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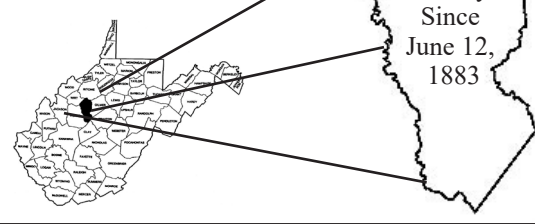
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Calhoun County Commission Passes Resolution Against Valley Link

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, after a summer that has seen residents come to Calhoun County Commission meetings, that body unanimously voted to oppose the “Valley Link North 765-kV Transmission Project.”

A number of residents had come to Commission to register their opposition to the project and few, if any, voiced in-person support. As the resolution read “numerous Calhoun County residents, landowners, businesses, and community members have expressed concerns regarding the potential impacts of the proposed transmission project.”

As the resolution states, those objections came through a number of different channels. It added that “the Commission recognizes the importance of maintaining a reliable electric transmission system.”

That said, a number had advocated against the project. They cited potential effects to the natural environment in Calhoun County, as well as a potential negative impact on a growing tourism economy and “quality of life.”

Also included in the resolution was a statement that “questions remain concerning project routing, alternatives, long-term projects, environmental effects, property acquisition, and overall benefits to Calhoun County.

Other concerns included “Constitutional” and “property” rights and that the Commission “believes that these rights remain paramount in evaluating any project proposed.”

In voting against the project, the Commission followed what it had pledged all along. Commission President Eric Lupardus has stated in multiple meetings that if citizens expressed their collective opinion, that he would follow their lead.

Other counties, including Roane and Upshur, have passed similar opposing resolutions.

Resolutions, especially those passed unanimously, ex-

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School bus routes

School year 2026-2027

Bus Route 1 – Chris Lacy (Bus #11) A.M. Run: 6:30 Yellow Creek; 6:50 Backfork (Turning at Lost ridge rd.); 6:58 Route 16 South; 7:00 Klipstine; 7:09 Nobe; 7:13 at Nobe/Fingerboard; 7:20 Route 16 South Calhoun Hwy; 7:27 Pleasant Hill School; 7:35 Court House; 7:55 Calhoun M/H School; 8:00 Bus Garage **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 2 – Jim Sullivan (Bus #6) A.M. Run: 6:35 Buffalo Rock; 6:38 Cristman; 6:50 Ferrell at Lavada Road; 6:55 Mill Ridge Rd; 7:00 Heiney; 7:04 Osborne; 7:06 Five Forks Garage; 7:13 Slab Fork; 7:15 Road Fork; 7:19 Horse Ridge Rd. 7:22 Wager; 7:25 Pleasant Hill School; 7:35 Calhoun Bank/Manor (Middle/High Only); 7:39 Jones; 7:42 Frame; 7:45 Allison; 7:48 Mail Pouch Barn; 7:51 Barfield; 7:55 Cunningham; 7:50 Burrows; 7:52 Yeager; 7:58 Calhoun Middle/High School. **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run

Bus Route 3 – Rick Sampson (Bus #8) A.M. Run: 6:16 leave house; 6:43 Prosperity Church Leading Creek; 6:48 Coal Fork Road; 6:44 turn at Jones residence; 6:59 Turn around; 7:07 Lofgren residence; 7:08 Snider residence; 7:10 Milliron Residence; Turn right onto Rt 16 south; 7:13 Justice residence; 7:14 Williams Road; 7:17 Wilson residence; 7:22 Vaughn Road; 7:25 Moore residence; 7:29 Osborne residence; 7:30 Bramblewood (turn); 7:35 PHE; 7:45 Dooley residence; 7:55 CMHS. **P.M. Run:** Reverse for A.M. Run.

Bus Route 4 – Janet Summers (Bus #10) A.M. Run 6:40 Turn @ bottom of hill at the head of Walnut Rd., (Allen First Pick Up), 6:43 Caudill, 6:45 Sillaman, 6:36 Bennett, 6:49 Nicholas, 6:52 Perkins/Church, 7:00 Lee (Log landing) 7:10 Daniels, (Crummies Creek) 7:20 Cadle, AES at 7:25, CMHS at 7:45 **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run

Bus Route 5 – Greg Hawkins (Bus #22) A.M. Run: 6:40 Bus Garage; 6:46 US 33/119 Starcher; 6:47 Gungle; 6:49 Walls at Crummies Creek; 6:51 Sand Ridge (turn), 6:58 turn on Sycamore Road, 7:00 Starcher; 7:09 County Park; 7:14 Mt. Zion Church turn to go in Mount Zion Rd (Pine Creek), 7:20 Turn around; 7:25 Mt. Zion Church; 7:30 Calhoun Middle/High School (pick up Elementary students); 7:33 S. Calhoun Hwy Propst; 7:34

Miller; 7:37 Roberts; 7:38 Goodrich; 7:45 Arrive at Arnoldsburg School. **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 6 – Terri Allen (Bus #28) A.M. Run: 6:20 Upper Nicut Road (Turn); 6:28 Little Walnut Hill Rd; 6:28am Willow Creek; 6:45 Mt. Run Rd(turn); 6:54 Frozen; 6:59 Lower Nicut; 7:02 Enter Bear Run, 7:08 Turn at Bear Run Community Park, 7:16 Crooked Run, 7:18 S. Calhoun Highway, 7:30 Arnoldsburg Elementary, 7:45 Calhoun Middle/High School. **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 7 – Barb Norman (Bus #19) A.M. Run: 6:25am Route 16S turn into Barnes Run Road; 6:50am Cremo Church (turn); 7:05am Top Hur Hill (turn right and come out of Dennis Fork); 7:21am Route 16 South; 7:27am Calhoun Homes; 7:30am Calhoun Middle High School; 7:33 Rt 16 N Hall Residence; 7:36am Mt Zion PSD; 7:37am Calhoun Auto Care; 7:58am Pleasant Hill School **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run **Does not transport MS/HS students to Grantsville in the evenings.**

