

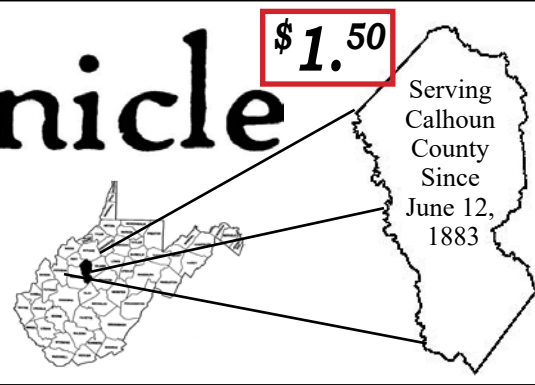


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Governor Morrissey Touts Significant Progress Toward State 50 By 50 Goal

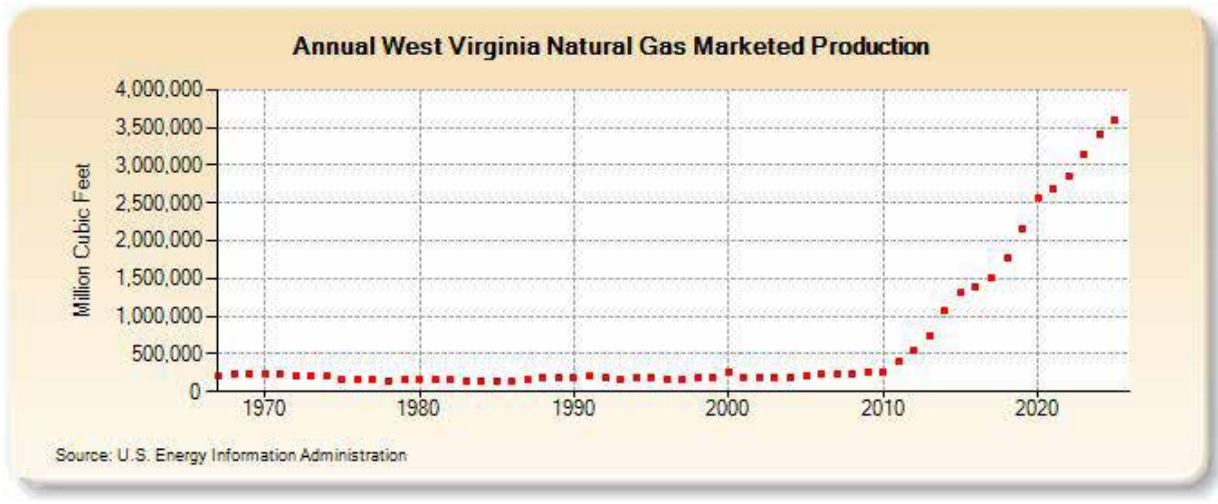
By Stephen Smoot

“When I came in, I knew that for West Virginia to lift its standard of living up, we need to identify those needle moving things to raise population, increase workforce participation, and draw private sector investment at a level we’ve never seen before.” said West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrissey at the recent Oil and Gas Association summer meeting.

He added that revenues from added power production and other expected development will help to address funding issues in school aid, water and sewer infrastructure, and other major issues.

One of Morrissey’s signature policies lies in jump-starting Mountain State energy production by 50 gigawatts by the year 2050. A single GW can power 750,000 typical residential homes. With PJM Interconnection sounding alarms about the near-future in both produc-

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State natural gas production has far exceeded consumption as West Virginia has become a top US producer. While the state gets revenues from sales and export, the construction of more gas-fired plants in the state will multiply the economic effect. Source: United States Energy Information Administration.

More Heavy Rains, Severe Weather, Coming This Week

By Stephen Smoot

On Monday, lines of severe thunderstorms with high winds and frequent lightning raced across the state. At about the same time Monday afternoon, parts of Ripley flooded while the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management reported several trees downed on major highways. Soaking rains and sometimes dangerous conditions afflicted the Mountain State well into the night and left significant water on the ground.

For that reason and the week’s forecast, the National Weather Service released a flood watch for Calhoun County and most of the rest of West Virginia that will remain in effect through August 14.

The National Weather Service stated that “a series of systems are expected to traverse the area, each bringing potential for heavy downpours and . . . storms which may cause flooding.” Additionally “excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood prone locations.”

The NWS encourages residents, particularly in areas known to flood, to watch for the release of flood and flash flood warnings.

The federal website drought.gov predicts that in the next seven days, starting on the Chronicle’s deadline day of Tuesday, all but the northern tier of Calhoun County should expect between five and seven inches of rain. The northernmost part of the county could get between three and four.

Water levels on the Little Kanawha River are described by that site as “above normal” based on reports from a gauge situated on the Calhoun and Roane county lines. At Elizabeth, however, drought.gov categorizes the river level as “much above” normal.

A streamflow gauge at Grantsville showed that as of the morning of August 11 that the Little Kanawha River had risen to 11 feet, six feet higher than four days prior. That said, the “action” mark where authorities have to start warning the public and applying closer monitoring takes place when the river hits 34 feet.

That said, damage and danger can occur during sig-



Smaller rivers and streams, such as the West Fork, could rise substantially this week. Officials urge that during heavy rains, residents remain aware of NWS warnings, exercise patience and caution, and take no risks, especially when driving on water-laden roads.

nificantly heavy downpours as water rushes down hill-sides and into side streams. Large amounts of water flowing across roadways presents a critical hazard as well.

