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Calhoun County Parks Improvements Make Progress

By Stephen Smoot

Last month, Calhoun County's park repairs, improvements, and an idea to provide better service were presented to the County Commission. They reflected the County's continuing goal of using the area's recreational assets to promote economic growth.

First, a representative from Upper West Fork Park shared that insurance had provided $433,000 towards the replacement of the previous structure. He stated that "they held $38,000 of it until they saw that we were actually using the money for reconstruction" but eventually provided it to the park.

The facility will be 40 by 80 with 40 by 60 of that space used to create a great hall. He explained that the remaining 20 feet "on the left side" would contain "a kitchen" while on the right one will find a bath, two bathrooms, and "showers so we can use that as an emergency shelter." A mechanical room and custodian's closet round out the plans.

He then shared that "the main room . . . it will have a cathedral ceiling (and) a stage." Some issues had occurred during the pouring of the concrete and also the finish of the floor, which he shared might result in the Park getting a discount on services rendered.

Other ways to save money on the budget included some offering their personally owned heavy equipment, such as a back hoe and an excavator, to save on rentals. With the Park as an approved 501 (c) 3, they also saved on taxes by purchasing materials on their own.

Efforts to save money were spurred by "worrying because of inflation and . . . the crazy gas and diesel fuel" prices. He added "We're going to be at the top end of our budget, but that's not delivery or furniture" or other necessities for the inside. Additionally, he proposed



Upper West Fork Park's new welcome to vistors is only one sign of progress in the County's park system

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Jamie Sims, a Calhoun County High School 2026 graduate, earned the Marbie McCartney Smith Memorial Scholarship

Parkersburg Area Community Foundation Awards More Than $684,000 in Scholarships

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates (PACF) is pleased to announce that a total of 313 scholarship awards totaling $684,169 in support were recently awarded to 249 students from 18 area high schools and several colleges and universities.

These awards honor local students' academic achievement and community involvement, helping them pursue higher education and give back to their communities. Each represents compassion, remembrance, and a belief in the future of our youth.

"PACF is honored to award these scholarships and help students take the next step in their education," said Jennifer Randolph, Scholarship Program Officer. "Many of these funds were established in memory of loved ones, and we are privileged to carry forward each donor's charitable intent by supporting the next generation of leaders."

The PACF manages more than 500 endowment funds, helping donors, businesses, and families engage in meaningful philanthropy, creating a ripple effect of positive change across the 11-county service area. The PACF facilitates grant and scholarship awards in Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood counties in West Virginia, and Washington County, Ohio. In 2025, the PACF distributed over $4.5 million in grants, fostering collaboration among local organizations and empowering citizens to make a lasting impact in their communities. With approximately $98 million in assets, the PACF continues to serve as a trusted partner in advancing the causes that matter most to our neighbors. Together, we are not only supporting today's needs but also ensuring that our region's philanthropic legacy endures for generations to come.

To see a full list of the 2026 scholarship awards and to learn more about the PACF, visit the Foundation's website at www.pacfwv.com/scholarships or call 304.428.4438.

About the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates (PACF) work with individuals, families, businesses, and civic or nonprofit organizations to make a positive and permanent commitment for the future of our community. The PACF is a single 501(c)(3) public charity that manages more than 500 charitable funds. The PACF works in partnership with its local affiliates to provide leadership and develop philanthropic resources to meet the needs of an 11-county service area. Since 1963, PACF has helped local citizens support charitable needs and touch every aspect of life in the community in a variety of lasting ways. For more information about the PACF, visit www.pacfwv.com or call 304-428-4438.

Temperatures in Area to Push Significantly Higher In Near Future

By Stephen Smoot

June brought average temperatures to the Calhoun County area. With a few exceptionally mild days in the 70s, most days saw mid to upper 80s as highs during the day and mid 50s to mid 60s at night.

Additionally, from mid April until the end of June, most of Calhoun County experienced moderate drought. The National Weather Service refers to it as condition D1 –Moderate drought, where one could find "some damage to crops, pastures, fire risk high, streams, reservoirs, or wells low, some water shortage developing or imminent, voluntary water use restrictions requested."

It is important to note that any restrictions noted by the NWS are purely advisory. Local governments are encouraged to make decisions based upon local conditions that vary greatly across the nation. Currently

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Calhoun County Commission Hears Update, Offer, From Citynet

By Stephen Smoot

"We come to You O' Lord this evening, thanking You for the many blessings that You give to us each day." Calhoun County Commissioner Craig Arthur offered these and other thoughts as he gave the invocation to open the meeting.

All then stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, then the official business of the Calhoun County Commission got underway.

Commissioners first heard concerns from representatives of the Mount Zion Public Service District concerning the safety and security of facilities. One member shared that "the back door has been jimmied so bad" and that "there's unauthorized people coming in and out of that building." He shared fears for their equipment stored in the building in question "and we would just like to have a way to have them secure."

He suggested locks and a sign stating "authorized personnel only" or something similar.

County Commission President Eric Lupardus stated that he would have contractors address the problem once freed from other projects. He requested an email detailing what the PSD required. Another representative stated that locks placed on the doors had been removed. He added later that he had heard of an instance where there was an emergency need to access parts behind locked doors and suggested a meeting to hammer out the issue.

Later in the meeting, Commissioners discussed requested funding from the Health Department. Commissioner Lee Rush noted that "we do give $1,600 per month" which adds up to $19.200 per year provided to cover the cost of office space. He then shared that "they would be requesting an additional $10,900 for $30,400 total. Commission President Lupardus also ran down regional counties' support for their health departments and added that only Wood and Calhoun "pays per month for office space."

Commissioner Craig Arthur said he felt that "the Health Department is deserving of funding and made a motion to approve $1,500.

Commissioners then discussed the possibility of reallocating American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA, funding in the budget of the public service districts "to be able to jump on some of these emergency issues that they have." Commission President Lupardus issued a word of caution to make sure that these funds did not go towards projects already grant funded. He later suggested a work session with both PSDs to go over the details to prevent the potential problem.

Calhoun County Young Life came before the Commission to request $1,200 in funding. The organization has chapters in the school and serves to develop good character and values in young people through family-friendly camps and other experiences. It was said of

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

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

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

Home Country

Slim Randles

We sure are strange sometimes. Most of the time, we make sense. We're "sensible" and we do things for a reason. But there are times when we do things that make no sense at all, and we don't care.

Just take pocketknives, for instance. Most men wouldn't leave the house without one. I sure wouldn't. In fact, I'll bet if you stopped 10 men in business suits on the sidewalk in New York City or London and asked them to turn their pockets out for you, at least eight of them would be carrying a pocketknife. And one of them would be bound to call the police because of your weird request.