Bus Route 8 - Barry Miller (Bus #17) A.M. Run: 6:40 East on 5 turn Annamoriah Rd; 6:40 Arthur 3432 Rt 5 turn; 6:50 Richards 678; 6:52 Top of Annamoriah road; 6:55 Pull off wide spot before Annamoriah Bridge (Lemuels Run); 6:58 Yoke Oil Gathering 7727; 7:00 Hardman Road Bottom of Hill; 7:02 3056 left side of road; 7:03 house on right after car wash; 7:08 Idelwood Drive on left past Church; 7:14 Hospital Split; 7:16 High Street 441; 7:30 PHE; 7:50 CMHS: **P.M. Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 9 - Tricia Harris (Bus #25) A.M. Run: 6:51 Milo Road Reip Residence; 6:52 Mary’s Fork; 6:55 Beech Rd to Sam’s run; 7:13 Road Run; 7:14 Rt 33 E at Liberty Hill; 7:30 Old Arnoldsburg School, 7:25 Arnoldsburg Elementary; 7:45 CMHS; 7:55 Bus Garage **PM Run:** Reverse of AM run

Bus Route 10 – John Griffiths (Bus #21) A.M. Run: 6:20 Sampson; 6:25 Route 7/33&119 intersection turn around; 6:38 Sassafras Ridge; 7:10 Meet at wide spot on Route 7 (Snodgrass, Boak); 7:14 Sassafras Grantsville End; 7:30 Wayne Underwood Field/Foodland students; 7:35 PHE (drop off Elementary Students), 7:53 CM/HS. **P.M. Run:** reverse of A.M run.

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PSC Orders Scaled Back, Two Part Rate Increase For First Energy Customers

By Stephen Smoot

Last May First Energy’s two companies in West Virginia, Monongahela Power and Potomac Edison, filed for a more than \$188 million rate hike.

Just under \$14 million was stated to be steered towards the company’s “Reliability and Infrastructure Investment Program,” which helps to ensure that the electric grid remains reliable during periods of peak strains

First Energy in May filed for two separate rate hike options. The first according to the PSC would result in rate hikes that “for an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hour (kWh) . . . would increase customer bills from \$137.86 to \$155.75, an increase of \$17.89 per month or 13.0 percent.”

The same company also filed an alternative plan called “an adjustment approach” that would take two phases.

“Phase 1 would be a \$37.9 million increase or 2.1 percent of total tariff revenue effective August 1, 2026. The increase would be 3.0 percent of total tariff revenue for the residential class, 1.7 percent for the commercial class, 1.3 percent for the industrial class, and 2.0 percent for the street lighting class.”

“Phase 2 would be effective June 1, 2027, and result in an additional increase on total revenues of 2.1 percent with a total increase of \$37.6 million. By customer class, the Phase 2 total revenue increase would be 2.9 percent for the residential class, 1.6 percent for the commercial class, 1.3 percent for the industrial class, and 1.9 percent for the street lighting class.”

PSC staff feared that First Energy was “pancaking,” an industry term referring to the filing for the same rate increase twice before the first could be considered. First Energy, however, committed to abandoning the more costly and up front proposal upon approval of the adjustment approach.

First Energy also provided evidence of inflationary pressures on other companies as part of its case to raise rates.

An official from First Energy testified that the two subsidiary “Companies have placed into service approximately \$1 billion of capital and rate base in the West Virginia electric utility system since the 2022 test year from its prior base rate case. The continued investment in electric infrastructure was the primary driver “

That said, “The affordability issues, however, caused the Companies to develop the AA alternative.”

Also “due to current circumstances, the Companies agree that there is value in extending the time between base rate cases, levelizing and moderating the magnitude of future rate cases and reducing the time, effort and financial resources that all parties and the Commission must bear in a rate case.”

First Energy also weighed the inflationary penalty on deferring rate hikes, but assumed that a continued trend of rising usage would cover what they might lose to inflation over time.

The PSC determined that “with regard to the spread of the increase that assigns a larger average increase to residential customers, we find the Companies’ allocations to be fair and reasonable” and “there is no downside to approving the AA adjustment.”

It went on to add that “at a time when costs keep increasing, thereby causing rates to increase, we are trying to find new ways to establish rates for the Companies that are reasonable and not discriminatory that help the customers, and that do not require a base rate case every year or year and a half. It is a daunting effort, but we must try.”

Walk With Ease Program Helps Seniors

By Stephen Smoot

Not long ago, a National Institute on Aging publication article highlighted the need for seniors to continue to make mobility a priority. It shared that mobility “is critical for functioning well and living independently.” The aging process does affect mobility, especially when seniors experience “changes in gait . . . , balance, and physical strength.”

Others, however, find that pain from problems such as arthritis or the sciatica nerve can also discourage seniors who might otherwise enjoy walking for exercise.

The “Walk With Ease” program, promoted through a number of Mountain State-based partnerships, was established to encourage walking, even in those who have health problems serving as barriers. As a United States Department of Agriculture website explains, it “is a direct education program that is designed to promote education about successful physical activity for people with arthritis, arthritis self-management and walking safely and comfortably.”

“A simple six week walking program,” a release states, will ease participants “living with arthritis, joint pain, or other chronic conditions” to find ways to walk with comfort. Participants start and complete

the program together.

As the USDA shares, the program has three options:

Group: All 18 sessions are led by an in-person, Arthritis Foundation-certified leader.

Self-Directed: An individual uses the Walk With Ease Guidebook to complete the six-week program on his/her own.

Self-Directed Enhanced: A group of individuals begin and end the six-week program at the same time. A designated leader coordinates communication to ensure participants are organized and motivated to complete program. Detailed toolkit.

