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PJM Implements Electric Supply Load Management Protocols As Heat Wave Drives Demand

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, West Virginia Metro News's T. J. Meadows reported that PJM Interconnection had undertaken a preload emergency management reduction action across its system. This measure came in response to the Independence Day Week heat wave that has settled in the Eastern United States.

It also released a Maximum Generation Alert for July 3.

That said, the organization also stated that "this alert does not require any action from customers."

PJM Interconnection, according to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, "operates a competitive wholesale energy market and manages the reliability of its transmission grid." That grid serves the Mid Atlantic and part of the Midwest into the Chicago area.

Its main pillars of energy production rest on facilities in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Its job lies in both ensuring the reliability of electric power while trying to keep consumer costs as low as possible. They do this through promoting grid capacity by encouraging adding supply to meet demand and also for added transmission lines to carry the increasing burden of national power demands.

West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrissey along with the West Virginia State Legislature have enacted policies to help PJM Interconnection meet rising demand in

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Coming Together As One Community to Celebrate America 250







Calhoun County Park was the center of patriotic partying for Independence Day. Music was served up first when John Richards took the stage, followed by the Flat River Band. A memorable fireworks display followed.
Also, Louisa Chapel was asked to honor the courage of the 13 original states by ringing its bells for each of them.



West Virginia Army veteran George Bell and his new best friend Ozzie. He received this specially trained service dog due to military service related trauma

K9s For Warriors Connects Veterans With Service Dogs to Find Peace of Mind

By Stephen Smoot

Last week at an awards luncheon honoring female veterans Maria Saunders, a 15-year veteran of the United States Army and West Virginia State Chaplain for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, shared her story of trauma and pain.

Through her time in the military, she experienced the loss by suicide of three comrades-in-arms. The trauma in too many ways defined her career, but now she uses her experience to counsel others.

During her talk, she noted metaphorically that "you carry a ruck with you and eventually that ruck gets heavy." The weight of it, she explained, nearly drove her to suicide herself. Reconnecting with her family and with God helped her to find her purpose. Often, an emotional catalyst can help lead veterans towards finding productive purpose.

And so many veterans have to carry that "ruck" of experiences, good, bad, and sometimes even traumatic, when they exit the military and return to civilian life. The weight of that ruck can make the adjustment difficult and loved ones may often bear the brunt of that burden, even if the veteran him or herself would never intentionally lay their problems on them.

K9s For Warriors offers help in carrying those emotions and experiences through a unique service that provides veterans who left the service with different kinds of emotional and physical trauma with a support dog and help. Both the experience given on their campus and the presence of a trained emotional support animal help to provide that catalyst that can help point the way forward.

George Bell of Old Fields spent eight years in the service of his country. The weight of missing time with his family, weddings, funerals, and all of the other rituals and joys of children, family, and extended family took place with him absent. This compounded trauma for Bell and left him lost in ways also described by Saunders when she exited the service.

He shared how his wife and family watched him struggle and faced challenges right alongside of him, then eventually they told Bell, as he put it, "George,

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Making a Joyful Noise On Barnes Run Since Before the Civil War, Walnut Grove Community Church Confidently Eyes the Future

By Stephen Smoot

You come as you are to the Walnut Grove Community Church, a site from which souls have sought solace in the Spirit and Word of God since 1858. You can come joyful or broken, old or young, rich or poor, all who come find a happy countenance on every face and a hand extended in fellowship.

That church has served congregations for nearly 170 years and has the heart to carry its ministry far into the future. It also has roots into the earliest reaches of Calhoun County history.

Phillip W. Starcher, whose family hailed from the German states of Central Europe, started life in Hampshire County in 1780 and, like many others seeking more open land and opportunity, took his family west. His family name had been anglicized from Statzer, as many Germans did when coming to America in those days. He brought with him to Central West Virginia his Methodist faith and, as Bob Weaver of the Hur Herald noted, hosted the first official sermon in the county at his home.

Methodism came to the mountains and hills of west-

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Walnut Grove Community Church has served Barnes Run since 1958 and is still going strong due to the faith and love shared by its congregation

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.

When Life Gives You Tomatoes… Make Pie!

If you keep a garden, you know the feeling. Along about the first week of July, your tomato plants stop being polite about it. What started as a hopeful handful of green orbs back in May turns, almost overnight, into a full-blown invasion: vines heavy, counters covered, and neighbors suddenly harder to find because they know good and well what's in that grocery sack you're carrying up their porch steps.



Around these parts, the tomato sandwich handles most of that overflow, and rightly so. White bread, a smear of mayonnaise, a thick slice still warm from the sun, a little salt, and for me a metric ton of black pepper. There's nothing wrong with it. There's a reason it's survived a hundred summers.

But when the vines really get going, a sandwich can only eat so many tomatoes. So this year, before you find yourself leaving bags on porches and ringing doorbells like it's Halloween, I want to introduce you to the tomato sandwich's fancier, more filling cousin: the layered, cheesy, mayonnaise-bound classic that turns a garden glut into a genuine centerpiece.

It's not complicated. It just takes a little patience, mostly in the draining, which is the one step you cannot skip. Skip it, and you'll end up with soup in a crust instead of a pie. Do it right, and you'll have something worth fighting your sister over the last slice.

Here's how we build it.

Tomato Pie

Yield: 1 (9-inch) pie

Time: 1 hour, plus 30 minutes draining and chilling and 3 hours cooling

2 (9-inch) Pie Dough Rounds

2 lbs Ripe Beefsteak Tomatoes, cored and cut into ¼-inch slices

½ t Salt

¼ C Duke's Mayonnaise (you can use other mayo, but I think we know Duke's is the best, right?)

4 t Cornstarch

1½ C Sharp Cheddar Cheese, grated

4 ea Scallions, sliced thin

DRAIN TOMATOES: Arrange the tomato slices on a paper towel-lined baking sheet and sprinkle with the salt. Let them drain for 30 minutes, then press with more paper towels until they're as dry as you can get them. Don't rush this part — it's the difference between a pie and a puddle.

