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Free Food

**Calhoun Middle/High School
Wednesday, Dec. 23, noon to 2 p.m.**

Calhoun County Schools will sponsor and distribute 1,500 Blessing Boxes of food through a grant received to curb food insecurities for residents of Calhoun. Boxes will be distributed one per family physically present in a drive-thru style distribution at Calhoun Middle/High School on Wednesday, Dec. 23, from noon to 2 p.m.

Boxes will include turkey, potatoes, fruit, green beans, cheese, salad, and milk. Items are subject to substitution based on availability.

Participants are asked to wear masks and socially distance, remain in their cars, and lift the trunk or hatch of their vehicle prior to approaching the distribution site. Available while supplies last.

Free Testing

**Free COVID-19 Testing
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Annex Building (old health department)
Free each Tuesday, 9 a.m. to Noon
and
Walk-ins to the clinic,
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We wish you a Merry Christmas

Fundraising Light Show Benefits Park

Numerous volunteers, organizations, businesses and students worked together last week to raise \$4,200 at the Community Christmas Light Display, which benefits Calhoun County Park.

Park chairman Donnie Pitts (see letter on Page 2) thanked all those who participated and attended the light display, and praised park board members and all the helpers, who made the event a huge success.

Pitts said that the funds “will be used to make improvements to the park and to provide



maintenance.”

Listed on the event’s program as contributors were Calhoun Banks, Victory Baptist, Corner-

stone Praise and Worship, Minnie Hamilton Health System, CCHS Energy and Power class, Calhoun County Library, Calhoun

County Committee on Aging, Calhoun Historical Society, Grantsville Lions Club, and CMS Empowerment Academy.

Calhoun Cases Lowest When Will Schools Return To In-Person?

According to Saturday’s Education Map (see Page 12), which determines the counties that may hold in-person and blended instruction, only eight counties are eligible for in-person teaching.

Two of those counties--Calhoun and Lewis--were gold, but had asterisks, which means that the school systems have voluntarily moved to remote learning.

The only other counties eligible were Tucker and Monroe (gold), Roane, Randolph and Summers (yellow), and McDowell (green).

The other 47 counties were red (25) or orange (22), which would also eliminate sports and other extracurricular activities, when practice for those events is scheduled to begin on Jan. 11.

With numbers spiraling out of control, it would not

be surprising to learn that the governor will extend the holiday break and/or delay extracurricular activities again.

Daily maps since Saturday showed the following:

--Sunday: Calhoun, Roane and Tucker, yellow; Randolph, green; four orange, 32 red, and

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Calhoun Co. Schools will distribute free Blessing Boxes of food, CM/HS, noon to 2 p.m.; see information on Page 1.

Grief/loss ministry, Cornerstone Church, 527 Highland St., Grantsville, (Continued on Page 2)



Cabot Recycling has announced that Calhoun Middle/High School is this year’s recycling champions. The school has recycled approximately 16,000 pounds of cardboard since it began distributing meals for students earlier this year. Bonnie Sands (left) and Craig Arthur accepted the award on behalf of CM/HS from Courtney Starcher (right), assistant director of Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority, who said, “We hope (the school) continues to keep up the good work!”



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OBITUARIES

NIKKI RAE BOLLINGER

Nikki Rae Bollinger, 58, of Washington, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, at home.

She was born at Colorado Springs, Colo., the daughter of Lillie Pearl Mace Bollinger of Parkersburg and the late Donald Ray Bollinger. She was a registered nurse and a 1980 graduate of Parkersburg South High School and a graduate of Hocking College, Nelsonville, Ohio.

Surviving in addition to her mother are one brother, Scott Bollinger of Parkersburg; five nieces and nephews, Laura Burdette, Matt Bollinger, Brett Bollinger, Rebekah Newsom and Elizabeth Corry; and two grand-nephews and one grand-niece.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Deanna Bollinger; paternal grandparents, Raymond and Lucy Bollinger; and maternal grandparents, Glen and Marie Mace.

Graveside service was held at Mace Cemetery, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Brian Long officiating.



MARY ANN BUTLER

Mary Ann Butler, 68, of Pink Road, near Arnoldsburg, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, at home.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Year and Mabel Louk Metz. She was a former employee of Kellwood Co., Spencer.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Grover Butler; two daughters, Robin Little and Angie Butler; five grandchildren, Jacob Butler, Brittany Holstein, Mikayla Hanshaw, Jayden Little and Haley Little; two sisters, Elsie Hamrick and Bertha Dyer; one brother, Warren Metz; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Grace Hall and Emogene Bowers.

Services were held at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, Spencer, with Pastor Rick Metheney officiating. Burial was in Bailey Cemetery, Beech, Calhoun County.

JAMES WILLIAM MERRILL

James William Merrill, 89, of Parkersburg, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

He was born in Creston, the son of the late Ralph Merrill and Auldine "Coonie" Merrill Knight. He was a 1949 graduate of Parkersburg High School and had attended yearly reunions. He was a graduate of Mountain State Business College and was a U.S. Army veteran. He spent most of his working life in the building materials business, working at Citizens Building Supplies, then as manager of Scott Lumber, and retired as manager of Lowes, where he was named manager of the year in 1992. He was a member of Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where he was a former deacon and treasurer.

Surviving are two sons, Bill and wife Rosemary of Parkersburg, and Eric and wife Carla of Mooresville, N.C.; five grandchildren, Sam Merrill, Zoe Hall and husband Josh, James Merrill, Michael Merrill and Logan Merrill; and one great-granddaughter, Syreniti Merrill.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Rose Merrill, in 2018, and one brother, Russell Merrill.

Services were held at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with Evangelist Mark Tonkery officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memory Gardens.

CICILY RACHELLE 'SIS' ULLUM

Cicily Rachele "Sis" Ullum, 39, of Decatur, Ga., died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020.

She was born in Parkersburg, the daughter of Sheree Dove Ullum of Decatur and the late Thomas Carlton Ullum. She was a graduate of Calhoun County High School and was a member of National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She attended West Virginia University at Parkersburg and obtained a degree in nursing.

Surviving in addition to her mother are her children, Kyla Lacle Raber of Washington, Janissa Dove Hayes of Fairmont and Jackson Thomas Ullum of Decatur; aunts and uncles, which include Harold Cain "Dick" Ullum and Alice Ann Ullum of Grantsville, Sarita Carlene Samad and Ali Samad of Alpharetta, Ga., and Carl Tidwell of Decatur; and her cousins, Sara and Mike Stalnaker and their children Brandon, Andrew and Matthew, and Samara Samad.

Cicily was an avid supporter of animals, and we feel that she would be pleased if any remembrance would be donated to Welfare of Animals (WAG), 65 Stocking Run Road, Big Bend, WV 26136, as she belonged to the organization.

Memorial service will be held in Grantsville at a later date.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Winter is now officially here, arriving without fanfare on Monday, accompanied by mild temperatures in the 40s.

That is all about to change. All I ever want for Christmas each and every year is . . . snow. It now appears that my Christmas wish will come to fruition this year.

The National Weather Service is forecasting heavy rain for Thursday, with falling temperatures followed by heavy snow for Christmas Eve.

We may be waking up on Christmas morning to several inches of snow and the coldest temperatures so far—lower teens to perhaps 20.