The program was developed for the USDA by the Arthritis Foundation and also conforms to its guidelines on health and safety. Techniques come from “evidence-based ways to stay active and manage joint pain” and are aimed at seniors who are most physically, socially, or economically vulnerable.

The Harrison County Senior Center, among many others, recommends participation “to enhance mobility, reduce pain, and improve quality of life.” Those who wish to sign up should go to startwalkwithease.org to register or learn more.

The West Virginia University School of Public Health also serves as a partner for the program.

Education and Cooperation

By Stephen Smoot
Last month, as the Harrison County Board of Education held its first meeting under partial intervention from the West Virginia Department of Education, one official noted a statistic.

Thirteen children had left the HOPE Scholarship program and rejoined public school education.

With education so politicized, one camp might feel inclined to crow and the other to ignore it sullenly.

One must remember, however, that one of the stated goals of alternative education advocates of all stripes lay in using competition to push public schools to perform better.

And that has happened.
Five years ago, the West Virginia State Legislature passed the HOPE Scholarship to help support reforms that made the Mountain State the most libertarian state in terms of education options.

Five years later, as the West Virginia Board of Education reported last May, a “commitment to getting back to basics in reading and math continues to produce results in students’ academic recovery.” Nationally, the Harvard and Stanford University Education Scorecards ranked the state sixth in math recovery and eighth in reading recovery since the pandemic.

West Virginia’s embrace of Science of Reading and the “Ready, Read, Write West Virginia” initiative, as well as benchmark testing and support by organizations such as Communities in Schools, has helped push the state to the top. Successful school system central offices have adapted to the new expectations and worked to encourage and support teachers.

Building on that success, the West Virginia Association of School Administrators rightfully launched a program to capitalize on those successes. The “I Love West Virginia Public Schools” campaign seeks to bring back pride in community schools and focus on hard work performed in the classrooms.

And it has much to celebrate in the past few years.

Classroom success has not made as many headlines recently as misadministration in some county school systems, a small percentage of teachers accused of abusing students, and reports of pervasive discipline issues in some parts of the state. Students doing better in reading and writing don’t work quite as well as “clickbait” outrage articles to some in journalism.

West Virginia’s public schools felt pressure from the executive and legislative branches to improve performance, but they also felt competition from alternative education. Whichever impetus provided the most motivation, clearly the state’s schools as a whole are on an upward track.

Although with a lot more work to do, many school systems in West Virginia can rightly feel pride in progress made.

That said, the alternative opportunities offered under the HOPE Scholarship give parents and other caregivers more options. Many children who have been, for example, traumatized by abuse or other tragic circumstances cannot function in a typical school environment. For them, home or microschool environments with fewer people and less chance of overstimulation provide the least restrictive learning environments because of less stress and anxiety.

Other children must work to overcome certain disabilities or learning challenges and non traditional models of education may benefit them more than a traditional classroom. Most kids can thrive in public schools, but a small percentage cannot. It just makes sense to support as many options as are both possible and reasonable.

All that said, the West Virginia public school system faces challenges that it has never seen previously. The requirement to provide each child that walks through the doors the best education possible has strained many systems’ resources to the limit. Hardy County, for example, has a significantly higher rate of special education and also foreign language challenges than any other county, due to the presence of relatively large numbers of foreign-born workers.

Yet they must face these challenges with the same ratio of resources as everyone else.

Sparsely populated counties had to consolidate schools, often with the strong encouragement of the State. Now they have ballooning transportation and other costs related to population and geography that more urban counties do not face, necessitating the “1,400 floor” that mitigates some of those issues.

Politics and fear has taken hold of the conversation of West Virginia’s newly richly diverse system of education. Frustration and anger on both sides has colored the discussion and made it too difficult to explore how these systems should work together. Funding problems for public schools have made HOPE a scapegoat for advocates of traditional education.

Public schools are the best way to educate the mass of students, but large scale institutions in general struggle to adapt to outlier situations. Non traditional homeschooling, microschools, and co-op arrangements can pick up where it is most difficult and costly for the public schools to educate, whether the students live in remote areas or have special needs.

It’s been proposed in this space before, but the best way to break the ice wall between public and alternative education is to enable and encourage public school supports of the newer models and compensate the traditional system for that work. Siloing helps neither side when both traditional and non traditional education can work with and also learn from each other.

After all, the vast majority of those involved in the education of children do so to make a difference in kids’ lives. They also want to build a better future with people more prepared for the workforce and life in general. That shared passion should result in working together when appropriate and possible to create those better outcomes.

Someone has to lead the effort. Someone has to say, how can the State come up with a comprehensive plan that helps to preserve the independence of alternative education, but also allow it to integrate with traditional schools when beneficial. And officials working on school funding must find a way to not allow HOPE to become, or appear to be, a zero sum game with traditional education in terms of how schooling is paid for.

Both the HOPE supported models and also the public schools are performing and improving outcomes, so let’s stop pitting them against each other.

That means that enrollment can no longer be the overwhelming determining factor in how schools are funded because so many other cost factors come into play, especially with challenging populations of students.

That means that creativity should be exercised in helping to not only preserve schools currently serving remote areas, but expand their number through partnerships with non traditional education models. This would seem to be an area of “low hanging fruit” in terms of creating cooperation between traditional and non traditional education in West Virginia.

That means that the traditional school system in West Virginia needs to be recognized for responding successfully so far to the challenges posed to it, including competition from non traditional schools. Public schools must be reassured to not see HOPE education as a threat to their own resources.

Though few may know it, or want to admit it on either side, the West Virginia Republican Party is the creator of public education in the Mountain State. Coming out of the Civil War, “free public schools” were seen as the perfect catalyst to educate children with focus on workforce skills, patriotic citizenship, and even military arts.

Establishing them served as one of the biggest priorities of the GOP before it was nicknamed the GOP.

West Virginia Republicans have an opportunity to build on both traditional schools’ success and also the creativity of HOPE supported programs to create a system both resilient to stand the times and flexible enough to educate all students in all places.