ROLL DOUGH: While the tomatoes drain, roll one dough round out on a lightly floured surface into a 12-inch circle (skip this step if you're using a store-bought crust). Transfer it to a 9-inch pie plate, letting the excess hang over the edge, cover with plastic, and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Roll the second round into a 12-inch circle and refrigerate it as well.

ASSEMBLE PIE: Adjust your oven rack to the lowest position and heat the oven to 450 degrees. In a bowl, mix the mayonnaise, cornstarch, and ¼ cup of the cheese until well combined. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the bottom of the dough-lined pie plate. Layer a third of the tomatoes over the cheese, spread half the mayonnaise mixture over top, and sprinkle with half the scallions. Repeat with another third of the tomatoes, the remaining mayonnaise mixture, and the remaining scallions, then finish with the last of the tomatoes on top.

CRIMP CRUST: Lay the top crust over the pie, press the two crusts together, then trim, fold, and crimp the edges. Cut four small vent holes in the top crust. Place the pie on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes, then lower the oven to 325 degrees and continue baking until the crust is golden brown, about 55 minutes more. Cool on a wire rack at least 3 hours. Serve at room temperature.

Enjoy, friends! And if the tomatoes are still winning out there in your garden, you know who to call. Oh, and if you want to see a video of how to make it, check out the first season of my Recipes & Roadmaps series on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zGknBNzouM

Happy anniversary, America

PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

Happy 250th anniversary, America.

You've come a long way over the years and have been a beacon of light for many huddled in the darkness of political oppression.

The United States came into existence in 1776.

Fifty years later, in 1826, Samuel Morey patented an internal combustion engine.

Our nation's centennial year was marked by the invention of the telephone and the first two-day telephone conversation over outdoor wires. It also saw the first public exhibition of an electric light in San Francisco.

One-hundred-fifty years into our history, Congress passed an act licensing pilots and planes for commercial travel. The first film with sound was launched by the Warner Brothers. And Henry Ford announced an 8-hour workday.

Only 50 years later, as we celebrated our 200th year as a nation, the first American spacecraft touched down safely on Mars. We had put human feet on the moon much earlier. Conrail was formed to save seven bankrupt railroads in the East and the Midwest. Apple Computers was founded.

Who knows what technological advances we will see over the next 50 years?

This year marks the 113th year of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

The Commission came into existence following a state Supreme Court ruling in 1910 that struck down legislative ratemaking.

Since its inception, the Commission's regulatory duties have expanded far beyond the original boundaries that covered railroad, telephone, gas, and electric company regulations.

We began regulating motor carriers in 1937.

In 1979, the independent Consumer Advocate Division was added to our jurisdiction to represent consumers before the Commission.

The Commission's authority now involves electric rates, gas, water, wastewater, motor carriers, trash haulers, gas pipeline safety and transmission, inspections of trains, railroad cars, and some supervisory responsibility over railroad crossings.

We regulate aspects of taxis, limousines, and towing services, broadband, and a wide range of telecommunications activities. We deal with cable TV in a limited way. We resolve problems dealing with utility pole attachments, oversee veterans' grave markers, and we also have general supervision over the operation of 50,000 fire hydrants in the state.

The three members of the Commission oversee all these operations and ratemaking with a staff that totals about 200.

It's a lot of responsibility and, like our nation, it is a duty that constantly evolves.

We look forward to many more years of our nation's growth and eagerly anticipate the future. We also await what new vistas will open before the Public Service Commission.

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

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

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

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

Citizenship in a Republic

By Stephen Smoot

In April of 1910, Theodore Roosevelt crossed the Atlantic to bring some New World wisdom to share with the Old. The speech is called both "Citizenship in a Republic" for its topic and "The Man in the Arena" for its vivid imagery of the active citizen living a productive life for himself, his family, his community, and his country.

Citizenship means more than being a legal citizen. That serves as the general theme of a speech that tackles several different important areas of life. Since the start of the American Republic, citizens have understood that the blessings of liberty and prosperity do not simply fall as rain into cisterns below. A true citizen understands that those blessings are secured by hard work, by self-discipline, by thrifty budgeting, and by preparing for the worst while also hoping for the best.

Roosevelt went one step further. He shared that "the life of material gain, whether for a nation or an individual, is of value only as a foundation, only as there is added to it the uplift that comes from devotion to loftier ideals." In his time, Andrew Carnegie came to the United States with very little. He worked hard and wisely, building up United States Steel into an international titan.

He then spent most of his accumulated fortune in his later years paying to construct and fill local public libraries. Each adorned the streets as an architectural masterpiece while the books inside edified the mind. One cannot imagine all the good those books did to inspire millions of minds over many decades. Cornelius Vanderbilt constructed an institution of higher learning, as did Henry Gassaway Davis and Stephen B. Elkins.

That leads into one of Roosevelt's other points, that "the average citizen must be a good citizen if our republics (he referred to both those of the United States and France) are to succeed." He applied an apt metaphor, stating that "the stream will not permanently rise higher than the main source."

If the average citizen works hard, conducts himself with self-discipline and respect, and follows practical wisdom instead of intemperate emotionalism, the body politic will naturally give rise to a representative republic that functions well. "Therefore," he said, "it behooves us to do our best to see that the standard of the average citizen is kept high."

Yet that standard does not equate at all merely to intellect and education. The best citizens in this perspective are often farmers, tradesmen, and others who may not have attended a formal university, but whose life experience has taught them wisdom and practicality. Roosevelt warns more against "the man of learning, the man of lettered leisure" who would "pose to himself and others as a cynic, as the man who has outgrown emotions and beliefs, the man to whom good and evil are one."

"The poorest way to face life is to face it with a sneer," stated Roosevelt, who added that "there is no more unhealthy being, no man less worthy of respect, than he who holds, or feigns to hold, an attitude of sneering disbelief toward all that is great and lofty," especially "a readiness to criticize work which the critic himself never tries to perform."