This will make for perfect sledding conditions for the little ones and should make us adults happy that we are spending Christmas with our immediate family, while visiting our extended family on the web or the phone.

This is not a year to visit extended family face-to-face. We can make sacrifices now, so that we may have a chance to visit everyone next year.

Please don't take any chances with COVID-19, It's bigger than all of us and is mutating into even more virulent strains. Give the gift of life; stay away from loved ones so that we can all stay alive. It is not rocket science, just follow the guidelines for a few months more.

Now that two vaccines are available for future use, it would behoove us to be around long enough to actually get vaccinated. I will be getting my shot as soon as it is available for my age group and health condition.

In case anyone thinks

that the virus is busy elsewhere and we are all safe here in isolated Calhoun County, the courthouse was closed under emergency shut-down orders just last week due to COVID-19, and we had to bring in the National Guard to sterilize the building and offices to make it safe for use once again.

It is here. It is everywhere. Don't invite it into your house and don't carry it into anyone else's house or business.

The two donkeys that spend time in the holler, when they aren't grazing on the hilltop, have been moseying around munching grass on the lower pastures.

Dinky-Donk still hangs out with mom, Badonk-adonk, and is usually the first to get close enough for me or Jeanne to throw apples and/or carrots at their feet. Of course, if they approach close to the fence, we simply hand-feed them a carrot or two, with an apple for dessert.

They both always bray their appreciation for the change in diet.

The birds at the feeder love their suet cakes, almost as much as sunflower seeds and, for now, the suet cake that disappears the fastest is the orange flavored, followed closely by the nutty flavor.

Sometimes, there are two or three birds on one suet cake, with an entourage sitting impatiently on nearby limbs waiting for their chance for some greasy goodness.

I guess that they will be glad that I stocked up on seeds and cakes when this Christmas snowstorm slams the door on driving to town. Little birdies need presents too.

Vaccination Update

During a briefing last week, Gov. Jim Justice provided a personal update after he and members of the state's pandemic leadership team received the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Lots of people are wondering how I'm feeling," said Justice. "It didn't hurt me a bit in the world. I've felt great. If this vaccine becomes available to you, please get vaccinated. It was painless, there was nothing to it."

"We're pushing the vaccines out the door as fast as we possibly can. We're distributing them all across our state. Our National Guard and all our health experts are doing a phenomenal job, but I'm going to push them and push them. To be perfectly honest, if they got out 93.9 percent, that would be great, I'd pat them on the back, and I'd say it's not good enough. We've got to get them all out."

Phase 2 of vaccine distribution includes the general populace. Estimates indicate that Phase 2 may begin in March.

Phase 2 is broken down into three subsections: --Phase 2-A will include those who are most vulnerable in the general population. An initial emphasis will be placed on individuals over age 60, beginning with the oldest and working backward. From there, priority will then be given to those over age 50 with pre-existing health problems, with a note from a physician.

--Phase 2-B will focus on those who did not receive a vaccine in Phase 1-C and Phase 1-D, prioritizing age 50 and above.

Phase 2-C will be where all West Virginians who want a vaccine will be able to receive one.

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(Continued from Page 1) **Wednesday, Dec. 30** Grief/loss ministry, Cornerstone Church, 527 Highland St., Grantsville, 5:30 p.m.; for information, call 354-0492.

Thursday, Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE. Christmas Eve service, Chapel Baptist Church, Nobe, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Friday, Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS. **Friday, January 1** NEW YEAR'S DAY.

LETTER BOX

Calhoun County Park board would like to publicly thank you for making the first annual Christmas Light Display a huge success.

To all those who provided light displays, thank you for the time and effort required to plan and assemble your displays.

To Calhoun students and your advisors, your displays were very well done and were a huge part of our program.

To the 450-plus cars of people, your turnout was amazing, and your generous donations will be used to make improvements to the park and to provide maintenance so that the park can continue providing a great place for all visitors.

To park board members and special helpers, you are the best. When there is work to be done, you always get it done without complaint.

We are already making plans for next year's display to expand and improve the presentations.

If you have any interest in doing a display for next year, please contact a park board member.

Donnie Pitts, Board Chairman

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This Week In History

The following reports are taken from *The Calhoun Chronicle* archives:

1920, 100 years ago

L.M. Williams of Grantsville and Jacob Snider of Freed are summoned as grand jurors for the term of Federal Court that meets at Parkersburg the second Tuesday in January.

Glen Myer, a prominent young man of Big Springs, was doing some Christmas shopping and visiting with friends here on Saturday.

Miss Ava Edman returned the latter part of last week from Parkersburg, where she accompanied her sister, Mrs. W.J. Ayers, who was operated upon for appendicitis. Mrs. Ayers is recovering nicely from the operation.

C.E. Maloney, a prominent oil-worker of the Boogerhole field, was a visitor in Grantsville on Wednesday.

Richard Hamilton, who attends Parkersburg High School, is here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Hamilton.

The plasterers from Parkersburg, who have been here for several weeks working on the new hotel, have finished their job and returned to their home on Monday morning. There is not a great deal left to be done before the building will be ready for occupancy, but for some reason, the work seems to be held up.

C.A. Jarvis and son, Lawrence, departed on Tuesday for Parkersburg, where they go for medical treatment for the young man's arm that was injured some time ago. It will be remembered that the boy had his arm badly dislocated while playing with some schoolmates several weeks ago. The arm is not growing and getting along as it should, hence the visit to Parkersburg.

Word was received here the first of the week that Mrs. Jacob Huffman of Parkersburg had undergone a successful operation in a Columbus hospital and is on the road to recovery. This is very gratifying news to Mrs. Huffman's many friends.

1945, 75 years ago

A county-wide drive for \$1,400 to construct lights on the local football field will begin on Monday. For the past few years, Calhoun County football fans have expressed a desire for night football. During the war, lighting facilities could not be constructed, but now, reflectors and wire can be purchased, and the local athletic association will soon receive bids for lighting the field. M.T. Hamrick and Dr. Curtis Artz have investigated lighting possibilities and find that, if money is available, material can be ordered the first of January with expected delivery about April.

A plan has been worked out by the West Penn branch of Monongahela Power Co., whereby the same lighting facilities used for football can also be used for softball. By planning and ordering the necessary equipment now, it will be possible to have lights erected by next year's softball season.

Arlan Burns announces that the Godfrey L. Cabot Co. will furnish the pipe for the poles.

It is hoped that every Calhoun County football and softball fan, along with every high school letterman, will contribute to this drive. A lighted field for football and softball will contribute a great deal to the recreation facilities of Calhoun County, and it is a community project.

1970, 50 years ago

This is the week of the White House Conference on children, something that comes along once every 10 years. Someone has described the reports that will come out of it as akin to "boiled watermelon," yet, it's time to give some thought to America's largest minority group: children. They have strange ways; some do not want to conform to old ideas of dress and behavior.

Dress codes and hair are subjects of contention between the young and their elders. We are reminded of a Biblical quotation heard in our home from a Mother who seemed to have a favorite quotation for any situation. She would look on today's long-haired young men and softly say, "Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart." We see no reason for educators to get worked up about their long-haired students. What they should be concerned about is what ideas they are putting into their minds; the outward appearance is really unimportant.