Despite the recent rains, Calhoun County south of US Route 33 remains in the D0-Abnormally Dry category on the drought website. June was the 63rd driest in 132 years of record keeping while 2026 so far has been the 23rd driest year to date for Calhoun County in the past 132. As of Tuesday morning, approximately 17,800 West Virginia households remained without electric power. There are numerous reports of broken poles and downed trees as well.

Emergency Watershed Protection Funding Available Through WVCA

By Stephen Smoot

When West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey issued a 55-county emergency disaster declaration last month, it unlocked Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funding assistance.

One of the major jobs of state and local conservation agencies lies in ensuring waterways remain safe and unfettered. The West Virginia Conservation Agency also works hard to protect the integrity of streambanks from erosion.

When a State or Federal emergency declaration is made, the EWP program forms part of the response. “In cases of extreme flooding,” states the WVCA website “the WVCA will work with local, state, and federal agencies to determine the extent of flood-related damages and to relieve blockages from streams.”

Officials from the WVCA have also “deployed to assess the extent of flood-related debris blockages and provide assistance to affected residents.” Those who see

debris blockages in “streams, creeks, or drainage channels” should contact their conservation district. Officials need to know the location of the blockage, description of debris, photos (if safe to take), and contact information for follow up, if needed.

Those seeking help from the EWP program should contact the Little Kanawha Conservation District at (304) 422-9088.

The federal government also has resources to help farmers. Late last month, the Little Kanawha Conservation District shared that “recent flooding has left many West Virginia farmers assessing damage to their fields and pastures.” Flooding in Calhoun County this year has taken a toll on fields and production.

“If your agricultural operation has been impacted,” shared the LKCD Facebook page, “contact your local USDA Farm Service Agency County Office as soon as possible to learn about emergency assistance programs and available recovery resources.”



MOVRC five-year economic development plan highlighted Calhoun County' recreational and small business economy as important local assets

MOVRC CEDS Report Highlights Challenges, Opportunities in Region

By Stephen Smoot

West Virginia has nine regional economic development and planning councils, one being the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council. These state-established organizations assist local communities with economic development while also providing some services at the regional level to populations such as seniors and others. Regional councils can also provide capital assistance in some circumstances.

To fulfil one of their foundational economic development grants, each regional council invites the community to help to create the Community Economic Development Strategy, or CEDS. MOVRC describes the document as its “official economic redevelopment roadmap.” One of the goals lies in creating a “coordinated framework of public and private investment.”

This year, MOVRC released its five-year CEDS that will require updating annually.

At public meetings, attendees offer strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the health of the regional economy and its development. Local input helps to shape the document, which in turn helps to shape strategy.

Five strategic goals of equal priority help to provide “a clear, actionable strategy.” These include regional resilience, housing and tourism, infrastructure and broadband, workforce development, and economic diversification.

The report first touched on regional trends. One of the most dramatic developments came in population loss, as

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Learning From The Great American Songbook

By Stephen Smoot

If one goes looking in Barnes and Nobles, or searches for it on Amazon, it will never be found.

Yet it still exists and has seen a renaissance in the age of decentralized music appreciation online.

Older folks hear it as the music of their childhood. The youngest marvel at music using styles and expressions they have never heard before, yet they still recognize its importance and greatness.

Introducing the Great American Songbook.

Just like much of everything else that is great about America, the Songbook is large and unwieldy, impossible to define, and means something different to everyone who has partaken in it.

The Great American Songbook is also the chronicle of the Greatest Generation. Starving artist “Tin Pan Alley” songwriters from the 1920s into the 1960s churned out songs of love and loss, nostalgia, quirkiness, life and death, and the rhythms of life in the United States during its most tumultuous times. They combined elegant jazz-influenced minimalist musical sounds, often with plebeian or even pedestrian themes. Other Songbook sources came from Broadway and Hollywood musicals.

Great American Songbook music evokes the everyday, slice of life themes most of the time, but can also soar into heights. For example Frank Sinatra’s “Angel Eyes,” an example of what he called a sad “saloon song” tells the point of view of a miserable and suspicious man stood up at a bar by his love. Yet in his rendition of one of the verses of “Macarthur Park,” he works through more metaphorical lyrics.

Of course he also takes the Songbook to bombastic heights in full-throated classics like “Under My Skin,” “My Way,” and other songs that bring out the full power of his voice. One of the few defining attributes of the Songbook lay in the fact that no matter how powerful the backing orchestra played, the voice that delivered it had to shine more powerfully.

Every time, the singer and the lyrics mattered more than the music that provided the backdrop, beautiful as it often was. Appreciation for the voice above all led to a rich diversity of sounds from the angelic Ella Fitzgerald to the gruff gravel of Louis Armstrong, two singers who loved putting the contrasts of their voices together.

When they pulled from the Songbook, they often sang the same tunes, but with vastly different styles. One might argue that “Stardust,” by far the most popular and most recorded tune in history, provides the best example of this. Hoagy Carmichael’s 1920s era jazz hit was covered as a powerful horns-driven instrumental by Doc Severinsen, a melancholy lost love classic by Nat King Cole and, later, Willie Nelson, and a number of other iterations in a bewildering array of styles.

The power of the song, a story of a man reminiscing about a love long lost, is so beautiful, haunting, and human, and it remains the king of Songbook standards.