Stop fussing, stop fighting, get your heads together, and use all of these diverse educational resources to make the system as a whole continue to work better.

When the Waters Rose, West Virginia Rose Higher

Front Porch Appalachia
There are moments in Appalachia that never make the evening news.

Moments that don't involve politics, headlines, or recognition.

They happen quietly on muddy hill-sides, in flooded hollows, on front porches covered in silt, and in the hearts of people who simply decide that if their neighbor is hurting, they're going to help.

This past week, I witnessed one of those moments.

When devastating floods swept through Lewis and Upshur Counties, they left behind more than damaged homes. They left memories washed away, family photographs buried in mud, businesses struggling to reopen, and families wondering where to even begin.

Yet before many victims could even process what had happened, something incredible began happening across West Virginia.

People came.
Not because anyone told them they had to.

Because that's simply who we are.

I watched contractors set aside paying jobs to rebuild homes for complete strangers. I saw utility crews working long hours before quietly picking up shovels after their shifts ended. Volunteer firefighters, emergency responders, churches, civic groups, overlanders, off-road clubs, businesses, and ordinary citizens all showed up with one purpose.

To help.
No one asked who someone voted for.
No one cared where they came from.
None of it mattered.
There was simply work to do.

Every morning began before sunrise. Command centers coordinated requests, volunteers received assignments, supplies were loaded, and teams scattered across the countryside.

Some cleaned homes.
Some removed debris.
Some cut fallen trees.

Others inspected crawl spaces, repaired bridges, restored driveways, hauled gravel, replaced ductwork, rebuilt porches, delivered food, or simply listened to families who needed someone to talk to.

Every job mattered.
As the days passed, I realized something.

Flood relief isn't just about removing mud.
It's about restoring hope.

Hope arrives when a homeowner sees twenty strangers pulling into their driveway.

Hope arrives when someone says, "We're not leaving until you're back on your feet."

Hope arrives when a child smiles because volunteers saved their favorite toy from the debris.

Hope is contagious.
One act of kindness inspires another.
One volunteer inspires five more.

One community reminds another what is possible.

West Virginia has never been the richest state.

We may never have the biggest cities.
We don't always receive national attention.

But if you ever want to discover the wealth of West Virginia, don't look at a balance sheet.

Look at the people.
Look at the volunteers covered in mud after ten straight hours of work.
Look at the churches serving meals.
Look at businesses donating equipment.
Look at neighbors helping neighbors without ever expecting recognition.
That is our true wealth.

Throughout these efforts, I was reminded that leadership isn't standing in front of a camera.

Leadership is standing beside people when they need you most.

The greatest privilege wasn't organizing volunteers or helping coordinate resources.

It was watching thousands of West Virginians remind the country exactly who we are.

Resilient.
Compassionate.
Hardworking.
Selfless.

We don't wait for someone else to solve our problems.

We roll up our sleeves.
We grab another shovel.
We make another phone call.
We find another volunteer.
And we keep going.

Because that's what Appalachia has always done.

Long after the television cameras leave and the headlines disappear, these communities will still be rebuilding.

But they won't be rebuilding alone.
The friendships formed in the mud will last far longer than the floodwaters.

The kindness shown during these difficult days will become stories told for generations.

Children will remember the strangers who showed up to help their families.

Volunteers will remember the gratitude in the eyes of homeowners who had nearly lost hope.

And all of us will remember something simple but powerful.

West Virginia doesn't just survive.
West Virginia perseveres.
The mountains have always shaped us.
They've taught us resilience.
They've taught us patience.

Most importantly, they've taught us that no matter how steep the climb becomes, we climb it together.

As I rode home each evening, tired and thoughts running rampant, I realized this wasn't a story about a flood.

It was a story about people.
About faith.
About hope.

About the quiet strength found along the backroads of Appalachia.

And if you ever wonder why so many of us are proud to call these hills home...

Come here after a disaster.
Watch the volunteers arrive before daylight.

Watch complete strangers embrace like family.

Watch communities rebuild one shovel, one porch, one driveway, and one home at a time.

You'll understand.
Because in Appalachia, we don't just weather the storm.

We weather it together and are blessed to be the heart of Appalachia.

From the Front Porch of Appalachia. Until next time, pull up a chair... because every porch has a story.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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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chanics, space available, and accuracy.

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

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

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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.

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 An-namoriah and Creston along Route 5 East/West. Tuesday – Service to/from Millstone, Arnolds-burg, 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

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 Cem-etry 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.

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority Monthly Meeting July 15, 2026, 5:00 pm, Mom's Place Too, 340 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147

Monthly Tire Collection July 17th, 2026, 10 - 2

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

Home Country

Slim Randles

Chickens have forever had a place in our hearts and on our tables. Why is that? Well ... why not?

And so I'd like you to come with me back to the summer of 1970, 'way up north of Fairbanks, Alaska, to what was once the thriving gold mining village of Chicken, Alaska. I was on my way, hitchhiking with a canoe, to paddle down a 500-mile stretch of the Yukon River and to see the cabin where Jack London spent the winter once upon a time.

Just as an aside here, hitchhiking with a canoe, or with a sled and 10 dogs, would make a lengthy how-to book all by themselves. It doesn't sound easy, does it? It isn't.

So what I would do on these "adventures" of mine, (my boss, Larry Fanning, referred to them as Slim's tin-cup trips because of all the scrounging I did) is go neat places and interview great people, and write stuff. My column in the Anchorage Daily News ... brace yourself ... was called "Slim's Column."

Truth in advertising.

So I arrived in Chicken, Alaska, only to find I'd near-ly doubled the local population. In the far-distant past, Chicken was an actual town. When the gold gave out, so did Chicken.

So what was left was "the business" consisting of a gas pump, a coffee pot, some postage stamps and a couple of nice folks. But there was something else, too.