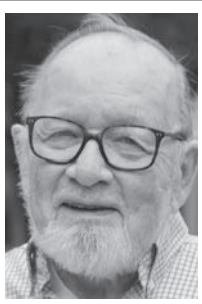
From some television interviews, we gather that students are also concerned about dress codes, so here we're going to speak out for the girls, especially those girls in rural areas like Calhoun, who may have to walk a mile or two to a bus stop, wait for a bus, then have a long bus ride to school, and the return trip in the evening, all in the cold. For this reason, we suggest that dress codes in cold weather should allow the girls to wear slacks or pants suits, or even blue jeans. This puts health and comfort before conforming to a dress code. We don't know the local rules and regulations, but sensible application and relaxation of dress codes should prevail for any school in cold weather.

NOTICE

The Town of Grantsville will be holding its general election of city officers in June of 2021. Applications for mayor, recorder and city council (five seats) may be picked up at the city office from Monday, January 11, 2021, until midnight on Saturday, January 30, 2021. If mailing, must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight on January 30, 2021. All candidates must have been a resident of the municipality for at least six months. A notarization and filing fee are required. Filing fees: Mayor, \$50; Recorder, \$25; Council, \$15.

CURIOSITY CORNER

by Dr. Jerry D. Wilson,
Emeritus Professor of Physics,
Lander University



Question: Why is Christmas sometimes abbreviated "X-mas?" (Asked by a curious Christian.)

Reply: I hope everyone is ready for the holidays . . . and the joys of paying the bills and keeping their New Year's resolutions.

"X-mas" is a common abbreviation for Christmas, and the "X" in the abbreviation actually does have religious significance. There is a story that the Roman Emperor Constantine had a vision (just before battle) that caused him to convert to Christianity. He saw the Greek letters Chi and Rho. The Chi is written as X and the Rho is written as P, which are the first two letters in the Greek word for Christ. So, XP is sometimes used to stand for Christ. At other times, X is used alone. This is the case for the Chi (X) abbreviation of "Christ" when using "X-mas."

It is a misconception that the use of the term "X-mas" is a secular attempt to remove the religious implication from "Christmas" by taking the "Christ" out of Christmas. In fact, the use of "X-mas" dates back many centuries.

Still, some modern style manuals state that "X-mas" should never be used in print, such as in formal writing, newspapers and greeting cards. Some religious authorities are also vehemently against the use of "X-mas."

It's ultimately a matter of interpretation. Personally, when I wish someone a Merry Christmas, or a Merry "X-mas," I'm wishing them the joys of the season inclusively. In the words of Shakespeare (from *Romeo and Juliet*), "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet."

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Advice is like castor oil: easy to give, but dreadful to take." --Josh Billings.

Curious about something? Send your questions to Dr. Jerry D. Wilson, College of Science and Mathematics, Lander University, Greenwood, SC 29649, go to www.curiosity-corner.net, or email jerry@curiosity-corner.net. Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

When Will Schools--

(Continued from Page 1) 14 orange.

--Monday: Calhoun, Roane, Tucker and McDowell, yellow; Randolph, green; four orange; 32 red, and 14 orange. Red counties included all northern and eastern panhandle counties, and all border counties from Hardy, counter clockwise, to Mingo, except for Cabell (orange).

--Tuesday: Counties

90th Birthday

The family of Junior Hoskins wishes to announce that his 90th birthday will occur on Wednesday, Dec. 30.

He grew up on Spring Run, the son of the late Euell and Eunice Parsons Hoskins. His wife is Imogene Fowler Hoskins, and their children are Karen Bonar and Roger Hoskins.

Due to Covid-19 guidelines, no public celebration will be held, but cards will be greatly appreciated. His address is Arcadia Valley Skilled Nursing, Room 3, 25675 Main St., Coolville, OH 45723.

Spay/Neuter

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee.

It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens.

Donations of dry cat food are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

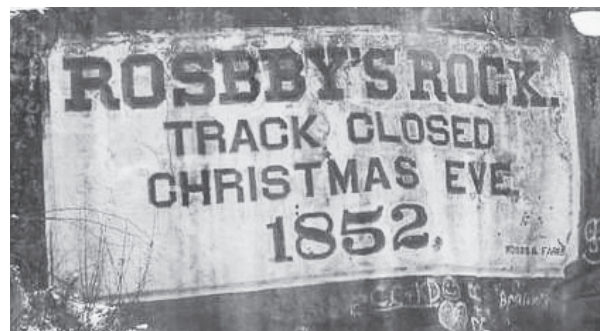
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This Week In West Virginia History



The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River on Dec. 24, 1852, at Rosbys Rock, near Moundsville.

The following events happened from Dec. 24-30 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event occurred at Rosbys Rock (shown above), near Moundsville. To mark the spot where the final spike was driven, the following words were carved upon the rock: Rosbys [sic] Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852.

Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices ordered that Jehovah's Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies at the plant.

Dec. 25, 2002: Jack Whittaker, a Putnam County contractor, won the \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot. At the time, it was the largest single lottery jackpot in history.



Dec. 26, 1917: Instrument maker Harold M. Hayslett was born in Putnam County. His violins, violas and cellos have received awards for tone and workmanship, and are cherished by collectors and players alike.

Dec. 27, 1797: The county seat of Ohio County

was moved from West Liberty to Wheeling.



Dec. 28, 1879: Brigadier Gen. Billy Mitchell was born in France. As chief of the Army Air Force, he ordered aircraft of the 88th Squadron to perform reconnaissance during the 1921 Miners' March on Logan.

Dec. 28, 1978: The last trains ran on the Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Unlike most C&O branches in West Virginia, the Greenbrier Division was not a coal-hauling line, but served the valley's timber industry.

Dec. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt, but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.

Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song "Take Me Home, Country Roads." He performed the song in West Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.

Dec. 30, 1917: The temperature in Lewisburg dropped to 37 degrees below zero. It is the coldest official temperature on record for the state.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



By the time you read this, Christmas will be right around the corner. I don't know why, but the last few days before Christmas Eve always seem to sneak up on me. You would think that this would be impossible, since I keep calendars everywhere, and I even have an Advent calendar that counts down the days until Christmas. Yet, every year, I find myself racing around at the last-minute buying stocking stuffers and gifts.

I have always been a bit of a procrastinator when it comes to buying presents. I blame it on my dad. I remember many Christmas Eves when he would take my sisters and me to town so that we could buy each other presents. I think it also has something to do with waiting until school is out for Christmas Break. Only then, do I feel like I can focus on the holidays. This year, school isn't out until the 23rd, so waiting until then wasn't really an option.

When you add living in a small town like Grantsville and a nationwide health crisis to my procrastination, you have the perfect recipe for rushing around like a chicken with my head cut off and crossing your fingers that the items that I ordered online will get where they were sent on time. I tell myself every year that I will do better, but old habits die hard. As of tonight, I have managed to order and ship gifts to family and friends, but I still need to make a trip to Dollar General and Family Dollar for stocking stuffers. Oh well, this is only Sunday; I still have a few days.