“Sometimes I wonder why I spend/ The lonely nights/Dreaming of a song/ The memory haunts my reverie/ And I am once again with you/When our love was new/And each kiss an inspiration.”

Behind the beauty and power of the Songbook lay a gritty and powerful engine called “Tin Pan Alley.” A single block of 28th Street in New York City had a number of recording studios that gave voice to Italian, Jewish, and black American singers and songwriters. Hundreds of songwriters and performers gravitated to the area, competing with each other to get their work seen.

Through the music made, then

shared on record albums, by silver tongued singers, and also over the radio and in motion picture and theater soundtracks, these people helped to define the culture of the 20th century.

Rural America developed a parallel dynamic of classic songs written, shared, covered, then covered again. Appalachian America brought to the table a deep and rich slate of songs that had origins as timeless as Scottish and Irish ballads and as recent as tragic tales of train wrecks, the too-soon death of loved ones,faith in Jesus Christ, or surviving grinding poverty. These songs mined themes of tragedy, but often added either levity or Stoicism to lighten the impact.

With those came a mountain Songbook where different performers took liberties with the music and lyrics, creating almost entirely new songs.

Hank Williams Sr, the tortured genius of mid century country and western music, gave the world his dual-sided character of a man consumed by vices, but also still with a belief in the saving power of God.

A common theme in music from the country lay in the idea that one may have it bad, but can always find someone who has it worse, with the lesson to appreciate the blessings one has. One of Hank Williams Sr’s best known songs offers this vignette

“Traveling down a lonely highway/I knew not where the road would end/ Not a penny in my pocket/All alone without a friend/ In a little country village/I met a man and he was blind/ As I helped him cross the highway/Oh Lord I cried his burdens are greater than mine.”

As haunting as the lyrics are in text, Williams’ clear melancholy voice gives the song its soul.

Writers such as Kris Kristofferson turned out hit songs sung by rising stars like Johnny Cash and Janis Joplin. Like Tin Pan Alley songwriter Neil Diamond, Kristofferson took the next step and started performing his own songs. Both men also expanded their repertoires, as did Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr., by taking roles in Hollywood films.

The country Songbook brought a harder edge, forged not from the glittering streets of New York City, but on hardscrabble farms, in coal mine camps, army barracks, county jails, and state prisons. And it continues to bring new performances of standards, such as Brad Paisley’s chilling version of the decades-old “You’ll Never Leave Harlan Alive.”

That song tells tales of a land where “the sun comes up/About 10 in the morning and the sun goes down/At about three in the day/And you fill your cup/With whatever bitter brew you’re drinking/And you spend your life just trying to get away.” He performed it for the television program “Justified,” which could be called both Appalachian noir and neo-Western.

Yet like the New York City version, this country songbook also illustrated well the joys, sorrows, pains and pleasures of ordinary Americans just trying to get through the challenges of life.

While the era of the Great American Songbook ended with the advent of rock music, the stories, the characters, the performances are more accessible than they have ever been. One can pull up almost any of the classic performances online, or also Lady Gaga and the legendary Tony Bennett singing an album of standards together.

The sophisticated sounds and the very, sometimes all-too-human, lyrics will always find an ear. As time passes, however, the Great American Songbook will serve as one of the most important voices of the common man from that time, chronicling life from America’s quickly-receding past one song at a time.

Home Country

Slim Randles

Leona was a good mule. She was in a fabled minority in the pack station realm of mules, as she was a riding mule as well as a pack mule. She was also... well ... somewhat notional in nature. There was how Leona pictured her world, and there were the rest of us, who were wrong, of course.

Mules are worth a lot more than a horse in the eastern California High Sierra, and there are reasons for that. They usually live longer than a horse, they learn fast and never have to be shown twice, and they won’t jump off a 300-foot cliff just because a 40-foot pine tree sneaked up on them.

When they learn something, it’s learned. Period. This includes bad things as well as good things. It’s up to the packer to discover just what these atomic boogers are in the life of each mule and avoid them.

With Leona, it was one spot on the Kearsarge Pass trail between Kearsarge Meadow and Slim Lake. Yes, as I told every kid I packed in, it was named for me because of how good a cowboy I was. Some of them asked why Slim Lake was 200 yards long and only 20 feet wide, but you know kids.

But just at the top of the little divide

there was Leona’s booger spot. There was a short piece of trail that was level and maybe five feet wide, which would have made it flatlands anywhere else.

Well, one night I was riding Leona and leading some horses and mules down that stretch of trail. Leona knew how to get back to the pack station, so I was just making sure UFOs didn’t hover and suck us up. We were good.

When we got to that little stretch of trail, close to midnight, I discovered, through pack station Braille, that three hikers had rolled their sleeping bags across the trail and sacked out. I didn’t become aware of this until Leona had walked straight over the first two. All three dozing backpackers then saw mules walking over them, jumped straight up, and mules began knocking hikers down like ten pins. It was beautiful.

Every time after that, if I was riding Leona, when she came to that spot, light or dark, she wouldn’t go through until she’d thoroughly blown nuclear snot all over it.

Mules are the greatest manmade animal.

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Brought to you by all the aging packers of the eastern High Sierra. Having cameras along sure would’ve been a plus.

