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New Year



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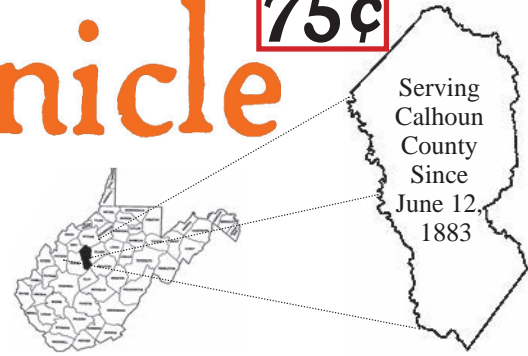
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Map Shows Calhoun As Green; 53 Counties Are Orange or Red

Calhoun added 11 new COVID-19 cases over the last week, and now has a total of 127. Webster County, with the next lowest total in the State, had 22 additional cases for a total of 143.
W.Va. Dept. of Education

did not publish the Saturday Education Map on Dec. 26, because schools in the state were on holiday break.

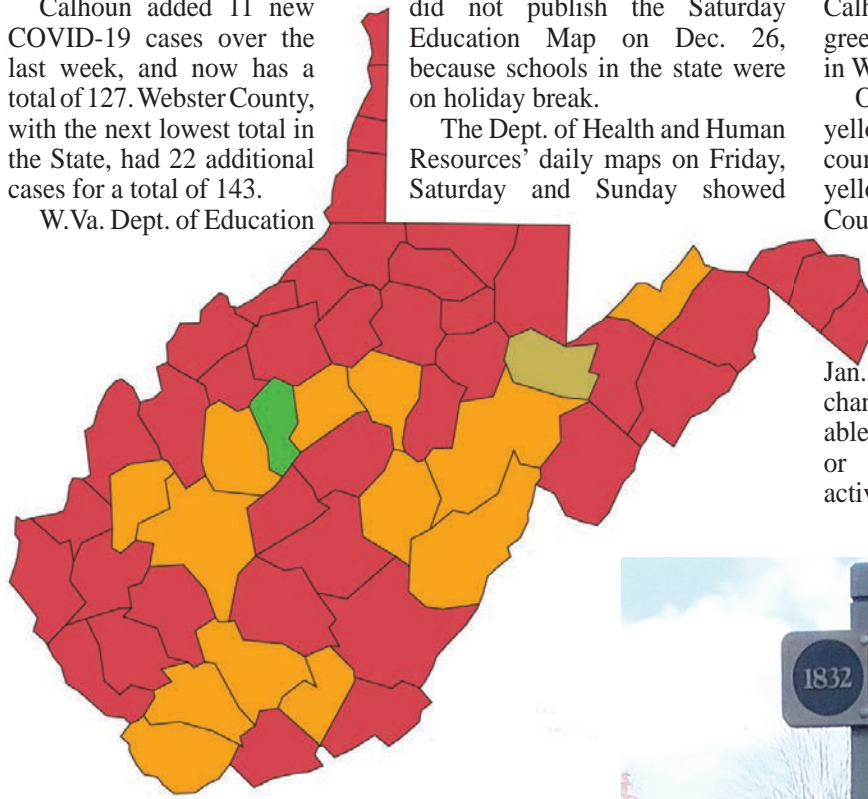
The Dept. of Health and Human Resources' daily maps on Friday, Saturday and Sunday showed

Calhoun as the only county in green, the lowest percent positivity in West Virginia.

On Monday, Calhoun was at the yellow level, and on Tuesday, the county was green again, with no yellow counties, and only Tucker County as gold. The other 55 counties were orange (13) or red (40).

WVDE will not update the Education Map until Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021. Unless guidelines change, 53 counties would not be able to have in-person schooling or participate in extracurricular activities.

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Ruby Irene Jarvis Gunn is shown celebrating a previous birthday.

Irene Gunn, Chloe Native, Celebrates 100th In January

Ruby Irene Jarvis Gunn, who was born at Chloe in a one-room cabin on Jan. 20, 1921, will celebrate her 100th birthday next month.

Irene was a public school teacher, who started out in a one-room schoolhouse on Oka Road in 1940.

After she married Denzal Gunn, they moved to Macon, Ga., where he was stationed during World War II.

During that time, she was a Rosie and worked in munitions, scooping out tiny thimbles full of gun powder for the anti-aircraft shell fuses.

After the war, she came back to Calhoun County. She taught at Whitehouse Elementary for 15 years from 1945 to 1960.

When her family moved to Jacksonville Beach, Fla., she taught at Windy Hill Elementary for another 11 years in Duval County.

She returned to Calhoun to visit the family and take summer classes. She earned her master's degree in library sciences from West Virginia University in 1985.

In 1970, Irene returned to Calhoun to take care of her parents, Spencer "Doc" Jarvis and Effie McClain Jarvis, and teach at Arnoldsburg Head Start and Minnora Elementary.

Over her 42 years, Irene taught pre-school through 6th grade, and probably shaped the lives of over 1,200 children in her classrooms.



Irene Gunn

Eventually, she retired in 1986, and the whole community turned up to celebrate with her at a square dance in her big red barn.

Up until a few years ago (when she needed more help), Irene lived on her family's ancestral farm in the West Virginia mountains.

She is now in Texas and getting good care, but it is "kinda lonely," especially during the COVID pandemic. Family isn't allowed to visit and she has a big birthday coming up.

As a longtime resident of Calhoun County, her family thought some of her friends, neighbors, co-workers, and former students might like to send her a birthday card.

The family is hoping to collect 100 birthday cards (one for each year) and would like to thank you in advance for your help.

Cards can be sent to: Ruby Irene Gunn, c/o Arwen Berry, 1153 Bergen Pkwy, STE I-224, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Open Letter

Calhoun County Schools
Saturday, Dec. 26

In an effort to be transparent with the community and respect the privacy of our employees, we want to inform you that Calhoun County Schools has one employee who has tested positive for COVID-19. This employee was last at school on Dec. 23. We are in touch with Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept. and will be following the health department's guidance. Close contacts of this employee have been identified and notified. As a school system, our employees do the COVID-19 screeners, take temperatures, and sanitize.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. We are a close school family and will continue to provide whatever assistance we can safely provide to them during this time. Thank you for your support of Calhoun County Schools, our students, and the school community.

Together we can get through these challenging times by continuing to support each other.

Kelli Whytsell, Superintendent,
Calhoun County Schools

In a second letter on Tuesday, Dec. 29, the superintendent reported, in part, the following information:

Calhoun County Schools has had one additional employee test positive for COVID-19. This case is not related to the other positive employee. This employee was last at school on Dec. 23. Close contacts of this employee have been identified and notified.

This employee did not assist with the blessing boxes.



ABOVE: Grantsville Lions Club furnished snacks for Minnie Hamilton Health System long term care residents for Christmas. BELOW: Accepting the snacks on behalf of MHHS were Cheryl Cain (left) and Chelsey Richards.



Shown with the Burrows Run sign (located near the triangle in Grantsville) are descendants of Archibald and Mary Holbert Burrows and William Harvey and Malinda Maze Burrows, left to right, Phyllis Harvey of Parkersburg, Melba Starcher of Spencer, Bob Dye of Bridgeport, and Karen Nichols of Spencer.

Sign Honors Burrows Family, Early Settlers

Descendants of Archibald and Mary Holbert Burrows have dedicated a sign for Burrows Run, 1832, in memory of the hardships the family encountered as they settled in what is now Grantsville.

One wonders, as family members surveyed the beautiful virgin forest, what was going through their minds.

After they left Hagerstown, Md., in 1821, did they have any idea of the hardships as they settled Burrows Run, or did they only see a bright future for their family?

Besides the need to clear the land to build a cabin, they had to deal with protecting themselves and their animals and crops from wolves, bears, etc., and there was the need to transport the supplies that they could not provide for themselves.

In the spring of 1832, Archibald and his seven-year-old son William Harvey, traveled to Lowman, Va., now Smithville, W.Va. to buy coffee and supplies for their neighbors and themselves.

Archibald and Mary's children were Jane (Jesse Taylor), Elizabeth (James W. Johnson), Margaret (Joseph Hamrick), William Harvey (Malinda Maze), Malinda (Robert Johnson Yoak), George (Catherine Robinson), John (Mary), Thomas (Rebecca Nutt), and Cornelius (Matilda Starcher).

The family dedicated the Burrows Run sign with these words: "In humble gratitude, we give thanks to Archibald and Mary Holbert Burrows for helping to give us the beautiful town of Grantsville."

OBITUARIES

NELMA WIMER

Nelma G. Wimer, 89, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020.

She was born in Gip, the daughter of the late Robert and Amy Carter. She grew up in Fairmont and Nicut, and later moved to the Akron area for employment, where she met and married William L. Wimer. She was a homemaker for most of her life.

Surviving are one daughter-in-law, Donna Carter; one step-daughter, Cherrie Martin; one step-son, Lynn Wimer; six grandchildren, Steven Carter, Michael Carter, Christie Hamilton, David Martin, Lisa Bryan and Kari Wimer; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Lorene Weekley; and one sister-in-law, Jo Wimer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Wimer; one son, Gary R. Carter; one sister, Neva Kendall; and one brother, William Hubert Carter.

Private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. View service on YouTube, with link provided at www.donovanfuneralhome.com.