In my defense, I have been pretty busy on both the home front and school front. Monday was a normal day of school, but in the afternoon, we were told that we would be remote for the rest of the week. Thankfully, we had prepared for this, and the transition wasn't difficult. Since my parents have been staying with me, and I have good internet, I opted to work from home. We moved my desk upstairs to my room, where I could conduct my online classes and not bother Mom and Dad. On the whole, the week ran smoothly, and I feel prepared to finish up the three days this week remotely too.

This past weekend was the light show at Calhoun County Park, and I had committed to help put up the historical society's display. We spent a few hours bringing over fencing from the village, draping it with fake pine and ribbons and then stringing big, white lights on it from one end to the other. Then, the beautiful, red vintage truck was placed in front of the fencing, complete with a lit Christmas tree in its bed. I may be biased, but I thought it turned out great.

In addition to helping put up the display, I also volunteered to assist the Mlynks as they made kettle corn each night. Andy popped it in the big kettle over the fire, and after it was salted and thoroughly stirred, it was my job to bag it up and hand it to Maricia to seal and tie shut. Over a three-night period, we made over 300 bags of kettle corn.

I am so very proud of how well the light up nights went and how the community came out to support the park, and those adults and students who worked so hard to make it all happen. I think it is fair to say that the whole event was a great success and, hopefully, the beginning of an annual tradition.

On Sunday, I went back out to the park to help take down a few of the displays and the lights on the barn. Thankfully, the rain stopped, and it warmed up a bit. It was still chilly, but not miserable. We managed to get our displays down and put away within an hour's time. This got me home in plenty of time to do some school work and write this article.

In the midst of this week, I also celebrated my birthday. It was great to have my parents here to celebrate it with me, along with the Mlynks. Even though I am not much into Facebook these days, it was nice to read all of the birthday greetings that I received from family and friends all over the country. Andy baked individual chocolate bundt cakes with homemade vanilla icing for my birthday cake, and we had four kinds of ice cream to choose from. Dad was in heaven! I received a weighted blanket for my bed, which I absolutely love. It was a lovely birthday, and now it is time to focus on the celebration of the birthday of our Savior. Merry Christmas!

Amie Sexton Silcott Letter Collection

(The following is a copyrighted series of letters accumulated by the late Hunter Armentrout and published in The Calhoun Chronicle in 2007. Most of the writing is by Amie Evaline Sexton Silcott, who provides a history of the people and places in and around Calhoun County, Arnoldsburg in particular, during the mid-1800s.)

(Continued From Last Week)

Hold my head as high as any of them. Don't feel in the least inferior to one of them. Can sit down & converse with the greatest gentleman here as I could with any of our French Creek people. & if they are not pleased with me, they can just do as the Levite, pass on the other side. But I am not aware of making any ill impression on anyone yet. The people are very friendly here, Yet Oh!

Carry me back to Virginia To Old Virginia's shore! If it were not for my great desire for improvement, I would return with Almandus. I have made a very good visit & were I to return with him I could look back on my journey as the most pleasant trip I ever took. I do not much relish the idea of staying until fall, but suppose I can if necessary.

I think Almandus will start for Virginia this week. Will probably spend the Sabbath in Fairmont, yet to all this I will say perhaps for he has a very sore arm & although it is getting better I do not know whether he will be able to start.

At times I enjoy myself very much indeed then again my spirit sinks within me. I do not scarcely know whether I want to stay or return the most. If I could go home at vacation I'd like it better.

We are able to read compositions ever Monday morning. Tomorrow I must read my first essay. I have entitled it "a sketch". Supper is ready & I must close. Write soon, my dear friends one & all.

Good night
Amie E. Sexton

(Amie Writes Of Butler and school.)

[Butler, Pa., 1854]

My Dear Brother¹

The holy light of Sabbath eve is gently resting upon the lovely landscape spread out before me, & I am quietly seated by a window with the casement thrown open to admit the cool evening air, which is so refreshing after a warm summer day.

I have been thinking much of home to day, & especially of Arnoldsburg, & after some thought upon the subject have concluded to trouble you with a few lines.

It will however be with an unsteady hand, as I feel slightly unwell this evening. I have written to you frequently since your marriage with my sister, yet have but little hopes of this letter meeting with any better success than those I have previously sent. Yet I will not complain, as I am fully aware how much of your time is occupied, & how little leisure you have to devote to your writing.

I was at church to day. Uncle has a beautiful church. There was a very large congregation. I did not attend prayer meeting this evening, it fatigues me to much to walk much this warm weather. I thought before I left Virginia, that by going to north I should escape the very warm weather which we have in Va. But if there is any difference in the climate I think it is warmer here than in the sunny south.

Our session is nearly at an end. It will close the 16th of this month. Vacation will continue until the 16th of August. We have a very pleasant school indeed.

Our teacher, Miss Carpenter, is not only a well educated lady, but a very lively, agreeable woman. I think I get along with my studies very well. I have got through my Botany. Am now reviewing the first part. Will finish my Physiology this session. Shall not get through any Rhetoric very soon. We read essays every two weeks, recite catechism Monday mornings.

Butler is a beautiful town, & is most beautifully situated. It contains the most splendid buildings of any town of its size, that I ever saw. We have one Presbyterian church, the Episcalian, one Methodist, two Lutheran & the Roman Catholics have a very large cathedral.

There are a great many catholics in Penna. I often call before the open door of their church as I am passing to see their candles burning, & view the decorations of the church. To day there is a wreath hanging outside before the door. I do not know what it is intended to represent. I caught a sight of the priest to day, in a long white robe.

(Amie, 18, is attending Witherspoon Institute.)

(Butler Pa., 1854)

Dear Sister²

Alone in Uncle's study on this quiet Sabbath evening I have taken to my pen to converse a few minutes with you. I presume that it is perfectly unnecessary to tell you how much very acceptable was your kind & affectionate letter which conduced much to the alleviation of my loneliness.

Not lonely for want of companions, for I have them by the dozens, but it is loneliness of heart, which stranger's presence may not banish, & whose companionship consists alone in a sister's congenial spirit.

Oh! Sister, could I have you by my side but one brief hour how truly happy I should be. I would talk over past experiences & future plans. Future plans, they are now most interesting to me. I will not speak of them at present.

I was at church to day, & heard two excellent sermons delivered by D. Hall³, who was Professor of the Institute at the time Worthington was in Butler. He is truly a smart man. I doubt if the present Professor will make as able a speaker as Mr Hall, although Mr Coulter is a very intelligent man.

¹Brother: Amie's brother-in-law, Perry Hays.

²Not clear which sister, probably Louisa.

³D. Hall: David S. Hall, assistant principal of Witherspoon; Presbyterian minister.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

Menu for the Senior Citizens Center (2% milk and margarine available daily):	Thursday, Dec. 24: closed.	Thursday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve dinner. Friday, Jan. 1: closed. Suggested donation scale for meals: Individual monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.
Thursday, Dec. 24: closed.	Friday, Dec. 25: closed.	You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling Calhoun County Committee on Aging, 354-7017, to be placed on a list.
Monday, Dec. 28: chicken strips, broccoli cheese, french fries, pears, whole wheat bread.	Tuesday, Dec. 29: lasagna, vegetables, apple-sauce, garlic toast.	Wednesday, Dec. 30: pork rib sandwich, peas and carrots, onions, fruit.