WVRC Media, Huntington Bank and Titan Roofing Team Up with the Red Cross to Support Flood Relief Efforts

CHARLESTON, WVa, Wednesday, August 6, 2026 — Two weeks ago, our state experienced unprecedented storm damage in Central West Virginia. WVRC Media along with our friends at Titan Roofing and The Huntington National Bank, created donation events at nine different locations across the state and as is the way in West Virginia, our communities answered the call. Together we collected and Titan Roofing delivered twelve truckloads of supplies. In addition, with The Huntington Foundation’s generous match for financial donations, we raised nearly \$64,000 for the American Red Cross to help affected communities.

“We were amazed... but not surprised at the outpouring of support during our relief effort broadcasts, West Virginia really proves, yet again, that we support our neighbors. What a tremendous effort,” said George Pelletier President and CEO of WVRC Media.

“Moments like these reveal the character of a community, and time and again, West Virginians demonstrate what it means to care for one another,” said Chad Prather, Huntington Bank West Virginia Regional President. “From the organizations and volunteers on the ground to those who have donated to support the relief effort, the response has been inspiring, and we are grateful for everyone who has stepped forward. We hope Huntington’s contribution helps make the recovery process less difficult for individuals and families impacted by the storms.”

"I love the fact that we live in a state that supports one another. Once again, the people of WV have proven that they have compassion for their neighbors.

This is our 3rd flood relief event partnering with the family at WVRC Media and once again their community reach with radio has proven second to none. I also want to thank Huntington Bank for its amazing contributions to this effort. Neighbors helping neighbors! That is what it is all about. We will continue to help our neighbors in Lewis and Upshur Counties and keep them in our thoughts and prayers," said James Sanders, Owner of Titan Roofing LLC.

“The Red Cross stands ready to help people after disaster whether it be a tornado, flood or home fire and we are so grateful to have community partners like WVRC, Huntington Banks and Titan that will step up and support our efforts. We see heartache and devastation in our community and then we see neighbors helping neighbors recover,” said Erica Mani, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross Central Appalachia Region.

Since the storm hit, the American Red Cross has been on the ground providing comfort and hope to those impacted. Red Cross volunteers opened and supported four shelters, provided over 100 overnight stays, served over 1,100 meals through mobile routes in the hardest hit areas and distributed hundreds of emergency supplies and cleanup kits to over 120 homes. Red Cross also conducted over 1,100 damage assessments, opened service centers and conducted outreach to encourage individuals whose homes were destroyed or received major damage to apply for Red Cross assistance. You can still help by providing a financial donation, volunteering or scheduling a blood donation at redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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WAG Trap-Neuter-Return on August 24

On Monday, August 24, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping feral cats in the Orma area to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program). We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Sunday, August 23, as we will be trapping on Monday morning. Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation. So far we have spayed and neutered 1,185 community cats (636 females and 549 males).

Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Monday the 24th. If you have any questions, please call Linda at 304-354-7506.

If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to Calhoun County residents at no cost to the caretaker.

Partial funding for Trap-Neuter-Return is provided by The Oakland Foundation, The Bernard McDonough Foundation, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the Calhoun County Commission

The Zion Community Park in Calhoun County, WV will be having their 66th Annual Ox Roast on Saturday, August 22, 2016. Mark your calendar and join us this year. We will begin serving at 11am and continue until 5pm.

Enjoy and pit roasted beef sandwich, along with

Cole slaw, baked beans, a slice of cake and a drink for \$12. We will sell individual sandwiches for \$8 and a whole roast for \$55.

Enjoy the fun, music and fellowship!

For more information, contact us at 681-578-4784 and see us on Facebook.



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Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026

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Make Appointments for Back to School Vaccines Now

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department is recommending parents and caregivers make appointments now for their children's back-to-school vaccinations.

"Making an appointment now beats the rush right before school starts," said Christi Merrill, clinical director.

MOVHD offers the required vaccines for each child's age to enter school as well as boosters. Check with your child's school district to see what vaccines are needed to be enrolled. The health department also offers those needed for college-aged students as well, such as meningitis.

To make an appointment for Wood County, call 304-485-7374. Call Calhoun at 304-354-6101, Pleasants at 304-684-2461, Ritchie at 304-643-2917, Roane at 304-927-1480 and Wirt at 304-275-3131.

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The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. Its main office is located at 1824 Murdoch Ave. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information. Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook and @MOVHealthDept on Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. Also follow their podcast, Your Health and MOVHD on Spotify.

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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 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.
Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority Monthly Meeting August 19, 2026, 5:00 pm, Mom's Place Too, 340 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147
Monthly Tire Collection August 21st, 2026, 10 - 2

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the region’s population fell from about 158,000 in 2010 to under 150,000 by 2022 with the median age between the mid-40s and mid-50s. While the “labor force age” has “declined modestly over the past decade, the population of seniors has continued to relatively rise.

That said, home ownership remains high and “communities retain strong civic engagement and attachment to place.”

Declining population combined with low workforce participation keeps official unemployment statistics low but also serves as a barrier to attracting investment and development. “Employers . . . consistently report difficulty filling positions, delaying expansion plans.”

Calhoun County, according to MOVRC, shares with Ritchie, Roane, and Wirt counties additional challenges in getting more people into employment. These include “smaller labor pools, transportation challenges, and limited access to training facilities.”

Getting more of the community into the workforce could involve addressing childcare and transportation needs, as well as “recovery-to-work initiatives” that encourage recovered addicts to rejoin the workforce. The 1982 Foundation’s work at the old Calhoun County High School is, in part, aimed at helping both addiction recovery and also workforce development.