Usually a person such as Roosevelt described "permits refinement to develop into fastidiousness that unfits him to do the rough work of a workaday world." Such a person silos him or herself from people who do such work every day, yet do not shrink from spinning fantasies about the lifestyles of such people and how their peculiar ideals could save them all, even from themselves.

Additionally, he saves his most strict criticism for the person "who wishes to do great things for humanity in the abstract, but who cannot keep his wife in comfort or educate his children." Though likely not thinking of them specifically, he accurately described the fathers of Communism, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, who refused to work and whose families were kept alive via help from their business-owning parents.

Social media has given voice to the opposite of "the man in the arena," especially those whose work and position mean that he or she must make tough decisions regularly, taking care of those who work under them and the responsibilities of the organization as a whole.

Says Roosevelt, "the credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcoming."

On the other hand, social media hammers the "man in the arena" mostly because the individual is visible. People sit behind screens and lash out with their keyboards at individuals regardless of whether they even understand the underlying issues or not.

For example, the German World Cup soccer superfan Freddy deactivated the X account he used to share his joy in traveling through small towns and cities, mostly in the South. The vitriol directed at him came from a minority of users, but forced him to take it down because it was no longer fun to share his pure joy at everyday Americana.

He was, however, rewarded with an invitation to join President Donald Trump at the White House.

More locally, some have chosen to attack Governor Patrick Morrissey for the expense of putting together a better-than-first class celebration of America 250. This includes the largest "observation wheel" in the world temporarily set on the Capitol grounds.

There is something wonderful about West Virginians getting to experience something both grand and rare, to get a chance to participate in, or even just observe, something grandparents will be telling grandchildren about decades from now.

Slamming the Governor for bringing such a celebration to a once in a lifetime event because it costs money is the exact same as bashing the City of Charleston for spending much more on their iconic Sternwheel Regatta when they have a homeless problem. Or stating that no town, city, or county should spend funds on community festivals, fairs, or celebrations because those resources could be used elsewhere.

Social media and podcasting makes every human being, potentially, a journalist in the most loose form. People who report news in any aspect can be said to be practicing it, even if they themselves do not think so. What Roosevelt stated about the evils of journalism, social media has amplified with the speed of distribution. "Mendacity, slander, sensationalism, inanity, vapid triviality, all are potent factors for the debauchery of the public mind and conscience." Social media amplifies vindictiveness without calling out for accuracy. Effect is measured in rage stoked, not truths told.

And no one is more acutely aware of that than the Jewish people of the United States, now actively persecuted in many major cities and on the campuses of too many colleges and universities who call themselves "elite." If a college or university tolerates hatred of Jews, they are protectors of the most mindless ignorance in modern civilization and no longer can call themselves "elites."

Citizenship, versus simply being a citizen, means that a person works to better themselves and their families because prosperity from productivity is the most sustainable measure of progress.

That said, if the values of the average citizen fall into laziness, complaint, and bitterness, that of the nation will as well.

The lesson from this is that a good citizen will be guided by wisdom, life experience, and learning. Taking cues from social media, podcasts, or other sources that would tend to maximize emotion over facts, bitterness over reasonable expectations of life, and lashing out without understanding, will undermine and erode the good that positive citizenship produces.

Also, the traditional values that Americans have used to elevate themselves in their lives remain true today. Conditions change, the pathways to success change, but the fundamentals do not. Work hard, respect yourself, maintain self-discipline, and resist the temptation to be resentful of those who have enjoyed more success in some field.

That is what a good citizen looks like and they form the societies on which great nations are constructed.

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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.

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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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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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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, Pep- pers 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 sand- wich 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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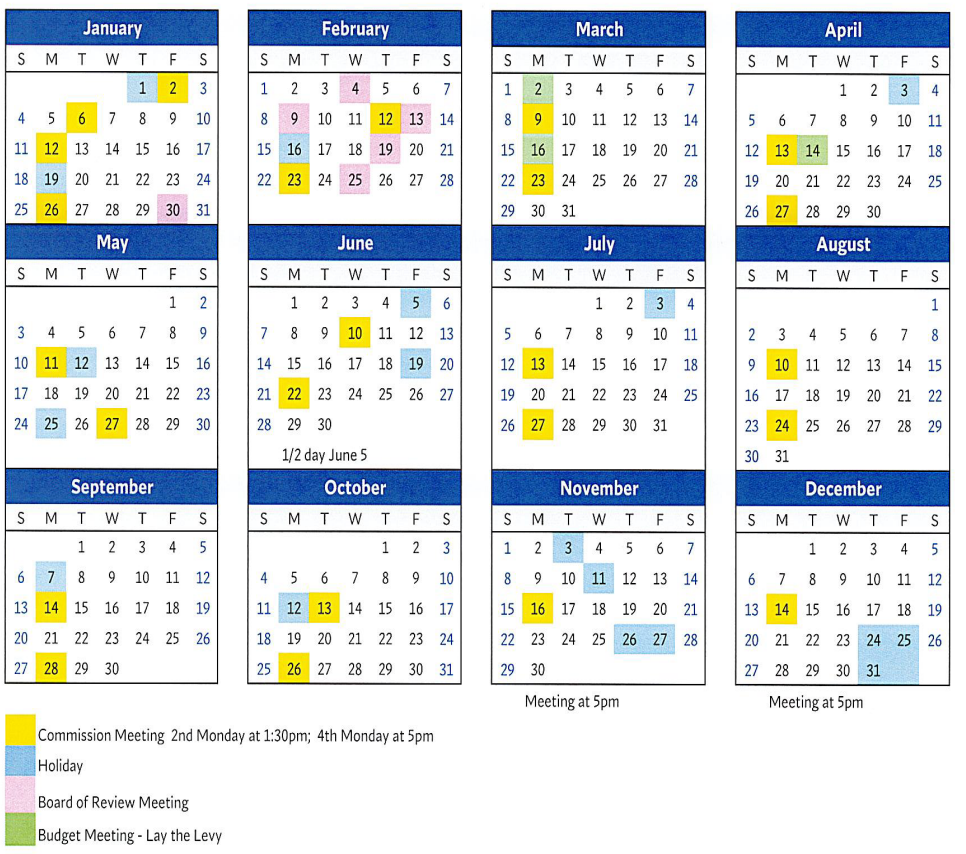

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Data Centers Will Generate Massive Revenues For Host Counties, But All Will Get Some

By Stephen Smoot

Coverage of the development of data centers in West Virginia has generated a great deal of discussion over their role and impact, but little has been reported as of yet about their expected revenue benefits to local government.