Why is this, do you suppose? If you asked each of them, you'd get a heming and hawing and they'd probably say they need it for sharpening pencils. Of course, they don't "use" pencils any more, and if they did, there'd be an electric sharpener to bring them to a point.

But the bottom-line truth is, we aren't sure just why we feel naked without a little, dull, old pocket knife on us. The truth goes back before history, before human speech, before microwave ovens. We have that stupid little knife on us because with it, we're armed. Yes. We carry one because men have always carried some kind of sharp object for protection. It might have been an obsidian knife, a steel rapier, an Italian dagger, a Scottish skean dhu, but it was on us, because we felt more secure with it.

Men with sharp objects survived to sire other men who carried sharp objects, so that's why, a million years later, we have that dumb little pocket knife with us that couldn't spread Cheez Whiz on a cracker.

But don't leave that thing home, because without it, you'd be helpless against the world.

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Brought to you by readers of my next book, "Cock-a-Doodle Death." Both of them.

Transportation Policy is Too Important to Rush

Jessi Troyen - Cardinal Institute

With just months remaining before the current federal surface transportation law expires on September 30, Congress is again working through the complex process of reauthorizing federal transportation programs. The relevant House committee has advanced its version of a five-year transportation reauthorization bill, while discussions continue in both chambers about the path forward.

For West Virginia, these discussions matter considerably. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito occupies an influential position in the process, serving on key Senate committees that help shape transportation and infrastructure policy. Recent comments from Sen. Capito have acknowledged the practical challenges associated with completing a comprehensive reauthorization before the current law expires and the possibility that Congress could consider alternative approaches if additional time is needed.

Transportation reauthorization bills are among the most consequential pieces of legislation Congress considers. As previous generations of West Virginia leaders understood, these measures influence infrastructure investment, transportation priorities, regulatory frameworks, and the movement of goods throughout the national economy. Given their scope and complexity, careful evaluation of policy choices remains important.

The current House proposal illustrates some of the policy questions Congress continues to debate.

While supporters have highlighted its bipartisan committee approval, a number of provisions have generated discussion among policymakers, industry groups, and advocacy organizations across the political spectrum. Among the issues receiving attention are the long-term financial challenges facing the Highway Trust Fund and questions about how federal transportation programs should be funded in the future.

Other provisions have prompted debate as well. Proposed registration fees on electric and hybrid vehicles, for example, have generated differing views regarding transportation funding, user fees, and federal policy design. These discussions reflect broader questions about how transportation systems should be financed and managed in the years ahead.

For West Virginia, these debates are particularly relevant.

The state's economy depends heavily on efficient freight movement, reliable highways, and transportation networks that support economic activity. Energy products, manufactured goods, agricultural commodities, and consumer products move across extensive highway and rail networks that connect West Virginia to national and international markets. As Congress considers transportation policy, the potential effects on economic competitiveness, mobility, and infrastructure performance deserve careful attention.

These considerations also extend to rail policy provisions that have been discussed as part of broader transportation legislation.

Questions surrounding rail safety regulations have generated substantial debate among policymakers, industry representatives, researchers, and other stakeholders. Effective transportation policy is best informed by evidence, a clear understanding of safety outcomes, and careful consideration of both benefits and costs. As lawmakers examine rail safety issues, ongoing analysis of available data and investigative findings can help inform those discussions.

Cost considerations are especially important in a state that relies heavily on freight transportation. Changes that increase transportation costs can affect businesses, manufacturers, energy producers, agricultural interests, and consumers. Policymakers weighing transportation proposals may therefore wish to consider how regulatory changes influence both safety objectives and economic performance.

Sen. Capito's leadership roles on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the Commerce Committee place her in a significant position as these discussions continue. The Senate's deliberations will help shape the direction of federal transportation policy and determine how Congress addresses the many issues involved in reauthorization.

As Congress moves forward, the quality of transportation policy will likely depend on careful consideration of infrastructure needs, fiscal sustainability, economic impacts, and measurable policy outcomes. Given the importance of these issues, thoughtful deliberation and thorough evaluation of competing proposals remain valuable components of the legislative process.

Transportation policy affects communities, businesses, and economic opportunity across the country. For West Virginia, ensuring that federal transportation programs support efficient movement of goods, reliable infrastructure, and long-term economic growth remains an important consideration as Congress works toward reauthorization.

Letter from the Editor

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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.

America

By Stephen Smoot

Every nation on Earth should rightfully feel pride in their history, traditions, culture, and people because every nation on Earth has done more good than ill.

Every nation's people should rightfully feel proud that they are of that country and celebrate its accomplishments and impact.

The United States of America, its people forming the single greatest nation in the history of mankind, has even more right to feel a special kind of pride.

For 250 years, this nation has raised the standard of freedom to inspire movements of liberty worldwide, not only abroad, but within the nation as well. The standard set by the Declaration of Independence has challenged every world government, including our own, ever since, to respect the natural rights of each individual.

For 250 years, this nation has raised the standard of opportunity. The same restrictive British mercantilism that drove America into rebellion also inspired Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations." Reaffirmed by Frederic Bastiat's "The Law" a few decades later, these works illustrate the free market system better than anyone before Milton and Rose Friedmann.

Free market capitalism rejects government support for some over others. Both Smith and Bastiat attacked slavery with the same fervent passion they used to promote the free market because one did not have the latter in the presence of the former. When left to work with a minimum of intervention, the free market has done more to raise the standard of living anywhere it has been practiced than any government action ever could.

It's not an American system. It is part of who and what America is.

For 250 years, the standard of meritocracy has served as the most powerful impetus to excellence in global history. It developed as the frontier spread across the continent, assisted by the lack of a natural aristocracy and the need for people with skills and leadership ability.

One can say that Charlie Daniels' "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" is the quintessential American song for many reasons. The best of which is that the Devil himself is compelled to bow before the morality of meritocracy.

For 250 years, the people of the United States have revered the Founding Fathers and their legacy. These men, some advised closely by their wise wives, formed the most unique cadre of leaders ever brought together to create a nation and government.

No established church leaders, no aristocrats save those of foreign countries serving in the Continental Army under Washington, no royalty lent a hand in its creation. Most of those at the forefront were farmers and had also served in some military capacity. These two fields of endeavor lend themselves closely to forming good government officials because the focus of each must remain in practical pursuits. Some lawyers, small business owners, and professionals were sprinkled among them.

Yet the Founding Fathers had some of the foremost minds on Earth at the time, in some cases ever. George Washington served as an unlikely historical great as both a general and a head of state. John Adams and John Marshall were two of the greatest legal minds in history. James Madison crafted much of the document that emerged as the Constitution.