The region as a whole depends heavily on manufacturing as an economic driver, particularly in Jackson County and around Parkersburg. Energy serves as an important factor in some of the less-populated counties of the region, but “this sector is inherently influenced by commodity price fluctuations.” The CEDS document recommends strategies that diversify local economies, educate energy sector workers in “transferable skills”, and “infrastructure investments that support multiple sectors.”

The CEDS also identifies health care as a “stable anchor” sector. While the CEDS highlighted facilities in

Jackson and Roane counties, Minnie Hamilton Health System has undergone a dramatic transformation and modernization of its facility. Economic development and local officials, following the idea of diversification, are exploring multiple potential uses for the new state-of-the-art helipad.

In Calhoun County, “small businesses form the backbone” of the local economy. “Locally owned firms in retail, hospitality, food services, and personal services provide essential employment and contribute to community vitality and quality of life.” Because of bot their importance and the challenges they face, the CEDS document stated “the need for coordinated strategies that support business retention and expansion and pathways from entry-level employment to higher wage careers.”

Tourism has increasingly taken focus in Calhoun County in recent years and remains a major priority for MOVRC. The “diverse mix of natural, cultural, and heritage assets” provides significant opportunity to the region. Calhoun County’s unique dark skies designation, popular festivals, waterways, and ample recreation facilities have served as a foundation to grow and develop. Waypoint Zero provides a base from which to build on overland and primitive tourism as well.

One of the supports provided by MOVRC lies in a revolving loan fund. Regional councils have capital to offer local businesses that meet certain criteria. The CEDS document states that in the five year period covered by the plan “the RLF is expected to deploy approximately \$2.0 to \$3.0 million to finance 20 to 30 business projects.”

The fund “fills financing gaps not typically met by commercial lenders.” It focuses on entrepreneurs, business expansion, and businesses operating in economically-challenging areas.

About 60 percent of loans will support business endeavors while the remainder will go to “distressed ar-

eas.” Almost two-thirds of loans supporting business will go to projects that “will align with regional priority industries, including healthcare, energy, tourism, and “locally serving businesses.”

Regional councils also provide assistance and coordination for local infrastructure projects and needs. Often, local governments will utilize their grant writing staff with the understanding that compensation back to the regional council will be part of the grant.

Some of the most important problems facing Calhoun County, according to the CEDS document, lie in infrastructure. Decades of aging pipes, treatment facilities, and pump stations not only lack the capacity to support growth, but require work to protect public health in the long term.

MOVRC identified water system improvements as a key tangible priority for Calhoun County and spotlighted the \$6 to \$8 million dollar investment. Work done will “upgrade aging sewer lines and treatment facilities to improve reliability and support development.” Calhoun County’s work in finding outside funding has paid off as it has obtained support from the IJDC, USDA Rural Development, and the Appalachian Regional Commission. The Calhoun County Commission has spearheaded the drive for modernization, expansion, and redundancy to secure the system.

With adequate to high speed internet a necessity for many businesses and individuals, the MOVRC included broadband into the infrastructure category. Despite expansion of improved broadband in the region through the federal BEAD program and other initiatives, “gaps in coverage, speed, reliability, and affordability persist.”

Also, “broadband challenges extend beyond physical infrastructure and include barriers related to digital skills, device availability, and user support.”

50 BY 50

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tion and distribution of electric power, increasing West Virginia’s productive capacity has been made a priority.

Most of the power produced will be exported, but in turn that will generate revenues coming back to West Virginia in multiple streams.

Achieving the 50 by 50 goal would significantly accelerate production in West Virginia. Already, if the Mountain State, according to the Governor, was an independent nation it would rank in the top 20 globally in energy production. That includes serving as the second largest coal producer and fourth natural gas producer. About 10 percent of the nation’s natural gas supply comes from the state.

Success in expanding production capacity would at the same time earn more revenues for the state while helping the 13-state grid, including West Virginia, remain reliable and consistent. Rising energy demand in the Mid Atlantic and Midwest has put increasing strains on the 13-state grid serving the region.

Recently, the Governor spoke at the Oil and Gas Association’s summer meeting. He provided an update showing that in less than a year, almost 20 percent of the ambitious goal has been realized. He opened by reaffirming the conclusions of a panel at the event, saying “Through our energy resources and through our energy dominance, West Virginia is going to ascend and continue its comeback like you’ve never seen before.”

He added that West Virginia will “be a major player

in America’s energy dominance strategy.”

The Governor credited the policies of President Donald Trump for laying the groundwork for the Mountain State to expand capacity so rapidly. He also discussed how lawsuits launched by the West Virginia Attorney General’s Office during his and his successor’s tenure there also removed regulatory barriers to growth. “The regulatory side of the equation should never be underestimated,” Morrissey added.

Morrissey shared that overall, the state has seen recent private sector investment of approximately \$15 billion that will help to create 15,000 jobs. That includes not only energy production projects in North Central West Virginia, Grant County, and elsewhere, but also added manufacturing facilities such as a military drone producer coming to Berkeley County.

He mentioned specifically the 625 megawatt project planned for Harrison County’s Wolf Summit.

“That doesn’t factor in broadband. That doesn’t factor in rural health.” he stated.