ELOUISE MARGARET BONAR

Elouise Margaret Bonar, 93, of Parkersburg, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020, at Cedar Grove Personal Care Center.

She was born in Wirt County, the daughter of the late James and Clara Jones Kelley. She was a graduate of Wirt County High School and retired from Brockway Glass. She attended Summitt Valley United Methodist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Shelia Waybright of Vienna; three sisters, Betty Boyce of Parkersburg, Leona Pettit of Tanner and Deloras M. Yoak of Grantsville; one sister-in-law, Betty Kelley of Parkersburg; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gale R. Bonar; one daughter, Sharon Weinheimer; and several brothers and sisters.

Services were held at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, Vienna, with Pastor Rick Kapple officiating. Burial was in Evergreen North Cemetery.



ENID VEON

Enid Veon, 90, of Parkersburg, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020, at Camden Clark Medical Center.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Darl Mathess and Leafy Mathess Phillips. She attended Edgelawn United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Sheila Prather of Wirt County and Ramona Chichester of Parkersburg; one brother, Clifford Mathess of Grafton, Ohio; two granddaughters, Lynnette Franciscus of Canal Winchester, Ohio, and Angi Chichester of Parkersburg; six great-grandchildren, Matthew, Joshua, Seth and Naomi Franciscus, all of Canal Winchester, Shawn Brand of Parkersburg and Austin Brand of Vienna; and two great-great-granddaughters, Abigail and Cordelia Brand of Vienna.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Veon, and one brother, Clarence Mathess.

Services were held at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home, with Danny McVey officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memory Gardens.

LAVINIA EILEEN BALL

Lavinia Eileen Ball, 94, of Mineral Wells, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2020.

She was born in Creston, the daughter of the late Howard Edwin Hedges, Sr., and Hulda Jane Gurley Hedges.

Surviving are one son, Sterling Ray Ball; two daughters, Adale Yvonne Gordon and Rebecca Patti Winans; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Gilbert Francis Ball, and all six of her siblings.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 2 p.m., at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with Pastor Roger Benson officiating, and burial in Riverhill Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, 1 to 2 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.LeavittFuneralHome.com.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

I suppose that, if the weather report for this week is to be believed, December came in like a lion and could go out like a lamb. We had a decent snow for the beginning of the month, and it appears that we may experience spring like temperatures (perhaps in the 60s) for the beginning of the New Year.

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The snow that we received for Christmas was one of the best I can remember for that day in my lifetime. We had around seven inches down in the holler, along with a low temperature of 11 degrees. That is cold enough, with the wind chill thrown in, to freeze the nose right off your face.

I guess that all of the snow that I have asked for, and has always been back-ordered over the years, was delivered on Christmas Eve. It was so beautiful to get up and see all of that snow on the deck and in the trees.

I wanted to go on a bicycle ride in the snow, but found it just a tad too cold for anything other than walking around the yard.

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The birds were having a hard time waiting for their turn at the feeder and suet cake, because all of the tree limbs where they usually hang out on had seven inches of snow. I watched all of their antics for about an hour before I went out on the deck and knocked some of the snow off of the limbs.

It was actually somewhat humorous to watch cardinals attempt landings on top of the snow, and then having to continue to

flap their wings until they made a hole big enough to stand in, albeit surrounded by snow on both sides.

They actually devoured one entire suet cake on Christmas day, making it the first time that I have ever had to give them two suet cakes in one day.

I even cut one of the orange flavored suet cakes in half to assist the birds who wished to have a choice of flavors.

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Grantsville has made some changes here in the latter part of the year. The old Grantsville Tire building, which last housed Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority, was demolished and hauled away in November, leaving another large hole in the town on Mill St.

Equipment seems to be in place to take down even more of the former Calhoun Super Service building. Perhaps, since that is a prime location, something will be built there to benefit the town and the county.

Alice's Attic opened a store on Main St. in the former Parsons Jewelry store, and then moved the operation to a more spacious location--the old welfare office building one block east.

Jeanne and I stopped by the store last Thursday, and were impressed with all of the different things offered in the store.

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I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Christmas, and I hope that all of you stay safe and healthy for the coming year.

May we all be able to hug and hold our families and loved ones by this time next year.

Governor's Updates

New Covid-19 Economic Relief Bill

During Monday's briefing, Gov. Jim Justice discussed the new COVID-19 economic relief bill, signed by President Donald J. Trump, which will provide \$900 billion in aid across the country for those affected by the pandemic.

While Justice expressed disappointment that individuals and businesses struggling because of the pandemic were not given more in the package, he also added that he appreciates that a deal finally got done.

Some of the most significant components of the stimulus bill include:

--CARES Act spending extension to Dec. 31 for state and local governments.

--Direct payment of \$600 for individuals making up to \$75,000 per year, and \$1,200 for couples making up to \$150,000 per year, plus an additional \$600 per child.

--Enhanced unemployment benefits (see story on Page 5) of \$300 per week for 11 weeks.

--\$319 billion for small businesses, including \$284 billion through the Paycheck Protection Program.

--\$25 billion in rental assistance, with an extension of the eviction moratorium.

--\$82 billion for schools and universities, with \$10 billion dedicated to childcare.

--\$7 billion for increased access to broadband.

--Additional funding to support vaccine distribution.

Vaccine Distribution Update

The governor reported that West Virginia continues to lead the nation in the rate of COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration.

As of Monday, 30,737 of 60,875 total doses delivered in West Virginia to date have been administered. This 50.49% vaccination rate is the highest of any state in the nation according to Bloomberg.com, with Maine ranking second in the nation at approximately 37%.

West Virginia also continues to lead the nation in terms of distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

"We are making significant progress in our plan to offer vaccination to all long-term care facility residents and staff, and we should be complete with all 214 facilities in the state today," said Justice.

"It's amazing and it's far ahead of any other state in the nation. That's 100 percent of our long-term care facilities that we will have offered vaccines to in our state, and before some other states have even gotten started."

The governor noted that a combined total of 25,925 additional doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are expected to be delivered in West Virginia this week.

"When these vaccines are offered to you, you've got to take them," said Justice. "We want, absolutely, to get all of you vaccinated."

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MITCHELL GLENN BELT

Mitchell Glenn Belt, 78, of Vienna, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020, at his residence.

He was born in Calhoun County, the son of the late Cecil Jackson and Stella Ann McIntire Belt. He had worked in area garment factories.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Helen Belt; one son, Ricky Glen Belt of Washington; one daughter, Beverly K. Moss of Vienna; three grandchildren, Amanda Dawn Rake, Amber Kay Berry and Samantha Belt; five great-grandchildren, Jase Rake, Addison Rake, Aaron Berry, Tanner Berry and Kyler Berry; and one brother, Kenneth Jackson Belt of Munday.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Belt and Virgil Belt; four sisters, Della May, Barbara Holbert, Juanita and Cleotie; one daughter, Debbie Belt; and one granddaughter, Christina.

Services were held at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg. Graveside service was held at Maze Cemetery, Calhoun County.

AERADELLE ONNISE FAYELLEN LOTT

Aerabelle Onnise Fayellen Lott, an infant, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at CAMC Women and Children's Hospital, Charleston.

She was born on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, the daughter of Amber Lott and Levi Ferrell.

Surviving in addition to her parents are two brothers, Caspian and Elijah Ferrell; grandparents, Mary and Stevan Barth and Christy and Albert Ferrell; great-grandmother, Mary Barton; great-aunt, Adelia Riddle; and great-uncle, Ronnie Rose.

A brief service was held.

Obituaries of local interest are free and subject to editing for space, conciseness, and content, which includes direct descendants, their spouses, if clearly stated as such and are local residents, number of grandchildren, etc. Information must come from a funeral home. Memorials and obituaries are available as a paid advertisement.

Map Shows Calhoun--

(Continued from Page 1) According to virus statistics announced on Friday by Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept., Calhoun had 21 active cases, 100 recovered, 111 total confirmed, 10 total probable, on 4,701 tests, with zero deaths.

Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept.'s announcement of COVID-19 testing on Dec. 28 and Dec. 29 at Arnoldsburg Elementary School was too late to be included in last week's issue.

Active cases and deaths in other counties are as follows: Doddridge, 57 active, 3 deaths; Gilmer, 89 active, 0 deaths; Jackson, 244 active, 29 deaths; Pleasants, 307 active, 5 deaths; Ritchie, 58 active,

7 deaths; Roane, 48 active, 5 deaths; Wirt, 49 active, 1 death; and Wood: 1,136 active, 41 deaths.

The State's daily rate of infection was listed as 10.5 percent on Monday, with an average of 9.6 percent for the last week. Sunday's rate was a pandemic daily high of 17.4 percent.

The daily maps are developed with information from W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources.

Nationally, California, which leads all states in coronavirus cases, had 2,176,254, followed by Texas, 1,700,683, and Florida, 1,280,177.

West Virginia has had 82,733 coronavirus cases, with 8,036 the last week.

SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continued from Page 1) **Thursday, Dec. 31** NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Wednesday, Dec. 30 Grief/loss ministry, Cornerstone Church, 527 Highland St., Grantsville, 5:30 p.m.; for information, call 354-0492.

Friday, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Monday, January 4 Town council meets in Main St. office, 4 p.m.

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.