For 250 years a remarkable nation created by remarkable people has led to some of the most remarkable achievements of any nation in history. No people ever lived with more freedom or prosperity than those of the United States of America.

And Lord willing and the people working, neither of those has to change in the next 250 years.

Letter to the Editor

While hiking with the dog I was also listening to the news when I heard country music star John Rich say he has been appointed "Special Envoy" for the USDA to support people who are facing possible confiscation of their property by large entities and eminent domain. Mr Rich emphasized that it was his mission and that of the USDA to help and protect people in situations like what we are facing with the Valley North transmission line through West Virginia to Northern Virginia.

Mr. Rich was emphatic that they are there to help and indeed would help... put their word to the test.

Contact the USDA @ USDA.Gov/lawfare.

Remember local meeting at the Highschool July 22nd.

Don't forget the Public Service Commission and the Governor's Office.

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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.

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

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

County Farmer's Markets

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

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

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

Grantsville Farmer's Market will open June 11 from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. Come and shop from a wide selection of produce, eggs, baked goods, and more

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. **Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority Monthly Meeting** June 17, 2026, 3:00 pm, Mom's Place Too, 340 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147 **Monthly Tire Collection June** 19th, 2026, 10 - 2

To add your community service information to this listing email contact@calhounchronicle.com.



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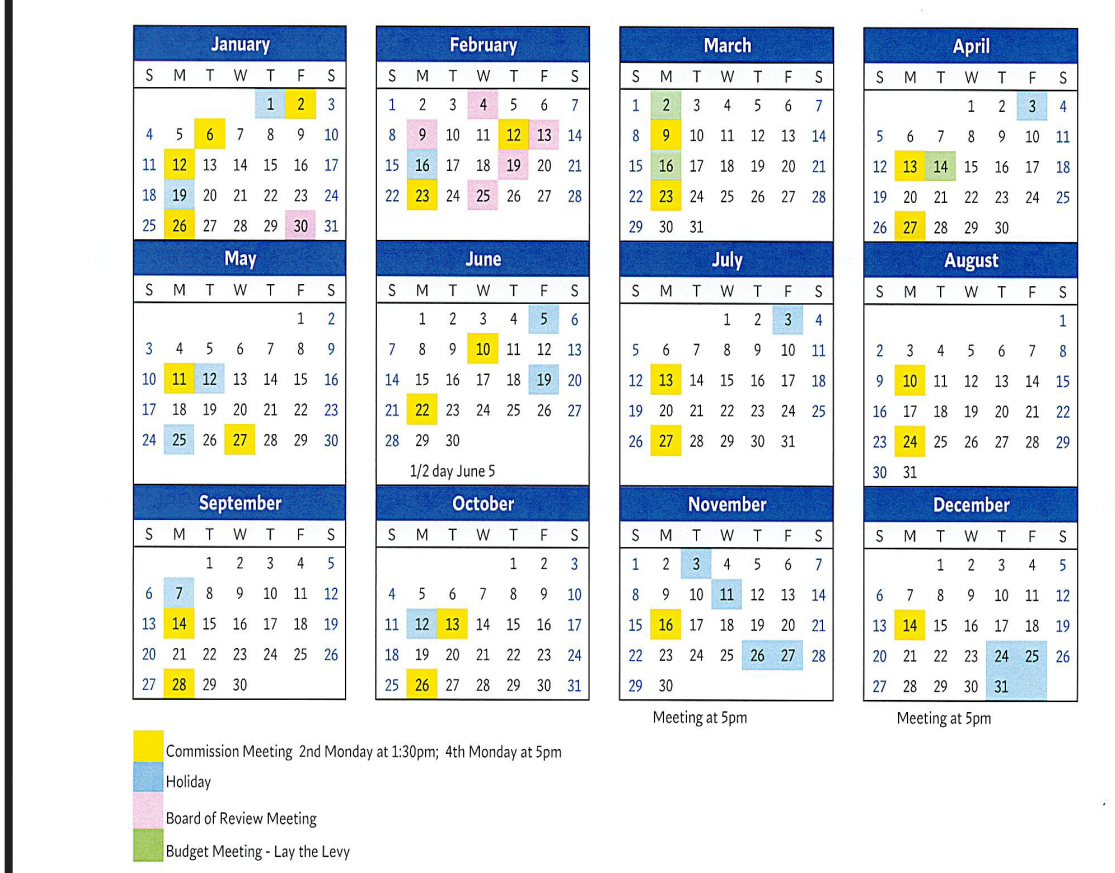
6 Baked Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower Pineapples Whole Wheat Bread	7 Cold Turkey Sandwich on ww bun Lettuce, tomato, onions Pasta w/vegetables Fruit	8 Fish Mashed Potatoes Green Beans onions Oranges Whole wheat Roll	9 Chicken tenders Mac n Cheese Pears Carrots Whole wheat bread	10 Seasoned Beans Ham Ww Cornbread Cucumbers & Onions Fruit Crisp
13 Tomato sauce beef macaroni Brussel sprouts Fruit Ww roll	14 Beans w/ ham Greens Onions Ww Cornbread Applesauce	15 Taco Salad Whole wheat chips Tomato Lettuce Cheese Brownie fruit	16 Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy Peas Fruit Whole Wheat Bread	17 Italian Sausage Kraut Carrots Juice Ww roll
20 Ribs, Onions, Peppers Ranch Potatoes Peas Whole Wheat Bun Mixed Fruit	21 Chicken Patty Beets Potatoes Fruit Salad w/ oranges Whole wheat bun	22 Pizza Corn Jello with fruit	23 Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Oranges, Pineapples Whole Wheat Bread	24 Lasagna Vegetables Ww Garlic Toast Applesauce
27 Chicken salad sandwich Slaw Onions & Cucumber tomato salad juice Ww bun	28 Calico Beans Kale Peaches Ww Cornbread	29 Hamburger Lettuce/Onion/ Tomato Potatoes Banana Pudding Whole Wheat Bun	30 Chicken pasta stem vegetables Beets Mixed fruit Ww bread	31 Baked Beans & Wieners Buttered Peas Mixed Fruit Whole Wheat Bread



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Young Life's fundraiser at the Wood Festival that "they kept the place clean the whole time" and "this helps them to go to camp."

Commissioners sent the funding to the Wood Festival, who had already given the funds raised to the club. Another $1,200 was issued out to the Molasses Festival as well.

Melissa O'Brien, External Affairs Manager for Citynet and also Executive Director of the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council, or MOVRC, came to present an update on their work in Calhoun County and also discuss the possibility of serving the Calhoun County Courthouse.