Morrissey explained that as COVID funding disappeared, speed in engaging economic development became more paramount. “We emphasized speed to build much more aggressively than anyone else,” he explained, then added “and you know what I was told? That’s the reason we were able to prevail” with the Berkeley County investment projected to add 60 high-paying jobs.

“The secret sauce,” he continued, lies in expediting permitting and capital availability so that a business can focus on other issues such as construction and hiring.

The “really stunning” series of announcements over the past year and a half tally up to nine gigawatts of

added power likely coming to the state. That represents a little less than 20 percent of the stated goal for 25 years.

“As we begin getting a lot of that revenue to flow in as the construction winds down, we’re going to position our counties very effectively” to respond to fiscal issues and also mitigate the effects of development. He explained that 30 percent of revenues will go to the county hosting a facility, 10 percent “shared around the state”, 10 more percent for water and sewer infrastructure, as well as grid maintenance and protection.

Morrissey also responded to concerns from those who state that in the past that West Virginia did not get its due in energy production revenues. In past times, coal mined would get shipped for use out of state. West Virginia’s current effort, however, seeks to keep the benefit of coal and gas extraction in not only the upstream, but also midstream and downstream as well.

He stated that “I want to make sure we’re monetizing the intersection between energy and technology, where we’re going to create more value-added products and services for the citizens of our state.”

Another recent major energy-related announcement came from West Virginia University. The flagship state higher education institution will receive \$321 million over a decade to work with the National Science Foundation and others to create next generation grid protection technology, including cybersecurity, energy storage, and advanced manufacturing. The grant does not promote expanded production of energy, however.

It is expected to generate \$1 billion in economic activity and 21,000 jobs in West Virginia and other Appalachian states.

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Commission Meeting: 2nd Monday at 1:30pm; 4th Monday at 5pm

Holiday

Board of Review Meeting

Budget Meeting - Lay the Levy

Meeting at 5pm

Meeting at 5pm

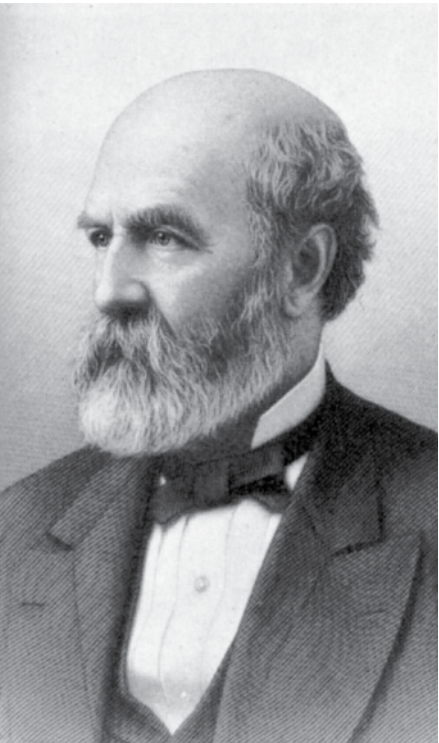


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The West Virginia Encyclopedia

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Aug. 13, 1900: Railroad mogul and founder of Huntington, Collis Potter Huntington, died. Raised in poverty, Huntington went west when gold was discovered in California. There he became rich, not from mining but by selling supplies to miners.



Aug. 13, 2018: The House of Delegates adopted articles of impeachment against all sitting justices of the state Supreme Court of Appeals.



Aug. 14, 1894: Entertainer Ada Beatrice Queen Victoria Louise Virginia “Bricktop” Smith was born at Alderson. She performed in Paris in the 1920s and opened her own clubs, the Music Box and Bricktop’s, a favorite hangout of songwriter Cole Porter.

Aug. 14, 1914: Five burglars robbed the Glen Alum Coal Company payroll in Mingo County. In the chase that followed, eight men—including all the robbers—were killed. All but \$20 of the stolen blood-stained \$7,000 was recovered.



Aug. 14, 1941: Singer Connie Smith was born in Indiana but was raised in Summers County. She became the first female country artist to have a number

one record for eight weeks. Dolly Parton once said, “There are only three great singers: Connie Smith, Barbra Streisand, and Linda Ronstadt. The rest of us are just pretending.”



Aug. 14, 1943: Astronaut Jon Andrew McBride was born in Charleston. McBride became an astronaut in 1979 and piloted the space shuttle *Challenger* on an eight-day mission in 1984.



Aug. 15, 1867: The cornerstone was laid for the Fairmont Branch Normal School (now Fairmont State University).



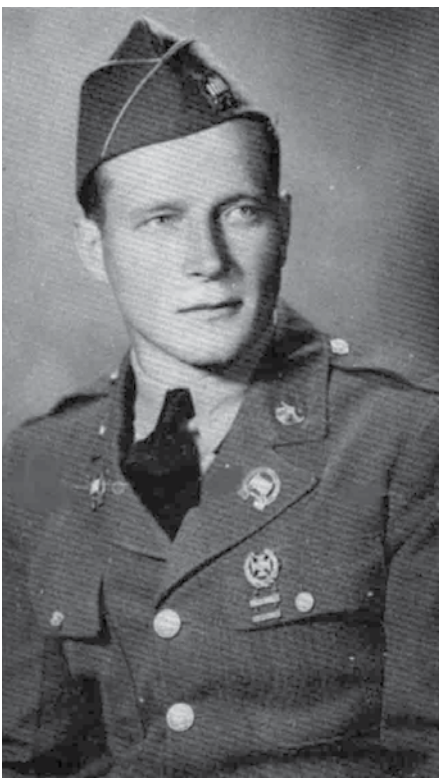
Aug. 15, 1906: The Niagara Movement began a five-day meeting at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. The organization was founded the previous year by a group of Black intellectuals, including W. E. B. Du Bois. It soon evolved into the NAACP.