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This Week In History

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

1920, 100 years ago

William Collins, a first-class citizen of Industry, looked after business matters at the courthouse on Monday.

Leaford Witt, a first-class young man of Rush Run, attended to business affairs here on Thursday.

William Shock, captain, master and mate of the good steamers Paul S. and Euall S., of Russett, transacted business here on Thursday.

Mrs. David Hathaway of Sycamore is seriously indisposed. On account of her illness, assistant postmaster Russell Hathaway is absent from the local office this week.

M.A.C. Board has purchased the Ray Stemple residence on Main Alley and has moved into the same, vacating the jailer's residence for sheriff George A. Richards, who moved his family to this place on Wednesday.

John M. Hamilton, Jr., departed on Monday for Salem, Harrison County, where he has purchased a moving picture theatre that he will operate. It is the only show in that city and we have no doubt it is a good business venture.

Allen Hardman of Maplewood is seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of his brother, Cassius W. Hardman, near Spencer. According to advisories from his bedside this morning, he is in very precarious condition and grave fears concerning his recovery are felt.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardman had been in Pittsburgh for a few days and returned to visit relatives in Roane County. While there, he was attacked by the dread disease. It will be remembered that he had a severe attack of pneumonia a few years ago. Then, the right lung was affected, this time it is the left. Mr. Hardman's many friends in all sections of this and neighboring counties will be grieved to hear of his sickness and their most fervent prayers go up for his speedy recovery.

1945, 75 years ago

Thurl Barnes, 31, of Grantsville, was sworn into the Regular Army at Columbus, Ohio, last week, it was announced by the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Parkersburg.

Barnes had served seven years, eleven months in the Army prior to his re-enlistment. He first entered service in 1937 and served 45 months in the European Theatre, participating in campaigns at Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland.

He wears the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Good Conduct Medal, ETO Ribbon, and the American Defense Service Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on July 7 at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval W. Yoke, Sr., of Mill St., have received word that their youngest son, Orval W. Yoke, Jr., S1/C, visited their eldest son, Leon Yoke, S2/C, on Nov. 29. Junior is aboard the USS Safeguard, which had been at Nogowan Bay, Okinawa, and moved to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, where Leon is stationed.

Leon entered the Navy in June of this year and Junior enlisted last December. Both took their boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and junior attended Signalman School at Great Lakes after completing his boot training.

1970, 50 years ago

The Sunday, Dec. 27, issue of *The Charleston Gazette* covered a local firm in a two-page article in the State Magazine section. The article, titled "Tycoon in the Pellet Gun Department" was built around Robert Law's Air Rifle Headquarters operation in Grantsville.

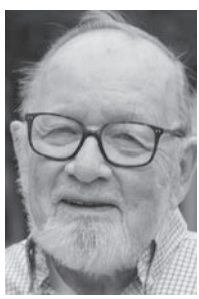
Written by William C. Blizzard, under special assignment, the article traced Law from his first business enterprise at age 16 through a later business (Record House) and the final situation that lead to development of the current Air Rifle Headquarters in Grantsville.

The article traced Air Rifle Headquarters from the initial \$100 investment in 1963 through to the present day level of activity. It went on to cover how the product itself is handled, and its many advantages. It also covered the many services that Air Rifle Headquarters currently provides to the general public.

The current operation is broken down into publications, export, mail order, and the newer wholesale division, jobbing a nationwide network of over 200 dealerships. The firm's annual 200 percent growth rate amply attests the exceptional products and service that have been provided to the public during the past seven years.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Trivia Time!

Unwind with a few pieces of trivia that everyone should know:

--It took seven U.S. presidents before one was born an American citizen. That was Martin Van Buren.

--Lake Superior is larger than any other freshwater lake.

--Mickey Mouse's original name was Mortimer. Walt Disney changed it shortly after his creation.

--The longest river in the world is the Nile, which is a little over 4,000 miles long.

--In 1932, the original Three Musketeers candy bar had three pieces of candy in it: one chocolate, one vanilla and one strawberry. (Do you remember that?)

--The name "Uncle Sam" originated in 1812 when a meat packer named Sam Wilson (no relation to the author of this column) provided meat to the U.S. Army. Someone saw the meat shipments were stamped with "U.S." and joked that the initials stood for "Uncle Sam." The name stuck.

--During his college years, Ronald Reagan performed life guard duties at Lowell Park in Illinois, where he is credited for saving 77 people from drowning.

--Fifty-six people signed the Declaration of Independence.

--There are seven red and six white stripes in the American flag (for the 13 original colonies).

--The graham cracker was named after a Presbyterian minister, Rev. Sylvester Graham, from Kansas. He was an advocate of eating whole-wheat flour products.

--It takes 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese, 21 pounds of milk to make a pound of butter, and 12 pounds of milk to make a gallon of ice cream.

--Every year, your heart beats approximately 35 million times. That is about 100,000 beats per day and 70 beats per minute. Over the course of a lifetime, this adds up to an average of 2.5 billion heartbeats. (And the beat goes on!)

--Turmeric is used to make mustard yellow.

--The name QANTAS, which is a major airline for Australia, is an acronym for Queensland and Northern Territory Air Service.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "I bet after seeing us, George Washington would sue us for calling him 'father.'" --Will Rogers.

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.

Governor's Updates--

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Monoclonal Antibody Treatment

Justice announced that West Virginia plans to begin utilizing monoclonal antibodies to treat COVID-19 more frequently, following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's recent emergency authorization of the treatment.

West Virginia has 1,400 doses of monoclonal antibodies on-hand, with 600 more doses expected to arrive shortly. Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off viruses.

"If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, and if your doctor believes you can have this drug, early on in your disease, you can speak with your doctor or go to one of the hospitals if they have this drug available," said Dr. Ayne Amjad, State health officer.

"There is a certain criteria that you do have to meet to qualify for this drug. One of them is if you are above 65 years old, have chronic kidney disease, diabetes, if you meet a certain weight criteria, or if you are above 55 and have cardiovascular disease.

"This drug is utilized in nursing homes a lot. We have been using it in several nursing homes already over the last couple of weeks. It has been known to improve mortality rates in nursing homes and across the emergency room population. It is not used in hospital settings, it's used in outpatient settings."

Child Care Subsidy Extension

Justice also announced that he plans to commit "whatever it takes" to continue to fund the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which subsidizes the state's child care program via the CARES Act.

West Virginia originally received \$23 million in supplemental funding for the block grant. The funds have allowed West Virginia to provide child care assistance for any parent who has been deemed an essential worker, regardless of income.

"The initial funding was going to be exhausted at the end of August, but we said 'we're not gonna let that happen,'" said Justice. "We stepped up and we made a commitment. We allocated an additional \$6 million to be able to continue to fund this." As of November, 4,778 children of essential workers and 3,002 West Virginia families have been served.

"We expect to receive an additional \$60 million in stimulus money, from the new bill, to continue to extend this program," said Justice. "However, whatever it takes, I'm absolutely going to continue to fund this."

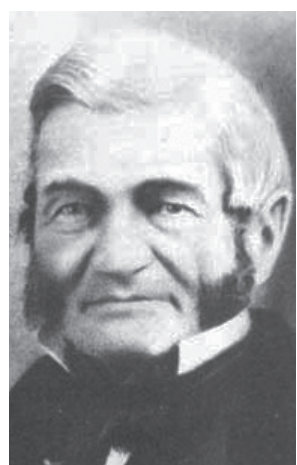
"This is absolutely essential beyond belief. Any of you that are out there that are recipients, sleep well knowing that everything's fine and that we're going to continue to fund this program."



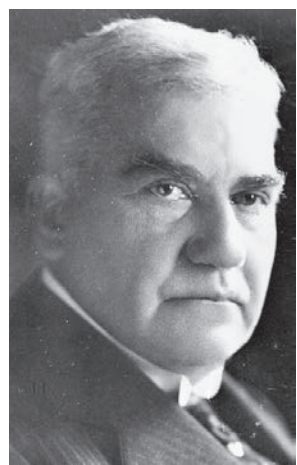
This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Dec. 31-Jan. 6 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Gerald Ford. She grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-wing groups and became an FBI informant. She spent part of her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.

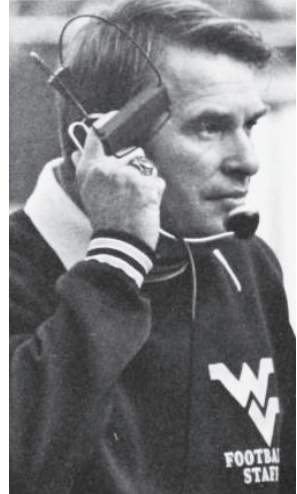


Jan. 1, 1790: Claudius Crozet was born in France. As state engineer of Virginia, he was involved in numerous turnpike projects and made a significant contribution to the road network in western Virginia.



Jan. 1, 1859: Michael Joseph Owens was born in Pt. Pleasant. A skilled glassblower by age 15, he went on to mechanize the making of industrial glass products and launched a factory in Charleston that became the world's largest producer of window glass.

Jan. 1, 1888: Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was beaten.