One of the fears that some share about their development in West Virginia comes from the history of industrialization between the Civil War and World War I. Industrial Revolution development in West Virginia focused mainly on "upstream" development, including the extraction of timber and coal resources, mostly for use elsewhere.

Coal went to Pittsburgh and Baltimore for steel. Timber was often shipped to paper mills situated a few miles on the wrong side of the West Virginia State Line. While mills did produce boards, much of the product went out of state for further refining.

The natural gas industry, among many others, uses a river metaphor to describe points of production. Upstream refers to the extraction phase, midstream to transportation and storage, and downstream the phase of refinement and distribution.

Constructing data centers as a market for West Virginia power plants, who themselves serve as markets for West Virginia coal, natural gas, solar, and wind power production, encompasses the entire "river." Unlike in the Industrial Revolution where the state extracted and shipped out, the Mountain State now encompasses the entirety of the economic benefit.

One of the most understated factors, however, lies in the expected revenues to come from these centers.

Delegate Daniel Linville (R-Cabell) posted on his site an automatic calculator to show the tax revenue benefits that could accrue to local schools and County governments if they hosted a data center in their county. State law requires that these centers also pay County levies as well. They also, according to HB 2014 (2025) cannot enter into any payment in lieu of taxes arrangements

Additionally, if the new data center is located in another county, 10 percent of revenues from that get distributed amongst the 54 other counties in the state. Those go to County governments.

The calculator estimates revenues based on centers up to eight gigawatts in power. Most in West Virginia will be smaller than that due to land limitations.

If a one gigawatt data center located in Calhoun County, $16,063,200 would go directly to the Calhoun County Schools. The Calhoun County Commission would receive $11,020,680 to put into the cost of County services and any other needs.

If Calhoun County had a levy of any sort, the data center would have to pay its full share. For example, if a one gigawatt center opened in Kanawha County, it would also receive a base revenue for its schools of just over $16 million, just like Calhoun County. It would then receive an additional $63.3 million for beneficiaries of its levy.

If a one gigawatt center was constructed in any other county in West Virginia, the Calhoun County Commission would receive just over $32,000. The center proposed for Tucker County will likely open with two GW capacity that will increase over time. That alone would provide Calhoun County initially with just over $64,000 a year.

As more data centers are constructed, each county will continue to see its shares in that revenue add up annually.

The revenues expected from data centers only represent one section of the larger picture that involves the natural resource extraction and also power generation industries within the state. Counties that host natural gas wells and coal mining operations will see benefits from expanded production, as well as those seeing development in power generation.





Public Open House • Valley North Transmission Project

PJM Interconnection LLC, the federally regulated regional transmission operator, selected the Valley North Transmission Line Project as a forward-thinking solution to strengthen the region's electric transmission backbone, support long term reliability and help drive economic growth for decades to come. The Valley North Project was developed by Valley Link Transmission, LLC, a joint venture between Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy Transmission and Transource Energy (jointly owned by American Electric Power and Evergy) to build the modern infrastructure needed to keep electricity reliable and affordable for homes, businesses and growing industries across the Mid-Atlantic region. The project is still in its early stages, and we're committed to keeping the process open and collaborative. Right now, we're reviewing potential study segments by looking at environmental, cultural and land use information, along with feedback from landowners and the community.

We invite landowners and interested parties to attend an upcoming open house for the proposed Valley North Transmission Line Project.

The Valley North Project will build approximately 260 miles of new 765 kV electric transmission line between Putnam County, West Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland. It also includes two new substations in Hardy County, West Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland. This project increases the electric grid's capacity to deliver electricity across the region, reducing the risk of outages and improving reliability.

We are hosting open houses across multiple counties, and you are welcome to attend whichever one fits your schedule. The open houses will feature information stations where you can learn about the project and speak to team members one-on-one at your own pace.

There is no formal presentation, so you're welcome to stop by whenever it's convenient for you. All open houses will be held from **4 to 7:30 p.m.** Doors will open at 4 p.m. All open house locations are available on our project website at ***vltransmission.com/valley-north.***

Community input plays an important role. It helps us understand what matters most to your community, learn about any potential impacts and find ways to reduce those impacts as we move forward.