Commission President Lupardus stated that "with Citynet spending so much locally" that possibly working with them on providing reliable service to the Courthouse "is something we need to consider."

Just over a year ago, West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrissey announced that a little under $2.8 million would go to Citynet with the goal of expanding "approximately 362 miles of fiber infrastructure, 2,897 locations will gain access to high-speed reliable broadband in Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, (and) Lewis" counties.

O'Brien shared that August is "the substantial operation date," meaning the date by which project is sufficiently complete to fulfill contractual obligations. She added that "make ready work" to prepare the poles for line attachment could cause minor delays.

Next she shared that she had asked her engineers to prepare quotes for work in the Courthouse because "it is a community anchor institution that falls under me." O'Brien also pointed out that Gilmer County had opted for Citynet service and had enjoyed "a significant amount of savings" and "much better service."

Commission President Lupardus spoke to the need for upgraded service with the walls of the structure extending anywhere from 12 to 18 inches in thickness with stone on the exterior. He and O'Brien then discussed recent cybersecurity issues that have plagued local governments recently. He did not mention is specifically, but Harrison County endured a damaging cyberattack on its website and online infrastructure in the spring.

O'Brien shared that ransomware and unpredictable threat vectors make cybersecurity a priority and that Citynet can provide services in that sphere as well.

Commissioners also approved allowing Thrasher to undergo a digital scan of the Courthouse. Though mostly in sound shape, the building has aged and has also seen some issues with water leaks. It was also approved.

County Commissioner Lee Rush next requested that the full Commission cover the annual dues for the Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority to remain part of the statewide organization Membership confers benefits such as educational opportunities. The Commission approved it.

Commissioners and the County Administrator also discussed various options on attempting to identify and remove problematic dilapidated structures. They agreed that they would prefer a voluntary and incentive-based solution to a compulsory ordinance.

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modifying the pad for the former building for use as basketball and pickleball courts.

A request was made of the County Commission to use approximately $27,300 that was allocated to the building destroyed by fire, but never used because of that event. It was approved.

Commissioners also heard that bids had gone out for the steel building planned for Calhoun County Park. This structure is planned to be 40 by 80 with a 12 foot ceiling and will contain a locker room style bathhouse. Commission President Lupardus related that an effort to build a bathhouse at Calhoun County Park previously had gotten stalled by a $600,000 quote.

They approved allowing the project to go out to bid.

Calhoun County Administrator shared with the County Commission that Donnie Pitts of Calhoun County Park had approached her with the need to establish an online booking and reservation system for cabins and other amenities at the park.

She explained that he "is interested in not doing reservations by hand" and would prefer an online partner. That said, research into a number of third party booking sites had shown that most could not accommodate the diversity of assets available for rent at the Park, including the Assembly Hall and campsites.

"There are many systems out there," County Administrator Randolph noted, saying "the best one I've found is called New Book . . . they can differentiate between all of those things." That company had the capacity to adapt to renting different types of campsites, even between primitive sites and those with electric and water available. They also can get the Park on sites for those who prefer to book early.

"Statistics show that when you go from an archaic reservation system like we have to an online booking system, your units rented increased by about 30 percent," stated the County Administrator. She also shared that rentals last year totaled $15,744 and that she had talked the company down from $425 a month to $350 a month, but felt she could lower that even more to $300.

"I feel like our park more than deserves to be utilized more often, said County Administrator Randolph.

TEMPERATURES

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almost all of Calhoun County is under D0 – Abnormally Dry status.

Despite recent rains, the section of the county south of U.S. Route 33 has seen abnormally low precipitation. A band extending across the county just south of that highway has seen between 25 and 50 percent of normal precipitation in the past 30 days. Extending from there south to the county line and north to around Grantsville, the area has seen between 50 and 75 percent of normal rain. The northern tier has gotten between 75 and 100 percent of normal precipitation.

For at least the next week, however, the average summertime temperatures will wither away, replaced by extreme heat warnings from the NWS starting on

tains. The NWS states that one should expect "dangerously hot conditions with heat index values up to 108 expected" and that "Heat related illnesses increase significantly during extreme heat and high humidity events."

This warning will cover the entire week up to at least 10 p.m. Thursday night July 3. Each day could see high temperatures topping 100 degrees.

With a dangerous heat wave settled in, individuals must take care when exposed to these conditions. Tips offered include:

Hydrate Constantly: Drink plenty of fluids (water or sports drinks) even if you do not feel

thirsty. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and heavy sugary beverages.

center. If needed, Pendleton County can

provide access to a location to cool-off (cooling center).

Dress Smartly: Wear loose, lightweight, and light-colored clothing alongside a wide-

brimmed hat to protect your face.

Schedule Activities: Avoid high-energy tasks during midday heat (10 AM to 4 PM).

Check on Others: Frequently check on children, older adults, neighbors, and anyone

without air conditioning.

Learn the Signs: Watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The Public can find additional information at Ready.Gov in the Extreme Heat Guide.

Common pets, especially those accustomed to living indoors, are particularly vulnerable during

major heat events.

Never leave pets in cars, because temperatures inside a parked car can kill some pets in minutes, even with cracked windows.

When preparing to walk a dog, apply the hand test to the pavement. One test of safety is to press the back of one's hand against the concrete for five to seven seconds. If too hot for a human hand, one should walk pets on the grass or put "booties" on their feet.

Also reschedule pet outdoor routines to cooler early mornings or late evenings, ensure regular access to shade and clean, fresh, cool water, and monitor pets to watch for heavy panting, drooling, vomiting, or weakness.



WVSSAC Student-Athlete Transfer Regulations Updated for 2026-27

By Stephen Smoot

One of the bigger headaches plaguing coaches, athletic directors, and those who follow high school sports in West Virginia has been a legislative change that allowed more student-athlete transfers.

That change voided the previous laws establishing more open transfers and returned primary rule-making authority to the WVSSAC. Legislators requested that the governing body for scholastic extracurricular activities not return to the status quo prior to the bill repealed.

While some athletes found better opportunities, others landed in more challenging situations. Some schools aggressively recruited from others and some smaller rural schools had to cancel their football seasons.

A new set of rules governing these transfers came down from the WVSSAC. According to that body, "the Board of Control voted 147-0 to approve a rule that preserves school choice for students and families while providing structure to support competitive balance among member schools."

First, a ninth or 10th grader can have a "one-time transfer . . . with immediate eligibility." That must occur prior to Sept 1. Should the student transfer during a sports season, he or she cannot compete in the sport currently in season, but will be eligible for all others.

The rule also allows for a "transfer-back provision."