Jan. 1, 1936: Don Nehlen was born in Canton, Ohio. He had a record of 149-93-4 at WVU, and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

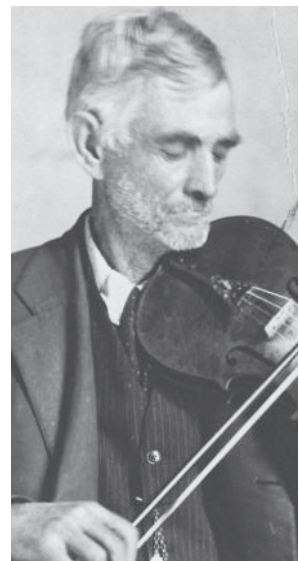
Jan. 2, 1804: Mason County was formed from part of Kanawha County. It was named for statesman George Mason.

Jan. 2, 1809: Cabell County was created by an act of the Virginia General Assembly from part of Kanawha County. It was named for William H. Cabell, governor of Virginia from 1805 to 1808.

Jan. 2, 2006: An ex-

plosion at Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.

Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire. A temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the "pasteboard capitol."



Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution that was established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Jan. 5, 1810: The Virginia General Assembly recognized 20 acres of land owned by farmer and trader Thomas Buffington at the confluence of the Guyandotte and Ohio rivers as the new village of Guyandotte.

Jan. 5, 1887: Gov. Emanuel W. Wilson hosted a ball and banquet to formally open the new capitol in Charleston. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, incorporated the 1870 capitol.

Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamon was born in Jefferson County. He was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln sent Lamon to Richmond on business, and the president was assassinated while his bodyguard was away.

Jan. 6, 1921: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield died. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Jan. 6, 1931: An underground gas explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County.



Jan. 6, 1948: Bob Wise was born in Washington, D.C. He served in Congress and was the state's 33rd governor.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



To say this was an odd year would be quite an understatement. We certainly didn't know what 2020 would be like last December, as we prepared for a new year, and that was probably a good thing. As years go, this is one that will not soon be forgotten. I am definitely ready to open a new calendar and start fresh.

While there were many aspects of 2020 that I did not enjoy at all, I have to be fair and say that there were parts of this year that were actually positive. When life was "normal," I believe that we took a lot of our blessings for granted. I never thought twice about throwing a bag in my Jeep and taking off on an adventure. Whether it was for a week or a weekend, I was game. I really miss those days and am looking forward to when I can travel again.

Not being free to travel has also made me appreciate my home among the hills even more than I did. I am blessed to have a home that is comfortable and cozy. My "staycations" in the summer and over the holidays were much more enjoyable because I have a sweet, little home. During the warmer months, I could sit on my side porch under the ceiling fan and read the days away. Once it got too cold to sit outside, I had quite a few options of places inside to curl up and relax. I have always loved my house, but it has come to mean even more to me this year.

My home among the hills has probably wondered where all of my visitors have gone. Most years, I would have someone staying in my guest room quite often. I am longing for the day when friends and family can visit and spend time together.

I know that being able to spend time with those I love is high on the list of things that I took for granted before 2020. Time together is precious, and something that I won't be taking lightly in the future. When we are able to freely travel again, I plan to split my time between visiting others and having others visit me.

I believe this year has also caused people to become more nostalgic and to treasure their memories more. I know that my mind often wandered to the past during this holiday season. In years past, I have been busy making new memories. I may have reminisced some, but not nearly as much as I did this year.

Christmas was a quiet affair this year. I spent the day with the Mlynks. We exchanged gifts, ate some great food, and relaxed while watching it snow. I will say that I was overjoyed by the gift of a white Christmas. In the midst of our low-key holiday, I found my mind wandering again and again to Christmases of long ago. Facebook played along by showing me memories of years gone by.

I revisited all of the holidays that we spent in a cabin at Oglebay Park. We really made the place our home for a week. We put up a tree, decorated the mantle with pine, and hung a wreath on the door. We packed the kitchen with all kinds of delicious food, and brought puzzles to build and games to play. We even brought a CD player along to fill the cabin with Christmas music, and lots of candles to make the place smell great.

The cabin was full of family and friends all week, and we only left long enough to celebrate Christmas Eve at the Taylors' house.

I actually sent a text message to a few of the Taylors this year, letting them know that I was remembering our many holidays together. I wanted them to know how much I appreciated and treasured those memories. I think letting people know how much we appreciate them, love them, and miss them is an important lesson that I have learned this year.

As with every holiday this year, I will be spending New Year's Eve at my home among the hills. There will be no trip to my sister's house in Canton to spend time with the whole family. I will miss this tradition, but I have hope that, as we say goodbye to 2020, there will be many get-togethers in the future.

My new year's resolution for 2021 is an easy one. I want to hold on to the lessons that I have learned in 2020 and remember to count my blessings and take less of life for granted. I wish you a happy, healthy, and hope-filled new year!

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)

Mr Hall took dinner with us to day. I was much pleased with him. He enquired very particularly after Worthie. He & part of Uncle's family have gone to the prayer meeting. I feel quite fatigued this evening & concluded I would remain home.

Yes! Sister, I have many privileges here, which I shall no doubt have to account for in the day of judgment. & oh! Sister, pray for me, that I may be enabled on that great day to render up my account, with rejoicing, & not with fear & trembling.

Sister, this is a most lovely evening, & the view from my window is most enchanting. A great portion of town is spread out before me. The large Catholic cathedral is the first thing that meets your eye. Then the long rows of brick buildings, interspersed occasionally by churches with their little steeples pointing upwards, as if to lead us to the realms above.

Towering far above all, the court house, its lofty steeples, mounting far above all others, seeming to bid defiance to the rest. All present a beautiful picture. But in the sketch I have drawn, I have left out the most beautiful object of all, our dear Witherspoon Institute.

How beautiful it looks! Standing there partly shaded by a row of trees, whose green foliage even now is tossing in the evening zephyrs. It is a beautiful brick building & is, I think quite an ornament to that part of town in which it is situated. I do not know whether the tones of the bell will ever call me again to recitation, but in future days I shall often think of by gone hours, & dream that I hear its tones once more, calling us to assemble, a happy group in its smiling rooms.

(Amie is getting ready to return to her home in Arnoldsburg, where she has been employed.)

Butler
August 19th 1854
Dear Mother

Last evening as I was just starting to an evening party, Watson¹ called on me, & informed me that he had just brought a letter from the post office.

Its contents were anticipated, and on opening it, I found I was correct, you had given me a brief lecture for my negligence about writing, & while I plead guilty to the charge, I would for this offense humbly crave pardon, as I think I have previous to the last six weeks, proved a very dutiful child, in respect to correspondence.

My numerous engagements were not known, I presume, to you. They have certainly been many & varied. I do hope Worthie was so fortunate, on the day you wrote to me, as to bring you a letter from your far off daughter. I very much fear however, that he failed that day, yet do not let him give it up so, but send him again.

I have nothing of particular interest to write. Perhaps you would be pleased with a brief description of the party. It was Mr. Meylert²'s, & was really quite a splendid affair. There was quite a number of the elite present, or as some remark, of the upper ten.

We had music on the piano, promenading, a little dancing, &c. We had a truly splendid supper. The table was ornamented with flowers. The mellow light of the large lamps threw an enchantment over the scene as we all mingled round, throwing nuts, eating ice cream, laughing & talking, crowing together in delightful confusion.

Lydia & I were the only ones from Uncle's. Uncle attended us, when we went up, as far as the gate. He then left us to find some other gallant on our return, & we did find one of the right stamp too.

You no doubt, have received a letter from me since you wrote, informing you of my expected return. Some incidents however, have compelled to change our time of starting for Va. I am compelled to defer it one week later instead of starting the fourth of September. I shall start on the eleventh of September.

Robert³ has given up the idea of visiting F. Creek this fall. Will defer his visit until spring. Lydia & myself will start for Va. the eleventh of September. Uncle Loyal will take us there without incurring but very little expense.

He can go no farther with us, he did think, as he would be so near of going all of the way, but he has given that up as impractical. He can go to Fairmont & return in a week. He & Aunt expect to visit you next summer.

I want Worthie or some one to meet us in Fairmont. We will reach there Thursday if he pleases. I think I shall not wish to remain there very long. Would like to get home by the Sabbath if I could, however that it immaterial.

There is however, one difficulty, perhaps a serious one. Can you easily procure a two horse buggy? A one horse buggy will not do. We will have two trunks, a bandbox, carpet bag, &c. I want you to write the day you receive this & tell me if you can get me.

If not, we will take the cars in Fairmont & go to Feddiman⁴ where we would then expect W[orthie] to meet us either on Thursday or Friday. Then I suppose our trunks could be sent up with some of the teamsters. I would prefer not going in the cars, yet I am at your service. Please write immediately, as we expect to start three weeks from next Monday.

¹Watson Johnston Young, third child of Loyal Young, was Amie's cousin; became Presbyterian minister; joined Union Army and was wounded in battle of Fair Oaks; died 1919 in Michigan.

²Mr. Meylert: no information; evidently a prominent citizen of Butler, and probably a member of Loyal Young's church.

³Robert Johnston Young, Amie's cousin, second child of Loyal and Margaret Young; served in Union Calvary, Co. L, 11th Reg., Pennsylvania Calvary.

⁴Feddiman, Marion Co.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

Menu for the Senior Citizens Center (2% milk and margarine available daily):

Thursday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve dinner.

Friday, Jan. 1: closed.

Monday, Jan. 4: hamburger, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: chili with meat and beans, fruit, cornbread.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: cook's choice.