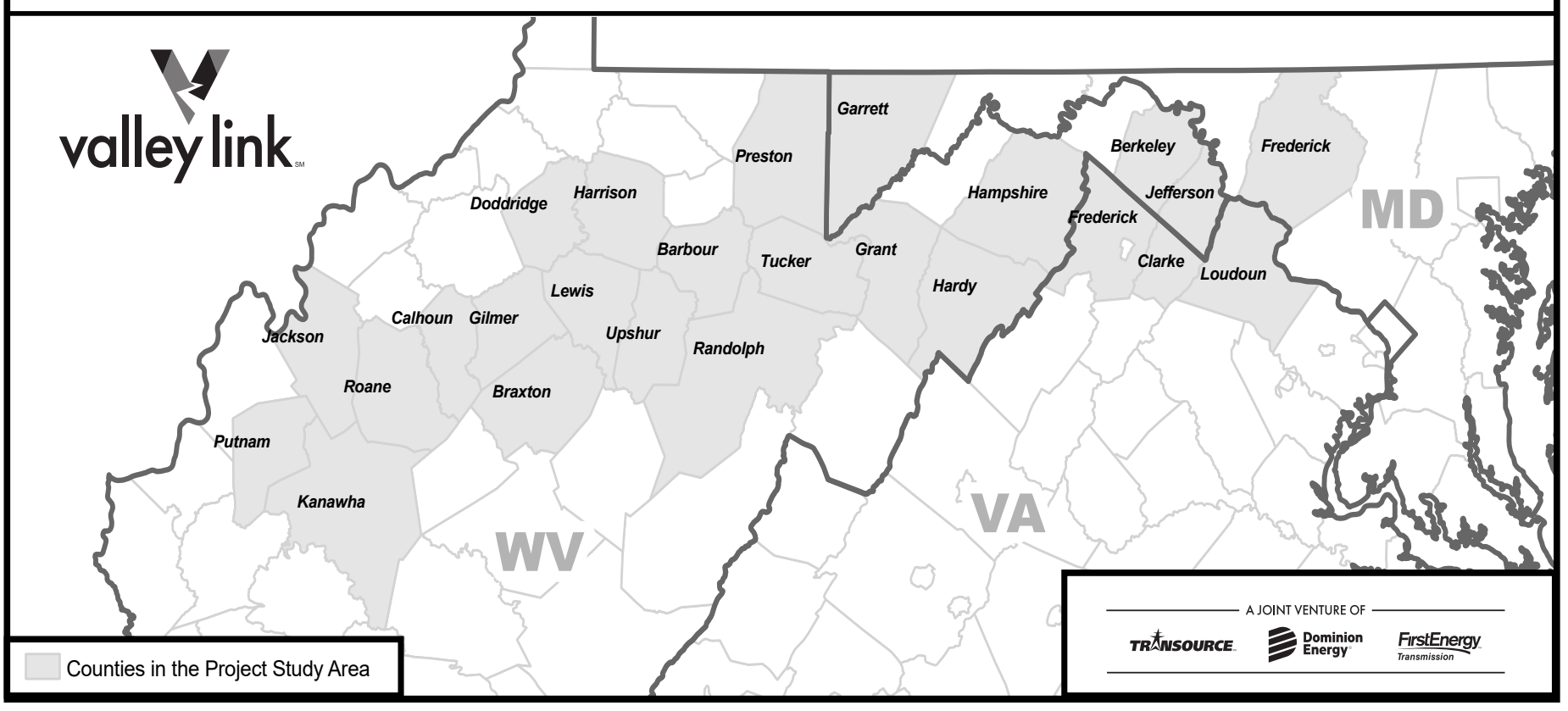
There is an open house near you. Please join us!

Wednesday, July 22, 2026
Calhoun County, WV
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Calhoun County Middle-High School
50 Underwood Circle
Mt. Zion, WV 26151

Wednesday, July 22, 2026
Gilmer County, WV
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Glenville State University Waco Center
921 Mineral Road
Glenville, WV 26351

Can't attend an open house? Visit ***www.vltransmission.com/valley-north*** for project materials and additional open house details.

vltransmission.com/valley-north
vlnorth@vltransmission.com
(304) 207-0120



2026 CRESTON ATV POKER RUN

July 25, 2026, Creston Community Building, 340 Ann's Run Road, Creston WV 26141
(Creston is 13 miles from the town of Elizabeth and 14 miles from the town of Grantsville on WV Route 5.)
For information please call (304) 275-3578 or (304) 275-0006
Registration sign-up begins at 9:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm.
$10.00 Entry Fee



Winners:
1st Place: 30% - 2nd Place: 10% - 3rd Place: 10%

ALL STATE ATV REGULATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED!
No 2 Wheelers are allowed.
No backpacks are allowed in the community building.
All riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet.
All score cards MUST be checked at each station or the rider will be disqualified.
This will be a leisurely ride, not a race.



Proceeds will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the community building and grounds. These funds are also used for community events.
The Creston Community Building is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

UHC Family Medicine Residency Program Graduation

All Six Graduates Passed the American Board of Family Medicine Certification Exams and Exceeded the National Average

Bridgeport, W.Va.—Shaping the future of medicine and health care is exactly what six graduates from the United Hospital Center Family Medicine Residency program wanted to accomplish. On Friday, June 26, 2026, these residents graduated with a ceremony held at The "O" by Oliverio's.

The 2026 Family Medicine Residency Program graduates included: Ana Baltierra, MD; William Crystal, MD; Ashley McNicholas, DO; Eesha Jamil, MD; Emmy Mathew, MD; and Hannah Teaff, DO.

"As these new physicians go on to change the future of health care in West Virginia and beyond, we wish this class well, as I am extremely proud of their many achievements," said Eric Radcliffe, M.D., program director. "I am pleased that WVU Medicine United Hospital Center helped in preparing these physicians for a career in medicine."

During their three years of training, the residents rotated with many of the UHC specialists and maintained patients in the Family Medicine Clinic. After completion of residency requirements, all graduates passed all eligible Family Medicine Board Certification Exams, exceeding the national average scores. The UHC Family Medicine Residency Program has maintained a 100% pass rate with the ABFM for over a decade and with the AOBFP for more than 30 years.

Several awards were presented to the graduates, including the Resident Teacher Award, Top Certification Exam Score, Highest Patient Volume, Quality C.A.R.E., and Resident Scholarship Awards.

Members of the 48th graduating class at UHC Family Medicine Residency Program include from left: Ana Baltierra, MD; William Crystal, MD; Ashley McNicholas, DO; Eesha Jamil, MD; Emmy Mathew, MD; and Hannah Teaff, DO. Since the program's inception, 310 Family Medicine physicians have completed the program.



About WVU Medicine United Hospital Center
United Hospital Center (UHC) is the result of a merger between St. Mary's and Union Protestant hospitals in 1970. This bold move provides North Central West Virginia with a regional community hospital that offers a vast array of services. The new UHC opened in 2010 and is located along I-79 in Bridgeport. The 736,403 square foot structure rises eight stories. It is designed around the environment with patient, family, employees, and community in mind, which includes enhanced patient privacy, a high level of technological integration, and improved access to care. The acute care facility has 312 private inpatient rooms and a medical staff that consists of more than 366 physicians, advanced practice providers, and allied health professionals. UHC has more than 2,613 employees and is a member of WVU Medicine (West Virginia United Health System). For more information about UHC, please visit uhcwv.org.