Aug. 16, 1851: William Hope “Coin” Harvey was born in Buffalo, Putnam County. Harvey, a social reformer, was nominated for president of the United States by the Liberty Party in 1932.

Aug. 16, 1913: Helen Holt was born in

Illinois. In 1957, Governor Cecil Underwood appointed her to fill the secretary of state’s unexpired term, making her the first woman to hold statewide office in West Virginia.



Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender of Fayette County earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of his company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.



Aug. 17, 1946: Old-time musician Dwight Diller was born in Rand but spent most of his life in Pocahontas County, documenting, teaching, and performing traditional music.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at

Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on a 76-acre campus, is the world’s largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.



Aug. 18, 1749: Explorer Celoron de Blainville buried a leaden plate at Point Pleasant, after burying another at Wheeling, to claim the Ohio Valley for France.



Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.



Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brigadier General William W. Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin. It was the first of a series of Union raids in West Virginia led by Averell that month.

Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley’s Clinch Mountain Boys.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 10th day of April 2023, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 08/21/2026 at 10 AM:

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Terms of Sale: cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale.
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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))
Case No. 26-0703-G-30C

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS 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 approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$3,051 865 annually, an increase of approximately 1.9%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 0.86	0.91%
Commercial	\$ 4.29	1.12%
Industrial	\$ 35.60	0.64%
Resale	\$ 101.65	1.50%

Proposed PGA rates for each Mountaineer rate schedule, which include Business and Occupation Tax, are as follows:

Rate Schedule	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
RS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
RS Demand	\$ 2.59	\$ 20.91	\$ 0.320	1.55%
GS	\$ 7.381	\$ 7.534	\$ 0.143	1.93%
LGS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
WS	\$ 7.074	\$ 7.211	\$ 0.137	1.91%
IS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
LIS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., and City of Philippi.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an i crease 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 (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.

This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY’S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
MDFQ	\$ 15.861	\$ 16.112	\$ 0.251	1.58%
Storage Balancing Fee	\$ 0.609	\$ 0.625	\$ 0.016	2.63%
Firm Standby Fee	\$ 2.648	\$ 2.684	\$ 0.036	1.36%
Fuel Retention	4.00%	4.00%	N/A	0.00%

Any change 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 following offices of the Company:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the propose 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 Rule 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 his publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and 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

Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 2532 .
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, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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LKADC Seeks Director

The Little Kanawha Area Development Corp. with offices in Grantsville, Calhoun County, WV and Elizabeth, Wirt County, WV Seeks an Executive Director.

Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation (LKADC) is a public non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and the lead economic and community development organization for Calhoun and Wirt Counties, WV. LKADC’s mission is to improve the welfare of county residents by promoting and supporting responsible business and industry recruitment, startup, growth, and

prosperity, while leveraging available resources to advance economic development in both counties. The successful candidate will report to a board of directors appointed by the Calhoun County and Wirt County Commissions.

The successful applicant will be expected to function independently of daily supervision and will set the tone and agenda of the organization, subject to input and approval by the LKADC Board of Directors.

Preferred qualifications and skills include, but are not limited to:

· BA or MA in public administration, business management, marketing, or a related field.

· Experience in economic and community development activities at the local and state level.

· Familiarity with public support services for business and industry.

· Understanding of financial management, financial reporting and record keeping.

· CEDc or PCED credential a plus. Willingness to pursue such certification(s).

· Grant writing experience preferred.

· Skill in written and oral communication.

· Skill in computer applications, including Microsoft and Quickbooks programming.

· Willingness to serve as LKADC representative with various regional and state development organizations.

· Some area and state travel are required.

Starting Annual Salary: \$50,000, plus benefits.

Please submit letter of interest and resume to:
Shelia Burch, Executive Director
Little Kanawha Area Dev Corp
PO Box 508
Elizabeth, WV 26143
Email to: sburch@little-kanawha.com



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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

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



West Virginia Office of Energy launches pilot phase for whole-home energy rebate program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Office of Energy (WVOE) has launched the pilot phase of its Home Owner Managing Energy Savings (HOMES) Program, one of the state’s two rebate programs, marking the first step in bringing federally funded home energy upgrades to residents across the state.

Every family deserves a safe, comfortable home they can afford to heat and cool,” said West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey. “This program will help West Virginians make practical improvements that lower energy costs, strengthen our housing stock, and put more money back in the pockets of hardworking families. As we roll this program out statewide, we’re making sure it delivers real value for the people of West Virginia.”

Funded through the U.S. Department of Energy, HOMES will help qualifying households offset the cost of whole-home energy improvements.

“American families deserve affordable, reliable energy and the freedom to choose the energy upgrades that are best suited to their homes,” said United States Assistant Secretary of Energy Audrey Robertson. “We commend West Virginia for leading by example with the launch of their HOMES rebate program, which will help to grow their economy by putting money back in the pockets of West Virginians throughout the state.”