There was not only an outhouse there, but it was elec-trically lighted. So where should I write my column? In an electrically lighted outhouse in Chicken, Alaska.

Naturally.

The raising of poultry this far north is uncommon, too many local varmints, including any resident sled dogs eat them. So how did this gold camp get its name? Ahh ... the reason for that column on the wooden "desk" beneath that 20-watt bulb.

Chicken, Alaska, got its name because none of the miners there knew how to spell ptarmigan.

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Meeting at 5pm Meeting at 5pm

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In addition to state laws, we enforce federal law for all in-state pipelines. It's a big job and grows larger each year.

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Last year, our staff of five inspectors oversaw the safety of 18,554 miles of gas and hazardous liquid transmission and gathering lines, as well as gas distribution pipelines in the state.

Although most inspectors come with pipeline experience, each inspector must take a minimum of seven training classes to inspect the pipelines in West Virginia. They must understand regulations and what it takes to perform their duties. To be fully trained in all aspects of pipelines requires about 20 different classes. Additional classes are necessary as regulations are added or changed.

Just this past year, several new operators and more pipeline mileage were added to our system, upping what we have by more than 1,000 miles. This comes through additional transmission lines, pipeline extensions, as well as repairs and replacements, and other improvements to provide safer pipelines.

In 2025, our inspectors spent 680 days on inspections and performed 358 separate inspections.

They visited every regulated pipeline operator in the state – a total of 65.

Inspections include new construction, pipeline repairs and replacements, leak patrols, emergency response, and integrity management. The diligence of the gas pipeline inspectors keeps our pipelines safe.

Sixty percent of all residential fires in the United States are believed to be the result of gas leaks. And natural gas explosions occur in homes and offices across the nation.

Approximately 80 percent of natural gas explosions are caused by pipeline leaks or ruptures.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's website shows there were 301 serious or significant gas pipeline events nationally last year.

These events caused 24 fatalities and 301 injuries, in addition to costing operators more than \$279 million.

The same website shows that the number of natural gas incidents has decreased over the last 20 years because of improved regulations and increased inspection activity.

We want you to be confident that when it comes to your safety, our pipeline inspectors are doing the job for you.



PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

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ROUTES

Bus Route 11 – Jasmine McGlothlin (Bus #2) A.M. Run
A.M. Run 6:28 Blown Timber; 6:29 Jones; 6:35 Sang Run; 6:42 Robinson; 6:45 Wood; 6:48 Turn around at Harold residents; 6:52 Sampson; 6:53 Sears/Brannon; 6:57 Sears; 6:59 Old Miller Hollow Rd; 7:03 Conley; 7:07 Turn around at low water bridge/Jarvis; 7:23 Blankinship; 7:26 Green; 7:29 Allen; 7:30 Mace; 7:32 Tanner/Bremar; 7:33 Thompson; 7:36 Arnoldsburg Elementary; 7:50 CMHS.

Bus Route 12 – Kenneth McCumbers (Bus #27)–
A.M. Run: 6:45 Jesse’s Run Road 6:46-7:09 Altizer
 Road out to 33/119; 7:15 Beginning of Henry’s Fork
 (only turning); 7:16 – 7:30 - 33/119 to AES. 7:30 Ar-
 noldsburg School. 7:35 – 7:50 Arnoldsburg to Millstone
 to CCMHS. 7:50 Calhoun Middle/High School. **P.M.**
Run: Reversal of morning route CCMHS to Arnolds-
 burg Elementary, then to Henrys Fork, then to Altizer
 Road, then to Barnes Run.

Bus Route 13 – DeWayne O’Neal (Bus #24) A.M.
Run: Walker Church 6:30; 539 Walker Rd 6:31; Stinson
 Store 6:37; Pond Run 6:41; Camp Run Rd 6:43; Mud
 Fork Church 6:45; 634 Stinson Rd 6:48; 49 Stinson Rd

COMMISSION

press the opinion of the County Commission, but have no weight in law. Counties passing said resolutions do not have legal authority to pass ordinances to block the project.

In the first several months of 2026, Valley Link has held informational meetings for each county in the proposed path. Engineers and planners will take into account information gathered before making a final proposal to take to the West Virginia Public Service Commission, which is also accepting public comment at this time.

Only after the company files a formal application will

6:50; 26734 S. Calhoun Hwy 6:50; 27306 S. Calhoun Hwy 6:51; Tabernacle Church turn around; Double Eagle 6:53; 26491 S. Calhoun Hwy 6:54; 25292 S. Calhoun Hwy 6:56; Chloe Hardware 7:00; 23225 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:00; 22261 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:02; 22201 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:03; 22167 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:04; 21999 S. Calhoun Hwy 7:05 Sears Run Rd 7:07; Arnoldsburg School 7:20; CMHS 7:40. **PM Run:** reverse of A.M. Run.

Bus Route 14 – Candace Knudsen (Bus #26) A.M. Run: 6:30 am Monday Road/Sawyer Rd, 6:35 Monday Rd/Turn Around; 6:43 am turn right onto Rt. 5 West, 6:47 am 11824 Annamoriah, 6:50 am Creston/Turn Around; 7:00 am Local Oven; 7:03 am Big Root; 7:04 2805 house on right Trailer Court; 7:07 am 2233 Little Kanawha Hwy; 7:08 am 1649 Little Kanawha Hwy; 7:09 am Turn onto Leaf Bank Rd; 7:11 am Turn around; 7:12 616 Leaf Bank Rd; 7:16 Courthouse (elementary only) ; 7:17 Calhoun Banks (elementary only) 7:30 Pleasant Hill Elementary School; 7:50 Calhoun Middle High School **P.M. Run** reverse of A.M. run

All Bus Routes and Times are Subject to Change

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the West Virginia Public Service Commission make its decision on the project.

The purpose of the project lies in strengthening the reliability of the PJM Interconnection grid that serves 13 states including West Virginia. In recent years the grid has come under increasing strain due to rapid rises in both residential and commercial electric demand.