CHURCH

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ern, later West, Virginia often through the ministry of Bishop Francis Asbury. He was inspired because "many thousands of poor souls have we to seek out in the wilds of America." Rough frontier life often bred rough ways, some of which dated back to ancestors in the north British border country or Central Europe. Settlers enjoyed corn liquor and huge parties around bonfires when resting from the hard work of making a life directly from the land.

Asbury wrote in his journal that many were "but one remove from the Indians (and are) comparatively worse in their morals than the savages themselves."

Men like Phillip Starcher and his family, however, were determined to not only make a life, but also build a civilization for themselves and those who came after.

And for them, civilization started with a church.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. at Walnut Grove, but no one really has their eyes on a clock. The congregation greets each other not as acquaintances seen on Sunday, but as a true church family. Warmly, people share the news of the week of family, of work on the farm, and of times past. When the congregation finishes greeting each other, the service commences.

In the 1800s, Methodists relied on "circuit rider" preachers to tend to the flock. They came as often as possible to remote settlements, such as those emerging in Calhoun County from the 1830s through the Civil War. They followed the example of Bishop Asbury, who wrote of one of his journeys from one church to another that "one of the descents is like the roof of a house for nearly a mile. I rode, I walked, I sweated, I trembled, and my old knees failed."

For God and for His faithful people, such men strove to overcome the wilderness itself to spread the Word and bring the ways of the Bible to the people.

Church opens up with a laugh at Walnut Grove. Everyone treats each other as family, so good natured banter for most of the service is the order of the day. The light hearted way that all treat each other balances out the seriousness of bringing the experience of the Holy Spirit, the love of Jesus Christ, and the expectations of God the Father to the people.

Services start with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, then to the Christian Flag and the Holy Bible. A pledge is also recited to support the people and nation of Israel, God's Chosen People in the Bible.

Then comes the sharing of blessings. For some, a week of heat and sun to allow for conveniently getting the hay in is a blessing. Others talked of being thankful for family, for air conditioning, for the opportunity to once again come together for salvation. All are thankful to come to the Lord in fellowship. Once again, those in attendance rose up and happily greeted each other.

A few dozen had come on this Sunday July 5. All noted that they missed the presence of the younger members of the church, many of whom had gone off to help celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States.

One of Phillip Starcher's sons, William "Billy Bluehead", had already founded the Dry Hill Church in the West Fork of the Little Kanawha. It was originally named "the Bluehead Church" for him, according to Weaver. "Billy Bluehead" then turned his attention to the settlers collecting on Barnes Run.

By 1858, he had established a meeting and school house there. Seven of the original 10 subscribers came from the Starcher family, which is entirely appropriate given the family atmosphere of the church in its services. As Weaver quoted from the founding documents, they wrote that "we the undersigned doth agree to pay William Starcher, Henry Brannan, and Alford Starcher, trustees (appointed to superintend the completion of a meeting and school house) open to all preachers who preach the gospel.)"

The document also called for the structure to be completed by the first day of the next April with "the said house to be 22 feet square with two plank floors joined and nailed down, one window, six lights, window, and two sides of the said house one high window."

Sunday School continued with the sharing of concerns. Many shared troubles with health of family members and requested prayers. One with powerful needs saw the congregation rise to pray with her and her husband by the altar. The love and support of the congregation was powerful to feel.

Each and every statement that concluded with a positive thought, from the personal to the general, was greeted with joyful applause.

An earnest young man with a powerful message of redemption brought his guitar to the fore of the church. Animated by the Holy Spirit, he made a joyful and a passionate noise for the Lord and for the congregation, talking also of how God's glory would come over the land and through the people as a flood and carry all with it. He sang several hymns with power and even if at times his memory failed on the lyrics, his guitar remained true as all sang right along with him.

After the lesson through music came the Bible lesson, noting the different points in the Bible that direct God's people to "be clothed with righteousness" and that "being clothed, we shall not be found naked" in sin.

Next came Pastor Clark Samples to deliver the sermon. Though he did not specifically refer back to the origins of Walnut Grove, on the occasion of Independence Day weekend, he called upon all to be thankful to God for the United States of America. Samples powerfully reminded all of the sacrifices made, the hardships endured, and the hard work of building a nation from the land up.

His description of those hardships was the story of those who had settled in the difficult hills and hollows to raise their families, then reminded all that compared to the lives they led and the lives of many living in the Third World that "we have no hardship." The Holy Spirit was present in the church on this day and was certainly evident as the congregation heard and responded to his pleas for a united Christian church and a united land. Congregants shared that since Pastor Clark has started preaching, attendance has increased with the young and old who are thirsty for restored faith finding living water here.

When church ended, congregants exited into the warmth of the day provided by the Son, the storms of that afternoon still to come.

Storms of all kinds have raged over Calhoun County since 1858. Some took the form of war, some of economic depression, some of floods, some of crippling drought, but through all of the good times and also through all of the tribulations, Walnut Grove Community Church has helped to shepherd the people of Barnes Run.



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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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.

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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
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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and
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(2024-C-000001 - 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 0034 0000 3002

You will take notice that RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000001, located in CENTER District, ST RT 16 PARCEL #1 16.19 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 - 1697.	$	107.93
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 - 1675.	$	38.80
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	184.65
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.	**$**	**614.16**

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

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(2025-C-000312 - CALHOUN COUNTY - H3 LLC)

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DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 5060 3001

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2025-C-000312, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/8 81 WALKER ROGERS ELLISON GAS, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROBINSON RONALD, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. H3 LLC 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 2024 - 26110.	$	85.10
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 2025 - 26089.	$	23.09
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	134.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	754.16
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**996.75**

You may redeem at any time before November 30, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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

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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.