From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,
Chairman of Public Service Commission

Resolutions You Can Keep

I don't believe that 2020 will make my list of favorite years. I'll bet most of you feel the same. So it's only natural that we want to embrace the promise of a fresh start in 2021. New Year's resolutions are a long standing tradition; so is breaking them.

We have all made well-meaning resolutions that last a short while, then fall by the wayside. We plan to eat healthy food, exercise more, or save money.

By Valentine's Day, we are eating burgers and fries for lunch. Maybe we saved a little money when we quit paying dues to the gym that we joined, but never used.

As chairman of the Public Service Commission, I can't help you stay on your diet or your exercise plan, but I do have some ideas to help you save money on your utility bills.

If you can save a little bit every month, it will add up by the end of the year. Your budget will thank you in the meantime. These suggestions don't require a lot of time or effort, but just a little tweak here and there can make a difference.

Water and power are best suited to finding savings. The first thing to do is explore your home for leaks. Even the tiniest leak will add up on your monthly water bill. Stop the leak and watch your bill shrink.

Look for leaks wherever water comes into or goes out of your home. Check hidden spots, such as the water heater and ice maker. Another quick and easy way to save water is to shorten your shower by a few minutes and turn off the tap while you brush your teeth or shave. If every person in your home saves seven or eight gallons a day, your water and sewer bills will show the difference.

Saving on your electric bill starts with dropping your thermostat by a couple of degrees. Think of it as an opportunity to enjoy your festive Christmas sweater a little longer. Pay attention to simple solutions. Turn off the light when you leave a room. Power down the TV and other electronics and unplug chargers when you aren't using them. Get the whole family involved by making a game of who is best at saving electricity --or who gets caught slipping up.

My First Christmas In Heaven

from Georgie Nichols to my Family

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below, With tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular, Please wipe away that tear, For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing. I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,

But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me, dear one, you know I hold you dear. Be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift from my heavenly home above;

I sent you each a memory of my undying love. After all, "love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold.

It was always most important in the stories Jesus told. Please love and keep each other, as my father said to do, For I can't count the blessings or love he has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear, Remember I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

--Ben

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Extracurricular Equity Fund Offers Relief For High Schools

High schools in the state will soon receive funds to support extracurricular programs that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including \$13,850 for Calhoun Middle/High School.

president Miller Hall, announced the creation of the Extracurricular Equity Fund (ECEF), which provides \$4 million to public and private high schools across the state.

When the pandemic hit, public health practices and guidelines caused a hardship for many high school programs. Many of them have also

experienced increased costs to comply with the more stringent health and safety requirements.

Beyond sports, ECEF will support programs such as band, choir and a variety of student organizations.

ECEF is based on student enrollment and dedicates \$50 per student to the schools. These funds will assist in stabilizing programs that will continue to operate once COVID-19 is over.

The governor is matching W.Va. Dept. of Education's \$2 million allocation to the fund.

"As a coach, I'm in our schools all the time. I know how hard our athletes work, how diligently our bands and auxiliary groups prepare, and how hard our students in various clubs and groups work," said Justice.

"These extracurricular activities are so important to our kids and our communities. The pandemic has been an absolute punch to the stomach in a lot of ways, but I do not want losses this year to adversely affect these activities in the years to come.

"That's why I'm so proud that we've found a way to help through our Extracurricular Equity Fund. With the additional resources provided through these funds, we

hope that extracurricular activities can be sustained and continue to provide children with rich and valued experiences."

"We continue to hear from our counties and our

schools about the impact of COVID-19," said Burch. "We've worked very hard to provide a framework of support around all aspects of our education system.

"This fund is a con-

tinuation of that support and it will be beneficial today and once the pandemic is in our rear view mirrors. We greatly appreciate the governor's support in this endeavor."

Seven Finish 7-1; 3 Tied For Lead Before Last Week Of Competition

Only two games were wiped out by the coronavirus virus in Week 6 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest, and seven contestants finished the week with 7-1 records.

In the tie breaker, William Duskey guessed that Army would defeat Air Force, 27-13, 23 points off the exact winning score of 10-7. He wins a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.

Also at 7-1 were Brenton Slider (28-17, 28 off), Jim Erlewine (31-17, 31 off), Mike Propst (27-21, 31 off), Richard Dowell (41-34, 58 off), Levi Ferrell (wrong team) and Angie Slider (wrong team).

Richard Dowell, William Duskey and Mike Propst, each 33-13, remain in the lead heading into the final week of the Mini Contest. They are followed by Levi Ferrell, 32-14; Michael Hardman and Angie Slider, 31-15; and Brenton Slider, 30-16.

Entry for final Week 7 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest is on page five. Weekly winners receive a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland. The contestant with the best accumulated record after seven weeks will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Foodland.

Nuletide Greetings

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CONTEST RULES
Submit entries on official form only. May be deposited at Grantsville Foodland Deli or Chronicle office by 4 p.m. on Friday. A tie breaker will be used only in the event of a tie. Decisions of sports department are final. Only one entry per person.

Mini Football Prognostication contest

Pick the most winners and win \$10 Grocery Certificate From Grantsville Foodland
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Leading Creek Road | 60 Acres +/- | 1/2 Minerals | Reported FREE GAS | Perfect Hunting Camp fronting on creek | \$79,500

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2291 Lower Nicut Road | 52 Acres +/- | CABIN W/ FREE GAS! | \$99,500

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Rush Run | Hunting Land | 70 Acres +/- | \$75,000

Courtney Ridge Road | 1 mile from Elizabeth, Wirt County | 56 Acres +/- | \$59,500

2314 Sassafras Ridge Road | House and 17 Acres +/- | PRICE REDUCED \$59,500

Rt. 16 North of Grantsville | 20 Acres +/- | Mobile Home Site w/ Utilities | \$25,000

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1551 Pine Creek Road | 2.55 Acres +/- | 3 BR - 2 BA | 2,100 Sq. Ft. | Outdoor Wood Furnace | PRIVATE CREEK SIDE SETTING! | PRICE REDUCED \$109,500

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4tc/12/24-1/14

Thank You

NOTE OF THANKS
Thanks for all the prayers for Jim and me since we both have been in the hospital. We are now home and improved. Thanks to Rev. Rick Metheny, James and Karen Yoak, Dean and Becky Burrows, Kevin and Stephanie Hartshorn, Mike Richards, and son Douglas McCormick for doing everything for us, and sister-in-law Drema Yoak for use of her car. God Bless Pleasant Hill Church for prayer chain family.
Jim and Evelyn McCormick