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation argues that PJM and other United States grid networks increase both power production and transmission lines for distribution. Should that not happen, some areas would experience power disruption in peak periods.

Calhoun County Committee on Aging, Inc.

July 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Menu Subject To Change Without Notice	2% Milk and Margarine Served Daily	1 Cream Tomatoes sausage Potatoes Apples Ww biscuit	2 Sloppy joe Coleslaw Applesauce Ww bun	3 CLOSED 
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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Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph soon became the senior senator from West Virginia and served for 26 years.



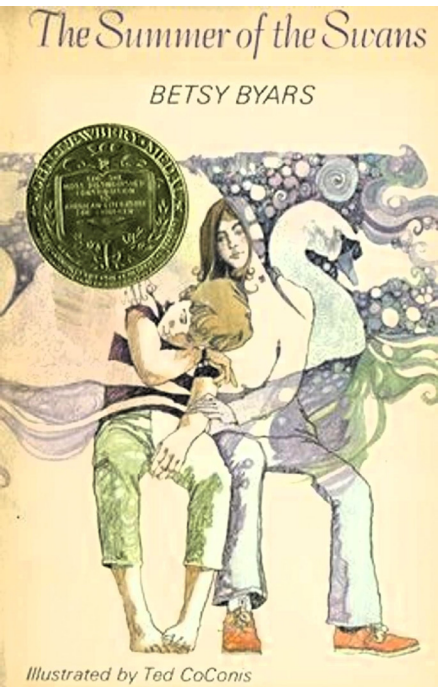
Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.



Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.



Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.



Aug. 7, 1928: Author Betsy Byars was born in Charlotte, but her most productive period occurred during her 20 years in West Virginia. Her books during this time included the 1971 Newberry Medal-winning *The Summer of the Swans* and *Goodbye, Chicken Little*, which the *New York Times* named an outstanding book

for 1979.



Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney’s when Schoenbaum’s nickname was selected in an employee contest.



Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County; 71 people died, and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.



Aug. 9, 1927: Matthew Reese was born in Huntington. During the 1960 presidential Democratic primary, he helped organize all 55 counties and recruited thousands of campaign volunteers for John F. Kennedy. JFK’s victory forged Reese’s national political consulting career, working on more than 450 campaigns.

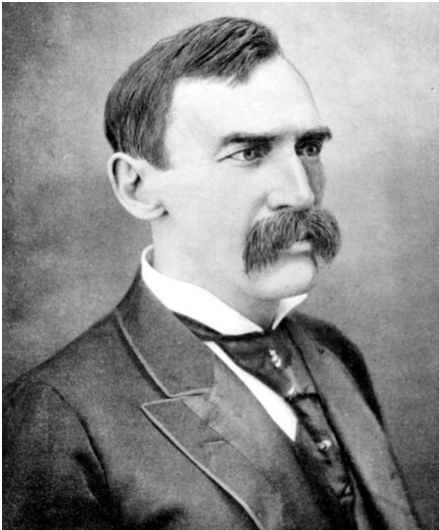


Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of Logan County, Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of the county. He most notably led the anti-union forces at the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain.

Aug. 10, 1913: Sam Shaw was the beloved third-generation editor of the *Moundsville Daily Echo* from 1951 until his death in 1995. His letters home during World War II earned him the Ernie Pyle Award. He was also a tinkerer, long-distance runner, hiker, musician, photographer, linguist and bird watcher.



Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall “Pete” Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck Yeager, his rival and close contemporary.

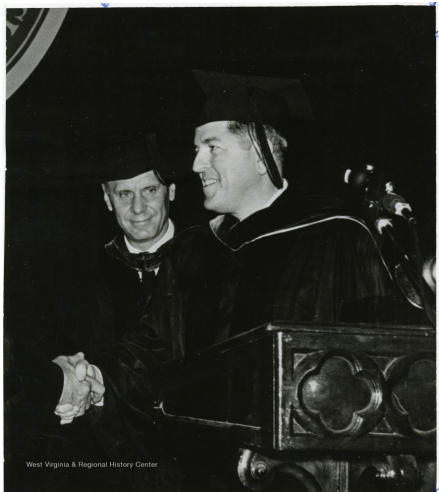


Aug. 11, 1844: Emanuel Willis Wilson was born at Harpers Ferry. He served as the seventh governor of West Virginia from 1885 to 1890.



Aug. 11, 1910: Funeral director Elizabeth Harden Gilmore was born in Charleston. In 1958, she was an original organizer of West Virginia’s first Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) chapter and, on her 48th birthday, began leading demonstrations that desegregated Charleston businesses.

Aug. 11, 1914: U.S. Ambassador Joseph S. Farland was born in Clarksburg. He helped facilitate U.S. Secretary of State’s Henry Kissinger’s secret 1971 trip to China as a prelude to President Richard Nixon’s historic visit.



Aug. 11, 1941: Musician John Ellis was born near Montgomery, Fayette County. While performing with his band, the Soul Brothers Six, he wrote the classic song “Some Kind of Wonderful.”



Aug. 11, 1974: Singer Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. was born in Logan. In 2011, he won the nationally televised *America’s Got Talent* competition, performing standards. His win offered him a chance to perform at Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas.

Aug. 11, 1994: The Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge became the 500th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. It is one of the largest and most diverse freshwater wetland areas in central and southern Appalachia.



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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 Wyatt Streeter, 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 20th day of August, 2026 at 1:30 p.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 Wyatt Streeter to Wyatt Cottrell, 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 15th day of July, 2026.

Maria Arnold
Clerk of Court

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed Amendment to the WV Constitution to be on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot.

Title of Amendment: “Amendment 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections Amendment”

Summery-of-Purpose: “This amendment provides that in all elections held in West Virginia only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state are qualified to vote.”