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(2024-C-000004 - CALHOUN COUNTY - RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE)

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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**

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DISTRICT CENTER MAP 5 PARCEL 0034 0001 3002

You will take notice that RICKY OR DEBORAH MCGUIRE, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000002, located in CENTER District, YELLOW 16.19 ACRE TRACT 2 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 - 1698.	$	85.10
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 - 1676.	$	23.09
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	134.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	754.16
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**996.75**

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 26111.	$	85.10
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 2025 - 26090.	$	23.09
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	164.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	754.16
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**1,026.75**

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 11, 2021, executed by Borrower(s), McNeill Reed and Sierra Reed, to Andrew C. Skinner, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Book 183, at Page 238. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 110 Horse Ridge Dr, Grantsville, WV 26147. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated June 11, 2026, of record in the Clerk's Office. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Calhoun County, in Grantsville, West Virginia, on the following date:

28th day of July, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

A certain lot tract or parcel of land lying and being situate on the waters of Laurel Creek, in the District of Sherman, County of Calhoun, State of West Virginia, further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center line of a Hope Natural Gas Company Road, said point being a common corner with the D. Riddle seven acre tract and I. Durst 13.15 acre tract, thence N 67-36 W, 126.14 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 55-36 W, 291.05 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 50-57 E, 200 feet to a point; thence N 39-44 E. 315. 16 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.08 acres, more or less.

However, it is expressly understood and agreed between all of the parties hereto that this deed is made and accepted subject to all of the exceptions and reservations which are contained in the deeds from the predecessors in title of the parties of the first part as to the oil gas and other minerals within and underlying the aforesaid real estate, together with the mining and operating rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

It is further expressly understood and agreed between all of the parties hereto that this deed is also made and accepted subject to any easements and rights-of-way which may now be operative over, through and across the aforesaid real estate.

TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee

BY: _____
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West Virginia Concludes FY 2026 with $370 Million Revenue Surplus

CHARLESTON, WV - West Virginia concluded Fiscal Year 2026 with a strong financial performance, as total General Revenue Fund (GRF) collections reached $5.693 billion, outperforming initial state estimates by $370 million, or seven percent. The fiscal year closed on a strong note with June collections surpassing $569 million, beating the monthly estimate by $57 million, or 11.1 percent.

"When you focus on the fundamentals and exercise fiscal discipline, we put West Virginia in a position to end the fiscal year strong as revenues continued to outpace our projections," said Governor Patrick Morrisey. "Because of our significant surplus, we will fund every obligation in the back of the budget, including $125 million for roads and infrastructure, fully fund the Hope Scholarship, and other important priorities. Our next budget will aggressively fund education, foster care, infrastructure, law enforcement, and other key initiatives while providing tax relief to our citizens."

Personal Income Tax collections, the largest individual GRF component, were $237 million in June, exceeding the monthly estimate by $48 million. For FY 2026, Personal Income Tax collections are the single-largest source of collections above estimate at $159 million (7.9%). Collections exceeded estimates significantly but grew over the prior fiscal year by $52 million (2.5%), or below the rate of inflation. Further, these trends do not fully incorporate the rate reductions provided in the previous legislative session.

Consumer Sales Tax collections exceeded the monthly estimate by $4 million (2.5%), with total collections for June reaching $183 million. For FY 2026, collections are 2.2% above estimate ($41 million) and $131 million (7.2%) above the prior fiscal year. The year-over-year growth in Consumer Sales Tax collections is positive news for growing consumption throughout the state, but it should be cautioned that in recent months, including June, growth rates have been positive but below the rate of inflation.

Severance Tax collections were $63 million in June, exceeding the estimate by $30 million. Severance Tax collections exceed their estimate by the second-largest amount for the Fiscal Year, with $534 million in actual collections against an estimate of $398 million, yielding an excess of $136 million. In addition, they have the second-largest year-over-year growth, beating the prior fiscal year by $95 million. The ongoing conflict with Iran will continue to exacerbate the volatility of the GRF's already most volatile revenue source.

Corporate Net Income Tax collections in June were $8 million below estimate. For FY 2026, collections also ended $8 million below estimate and were $70 million less than the prior fiscal year.

Tobacco Products Tax collections exceeded their estimate by $2 million in June and ended the fiscal year with collections below estimate by $3 million, or 2.3%. As consumption patterns shift over time away from traditional cigarette products, it is anticipated that this category will continue to decline.

Interest Income continues to exceed estimates, with $11 million in June versus a $6 million estimate. For FY 2026, collections are $39 million, or 38.3%, above estimate but nearly $45 million below the prior fiscal year. The short-term interest rate environment has remained elevated relative to expectations, leading to higher returns on the State's short-term investments.

PMJ

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its area covering 13 states and the District of Columbia. This has helped PJM consumers avoid some of the problems afflicting other parts of the nation.

New York State, which uses its own system, called for voluntary load management from its system customers last week, asking them to keep thermostats in the high 70s to prevent power disruption. The Empire State has embraced "Green" policies over the past several years that block relatively inexpensive Appalachian natural gas from power production and also closed the Indian Point nuclear power plant that once supplied 25 percent of New York City's power.

Reducing the supply of power for that system has forced New Yorkers to deal with the consequences of those policies. Also, since it is in a different system, its dysfunction does not affect PJM Interconnection's system. Should PJM Interconnection's ability to supply power fail to keep up with demand due to too little electricity generated by power plants, its average consumers could face similar issues as New Yorkers have so far this month.

PJM Interconnection advocates for policies at the state and federal level that will keep consumer rates as low as possible in the long-term as well. This includes advocating for policies that data center operations not pass on the added cost of their power to residential or other business customers. The West Virginia State Legislature, for example, followed this lead and mandated that data centers pay for their own electrical upgrades while also encouraging them to develop "microgrids," independent sources of power that do not draw from the grid. Nor could they sell power to others to compete with the grid.

A preload emergency management reduction represents an early step in response to spikes in demand. One could consider electric power almost like a financial budget in this sense. PJM Interconnection has agreements in place with certain consumers to reduce use in ways that will not affect the average consumer. The purpose lies in keeping rates flat while also ensuring a steady flow of power.

One could consider it the same as reducing the weekly eating out at a restaurant part of the budget to help pay for an unexpected car repair. The budget remains in good shape, but requires moving resources around.