According to the WVSSAC, "a student in ninth, tenth or eleventh grade is entitled to one transfer back to a member school within the attendance zone where the student's parents reside, provided it is the home school originally identified at the time of the initial out-of-zone enrollment."

It goes on to add that "immediate eligibility applies if the transfer is completed by September. 1. Students seeking transfers outside the scope of this rule may file for a waiver with the WVSSAC Board of Directors."

The specific rule also states "Eligibility will be granted immediately if the transfer is on or before September 1."

That rule is subject to this clause that states "if the transfer occurs during the remainder of the academic year the student will be ineligible for the remainder of that academic year and will gain eligibility after the end of that academic year, providing they meet the specified GPA requirements."

Wayne Ryan, Executive Director of the WVSSAC stated "Once again, we are very grateful for the support of our legislature and the governor throughout this entire process. We appreciate their trust in the WVSSAC and its member schools on this matter."

West Virginia Attorney General's Office Wins at U.S. Supreme Court, Securing Monumental Victory for Fairness and Safety in Girls' Sports

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia Attorney General JB McCuskey's office is announcing a landmark victory at the U.S. Supreme Court in West Virginia v. B.P.J. The decision is a huge win for the fairness and safety of female athletes in West Virginia and the rest of the nation.

The justice ruled 9-0 on the Title IX issue and 6-3 on the Equal Protection issue.

The Supreme Court's decision upholds West Virginia's Save Women's Sports Act as both constitutional and lawful under Title IX. The decision overturns a ruling from the Fourth Circuit of Appeals that wrongly concluded that a biological male could participate in girls' sports in West Virginia, stripping the State of its authority to assign athletic teams based on sex to ensure opportunities for biological females.

"This is a monumental victory for every female athlete who has ever competed, or dreamed of competing, on a fair and safe playing field. Today's Supreme Court decision affirms what common sense and the law have long made clear: states have the right to designate sports teams based on biological sex, not gender identity. Without that delineation, Title IX is turned on its head, and decades of hard-fought progress to advance female athletes are erased. I am immensely proud of my team for not only getting this issue before the Court but also for delivering sound and successful arguments. This landmark victory will give all states, not just West Virginia, the clarity and confidence to ensure fairness and safety for female athletes today and for generations to come," Attorney General McCuskey said.

With today's ruling, West Virginia can fully enforce the Save Women's Sports Act, which was passed and signed into law in 2021. The law recognizes the inherent physical differences between females and males by restricting boys from playing on girls' sports teams involving competitive skill or contact. Male athletes who identify as female may still — like all other biological boys — compete on boys' or co-ed teams. West Virginia, led by Solicitor General Michael Williams, successfully argued the Sports Act upholds the principles of Title IX and that it does not violate the Equal Protection Clause.

West Virginia schools have long assigned athletic teams based on sex to ensure opportunities for females, and today's ruling allows the state to continue doing so. The decision also provides clarity to other states who have or who are considering similar laws. To date, 27 states have enacted laws or regulations providing that biological boys may not compete in girls' sports.

BACKGROUND OF THE CASE:

Before the Sports Act took effect, B.P.J., a then-11-year-old male who identifies as female, challenged the Save Women's Sports Act in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, claiming it violated Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause. In July 2021, the district court issued a preliminary injunction, allowing the then-Bridgeport Middle School student to continue competing on the girls' cross-country and track-and-field teams while the case moved forward. In January 2023, after months of discovery and review, the district court reversed itself, dissolved the preliminary injunction, and ruled the Sports Act constitutional by granting summary judgment for West Virginia.

In February 2023, B.P.J. appealed to the Fourth Circuit, which granted B.P.J.'s request to keep playing on the girls' team while the appeal was being decided. Then in April 2024, a divided Fourth Circuit reversed the district court's decision and ruled in favor of B.P.J.

In response, West Virginia appealed to the Supreme Court, and in July 2025, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case. Attorney General JB McCuskey's Solicitor General division, led by Michael Williams, argued the case in January 2026.

Throughout this lengthy case, B.P.J. has participated on girls' sports teams, displacing hundreds of female athletes. As we awaited the Court's ruling, B.P.J., now a sophomore, won the West Virginia State High School Track Championship in shot put.

You can find out more about West Virginia v. BPJ at ago.wv.gov.

Governor Morrisey Unveils Full America250 Celebration Schedule, Highlights Events Across West Virginia

Governor encourages families to celebrate America's 250th anniversary in Charleston and communities throughout all 55 counties

Charleston, W.Va. - Standing before the America250 Wheel at the State Capitol, Governor Patrick Morrisey today unveiled the full schedule for West Virginia's America250 Capital City Celebration and highlighted the many events taking place across the Mountain State as West Virginians prepare to commemorate America's 250th anniversary.

"America's 250th anniversary belongs to every West Virginian," said Governor Morrisey. "Whether you're spending the weekend at the Capitol Complex, attending a hometown parade, ringing bells at noon on Independence Day, or celebrating with neighbors in your own community, this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to honor the ideals that have made America the greatest nation in the world."

The four-day Capital City Celebration begins Thursday, July 2, and features free family entertainment, live music, historical exhibits, artisan vendors, guided Capitol tours, the world's tallest portable Ferris wheel, nightly "Liberty and Lights" projection shows, fireworks, and headline performances by ALABAMA, the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, and The Marshall Tucker Band.

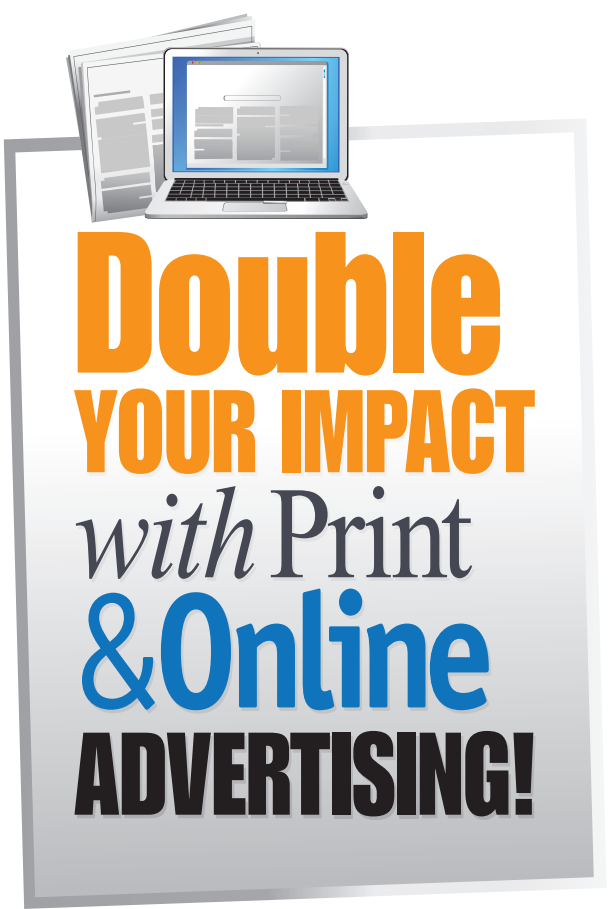
Governor Morrisey plans to attend multiple celebrations across all regions of the state.