Full Text of the Amendment: *§4-1. Only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state shall be entitled to vote at all elections held within the counties in which they respectively reside; but a person who is a minor, or who has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction, or who is under conviction of treason, felony or bribery in an election, or who has not been a resident of the state and of the county in which he or she offers to vote, for 30 days next preceding such offer, shall not be permitted to vote while such disability continues; and, a person in the military, naval, or marine service of the United States shall not be deemed a resident of this state by reason of being stationed therein.*

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CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
Specifications - Garage Doors at Calhoun
County Recycling Center

The Calhoun County Commission is seeking competitive bids for replacement of five (5) garage doors at the Calhoun County Recycling Center at 2427 W. Little Kanawha Hwy Grantsville, 26147. Bidders must be licensed and insured. Sealed bids will be accepted until August 24, 2026. Please mail to PO Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147; or email to calcom26147@gmail.com.

Bidders are encouraged to visit the recycling center and verify requirements/dimensions prior to bidding by calling 304 354-7786.

All garage doors - Insulated (R-10 or above), sectional, steel doors; white baked enamel; inside slide lock; electric motor operated with photo eye safety reverse; perimeter weather seal, or equivalent installed.

Public Room door: 11.9 x 12.1; 15” radius stand track; No windows
Buy Back Room: 12.2 x 12.1; high lift clear track; No windows
Loading Dock: 10.2 x 10.1; 15” radius stand track; No windows
Work Area: 10.0 x 10.1; 15” radius stand track; No windows
Bob Cat Room: 8.2 x 8.1; 15” radius stand track; 1 row 24 x 6 lites/windows

Remove existing doors and leave on premises. May connect to existing motor operators if in good working order. Bidder to provide any equipment/tools needed for proper and safe installation. If rental equipment is required, include price in the bid.

The Commission 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. This project is made available with funds from the VAN DEP REAP Grant.

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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
Timothy M. Ayers	96 Bel Aire Place #3 Sierra Vista, Cochise, AZ 85635	December 27, 2025	November 21, 2025
Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Nathan J. Williams	2107B Paseo San Luis, Suite C Sierra Vista, AZ 85635	Personal Representative	August 6, 2026

Decedent	Decedent’s Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication

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 6th day of August, 2026.

Clerk of the County Commission

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Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the “Company”), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will increase revenues approximately \$20.3 million annually, an increase of 10.08%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ DECREASE	% INCREASE/ DECREASE
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	\$8.18	7.34%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	\$34.43	9.67%
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$65.92	3.01%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LGS)	\$2,223.85	15.52%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LGS) 1/	\$834.61	5.60%
Large Commercial - Industrial Distribution Sales (Rate class LCI-D)	\$13,761.98	22.58%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	\$4,438.30	15.34%
Daily Balancing - Transport	\$147.19	24.82%

1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.

Resale customers of the Company include Cardinal Natural Gas Company and Mountaineer Gas Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the “Submit a Comment” link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

LOCAL BUSINESS
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INFORMATION

We would like to invite everyone on August 9 at 12:00 PM to the Cedar Grove Baptist Church Homecoming !! We ask that you bring a cover dish and we are supplying hotdogs with all condiments!

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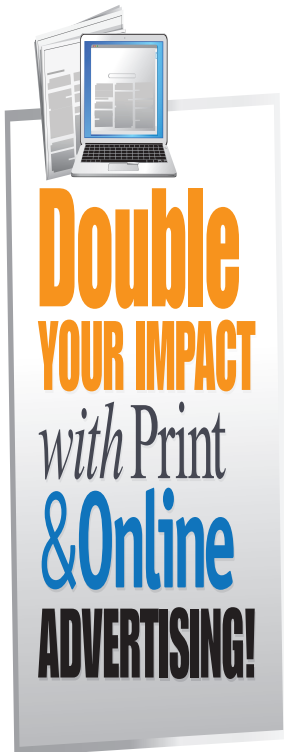
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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
George Gail Settles, Jr.	Karen Settles	2062 Jakes Fork Rd, Arnoldsburg, WV 25234
Donald R. Shrader	Doris Shrader	80 Garden Lane, Creston, WV 26141
Kermit Lee Saunders	Mark Saunders	22 Hillcrest Drive, Rittman, OH 44270
Suzanne Jeannette Poorker	Roy Poorker	475 Highland Heights Drive, Mt. Zion, WV 26151
Robert L. Shannon	Robert L. Shannon, Jr.	2744 Thunder Bay Ave, Henderson, NV 89052

August 6, 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 **October 6, 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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(2025-C-000003 - CALHOUN COUNTY - JAMES HICKEY & APRIL HICKEY)

To: OCCUPANT, DEAVIN BUTLER, JAMES BLANKENSHIP II, DEAVIN BUTLER, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, UNKNOWN CREDITORS, HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF JAMES BLANKENSHIP III, UNKNOWN CREDITORS, HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF DEAVIN BUTLER, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having a n undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CENTER MAP 9999 PARCEL 0014 0001 0000

You will take notice that JAMES HICKEY & APRIL HICKEY, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000003**, located in CENTER District, BIG ROOT 1.85 AC SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BUTLER DEAVIN & BLANKENSHIP JAMES II, 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. JAMES HICKEY & APRIL HICKEY requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 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 2024 - 519.	\$ 274.48
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 - 534.	\$ 223.64
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 914.50
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,622.57

You may redeem at any time before December 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 July 14, 2026

Christal G. Perry

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of CALHOUN 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**

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

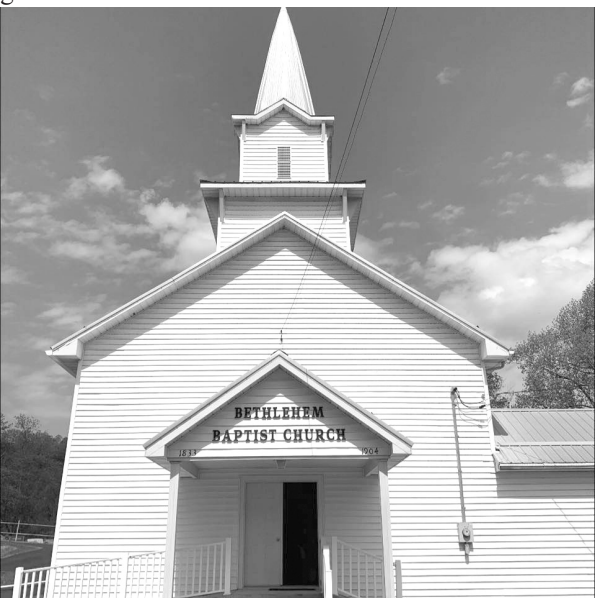
None listed

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.