Thursday, Jan. 7: fish, coleslaw, peas, juice, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Jan. 8: vegetable soup, cheese stick, banana pudding, crackers.

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.

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.

Senior News

by Deb Miller, JD,
Senior Legal Aid Volunteer

Contractor fraud is something for all of us to avoid, just like the coronavirus.

While a contractor can be sued if things go wrong, various TV shows have illustrated how difficult that is, and many of the fly-by-night contractors are judgment-proof and long gone.

Avoiding the hiring of a bad contractor in the first place takes preparation. Word of mouth recommendations for recent work is one of the most important aspects of the project.

If others have had bad experiences, you are likely to as well. Call or ask others at church, social events, and even the grocery store, because this information will save you money, mess and heartache.

Ask the contractor for references and whether you can see the finished work. If so, take the time to see for yourself what the contractor can do. Photos shown to you or on a website can be misleading (or even someone else's work).

You may have to wait longer for a top-notch contractor to start work, but it will be worth the wait.

Small jobs are often not popular with busy contractors, making them very fertile ground for bad contractors. Contractors generally make a bigger profit on bigger jobs, so be aware that the size of the job can make it more difficult to find a quality contractor. Many unscrupulous contractors focus on small project work.

West Virginia's testing of contractors is rigorous. Do an advance check on whether a contractor is licensed in the state by calling 558-7890. An online search for licensed contractors is available at www.wvlabor.com/new_searches/contractor_search_new.cfm.

When discussing a job with a contractor, also ask for his/her unemployment compensation insurance (if they have others working for them) and liability insurance certificates. If they don't have them, ask why. Those coverages are protections against things that go wrong and can protect you, the consumer.

The contract that is drawn up and signed by both parties is crucial to the success of the project. If just a verbal contract is suggested to speed things up, and it is an expensive job, insist on a written contract before any work starts.

Be sure to check over all of the contract terms about the work to be done, especially the pre-

liminary demolition or prep work, and even ask someone else for help with interpreting what the terms are. Better safe than sorry, because this is your money that could be wasted needlessly, and your problem to clean up.

If you are asked to make an advance payment for the materials, that tells you something about the contractor. Some reputable contractors will give you a listing and request that you order the materials. You know what you're getting that way. Others include the materials in the bill as they go, because they can buy them on credit.

Focus on quality materials being used on your job. Don't let low-quality items shorten the life of the repairs or additions.

Inspect the work as it is being done or have someone experienced in construction help you with that. Ask questions. Don't take it for granted that everything is going well.

Stick to the plan. If the contractor says, "While I'm here, I could do x, y, and z," that could be an expensive come-on. Don't approve extra work without consulting with someone who is knowledgeable about the necessity for the extras.

When payment is discussed, make it clear that you will not pay the final amount until all of the work is done completely and as agreed upon. Don't be pressured into paying early.

If things have not worked out as planned, and you can't locate the contractor or he won't come back, you may consider contacting your county's prosecutor to make a criminal complaint or filing a consumer fraud complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-382-4357.

If you realize that you honestly can't afford the costs of employing a good contractor using quality materials at this point in life, it may be far wiser to find another, possibly smaller, place to live with fewer responsibilities and expenses. You may save money in the process and decrease your worries too.

If you have issues with a contractor or other legal matters and are a West Virginia resident aged 60 and over, call West Virginia Senior Legal Aid, 1-800-229-5068, to speak with a staff attorney at no cost.

Many excellent contractors working around the state are appreciated for their skills, but the few bad apples are not interested in making your job turn out as expected. They are only interested in taking your money.

College scholarships available for 2021

Interested in being a journalist or working in the media industry?

The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for 2021 West Virginia Press Association Scholarships.

If awarded, the WVPAF provides scholarships to West Virginia residents to a West Virginia college or university for up to \$1,000. Programs are open to journalism majors and students in related fields such as business management, human resources, advertising, social media and marketing, with preference given to students in at least their sophomore year of college.

Application deadline is Jan. 29, 2021.
Applications may be downloaded from wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Don Smith** at donsmith@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

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WorkForce Awaiting Guidance On CARES Act Unemployment

WorkForce West Virginia announced on Monday that it is awaiting guidance from the U.S. Dept. of Labor on the CARES Act unemployment extension provisions contained in H.R. 133.

The extension was signed into law on Sunday.

"While we wait on additional federal guidance, I have directed WorkForce West Virginia to be prepared to respond as quickly as possible and deliver this much-needed relief to eligible West Virginians," said Gov. Jim Justice.

"As we always have been, we are all in, and will be a leader in turning this legislation into resources for West Virginia."

Until WorkForce receives guidance from the federal government, it recommends eligible claimants do not file a new claim. Filing a new claim may delay eligible claimant benefit payments.

"We are diligently

working to build additional programs and adjust our unemployment computer system to deliver these benefits," said Scott Adkins, acting commissioner for WorkForce.

"Until we receive additional clarification and guidelines, those who feel they are eligible for these benefits should pause until Workforce West Virginia provides additional information."

When implemented, the provisions will bring additional unemployment compensation to tens of thousands of West Virginians. The programs use existing funding structures already established by labor agencies.

As a result, WorkForce expects most claimants will avoid an interruption in benefits.

The new provisions also include new requirements to qualify to receive benefits from the federal programs outlined within the act:

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

(FPUC) will provide up to 11 weeks of an additional \$300 weekly benefit to eligible claimants.

--A claimant must be eligible through a separate unemployment program to receive FPUC.

--Once implemented, FPUC will be available to cover weeks of unemployment between Dec. 27 and week ending Mar.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) will provide up to an additional 11 weeks of benefits, to a maximum of 50 weeks.

--Weekly certification will be required.

--Claimants will be required to provide documentation of eligibility to qualify for PUA beginning Jan. 31.

--PUA will be available until week ending Mar. 13 (no new applications after that date), with allowance for three additional weeks of benefits for those who have not reached the maximum number of weeks through week ending Apr. 3.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) will provide up to an additional 11 weeks of benefits, to a maximum of 24 weeks. PEUC will be available until week ending Mar. 13 (no new applications after that date), with allowance of three additional weeks of benefits for those who have not reached the maximum number of weeks through week ending Apr. 3.

Return to Work Requirements: States must have methods in place to address claimants who refuse to return to work or refuse to accept an offer of suitable work without good cause.

WorkForce will provide updates as received from the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

For information about unemployment benefits, including federal pandemic relief programs provided by the CARES Act, visit workforcewv.org.

New at Library

Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Christmas: The Christmas Sisters, by Sarah Morgan; Crewel Yule, by Monica Ferris; Holding Out for Christmas, by Janet Dailey; An Amish Christmas Love; A Christmas Home, by Greg Kincaid; The Christmas Swap, by Melody Carlson; A Princess by Christmas, by Julia London; The Christmas Table, by Donna VanLiere; A Dog's Perfect Christmas, by W. Bruce Cameron; An Ivy Hill Christmas, by Julie Klassen; One More for Christmas, by Sarah Morgan; Jingle All the Way, by Debbie Macomber; The Noel Letters, by Richard Paul Evans; Christmas at Holiday House, by Rae-Anne Thayne; A Christmas Resolution, by Anne Perry; Christmas at the Island Hotel, by Jenny Colgan.

Slider Best Of Week; Duskey Wins Contest

With a full schedule of games played in Week 7 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest, two contestants finished with 6-4 records.

In the tie breaker, Brenton Slider guessed that Kansas City would defeat Atlanta, 27-10, 14 points off the exact winning score of 17-14. He wins a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.

Also at 6-4 was Michael Hardman, who predicted a 31-21 Kansas City win, 21 points off.

After the final Week 7, leading the contest were William Duskey and Mike Propst, with records of 38-18. Duskey's tie breaker guess of a Kansas City win was 37-10, 24 points off, which edged out Propst, who predicted a 42-7 Kansas City win, 32 points off.

Duskey wins the Mini Football Prognostication Contest and a \$25 gift certificate from Foodland.

Other top final records were: Richard Dowell and Michael Hardman, 37-19; and Angie Slider and Brenton Slider, 36-20.

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News from Social Security

by Bryan Warga

Social Security Manager, Parkersburg

Spouses' Benefits Explained

Understanding how your future retirement might affect your spouse is important. Here are a few things to remember when you are planning for your retirement.

Your spouse's benefit amount could be up to 50 percent of your full retirement age benefit amount. If you qualify for a benefit from your own work history and a spouse's record, we always pay your own benefit first. You cannot receive spouse's benefits unless your spouse is receiving their retirement benefits (except for divorced spouses).

If you took your reduced retirement first while waiting for your spouse to reach retirement age, your own retirement portion remains reduced. When you add spouse's benefits later, the total retirement and spouses benefit together will total less than 50 percent of the worker's amount. You can find out more about this at www.ssa.gov/OACT/quickcalc/spouse.html.

If your spouse's retirement benefit is higher than your retirement benefit, and he or she chooses to take reduced benefits and dies first, your survivor benefit will be reduced, but may be higher than what your spouse received.