The Governor also highlighted West Virginia's statewide America250 initiatives, including more than 50 county mural projects celebrating America's founding, the Statewide Bell-Ringing Initiative at noon on July 4, and community events taking place from the Northern Panhandle to the Southern Coalfields. The statewide mural trail will soon provide visitors another opportunity to experience America's 250th through the artwork created in communities across the Mountain State.

At the Capitol Complex, festivities begin Thursday at 5 p.m. with the opening of the America250 Wheel, Midway Eats & Treats, the Artisan Market, Adventure Zone, History Hub, and guided Capitol tours. Throughout the weekend, visitors can enjoy live entertainment, interactive history exhibits, family activities, and nightly projection mapping on the State Capitol. Friday features ALABAMA in concert and a fireworks spectacular. Saturday includes the official America250 Ceremony honoring Gold Star Families, veterans, and active-duty service members, followed by a performance from the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. The celebration concludes Sunday with additional family activities and a closing concert by The Marshall Tucker Band.

"We want families to create memories they'll still be talking about decades from now, just as many Americans remember our nation's Bicentennial celebration," Governor Morrisey said. "From Martinsburg to Matewan and from Weirton to Welch, there is an America250 celebration nearby. I encourage everyone to get out, celebrate our history, support their local communities, and be part of this historic milestone."

A complete schedule of Capital City Celebration events, along with a statewide calendar of America250 activities, is available at wv250.com.



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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §44-1-4(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Affidavit
1. Richard C. Bingham	43 West McKinsey Rd. Apt. 318 Severna Park, MD 21146	August 5, 2022	March 19, 2026

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
1. Robert Knepshield	14544 E Wagon Trail Dr. Aurora, CO 80015	Son in Law	July 2, 2026

The decedent died owning real estate situate in the State of West Virginia. As reported in the affidavit filed herein, (a) the decedent has left no will as far as is known; (b) no will of the decedent has been presented or probated in this State or in any other jurisdiction; and (c) more than sixty days have passed since the death of the decedent and no personal representative or administrator of the decedent's estate has been otherwise appointed in the State of West Virginia for any proper purpose.

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

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

Enter this 2nd, July 2026.

Clerk of the County Commission
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(2024-C-000004 - CALHOUN COUNTY - RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE)

To: HEFFNER HAROLD C/O JOHN HARALD HEFFNER, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CENTER MAP 5 PARCEL 0048 0000 3002

You will take notice that RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000004, located in CENTER District, SNIDER RIDGE 2 3/4 A SUR 1/3 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HEFFNER HAROLD C/O JOHN HAROLD HEFFNER, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 4, 2025. RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after September 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before August 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 1700.	$	192.64
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024 - 1678.	$	117.34
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	154.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	28.58
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	254.20
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**747.41**

You may redeem at any time before August 31, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand June 23, 2026

Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and
Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the
West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections
Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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(2024-C-000003 - CALHOUN COUNTY - RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE)

To: HEFFNER HAROLD C/O JOHN HARALD HEFFNER, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CENTER MAP 5 PARCEL 0047 0000 3002

You will take notice that RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000003, located in CENTER District, SNIDER RIDGE 1.17 AC SUR 1/3 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HEFFNER HAROLD C/O JOHN HAROLD HEFFNER, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 4, 2025. RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after September 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before August 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 1699.	$	88.66
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024 - 1677.	$	21.28
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	154.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	28.58
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	254.20
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**547.37**

You may redeem at any time before August 31, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand June 23, 2026

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(2024-C-000123 - TUCKER COUNTY - GARNET GAS CORPORATION)

To: MYRTLE MOLLOHAN ESTATE C/O MARY JANE DAGGETT, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS & ASSIGNS OF MYRTLE MOLLOHAN AND MARY JANE DAGGETT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 1630 0000

You will take notice that GARNET GAS CORPORATION, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000123, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/8 29 W F, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MOLLOHAN MYRTLE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on February 9, 2026. GARNET GAS CORPORATION requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after December 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before November 30, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 25473.	$	94.16
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024 - 25544.	$	24.82
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	110.64
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	219.16
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**448.78**

You may redeem at any time before November 30, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand June 15, 2026

Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and
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Local Business Directory Information

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Braidyn Eugene Brannon, 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 16th day of July, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., of said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and Petition said Circuit Court as Calhoun County, West Virginia for an order changing the name of Braidyn Eugene Brannon to Braidyn Eugene Siers, 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 June, 2026.

Maria Arnold
Clerk of Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Braxton Aaron Brannon, 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 16th day of July, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., of said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and Petition said Circuit Court as Calhoun County, West Virginia for an order changing the name of Braxton Aaron Brannon to Braxton Aaron Siers, 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 June, 2026.

Maria Arnold
Clerk of Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Raelynn Brooke Brannon, 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 16th day of July, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., of said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and Petition said Circuit Court as Calhoun County, West Virginia for an order changing the name of Raelynn Brooke Brannon to Raelynn Brooke Siers, 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 June, 2026.

Maria Arnold
Clerk of Court

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PROPER DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS ANNOUNCED -

Submitted by Jeannie Bennett-Yoak, Calhoun County Schools

Policy 4350 is based on requirements of Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended. Requirements specific to records of identified exceptional students are incorporated into this policy.

Records must be maintained for 5 years following the student's graduation. At that time, public notification shall inform parents/eligible students of timelines when personally identifiable information collected, maintained, or used is no longer needed to provide educational services to the student.

If notification is not received from the parent/eligible students requesting that the documentation be mailed to them, records will be destroyed in a timely fashion.

Any student who graduated in 2019 from Calhoun County High School and received special education services while attending elementary or high schools (this includes the gifted program), may contact the COO of Student Services at 304-354-7011, ext. 310, to make arrangements to pick up your file or have it mailed.