According to PJM Interconnection, it works because their "Demand Response programs pay customers in advance who sign up to allow reduction of their electricity use in emergencies."

PJM Interconnected had to take these steps in June of 2025. In the wake of power demand hitting its highest level since 2011 last year, the organization released details. It stated that "PJM served a preliminary hourly integrated peak load of 160,526 MW between 5 and 6 p.m. Eastern on June 23. This exceeds PJM's summer forecast load of 154,000 MW and is the highest demand recorded on the PJM system since 2011."

One megawatt powers approximately 800 homes.

In addition to the pre load emergency reduction action, it also declared a maximum generation alert.

Last Thursday, PJM Interconnection reported that "its peak instantaneous load was approximately 162,700 MW between 5 and 6 p.m., according to preliminary figures, but that figure was suppressed by the use of demand response programs. The peak load is likely to have surpassed the all-time PJM record of 165,600 MW set in 2006."

It explained also that "PJM coordinates with its generation and transmission owners as we respond to the needs of the grid in real-time based on actual conditions to preserve reliability for the 67 million people we serve."

The Maximum Generation Alert, explains PJM Interconnection "is targeted at transmission/generation owners, who then determine if any maintenance or testing on equipment can be deferred or canceled. By deferring maintenance, the units stay online and continue to produce energy that is needed to serve electricity demand within the PJM region."

Relief came last weekend as rains returned to the region, ushering in somewhat lower temperatures.

K9s

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you're going to have to get some help."

And the Veterans Administration and K9s For Warriors, then Bell's new best friend Ozzie, were there.

Shari Duvall, a Florida mother of a veteran who returned from combat with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, understood the healing power of dogs, according to the K9s For Warriors website. As the website explained, she saw "that he was only himself around his dog."

As a result, "Shari put all her time and resources into restoring the lives of Veterans through the use of highly trained Service Dogs."

Though Duvall passed away from cancer in 2021, her insights on the struggles faced by veterans continue to ring true. Duvall said "The military teaches our Veterans how to go to war, but these kids are not being taught how to come home. Our mission is to save their lives. Our mission is to get them back into civilian life with dignity and independence. They deserve that."

Bell had not heard of the program when he reached out to his mental health counselor at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Martinsburg. She connected him with a psychologist who ran Bell through a battery of tests that determined he suffered from PTSD. The program also assists those who have experienced Traumatic Brain Injury, and/or sexual abuse in a military setting.

Once Bell received that diagnosis, he was referred to the K9s For Warriors program. After years of struggle, now came a chance to find some peace from it. Once the paperwork was completed, he said, "I went down and got my dog."

Just like the veterans the dogs will care for, each canine comes with its own story. Bell stated that "some come from off the street, some from dog pounds, others come from breeders." The website explains that the dogs used often have undergone challenges themselves and calls the program "a nationwide movement to save lives at both ends of the leash."

They themselves undergo six months of rigorous training. NBC News reported that the cost of training service dogs overall range from $15,000 to $40,000 with emotional support dogs needing specialized teaching.

K9s For Warriors has two campuses, one in Saint Augustine, Florida and the other in San Antonio, Texas. "You have to get your way there, but the VA will pay for travel.," explained Bell.

"Once you get there, it is amazing," he shared, adding that the three-week experience has almost a "boot camp" type of feel. "A veterans group delivers meals," he added, saying "you don't have to pay for anything. Attendees can provide a list of wants and needs that the organization will fill for them.

The focus lies entirely on connecting the dog to the veteran effectively and productively. "They take your car keys and you bond with the dog 24/seven."

Bell described how they receive instructions the first night after receiving their dog. They told him and other attendees that "they will want to sleep with you in your bed." Emotional support service dogs are often trained to use touch as a means to monitor their human. People often feel that touch from the dog is therapeutic as well.

For those who, for any reason, prefer that the dog not get into the bed, attendees are urged to make that plain on the first night. The command "place" tells them to sleep on their dog pad on the floor." Bell said "in the morning, they're right on schedule. About 5:30 or 6 o' clock in the morning, they have their paws on the bed to tell you they need to go to the bathroom."

He was part of a class of eight whose service came from the Army, Navy, and the United States Coast Guard. While the Coast Guard does not see combat, they do experience extremes of danger and emotional toll through life saving and/or law enforcement roles.

Bell's service dog Ozzie is a year and a half old, "still just a pup," Bell said as the dog put his paws on his lap and licked his face lovingly. He is a yellow Labrador Retriever. K9s For Warriors use that breed, along with golden retrievers and certain mixed breed dogs that are considered good candidates for emotional support animals. Though not all organizations use them, American pit bulls also can make excellent service animals.

Over three weeks, the program not only connects veterans to dogs on campus. It also takes them to shop, eat at a restaurant, or enjoy many of the beautiful sights around Saint Augustine. "At 9 o' clock at night, that place looks like a vacation spot in mid afternoon," he said. New owners have the opportunity during these outings to learn how to command effectively while dogs get accustomed to a wide variety of human social environments.

Veterans connect with each other as well join a large lounge area meant to bring attendees together. "You meet some interesting people there," noted Bell, who then said "there's people who have been through the same thing you've been through." The sharing that takes place serves as its own kind of therapy because, outside of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, veterans have few forums to share of themselves with people who understand their experiences.

Care does not end when the three weeks of training are up. K9s For Warriors maintains contact to ensure that the relationships continue to develop positively. Also at the one year, three year, and five year mark they need to see the dog continue to respond effectively to commands to recertify it as an official service dog.

Only a month or so after meeting Ozzie, Bell shared that he "has helped me tremendously. He is always by my side. It is amazing what a dog does for you."

General George C, Marshall, the administrator credited by many of his colleagues as the best of the military leaders of World War II stated that "The soldier's heart, the soldier's spirit, the soldier's soul, are everything."

If those are everything then that which sustains all three, including programs like K9s For Warriors, are extraordinarily vital in caring for the soldier when he or she has laid down their arms.



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