If your deceased spouse started receiving reduced retirement benefits before their full retirement age, a special rule called the retirement insurance benefit limit may apply to you. The retirement insurance benefit limit is the maximum survivor benefit you may receive. Generally, the limit is the higher of:

--The reduced monthly retirement benefit the deceased spouse would have been entitled to if they had lived, or

--82.5 percent of the unreduced deceased spouse's monthly benefit, if they had started receiving benefits at their full retirement age (rather than choosing to receive a reduced retirement benefit early).

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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Craig Blankenship brought the message at Burning Springs M.E. Church.

Creston residents woke up on Christmas morning with five inches of snow. Because of the virus, many plans were thwarted and many are suffering financial consequences, but all had a white Christmas.

Mitchell Lee Belt, 78, of Vienna, died. He was the son of Cecil Jackson and Stella Ann McIntyre Belt. Burial is to be in Maze Cemetery in the Maze Bend.

Eloise Bonar, 93, of Parkersburg, died at Cedar Grove. She was a daughter of Jim and Clara Jones Kelley.

Former Elizabeth politician and businessman Russell Lee Cline died in Dayton, Ohio.

The local post office got a new, fancy, super-duper money order machine, but it wouldn't work. The "wise ones" took away the old one that worked.

There have been problems with mail delivery, with little mail arriving most days from the places where the "smart people" work.

Since way back when, there was talk of the congress critters passing another "relief" bill to help with the chaos caused by the virus that was sent here by those who want us to fail.

Someone said \$600 is enough for the peasants, but we are sending millions to Pakistan for "gender studies," money to Burma, money to build walls in the Middle East, and cash for Ukraine and the "Palestinian terrorists," and 5,600 pages of goodies for the lobbyists and connected ones.

In lieu of pitchforks, several need to be retired, and some need to be "in the inside looking out."

It would seem that some of the RINOS, like Pierre Delecto (Little Mittens), ex-Sen. Flake and company, believe that they should act in a way as to make them as consequential as the Spanish Hapsburgs.

It is clear that the intent is to destroy small businesses, and "the science" has nothing to do with control of the virus, it has all to do with the control of all the people in the western world, and that the "Great Reset" is now upon us.

Biden said his motto was "build back better," which is the motto of the U.N. and the World Economic Forum, which is to be moved forward next month when the elite meet at Davos, Switzerland.

The new world order is to be based on "expertocracy, climate green religion, and brutal depopulation." Economic impacts are said to be worse than the Weimer Republic in Germany.

Along those lines, Biden said that schools should remain closed for another year, and Bill Gates said that the big lockdown (which has yet to happen in most states) should last until 2022.

After that, one would have to have a virus passport to go anywhere, "your papers, please!"

With all the things to "protect the earth," meat will only be available for the elite rulers. It is

suggested that the common folk "learn to like" eating insects as a source of protein.

Some might want to read up on the U.N. agenda 2030. Somehow the thought of eating maggots, roaches, Asiatic beetles, meal worms, warbles, cicadas, wasps and ants is not conducive to a hearty appetite.

One of the Biden advisers questioned whether the elderly's contribution is worth their "consumption," which means that "our betters" plan to eliminate many of us. Of course, Pelosi, Feinstein and such would have exemptions.

Charles Russell is now a patient at the long term care unit at Minnie Hamilton. Most of the folks there have now taken the virus vaccine, and there were no problem.

Margie Webster is home.

After some years, permission has now been given for brine and waste water from Marcellus wells to be transported by barge on the Ohio River.

Huntley and Huntley, now called Olympus Energy, drilled a 20,060 foot horizontal Marcellus well in a Pittsburgh suburb.

All now who can should, we are told, go to Washington, D.C., for the events on Jan. 6 dealing with election fraud. In some places, there were more ballots than there were folks registered to vote.

Such makes some West Virginia politicians look like the pikers they have always been. Internet connected voting machines certainly would not do "bad things."

China says, "Trust us, we can make your vaccines for you." The World Health Organization, which is run by Dictator Xi, said that it was going to China to study the virus, but were not going to "find the guilty parties."

More United States universities have now been implicated in the money that the Big Eared One sent to the virus lab in Wuhan, China. There may be a call for more rope.

West Virginia is making the news again, because, like California and New York, our state is going to lose another congressman. West Virginia has gone from six to two over the years, which has to be "a record."

Eighty years of one-party rule looking after the ruling oligarchs was bad enough, and then the Big Eared One and Hilda van Pantsuit put the coal companies out of business.

Now, some of their agents are in charge of oil and gas. Perhaps they have a plan to use pixie dust as the raw material to make plastics, lubricants, cosmetics, etc.

Workmen were actually clearing the right-of-way for the Wild Frontier Telephone Co. at the mouth of Pete's Run. The stream was named after Revolutionary War soldier Peter McCune, who has many descendants in the area.

The comely Kim called on Wilma Mowrey.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dropped to \$47.12/bbl., with condensate, \$27.12, Marcellus and Utica light, \$38.12, and medium \$47.12.

For Students Seeking Paid Experiences

For college students seeking paid work experience and leadership opportunities, applications are available for the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and its regional affiliates' Civic Leaders Fellowship Program.

The employment program operates for seven weeks beginning on June 4 and ending on July 23. It offers local students the chance to return to their home communities to work in a career-related field, while learning about their hometowns.

Students are able to develop connections and leadership skills that may later assist them in finding meaningful employment upon graduation.

To be eligible, students must have successfully completed at least one semester of post-secondary education (college, trade/technical school, etc.), be currently enrolled in a post-secondary education program, and have a permanent home address in the PACF's service region, which includes Calhoun.

The student application is available on the PACF website and must be submitted by Feb. 12.

During their time in the program, civic leaders are placed at a work site, in a position related to their career interests, where they work four days a week.

On Mondays of each week of the program, the civic leaders participate in leadership activities and programs with other leaders designed to increase their knowledge of the region and prepare them to engage fully in service to their communities.

PACF is also seeking organizations that wish to serve as host employers for summer 2021. Businesses, non-profit organizations, and units of government may apply to serve as a host employer. Civic leaders are provided to the host employer at no cost.

In exchange, the host employer must be willing to provide supervision and a meaningful work assignment. Organizations are invited to apply online to provide an employment opportunity for one of the region's college-aged students.

The host application is also available on the PACF website and must be submitted by Mar. 31, 2021.

To learn about the Civic Leaders Fellowship Program and to apply to participate as a student or host employer, visit www.pacfwv.com/CLFP. Questions may be directed to program manager Alicia Beeson at alicia.beeson@pacfwv.com.

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.

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042.

The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, and W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture.

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Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 42.75
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Scholarships

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and its regional affiliates have launched the 2021 Consolidated Scholarship Application.

PACF administers more than 187 scholarship funds for the benefit of students in its 11-county service area, which includes Calhoun.

Through the PACF's online scholarship application, students are given the opportunity to apply for multiple scholarships through one easy application.

To apply, students must visit www.pacfwv.com/scholarships. The application must be completed and submitted online by midnight on Mar. 1.

Last year, PACF awarded more than \$368,000 to the region's students, made possible by many generous donors who established scholarship funds with PACF to help local students fulfill their educational goals.

To learn about the application process, contact the regional scholarships officer, Rachel Brezler, 428-4438 or rachel.brezler@pacfwv.com.

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WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



Testing Locations

Statewide testing/collection locations have been announced, including Minnie Hamilton Health System, Grantsville, which is currently offering free testing in the Annex Building (old health department) on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and no cost to the patient testing for walk-ins at the clinic, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 354-9244 or 354-9704.

Other nearby locations for testing include:

--Community Care of Clay, 122 Center St., Clay; hours, Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sat.-Sun., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; call 587-7301.

--Clay County Health Dept., 452 Main St., Clay; hours, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call 587-4269; pre-screening is done by phone before receiving a test.

--Minnie Hamilton Health System, Glenville office, Waco Center, 921 Mineral Road, Suite 101, Glenville; hours, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; testing if you meet screening criteria based upon CDC recommendations; call 462-7322 or 462-3407.

It is recommended that you seek testing only when you begin exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. To report your symptoms and be directed to one of the available testing sites, contact your primary care doctor or a designated hotline for your area.

Most sites require a physician's order before testing.

