a commonly used chemotherapy agent for pancreatic cancer, that is delivered directly to the tumor site using a small implant inserted laparoscopically into the pancreas. Using a therapy technique called iontophoresis, the device sends low-voltage electric pulses to diffuse gemcitabine across a permeable membrane directly into the

pancreatic tissue.

“At the WVU Cancer Institute, our job is to take care of patients using cutting-edge technology and treatment that changes lives,” Brian Boone, M.D., associate professor of surgical oncology in the WVU Department of Surgery and the trial’s principal investigator, said.

“This trial provides patients who historically have had limited options, with access to new treatments that may be effective and less harmful while under the care of our Oncology Team. We are excited to be able to offer and evaluate these new therapies, which offer new hope for patients with pancreatic cancer.”

The Phase I study includes two cohorts of 12 patients who have been diagnosed with non-metastatic, locally advanced, unresectable pancreatic cancer. All patient care will be coordinated and administered by a nationally recognized oncology team.

If successful, the trial could offer more effective treatments for pancreatic cancer and significantly improve overall outcomes for patients.

The WVU Cancer Institute is currently accepting trial participant referrals for the study. Learn more about this clinical trial (NCT07481383).

For more information on the WVU Cancer Institute, visit WVUMedicine.org/Cancer.



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