Eligible upgrades may include insu-

lation, air sealing, energy-efficient windows and doors, and modern heating and cooling systems. These improvements can increase household comfort, improve home energy performance, and help reduce utility costs. When fully implemented, the program is projected to generate up to \$4.5 million in annual utility cost savings for participating West Virginia households.

“West Virginia homes are the heart of our communities, and our whole-home energy rebate program makes energy-saving upgrades within reach for those who need support,” said Nicholas Preservati, West Virginia Department of Commerce Deputy Secretary and Director of the WVOE. “At the same time, HOMES will support contractors, strengthen our skilled workforce, and encourage broader investment in West Virginia’s energy economy.”

The initial pilot phase includes a select group of homes in southern West Virginia, in collaboration with Coalfield Community Action Partnership, Southwestern Community Action Council, and PRIDE Community Services. The phased rollout will allow the WVOE to test systems, contractor coordination, application processes, and customer support strategies before HOMES becomes available statewide.

“This pilot launch is an important step in making sure every part of this program functions the way it should before we open the program to the rest of the state,” said Preservati. “We want par-



ticipants to have a smooth experience from application to installation, and this phased rollout will help us identify opportunities to strengthen that process.”

While the pilot is underway, the WVOE is accepting applications from eligible residents throughout West Virginia. Projects will not begin until the pilot phase ends and HOMES becomes available to all counties.

The WVOE is also working to expand the network of qualified professionals available to complete rebate-supported projects. Through its Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Program in partnership with Everblue, contractors can receive training and credentials needed to participate in the program and serve households across the state.

The WVOE continues to develop its Home Efficiency Appliance Rebate (HEAR) Program, the second of West Virginia’s Home Energy Rebate Programs. While HOMES supports whole-home projects that achieve measurable energy savings, HEAR will help eligi-

ble households offset the cost of qualifying energy-efficient appliances and equipment.

Residents interested in applying or learning more about West Virginia’s Home Energy Rebate Programs, eligibility requirements, and qualifying improvements are encouraged to visit the West Virginia Office of Energy’s website at energywv.org.

Media resources, including program details, frequently asked questions, official logos, and broadcast soundbites, are available in the West Virginia Home Energy Rebate Programs Media Toolkit.

About the West Virginia Office of Energy

The West Virginia Office of Energy is responsible for the formulation and implementation of fossil, renewable and energy efficiency initiatives designed to advance energy resource development opportunities and provide energy services to businesses, communities and homeowners in West Virginia.

Governor Morrisey Announces \$3 Million Grant to West Virginia VOAD

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Governor Patrick Morrisey today announced a \$3 million grant from the Governor’s Civil Contingent Fund to West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

(WV VOAD) to support its work helping West Virginians recover from disasters and address unmet needs.

“Last week, we traveled across southern West Virginia to hear directly

from the people who live with these challenges every day,” said Governor Morrisey. “We saw families dealing with serious infrastructure problems and people who have been looking for answers for far too long. We came back knowing there are places where we can make a difference, and this grant is a first step in that direction.”

The grant will be provided in \$1 million tranches. WV VOAD works with a network of voluntary and faith-based organizations to bring together skilled workers, volunteers and resources to help West Virginians recover following disasters.

The announcement follows Governor Morrisey’s two-day Water Listening Tour across southern West Virginia last week. The Governor made 11 stops to hear directly from local elected officials responsible for water systems, the men and women who keep those systems running, and the people who depend on them every day.

During the tour, Governor Morrisey saw firsthand how infrastructure problems can affect nearly every part of daily life. Among the challenges were bridges that were out, creating significant access problems for families who rely on them to reach their homes and communities.

“If you fix one of these bridges, you can change people’s lives,” said Governor Morrisey. “Government can’t solve every problem on its own, but we can work with good partners who know these communities and know how to get things done.”

The \$3 million grant is one step in the administration’s ongoing work following the Water Listening Tour. The administration will continue reviewing the challenges and recommendations shared during the 11-stop tour as it works with communities and local leaders on solutions to longstanding infrastructure problems across southern West Virginia.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LITTLE KANAWHA AREA
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WITH OFFICES IN GRANTSVILLE,
CALHOUN COUNTY, WV AND ELIZABETH, WIRT COUNTY, WV

Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation (LKADC) is a public nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation and the lead economic and community development organization for Calhoun and Wirt Counties, WV. LKADC’s mission is to improve the welfare of county residents by promoting and supporting responsible business and industry recruitment, startup, growth, and prosperity, while leveraging available resources to advance economic development in both counties. The successful candidate will report to a board of directors appointed by the Calhoun County and Wirt County Commissions.

The successful applicant will be expected to function independently of daily supervision and will set the tone and agenda of the organization, subject to input and approval by the LKADC Board of Directors.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- BA or MA in public administration, business management, marketing, or a related field.
- Experience in economic and community development activities at the local and state level.
- Familiarity with public support services for business and industry.
- Understanding of financial management, financial reporting and record keeping.
- CEEdC or PCED credential a plus. Willingness to pursue such certification(s).
- Grant writing experience preferred.
- Skill in written and oral communication.
- Skill in computer applications, including Microsoft and Quickbooks programming.
- Willingness to serve as LKADC representative with various regional and state development organizations.
- Some area and state travel are required.

Starting Annual Salary: \$50,000, plus benefits.

PLEASE SUBMIT LETTER OF INTEREST AND RESUME TO:

Shelia Burch, Executive Director
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