NOTE OF THANKS
Upper West Fork Park would like to thank all those people and businesses who donated to the park's toy drive. This has been such an unusual year, but the donations were much appreciated, as well as the toys for the children who picked them up. Thanks especially to the County Commission, Calhoun Banks, Minnie Hamilton Health System, Walmart, RPR Industries, Rodney Liftis Contracting, Karri Jones, McKown Farms, Burkett Auto Body, and Josh Burkett. With this latest outbreak, it was not known how many people would participate. The outpouring of volunteers to help purchase the toys, wrap and distribute them was astounding. We saw what small town communities can do to help each other with this outpouring of support. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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May 18	1,529,291	91,005	4,789,640	317,268
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 1	1,839,119	106,241	6,246,733	374,380
June 8	2,008,303	112,477	7,073,722	406,644
June 15	2,162,864	117,865	7,976,688	436,174
June 22	2,357,323	122,359	9,030,598	471,267
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 6	2,985,897	132,610	11,547,801	537,580
July 13	3,415,664	137,797	13,029,430	572,472
July 20	3,899,358	143,310	14,621,890	609,764
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 3	4,815,776	158,376	18,225,967	693,767
Aug. 10	5,201,064	165,620	20,024,316	734,947
Aug. 17	5,569,520	173,143	21,855,892	774,007
Aug. 24	5,875,939	180,618	23,612,102	814,085
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept. 7	6,462,189	193,259	27,314,299	894,508
Sept. 14	6,711,385	198,562	29,204,096	929,892
Sept. 21	7,005,893	204,126	31,283,634	966,342
Sept. 28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 5	7,638,596	214,629	35,438,001	1,043,327
Oct. 12	7,993,215	219,708	37,792,825	1,082,930
Oct. 19	8,388,013	224,732	40,312,905	1,119,890
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov. 2	9,478,422	236,505	46,884,907	1,207,526
Nov. 9	10,295,890	243,797	50,840,003	1,264,835
Nov.16	11,374,574	251,935	54,938,150	1,327,847
Nov.23	12,503,161	262,729	59,149,784	1,397,182
Nov.30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec. 7	15,169,648	288,984	67,575,555	1,545,613
Dec.14	16,741,470	306,464	72,825,966	1,622,887
Dec.15	16,947,057	308,147	73,405,791	1,633,200
Dec.16	17,155,979	311,225	74,037,729	1,647,224
Dec.17	17,401,787	314,694	74,761,133	1,660,359
Dec.18	17,628,578	317,929	75,500,698	1,673,615
Dec.19	17,894,862	320,926	76,204,554	1,685,929
Dec.20	18,083,695	323,423	76,798,915	1,696,026
Dec.21	18,269,959	324,869	77,327,038	1,703,811
Dec.22	18,485,195	326,906	77,937,468	1,714,359

Cases by states and territories: California 1,908,924, Texas 1,603,525, Florida 1,212,581, Illinois 905,069, New York 857,049, Ohio 629,354, Georgia 591,438, Pennsylvania 569,099, Tennessee 529,578, Michigan 501,115, Wisconsin 494,353, North Carolina 483,647, Indiana 468,219, Arizona 461,345, New Jersey 435,763, Minnesota 399,311, Missouri 377,828, Massachusetts 327,374, Alabama 324,832, Colorado 311,036, Virginia 310,890, Louisiana 287,261, South Carolina 275,733, Iowa 268,124, Oklahoma 263,434, Maryland 253,073, Utah 252,7834, Kentucky 244,296, Washington 222,600, Kansas 207,779, Nevada 205,884, Arkansas 203,107, Mississippi 195,500, Connecticut 167,377, Nebraska 156,382, Idaho 130,877, New Mexico 130,808, Oregon 102,930, South Dakota 95,074, North Dakota 90,116, Rhode Island 80,231, Montana 77,324, West Virginia 72,342, Puerto Rico 68,849, Delaware 51,056, Alaska 44,023, Wyoming 42,118, New Hampshire 37,388, D.C. 26,740, Hawaii 20,709, Maine 19,285, Vermont 6,534; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