Statistics:

In West Virginia (condensed dashboard)

Each Monday since Mar. 16, plus daily since Dec. 21 (last complete daily list in July 30 issue):

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
Mar. 16	0	80	0		
Mar. 23	20	610	0	2.7	2.7
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 6	345	9,595	3	3.5	4.2
Apr. 13	626	16,029	9	3.8	8.0
Apr. 20	902	21,253	24	4.1	3.6
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976	36	2.5	3.4
May 4	1,206	52,033	50	2.3	1.6
May 11	1,366	62,103	54	2.2	1.1
May 18	1,491	74,544	67	2.0	0.6
May 25	1,774	84,551	72	2.1	1.2
June 1	2,017	96,078	75	2.1	1.5
June 8	2,153	111,382	84	1.9	1.0
June 15	2,298	129,577	88	1.7	2.1
June 22	2,552	148,561	89	1.7	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 6	3,356	184,108	95	1.8	4.2
July 13	4,259	203,850	96	2.0	2.1
July 20	5,080	228,410	100	2.2	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 3	6,973	287,929	117	2.4	2.5
Aug. 10	7,754	319,132	141	2.4	2.5
Aug. 17	8,632	352,037	160	2.4	2.1
Aug. 24	9,312	389,167	179	2.3	2.2
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 7	11,575	449,983	247	2.5	7.0
Sept. 14	12,820	474,894	275	2.6	4.3
Sept. 21	14,171	505,004	312	2.7	5.1
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 5	16,742	579,298	361	2.8	4.3
Oct. 12	18,281	620,540	385	2.9	4.7
Oct. 19	20,293	666,732	399	3.0	3.1
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7

Nov. 2	25,235	767,240	458	3.2	4.6
Nov. 9	28,805	825,485	530+	3.4	5.8
Nov. 16	34,460	900,375	585	3.7	7.0
Nov. 23	41,114	992,396	667	4.0	5.0
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735	4.2	6.5
Dec. 7	56,128	1,170,569	841	4.6	7.4
Dec. 14	64,394	1,256,936	978	4.9	10.3
Dec. 21	73,337	1,323,134	1,129	5.3	10.7
Dec. 22	74,737	1,329,370	1,171	5.3	12.7
Dec. 23	75,936	1,334,446	1,194	5.4	8.9
Dec. 24	77,239	1,345,330	1,228	5.4	9.3
Dec. 25	78,836	1,357,070	1,247	5.5	9.4
Dec. 26	80,177	1,367,110	1,253	5.5	11.4
Dec. 27	80,710	1,371,405	1,254	5.6	17.4
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	10.5
Dec. 29	82,773	1,385,337	1,284	5.6	9.8

*Laboratory duplicate results removed.

In alignment with updated definitions, statistics include probable cases that are individuals who have symptoms and either serologic (antibody) or epidemiologic (a link to a confirmed case) evidence of disease, but no confirmatory test.

+Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services added 27 deaths from Vital Registration Office.

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (710), Berkeley (6,045), Boone (1,031), Braxton (276), Brooke (1,357), Cabell (5,034), Calhoun (127), Clay (252), Doddridge (238), Fayette (1,689), Gilmer (386), Grant (748), Greenbrier (1,391), Hampshire (943), Hancock (1,801), Hardy (751), Harrison (2,844), Jackson (1,129), Jefferson (2,282), Kanawha (8,425), Lewis (486), Lincoln (729), Logan (1,598), Marion (1,725), Marshall (1,960), Mason (992), McDowell (932), Mercer (2,669), Mineral (2,067), Mingo (1,398), Monongalia (5,173), Monroe (613), Morgan (632), Nicholas (636), Ohio (2,452), Pendleton (283), Pleasants (556), Pocahontas (344), Preston (1,612), Putnam (2,898), Raleigh (2,609), Randolph (1,104), Ritchie (330), Roane (290), Summers (418), Taylor (667), Tucker (312), Tyler (346), Upshur (870), Wayne (1,656), Webster (143), Wetzel (671), Wirt (213), Wood (4,814), Wyoming (1,116); Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster were last counties to hit 100 positive cases, Dec. 10.

In United States:

Each Monday since Mar. 16, plus daily since Dec. 21 (last daily list in July 30 issue):

	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 16	4,661	87	181,580	7,138
Mar. 23	41,708	555	372,563	16,381
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 6	337,925	9,664	1,289,819	70,624
Apr. 13	563,604	22,204	1,876,605	116,306
Apr. 20	772,863	41,206	2,436,156	166,862
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 4	1,191,025	68,679	3,593,168	249,116
May 11	1,369,943	80,846	4,217,019	284,708
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.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
Dec.23	18,687,330	330,841	78,576,486	1,729,405
Dec.24	18,923,693	334,328	79,277,782	1,742,631
Dec.25	19,117,212	337,081	79,926,940	1,753,670
Dec.26	19,212,044	338,283	80,358,039	1,761,393
Dec.27	19,436,907	339,938	80,873,865	1,768,679
Dec.28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
Dec.29	19,793,361	343,270	81,885,847	1,787,255

Cases by states and territories: California 2,176,254, Texas 1,700,683, Florida 1,280,177, Illinois 942,362, New York 932,552, Ohio 675,044, Georgia 636,240, Pennsylvania 618,902, Tennessee 567,792, North Carolina 520,716, Michigan 519,876, Wisconsin 510,137, Arizona 504,423, Indiana 496,306, New Jersey 463,965, Minnesota 410,138, Missouri 393,465, Massachusetts 356,934, Alabama 347,897, Virginia 336,175, Colorado 326,668, Louisiana 300,539, South Carolina 298,050, Oklahoma 282,587, Iowa 275,883, Maryland 269,183, Utah 266,590, Kentucky 258,516, Washington 236,719, Kansas 219,003, Nevada 218,377, Arkansas 216,528, Mississippi 208,089, Connecticut 181,200, Nebraska 161,974, New Mexico 138,659, Idaho 137,010, Oregon 109,725, South Dakota 97,657, North Dakota 91,557, Rhode Island 85,602, West Virginia 81,436, Montana 79,999, Puerto Rico 73,658, Delaware 55,488, Alaska 45,909, Wyoming 43,704, New Hampshire 41,670, D.C. 28,342, Maine 22,319, Hawaii 20,709, Vermont 7,120; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

PACF Receives \$15 Million Gift

Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and its regional affiliates have received a \$15 million gift, according to executive director Judy Sjostedt Ritchie.

"It's been said, 'Some people leave footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same,'" said Sjostedt. "Mary M. 'Mickey' Welch left her footprints on the hearts of many people throughout the Mid-Ohio Valley and elsewhere.

"A successful owner of numerous businesses, who was steadfast in supporting her community, Mickey had a boundless concern for others, always patiently listening when someone approached her with a need or an idea.

"She often gave support, quietly helping thousands of different individuals and organizations over the years.

"When she passed away in August 2019, her family and friends were devastated, but Mickey had one more gift waiting for us. Like the trailblazer she was in life--the first woman in West Virginia to drill an oil well--and with the compassionate spirit that was her hallmark, she once again stepped up to care for others.

"This time, Mickey set a new record, blazing a trail for future generations with the single largest gift ever made to PACF in its 57-year history."

The \$15 million bequest endows the Mary M. Welch Advised Fund of PACF, a permanent charitable fund to forever benefit the Mid-Ohio Valley region.

Her daughter, Mary Anne Ketelsen, fund adviser to PACF, said, "My mother loved her community; it was part of her family. She cared about improving life here for those most vulnerable--children, youth, special needs individuals, and animals.

"She liked helping organizations that help people to help themselves, and enable families to build a better life. My mother gave to so many different worthy causes.

"She placed her major legacy gift with PACF because, in working with the foundation for many years, she saw that they, too, worked with a variety of groups, and did so fairly and impartially.

"PACF is at the forefront of so many good things here. She trusted them to manage the gift she planned to leave for our community's benefit; she knew that they would help seek out the best and most appropriate ways to use her gift far into the future."

Mickey's long-time business advisor, Robin Baylous, CPA, said, "Mickey was a great friend, a deeply caring and generous person. She was also a very savvy businesswoman. She saw the PACF as forward thinking and well-managed; she liked the fact that needs and times change, but the PACF will still be here."

Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation board chair Martha Haymaker said, "This gift has truly brightened my day; I am sure that everyone is elated! I hope that this gift can encourage others to consider PACF and our regional affiliate LKACF in the future, and know that their money will be well-managed professionally.

"I am a member of the regional grants review committee through PACF. To see how small and large donors can be a part of shaping the future for our area is truly magnificent. Mrs. Welch's gift offers inspiration for all of us."

Ritchie said, "It's important for those seeking resources to know that requests will be managed though the foundation's existing grants processes.

"Twice each year, our Community Action Grants program accepts requests; annually local humane societies may apply through the Hornbrook Grants program; and time-sensitive mini-grants can be requested any time using the foundation's SUN grants process."

Ritchie invites organizations to review the opportunities online at pacfwv.com/Grants or contact PACF associate director for community leadership Marian Clowes, 428-4438 or marian.clowes@pacfwv.com.

MINE SAFETY AGENCY

Accepting Exam Applications for Safety Instructors

The West Virginia Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety is accepting exam applications for positions of safety instructor. Applicants must have a minimum of five years of experience in the position for which they plan to test.

Exam applications are available online at <https://minesafety.wv.gov/BCMHS.html> or at any MHS&T regional office and the Coal Board office.

Completed applications must be mailed to the address below and received by 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

WV Board of Coal Mine Health & Safety
106 Dee Drive, Charleston, WV 25311
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Testing will be administered January 19 and 20, 2021, at the West Virginia Training and Conference Center - Pocahontas
431 Running Right Way in Julian WV, 25529.

Maps class for safety instructors - 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, January 19
Safety exam - 8 a.m. Wednesday, January 20

For additional information, contact the Coal Board office at (304) 205-4120.

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Review of 2020

The following is the first part of a review of events in 2020:

January

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the first enumeration of the 2020 Census would officially begin on Jan. 21 in Toksook Bay, Alaska.

In March, when most households in the U.S. were to receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census, residents were encouraged to respond as soon as possible, with follow up to homes that have not responded in May.

The Grand Jury of Calhoun County met on Jan. 7, with judge Anita Harold Ashley presiding, and returned 18 indictments.

The Calhoun County High School varsity girls basketball team won its fourth game in the last five at Clay County and evened its record at 4-4.

The Lady Red Devils defeated the Lady Panthers, 53-39, with Josie Montgomery (17) and Savannah Cunningham (16) combining for 33 points.