If notification has not been received at the Calhoun Board of Education Office by Friday July 31, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., then the 2019 graduating classes special education files will be destroyed. If you are aware of someone who graduated with this class whose records we may be holding, please notify them so they may contact our office before the deadline.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
1. Beverly Knepshield	2343 Remington Rd. Elizabeth, CO 80107	July 6, 2016	October 18, 2005

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Robert Knepshield	14544 E. Wagon Trail Dr. Aurora, CO 80015	Spouse	July 2, 2026

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Nutell Murdayne Boesing	1928 W. Kern Rd. Marion, ID 46952	February 9, 2026	July 1, 2022

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Gregory R. Howes	1664 Sheriana CT NW. Palm Bay, FL 32907	Son	July 2, 2026

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

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

Entered this 2nd day of July, 2026

Clerk of the County Commission
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Richard W. Hosey	Charles R. Hosey	1526 W. Little Kanawha Hwy.
		Grantsville, WV 26147
Connie Louise Smith	Shelly Mace	11468 S. Calhoun Hwy.
		Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

July 2, 2026

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

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **September 2, 2026**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

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

Whitney Butler, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission

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Work continuing on Calhoun Chronicle Church Directory

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

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

APOSTOLIC

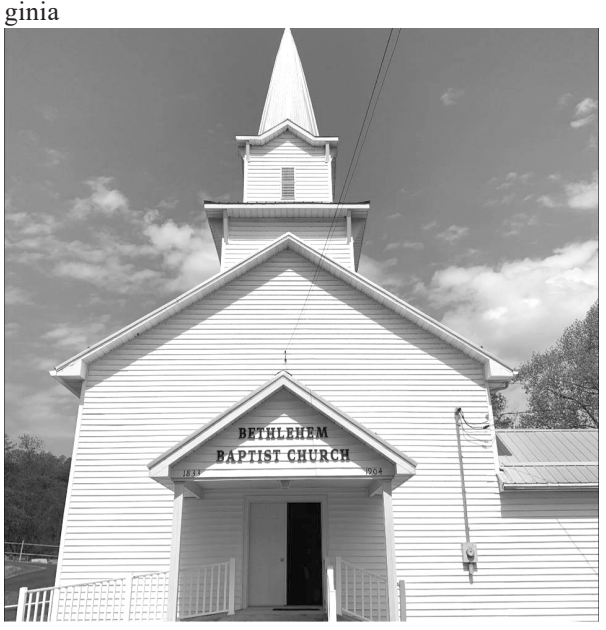
None listed

BAPTIST

The Church at Annamoriah

PASTOR DR. BARRY A. MILLER

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



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Pastor: Tom Law

Route 5 East Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville, WV



Brooksville Church Missionary Baptist

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

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

Chapel Baptist

1710 Nobe Rd Big Springs, WV, 26137, Pastors Harold Francis and Tom Law, Sunday 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



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

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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

CATHOLIC



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

701 Mineral Road, Glenville, WV.

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



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

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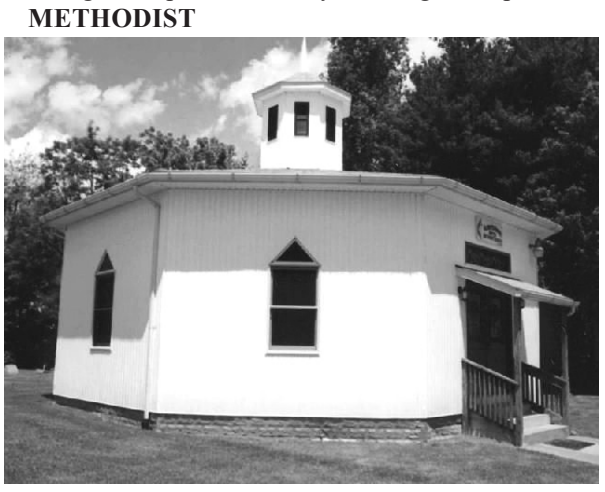


ALBERT'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

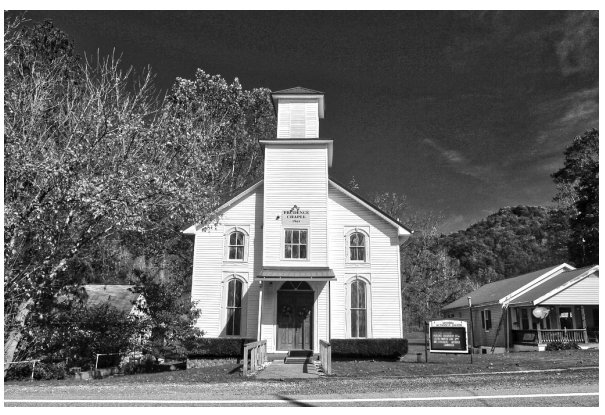
Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am

Mt Zion United Methodist Church



Worship 10:00 am, 304-514-1346

Prudence Chapel



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Walker Church

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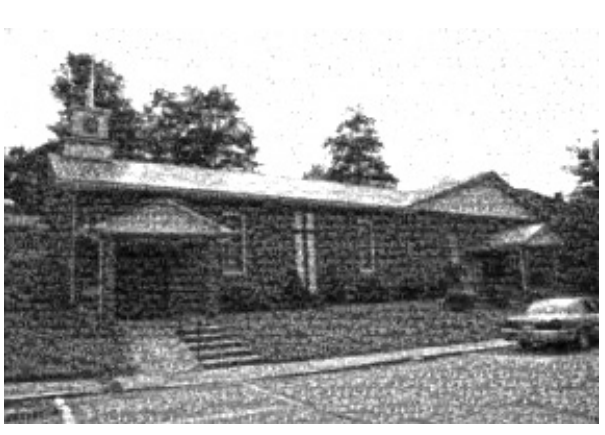
Knotts Memorial Church

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!

Walnut Grove Community Church

6030 Barnes Run Rd

Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

Pastor Clark Samples

Sunday 10 AM & 6 PM

Thursday 7 PM

Updates are posted on our Facebook page, Walnut Grove Community Church



Governor Morrisey Announces $2.4 Million Investment to Expand Worksite Clinics Across West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Governor Patrick Morrisey today announced a $2.4 million investment to expand access to worksite-based healthcare services across West Virginia. Through the state's Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), the funding will expand employer-based health services and strengthen workforce participation as part of the Health to Prosperity (HTP) initiative. With this announcement, total funding opportunities and implementation initiatives under RHTP now exceed $88.5 million.

"A stronger workforce starts with a healthier workforce," said Governor Morrisey. "Too many West Virginians leave the workforce or struggle to stay employed because manageable health conditions go untreated. By bringing preventive care and occupational health services closer to where people work, we're helping people stay healthier, remain on the job, and strengthening our workforce at the same time."

The funding will support organizations with experience operating employer-based or occupational health models to design, launch, and scale worksite clinics across the state. These clinics will deliver services that prioritize prevention, early intervention, and care coordination for common chronic conditions that frequently interfere with employment, including, but not limited to, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, musculoskeletal conditions, and substance use disorder.