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24420 HILL FRANK ET ALS	61/72 51 SEARS RUN ROGERS OGM	EDCO MINERALS LLC	200.00
	SIERS GAS CO		
24421 HILL FRANK ET ALS	60/72 2 SEARS RUN OGM	SOWV	91.78
	HW-140		
24422 HILL FRANK ET ALS	7/12 OF 1/54 104 BEAR RUN - AD	SOWV	96.46
	COTTRELL 1-2-3-4		
24423 HILL FRANK ET ALS	124/144 33 BEAR RUN (NESTER) O	BOSSINOVA ENTERPRISES LLC	200.00
	CARRIE CONLEY OIL		
24424 HILL FRANK ET ALS	122/144 20 BEAR RUN CRIHFIELD	BOSSINOVA ENTERPRISES LLC	200.00
	NICHOLAS #1 20-A		
24425 HILL FRANK ET ALS	16/720 RUSH RUN #36721 CNG OGM	SOWV	91.78
	F GREATHOUSE #7452		
24426 HILL FRANK ET ALS	124/144 12 RUSH RUN OGM	BOSSINOVA ENTERPRISES LLC	91.78
	KEITH GAS CO W-50		
24427 HILL FRANK ET ALS	26/720 48 RUSH RUN CRIHFIELD O	SOWV	91.78
	LONA WEARS LSE		
24428 HILL FRANK ET ALS	17/24 OF 5/18 1 W F OGM	BOSSINOVA ENTERPRISES LLC	91.78
24429 HILL FRANK ET ALS	85/432 3 W F - MIDGET OIL CO O	SOWV	91.78
	BENNINGTON LEASE		
24430 HILL FRANK ET ALS	17/24 OF 5/18 37 W F C-W LEASE	EDCO MINERALS LLC	91.78
	BRUMBAUGH		
24431 HILL FRANK ET ALS	15/24 OF 5/12 47 & 64 SQ RDS W	EDCO MINERALS LLC	86.64
	CARRIE CONLEY LSE		
24432 HILL FRANK ET ALS	85/43237 W F MIDGET OIL W-1120	SOWV	91.78
24433 HILL FRANK ET ALS	18/72 1 W F OGM	SOWV	91.78
24434 HILL FRANK ET ALS	19/24 OF 1/27 65 BEECH OGM	BOSSINOVA ENTERPRISES LLC	91.78
24435 HILL FRANK ET UX	126/144 107 W F MARY DUFFIELD	EDCO MINERALS LLC	500.00
	SCOTT DUFFIELD WELL		
24436 HILL FRANK ET UX	124/144 60 RUSH RUN OGM	EDCO MINERALS LLC	200.00
	MOLLIE KEITH HRS. W-210		
24437 HILL FRANK ETALS	17/24 OF 5/126 33 SIERS RUN -	SOWV	91.78
	SCOTT BAILEY GAS OGM		
24508 INGRAM DEBORAH HAROLD	1/4 28-1/2 W F - PRIME-EG	SOWV	91.78
	HAROLD CADLE 2410		
24614 JARVIS CHARLENE A	1/9 144 BEECH (UPL) #1027	EDCO MINERALS LLC	91.78
	ISAAC HENSLEY #1		
24615 JARVIS CHARLENE A	1/9 63 BEECH PRIME-EG	EDCO MINERALS LLC	91.78
	JARVIS #1025		
24616 JARVIS CHARLENE A	1/9-82/160 BEECH	SOWV	91.78
24617 JARVIS CHARLENE A	22/288-44 BEECH	EDCO MINERALS LLC	91.78
25202 KNOTTS MIRIAM A	3/20 672 WF HW-5003 39118 A-B	EDCO MINERALS LLC	500.00
	KNOTTS I-372 EAEC		
25203 KNOTTS MIRIAM A	1/40 44.75 W F	SOWV	91.78
	JOHN T JARVIS W-57		
25204 KNOTTS MIRIAM A	1/8 100 STRAIGHT RUN 45193	EDCO MINERALS LLC	91.78
	C WELBORN #8997		
25205 KNOTTS MIRIAM A	1/12 9 MEADOW RUN	SOWV	91.78
25462 LYONS MILDRED M	1/24 97 BEECH	SOWV	91.78
25463 LYONS MILDRED M	1/24 61 BEECH	SOWV	91.78
25464 LYONS MILDRED M	1/12 50 BEECH	SOWV	91.78
25612 MCCUMBERS MICHAEL T & LISA A	BIG BEAR SUR 94 AC	VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC	3,000.00
25613 MCCUMBERS OKEY D ET ALS	W F SUR 97 AC	VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC	667.07
	2/3 INT		
25738 METZ AUDRA	2/20 132 NICUT W-230	EDCO MINERALS LLC	91.78
	RALPH LANE 1 & 2		
25740 METZ CORA HRS	WOLF RUN 50 AC SUR	VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC	89.26
	1/6 INT MS SAMPSON GAS		
25741 METZ CORA HRS	WOLF RUN 4 AC & 36 PLS SUR	VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC	86.38
	1/6 INT M SAMPSON OIL CO		
25743 METZ DAVID	1/6 50 WOLF RUN - SAMPSON	SOWV	91.78
	M SAMPSON OIL CO		
25744 METZ DAVID	1/6 4 & 36 PLS WOLF RUN FEE	SOWV	91.78
26077 NICHOLS LOREN M	1/24 OF 1/21 33 SIERS RUN - RO	SOWV	91.78
	SCOTT BAILEY GAS		
26083 NIPPER GWENDOLINE	1/192 160 WOLF RUN JAMES DRILL	SOWV	91.78
	HAYS-HINZMAN-MEADOWS		
27332 STARCHER GARY G	1/18 65 BEECH	SOWV	91.78
27623 TUCKER LOYD	1/2 134 SENG RUN	EDCO MINERALS LLC	2,300.00
27624 TUCKER LOYD	1/4 101 SENG RUN	EDCO MINERALS LLC	300.00
27625 TUCKER LOYD	1/4 56 BLOWN TIMBER	EDCO MINERALS LLC	200.00
27626 TUCKER LOYD	1/4 70 BLOWN TIMBER	EDCO MINERALS LLC	1,800.00
27704 VAN ENTER H A	3/16 50 WALKER OGM	EDCO MINERALS LLC	200.00
27705 VAN ENTER H A	37/160 29 BEECH OGM	SOWV	91.78
27706 VAN ENTER H A	45/160 56 WALKER OGM	SOWV	86.64
	OMEGA-DANA EAKLE #2 W-NONE		
27707 VAN ENTER H A	3/16 16 WALKER W-830 OGM	BOSSINOVA ENTERPRISES LLC	91.78
	OMEGA-DANA EAKLE #4		
27708 VAN ENTER H A	18.75% 7 WALKER OGM	BOSSINOVA ENTERPRISES LLC	91.78
27709 VAN ENTER H A	3/40 26 WALKER OGM	SOWV	86.64
27710 VAN ENTER H A	3/128 31 WALKER DANA EAKLE 1-2	SOWV	91.78
	MIKE ROSS		
27711 VAN ENTER H A	3/128 20 WALKER OGM	SOWV	91.78
	W K DUFFIELD #1 W-240		
27713 VAN ENTER H A	3/64 98 WALKER OGM	SOWV	91.78
	HW-250		
27714 VAN ENTER H A	3/32 14-3/4 WALKER OGM	SOWV	91.78
27715 VAN ENTER H A	3/32 2 WALKER OGM	SOWV	91.78
27716 VAN ENTER H A	3/32 15 WALNUT OGM	SOWV	91.78
27967 WITT CARL	176 BEECH OGM	SOWV	91.78
	2/3 OF 1/76		
27968 WITT CARL	1/2 17 BEECH OGM	SOWV	91.78
	2/6 OF 17		
27969 WITT CARL	141 BEECH OGM	VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC	1,500.00
	2/3 OF 141		
27971 WITT HARRIET	1/12 154 BEECH CURTIS WALL-	KARA STARCHER	300.00
	BROWN LSE CRIHFIELD		

"The owner of any real estate listed above, or any other person entitled to pay the taxes thereon, may, however, redeem such real estate as provided by law."

Given under my hand this ___ day of _____.
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May peace and joy reign all year around!
Thank you for visiting us this past year.*

Minnie Hamilton Health System

*Merry Christmas
from
Minnie Hamilton Health System
And Staff*

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CASE NO. 20-0745-G-D
HOPE GAS INC., dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA,
a public utility, Clarksburg, Harrison County

Application to Change Depreciation Rates

CASE NO. 20-0746-G-42T
HOPE GAS INC., dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA,
a public utility, Clarksburg, Harrison County

Rule 42T application to increase rates and charges

**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF REQUESTED RATES,
DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION & EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

On September 30, 2020, Hope Gas, Inc., doing business as Dominion Energy West Virginia (Hope) made a Rule 20 (historical Rule 42) tariff filing to increase gas rates and charges seeking an additional \$34.6 million in base rate annual revenue, or an approximate 31% net increase on a total-company basis as compared to current rates. Hope also filed to revise its depreciation rates.

By Order issued October 29, 2020, the Commission suspended the use of the increased depreciation rates and base rates and charges through the end of the day July 27, 2021. If new depreciation rates and base rates and charges are adopted by the Commission, those rates and charges will go into effect on July 28, 2021.

The proposed increases in rates and charges would affect the average monthly bill for the various classes of Hope customers as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$12.17	20.80%
Small Commercial	\$117.98	17.95%
Large Commercial	\$1,738.10	18.36%
Industrial	\$2,143.07	16.59%
Resale	\$1,395.08	12.12%
Production, Gathering and Aggregation Service	\$0.143*	101.74%

* The per dekatherm (dth) increase for this gas gathering and aggregation service is based on an existing rate for service on wet pods of \$0.14 per dth, which is based on a required assumption in gas price of \$1.987 per dth (using the projected August 2021 DTISP Rate (as of Dec. 10, 2020) less the corresponding basis differential). The new proposed rate of \$0.283 per dth is for service on both wet and dry gas pods. This does not include a proposed in-kind retention rate of 8.47% per dth for both fuel and lost and unaccounted for gas, which is an increase of 6.19% over the existing in-kind retention rate of 2.28% for fuel and lost and unaccounted for gas. The existing rate for service on dry gathering pods is higher than that on wet pods so the rate increase for service on dry gas pods is lower than that shown above. Depending on the assumed gas price used to calculate the existing rate, the new proposed rate could be an increase or decrease different from the one shown above.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested 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.

Because the new base rates will incorporate the rate impact of the cumulative Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program (PREP) investment that was placed into service as of December 31, 2019, Hope will reduce the PREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in this case should file within thirty days of the date of this notice, a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention found within the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1.

The Commission will conduct the evidentiary hearing at Commission headquarters, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2021, continuing if necessary on Thursday, April 22, 2021, and Friday, April 23, 2021. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission will not conduct hearings to receive public comment in person and may limit in-person attendance at the evidentiary hearing.