Holy Redeemer

602 Parkersburg Rd. Spencer

(304) 927-2013

holyredeemerwv@gmail.com



St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St Rt 14 S, Elizabeth

(681) 236-2700

stelizofhungary@gmail.com

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

METHODIST



ALBERT'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

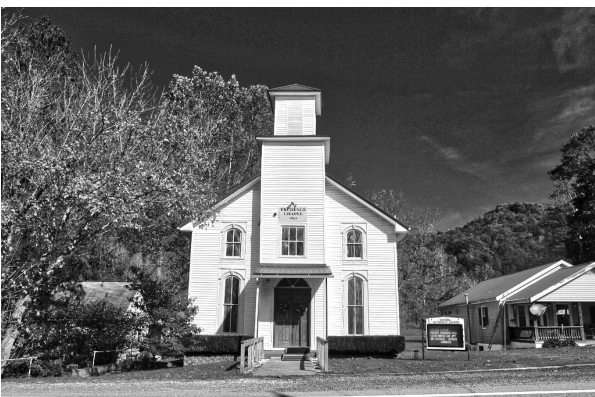
Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am

Mt Zion United Methodist Church



Worship 10:00 am, 304-514-1346

Prudence Chapel



CLOSED

Walker Church

CLOSED

Orma United Methodist

CLOSED

Knotts Memorial Church

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



NON DENOMINATIONAL

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

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



Attorney General McCuskey Announces \$400 Million Settlement in Principle with Sandoz Over Conspiracy to Inflate Drug Prices and Limit Competition

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Attorney General JB McCuskey today announced a \$400 million settlement in principle with Sandoz Inc. The action is to resolve allegations that the generic drug manufacturer engaged in widespread, long-running conspiracies to artificially inflate and manipulate prices, reduce competition, and unreasonably restrain trade with regard to numerous generic prescription drugs. The agreement to settle the litigation is subject to approval by a bi-partisan coalition of 43 states and territories.

If approved, Sandoz Inc. will pay a total of approximately \$469 million to settle the claims brought by the coalition of Attorneys General, including amounts paid pursuant to previous settlements with other states. The settlement will also resolve allegations that Sandoz Inc.'s past and present international affiliates, Novartis AG, Sandoz AG, and Sandoz Group AG, participated in the alleged anticompetitive conduct and fraudulently transferred assets in order to avoid liability.

As part of the settlement in principle, Sandoz has agreed to meaningful injunctive terms including a series of internal reforms to ensure fair competition and compliance with antitrust laws. This settlement is contingent upon obtaining signatures from all necessary states and territories and comes as the States prepare

for an anticipated trial in 2027.

"Drug prices in this country are out of control and have been for far too long. This lengthy litigation has revealed the depths of the conspiracy among various companies to keep prices high and limit affordable options, hurting those who need these drugs to survive. It's wrong and I'm proud of the work of this bipartisan coalition to hold these companies accountable for putting profits over people," Attorney General McCuskey said.

The States have also secured settlements in the same litigation with Glenmark, Lannett, Bausch, Apotex and Heritage totaling approximately \$96.5 million.

Connecticut is leading the bipartisan action against the various drug manufacturers, joined by West Virginia, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.



Apprentice Aristotle Jones (left) listens as his mentor, Bill Hairston, tells stories of growing up in West Virginia. Photo by Michael Keller.

West Virginia Folklife Seeks Applications Statewide for 2026-27 Folklife Apprenticeship Program

Charleston—West Virginia Folklife, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council, is now accepting applications for its statewide Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

Since 2017, the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program has supported expert traditional artists working with dedicated apprentices on a yearlong apprenticeship to teach traditional music, dance, craft, foodways, storytelling and more. This popular program follows the time-tested model of one-to-one teaching so that apprentices may carry on techniques, artistry, stories and traditional knowledge of communities from throughout the Mountain State.

Applications are due September 18, 2026, for the 2026-27 program. The application, guidelines and instructions for how to apply can be found at wvfolklife.org. Mentors and their proposed apprentices must apply together. Applications will be evaluated by a review panel, and successful applicants will be notified in November 2026.

Teaching artists will receive \$3,000, and apprentices \$800, for participating in the program. Pairs may request an additional \$400 to reimburse for expenses related to their apprenticeship. Folklife apprenticeship pairs design their own work plans, and they are expected to participate in a public presentation, recorded

interview, virtual meetings as a cohort with other selected pairs and a final public showcase.

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program is facilitated by the West Virginia Folklife Program at the West Virginia Humanities Council. The Folklife Apprenticeship Program is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation and support of West Virginia's cultural heritage and living traditions. For more information, visit wvfolklife.org. For questions about the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program, contact Jennie Williams at williams@wvhumanities.org or 304-346-8500. Follow our YouTube channel @WestVirginiaFolklife to watch past West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship showcases.

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The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit corporation, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council is supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia and contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

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Singer Ginny Hawker (left) leads her apprentice Mary Linscheid in Primitive Baptist hymn singing. Photo by Michael Keller.



Old-time fiddler Ben Townsend (right) leads his apprentice Bodhi Gibbons-Guinn on a tune performed at Arthurdale Heritage for a West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Showcase hosted in November 2025. Photo by Michael Keller.