Grantees will be required to stand up new or expanded clinic services on an accelerated timeline, with initial operations expected within 90 days of award. Programs should focus on stabilizing employee health, improving functional ability to perform job duties, and reducing avoidable work disruptions caused by unmanaged health conditions.

Worksite clinics supported through this initiative are intended to provide a mix of services, including:

- Preventive screenings and health risk assessments
- Occupational health services and work readiness support
- Care coordination and referrals to primary care, behavioral health, and recovery services
- Targeted support for managing chronic conditions that impact workforce participation

"For many West Virginians, health challenges can disrupt their ability to stay employed," said Secretary of Health Dr. Arvin Singh. "This effort connects healthcare and employment in a practical way, ensuring individuals have access to the services they need to remain healthy, productive, and on the job."

The program emphasizes scalable, sustainable models that can expand across employers and communities over time, with a long-term focus on strengthening employer-supported health infrastructure, particularly in rural and high-need areas.

Eligible applicants may access the active solicitation through the state's procurement and grants management system at wvOASIS.gov. Interested organizations are encouraged to review the full material packet for detailed eligibility requirements, submission instructions, and key deadlines. Additional information will be shared through an upcoming AFA release webinar.

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President Trump Signs Executive Order Advancing Regenerative Agriculture; Secretary Rollins Announces USDA Rule to Unlock Billions for American Farmers

Washington, June 25, 2026 – On the heels of President Donald J. Trump signing an Executive Order advancing regenerative agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Brooke L. Rollins simultaneously announced a final Regenerative Feedstock Rule, a landmark action that will help farmers voluntarily capture new value from regenerative agricultural practices through biofuel markets.

The announcement builds upon President Trump's historic record of support for American agriculture and domestic biofuels. From delivering nationwide year-round E15, establishing the highest Renewable Volume Obligations in American history, and extending the 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit through the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, the Trump Administration has consistently expanded markets for America's farmers while strengthening U.S. energy independence. Today's Executive Order and USDA's Regenerative Feedstock Rule provide the next critical step by ensuring producers have a practical pathway to benefit from those expanding markets.

"Today's USDA's Regenerative Feedstock Rule put farmers, not Washington bureaucrats, in the driver's seat. Instead of mandates, we're creating market opportunities. Farmers who choose to implement regenerative practices will have new opportunities to earn premium prices, lower their input costs, improve soil health, and strengthen the long-term profitability of their operations," said Secretary Rollins. This is exactly what President Trump's America First agenda looks like: empowering farmers and ranchers, supporting rural communities, driving lower input costs, improving farmer profitability, advancing regenerative agriculture, and helping Make America Healthy Again."

Together, President Trump's Executive Order and USDA's Regenerative Feedstock Rule represent the most significant market-driven effort ever undertaken to reward America's farmers for voluntarily implementing regenerative practices while producing the crops that fuel America's growing bioeconomy.

The Regenerative Feedstock Rule establishes a framework to connect regenerative agriculture practices to new markets within the biofuel supply chain for corn, soybeans, sorghum, and spring canola. These standards include:

Covered biofuel feedstock crops and participating entities throughout the supply chain;

Field-level quantification of crop-specific carbon intensity;

Mass balance chain-of-custody standards, including traceability and recordkeeping;

Auditing and verification requirements; and

Regenerative agriculture practice standards for covered feedstock crops.

USDA is also releasing an updated USDA Feedstock Carbon Intensity Calculator (USDA FD-CIC) to help producers quantify regenerative practices such as cover crops, and improved nutrient management, and conservation tillage—including no-till and reduced tillage. Producers can use the resulting reports when marketing eligible feedstocks to participating biofuel producers.

The new framework creates significant opportunities for America's leading biofuel feedstock producers. American farmers currently produce approximately 6 billion bushels of corn used annually for ethanol production, with 68 percent of corn farmers already implementing at least one regenerative practice. Likewise, producers grow approximately 1.8 billion bushels of soybeans for biofuel production, while 70 percent of soybean farmers already utilize at least one regenerative practice. As participation grows, USDA expects the rule to expand premium market opportunities for producers across the country.

The Regenerative Feedstock Rule supports President Trump's broader agenda to strengthen rural America by expanding domestic markets, promoting American energy dominance, reducing regulatory burdens, encouraging regenerative agriculture, and ensuring America's farmers remain the most productive and competitive in the world.

These actions build on USDA's Regenerative Pilot Program that provided $700 million to help American farmers adopt practices that improve soil health, enhance water quality, and boost long-term productivity, all while strengthening America's food and fiber supply. Under this pilot USDA has already completed over 67,000 whole farm conservation plans, covering more than 49 million acres and over 1,500 conservation contracts worth more than $200 million.

Additional information about the Regenerative Feedstock Rule and the USDA Feedstock Carbon Intensity Calculator will be available at USDA.gov once posted to the Federal Register.

Congressman Riley M. Moore Applauds Completion of House Appropriations Committee Work on FY27 Funding Bills

June 25, 2026

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Riley M. Moore applauded the House Appropriations Committee for successfully advancing all 12 Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations bills through both the subcommittee and full committee process, marking a major step toward restoring regular order and fulfilling Congress's constitutional responsibility to fund the federal government.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Moore highlighted the committee's work to strengthen national security, support American energy production, rein in wasteful spending, and advance President Trump's America First agenda while delivering responsible funding solutions for the American people.

Throughout the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations process, House Republicans have focused on reducing unnecessary federal spending, increasing oversight and accountability, supporting law enforcement and border security, strengthening America's military, and promoting economic growth through energy dominance and regulatory reform.

The completion of committee action on all 12 appropriations bills represents a significant milestone in the effort to return Congress to a transparent and orderly budgeting process. The House is continuing its work this week to advance funding legislation and ensure government operations remain focused on serving the American people.

Congressman Moore remains committed to working with his colleagues on the Appropriations Committee to deliver fiscally responsible funding measures that prioritize national security, economic prosperity, and the interests of West Virginia families.

Congressman Riley M. Moore released the following statement:

"I want to commend Chairman Cole and every member of the House Appropriations Committee for the tremendous work that went into advancing all 12 FY-27 appropriations bills out of committee. Completing our work on schedule is a testament to the Chairman's leadership. His dedication to responsible governance and delivering results for the American people is truly unmatched. These bills strengthen our national security, support American energy dominance, rein in wasteful spending, and advance President Trump's America First agenda. I'm proud of what we have accomplished together, and I am grateful for Chairman Cole's steadfast leadership."