Written comments will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding and should briefly state the reason for the protest or support. Comments may be submitted via email or U.S. Mail, and interested persons may view the evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream. The Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us has links to "Case Information," "Submit a Comment," and "Commission Webcast."

All Petitions to Intervene and written comments should clearly state the case name and number and be addressed to Connie Graley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2019-S-00000009 - Calhoun County - PERKINS PRODUCTION COMPANY LLC)

To: ANY AND ALL, EACH AND EVERY, OTHER PERSON, ENTITY, HEIR, ASSIGN, DEVISEE, SPOUSE, SUCCESSOR, CREDITOR, JUDGMENT LIEN HOLDER, GRANTEE, FIDUCIARY, CLAIMANT, SURFACE OWNER, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, OIL, GAS AND MINERAL OWNER, ASSIGNEE, OR LESSEE WHO OWNS, CLAIMS TO OWN OR POSSESSES AN INTEREST IN AND TO THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE SAID TO CONTAIN 3 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATE ON THE WATERS OF YELLOW CREEK IN CENTER DISTRICT, CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, WHICH ENTITLES SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY TO THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE REAL ESTATE AS PROVIDED UNDER LAW, LARRY COTTRELL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

You will take notice that PERKINS PRODUCTION COMPANY LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000009, 3 AC FEE YELLOW, located in CENTER, which was returned delinquent in the name of COTTRELL LARRY, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 8th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2021, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2021.	\$	119.36
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$	24.06
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2020, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$	785.60
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$	42.75
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Starcher, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.	\$	971.77
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

You may redeem any time before March 31, 2021, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

Winter Sun Protection Tips

As winter begins, many places in the country are experiencing cooler weather and less sunlight. While it may be tempting to slack off on sun protection when the rays aren't beating down, it's imperative to stay vigilant through the darker winter months.

"Most ultraviolet rays from the sun can penetrate cloud cover and fog," said Deborah S. Sarnoff, MD, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "So you can still sustain sun damage--which can lead to skin cancer and premature skin aging--during winter months."

Ultraviolet B (UVB) rays, which are mainly responsible for sunburn, are the strongest in the summer, but UVB rays can burn and damage your skin year-round, especially on reflective surfaces, such as snow or ice.

Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays, which lead to tanning, dark spots and wrinkles, remain constant throughout the year and can penetrate through clouds and fog. UVA rays can also penetrate glass, so it's still possible to damage your skin while spending a bright winter day indoors.

Your first line of defense against sun damage is clothing. Covering up is easier in the winter--it's cold! Your face, head and neck tend to remain exposed year-round, and this is where most skin cancers occur. Don't forget UV-blocking sunglasses, which protect your eyes


while also fighting snow glare.

Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 or higher daily to all exposed skin, and make sure to cover often-missed spots like the tops of your ears, around the eyes, and near the hairline.

Consider choosing a moisturizing sunscreen with ingredients like lanolin or glycerin to

combat dry winter skin. Finally, try to avoid the peak sun hours (generally between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the winter months), and seek shade when you can.

Continuing sun protection efforts through the colder, cloudier months of the year reduces your risk of premature skin aging and developing the world's most common cancer.




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CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
Calhoun County Park
ADA Restroom and Playground Improvements Project
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Calhoun County Commission will hold a virtual public meeting via Microsoft Teams on January 11th, 2021 at -10:00 a.m. The public can participate by calling 1-304-988-5703 and using conference ID: 742 768 141#. If you wish to participate via computer please email luke.peters@movrc.org and a meeting link will be provided. The public will be asked to provide their name to be recorded for an attendance record. Written comments can be submitted for 14 days prior to the meeting to the email above or to the Calhoun County Clerk's attention at the Calhoun County Courthouse, PO Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public input and comment on the Commission's planned 2020 CDBG Recreation application for \$100,000 to help build a new bathhouse for Calhoun County Park, replace playground equipment, upgrade existing restrooms, and upgrade necessary utilities. Funds will be used to match a request for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.



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Lloyd and Helen Keith

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Linda Crawford

Wishing everyone a blessed, healthy Christmas and New Year in Calhoun County and the whole world.

Jim and Evelyn McCormick

Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year

to all the workers and senior citizens of Calhoun County.

from Granny and Family

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Eric Cunningham from

Aunt Hazel

To my family in Parkersburg and Lewisburg.

Great-Granddad


We want to wish our family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a



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What We Hear?**

*The Christmas bells
are ringing,
signaling the start of
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**Calhoun County
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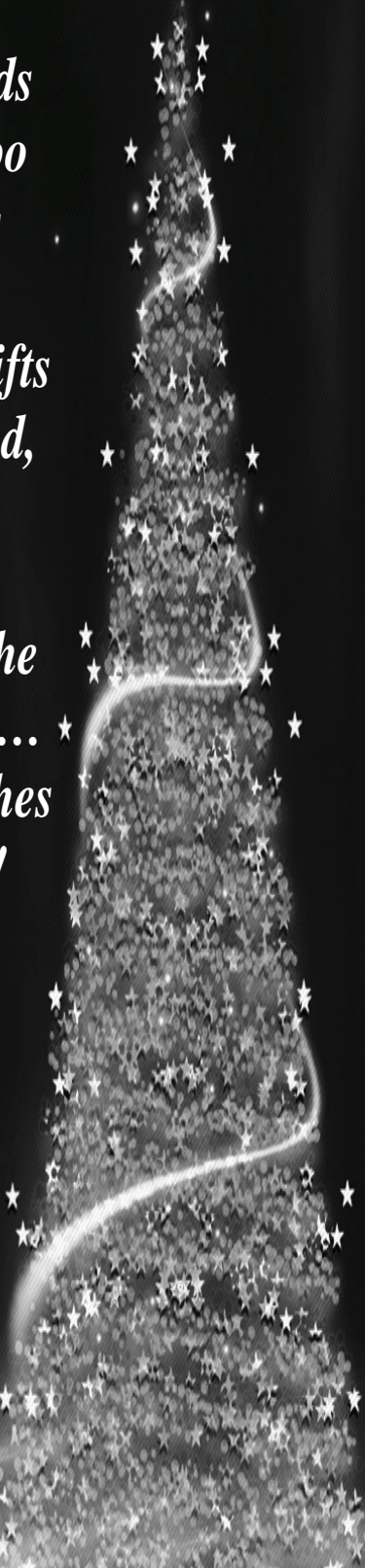
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104195 - Roane County, 123 Laurel Glen Fork, Spencer WV (54 +/- Acres) Beautiful West Virginia land. 1.2 Acre cleared area at the top of the property perfect for a food plot and a nice primitive cabin site. A stream runs through the bottom of the property and adjoins another flat area where we found a really large buck rub. Property has abundant wild life including deer and turkey. Want a West Virginia getaway then it's perfect for you. \$49,900



104196 - Roane County, 225 Brooks Road, Spencer, WV (18.39 +/- Acres) Peace and quiet! This newly built natural wood, 3 bedroom, 2 bath cabin is in site. Just check out the incredible views. There is a large stocked pond for fishing, a bus for hiking or wildlife watching, and an ATV riding. A golf course is just down the road for even more outdoor fun. There is a great garden spot for canning all that clean goodness. This property will move fast at only \$75,000

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