The Calhoun varsity boys basketball team defeated Meadow Bridge, 58-30, in the Independent Oil and Gas Association tournament. The team, now 2-4, was led in scoring by Adam Parsons (24) and Nick Moore (15).

The Red Devil wrestling team won three of five matches at the Bob Stover Duals at Clay County High School, and evened its record at 7-7.

Leading the team with 4-1 records and 24

points each were Jayden Hickman (145 lbs.) and Zach Hannah (285).

Candidate filing period for the 2020 election cycle began on Monday, Jan. 13, and ended on Saturday, Jan. 25. Sixteen candidates for local offices had signed up by the deadline.

Mid-Ohio Valley received grant funding from Sisters Health Foundation in support of its vision of "healthy people in healthy communities."

Included locally were First Baptist Church, Grantsville, \$5,000 to provide food for its food pantry, and Heartwood in the Hills, \$2,000 for the purchase and preparation of healthy snacks for students.

Twenty-four organizations received support for efforts in addressing the health needs of their communities, including \$40,000 for Calhoun County Schools to support the hiring of a licensed social worker to address the mental health needs of students and families in the county.

The CCHS wrestling team finished with a dual record of 3-6 in the W.Va. National Guard Duals in Summersville on Friday and Saturday.

The Red Devils filled 12 of the 14 weight classes in most of the matches. Jett Sampson (120 lbs.) led the team with a record of 8-1. He recorded five pins and contributed 48 points to the team's efforts. Three wrestlers each won six matches: Zach Hannah (285), 6-2; Jayden Hickman (145), 6-3; and Kyle Persinger (220), 6-3.

At a board of education

session, a meeting was held for board members to hear the public's reaction to moving fifth graders back to the elementary schools for the 2020-21 school year.

Nearly all comments from parents, teachers and some students thought it would be appropriate. The board did not receive a formal request to make the move.

The first order of business at the county commission meeting was the election of a president for 2020. Since commissioner Chip Westfall said he had decided not to run for reelection, he was selected as president for his remaining year in office.

The Chronicle began a re-print of "Recollections Of a Lifetime" on Jan. 16. The book was written by Col. D.S. Dewees of Eden, and was published in 1904.

After a loss to Braxton, the Lady Red Devils won six straight games, including a pair of victories over Wirt, 65-37 and 70-21. By using its press to set team highs in steals, the team improved to 10-5 on the season.

The Calhoun varsity boys basketball team defeated Gilmer, 38-30, on Jan. 10. Adam Parsons led the Red Devils against the Titans with 22 points and eight rebounds. Dylon Sampson contributed 10 points and Nick Moore had seven rebounds.

Representatives of Dominion Energy and Dominion G&P (Gathering and Production) presented a \$10,000 donation to Calhoun EMS on Jan. 16 for employee acquisition and equipment, and for

starting the county's first training class.

Calhoun Youth League basketball began, with the Nets leading the 4th-6th grade division, and the Timberwolves and Celtics tied in the 2nd-3rd grade division after two weeks.

February

One of the first mentions of the COVID-19 pandemic came in the Feb. 6 issue of the Chronicle:

According to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), while there had been cases of Novel Coronavirus in the U.S., there are no cases under investigation in West Virginia.

As of Jan. 30, five infections with 2019-CoV had been reported in the U.S. in four states: Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington.

The 1990 Calhoun County High School varsity girls basketball team that won that year's sectional championship was honored in February. The 1991 team, which holds the record for most wins (12), were also honored.

Members of the 1990 team, which defeated Spencer, 55-28, in the semi-finals, and Ravenswood, 48-36, in the finals, included Tammy Bucek, Martha Bunch, Angie Collins, Carol Erlewine, Amber Hall, Heather Hall, Tracy Lane, Buffy Morris, Randa Mullenex, Marcie Richards, Amanda Wager and Jamie Wilson.

The present CCHS Lady Red Devils set the school record for varsity girls basketball wins in



JANUARY -- Calhoun's Josie Montgomery goes high over everyone for a short jumper in a 70-21 win over Wirt County. The sophomore had 24 points, 12 steals, 8 assists, and 7 rebounds.

a season with number 13. The team's ninth straight victory, 65-28, was a quality win over a 9-7 Tolsia team that was averaging 55.4 points per game coming into the Hometown Invitational Tournament contest.

During the streak, Calhoun averaged 59.8 points per game, led by sophomore Josie Montgomery's 19.1 during those games.

Calhoun's Nick Moore scored 31 points on a 15-of-21 effort from the field and collected 22 rebounds, as the varsity boys basketball team defeated Doddridge, 60-46. Adam Parsons added 15 points to the victory.

The team improved to 5-10 with a 46-38 victory over Montcalm High School. Parsons (18) and Moore (10) combined for 28 points. Each player also had 12 rebounds.

At a county commission meeting, Minnie Hamilton Health System and Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept. reached a tentative agreement on financing office space.

With both sides "trying to resolve the issue," CEO Steve Whited said that he would suggest \$5,000 be paid by MHHCC per year for five years to the building commission, which could pay that amount to MOVHD to help cover the difference between the \$556 previously paid and a new \$900 lease for a potential property in Grantsville.

If MOVHD agreed, Whited said that he would have the contract fixed up, but he also requested that it include language that MOVHD would forego any claim it may believe it has on the previously paid \$163,000.

Walgreens opened in the RiteAid location in Grantsville on Feb. 21.

Five Calhoun Middle/High School students were selected to participate in the Moving Onward and Upward (MOU) program through a partnership with the Northern W.Va. Rural Health Education Center and Minnie Hamilton Health System.

The MOU program provides an opportunity for high school students to explore health career interests through active participation in a health center environment, where they experience a variety of job skills through "hands-on" learning and mentoring.

Students participating are Jaida Ferrell, Madison Gribble, Makayla "Grace" Siers, Isabella Stump and Jordan Yoak.

Calhoun's Jett Sampson (113 lbs.) finished in second place, and Zach Hannah (285) placed fourth in the Little Kanawha Conference championship tournament at Doddridge.

Sampson and Hannah qualified in the regional tournament to participate in the State tournament, where Sampson placed sixth at 113 lbs. As a team, Calhoun placed 38th of 53 teams. Among Class A teams, the Red Devils were 11th of 18.

W.Va. Dept. of Environmental Protection announced the list of state waters selected for the next round of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) development, with intensive monitoring already underway in the Little Kanawha River Watershed. A TMDL is a restoration plan to reduce pollutants in impaired waters.

The CCHS girls basketball team upset St. Marys, 61-47, for the HIT championship, and (Continued on Page 10)



JANUARY -- This Walgreens sign was installed on the Rite Aid building on Jan. 13. The first day of business was on Feb. 21.



JANUARY -- Kim Marcou, a member of VFW Post 5959 Auxiliary, fills baskets for nursing homes.



JANUARY -- Pleasant Hill School 1st semester awards included those with Perfect Attendance, left to right, PreK, Brentley Nicholas; 3rd grade, Carissa Sands and Trinity Probasco; 2nd grade, Riley Holbert and Lexie McCune.



FEBRUARY -- Math Field Day winners at Calhoun County High School were, left to right, seated, Josh Hixon (9th grade, alternate), Levi M. Morris (9th, 1st), Zenna Zwoell (9th, 2nd), Allison Stevens (10th-12th, 2nd alternate), Josie Montgomery (10th-12th, 9th), Chase Blair (10th-12th, 2nd), Lexi Gregory (10th-12th, 8th); standing, Alexandria Lipscomb (10th-12th, 6th), Summer Jones (10th-12th, 4th), Jordan Yoak (10th-12th, 7th), Cassidy Conley (10th-12th, 1st), Jenna Milliron (10th-12th, 3rd), and Sally Morris (10th-12th, 5th).

Review of 2020

(Continued from Page 9) defeated the team again for fifth place in the Little Kanawha Conference by the same score just five days later.

The CCHS varsity boys basketball team defeated Wirt County, 43-35, for 11th place in the LKC.

In a column submitted by Charlotte Lane, chairman of W.Va. Public Service Commission, she outlined complaints that are still mounting against Frontier.

On Feb. 16, 25 Calhoun Youth wrestlers competed in Brooke County and Huntington to qualify for the West Virginia Youth Wrestling Association Tournament.

Wrestlers placing in the top six of their respective brackets are guaranteed a trip to the state tournament. Those placing seventh or eighth earn alternate spots.

March

At a Grantsville town council meeting, mayor Ron Blankenship said that he had spoken to a representative of the Public Service Commission, who said there is no relief given for water leaks between public service districts.

According to Sheila Burch, who had appeared on behalf of Mt. Zion Public Service District, the PSD had repaired a major water leak under the bridge near West Fork Park. The leak had caused an \$8,000 increase in billing for Mt. Zion.

The CCHS Lady Red Devils lost to Williams-town, 66-60, in the finals

of the Class A, Region 4, Section 2, tournament.

The team, which set a season record with 15 wins, while suffering eight losses, were led in scoring on the season by sophomores Josie Montgomery (17.8) and Savannah Cunningham (9.4), senior Madison Dennis (9.3), and junior Kaylin Parsons (7.2).

After losing to Wirt County twice during the regular season, the CCHS boys basketball team defeated the Tigers, 43-35, for 11th place in the LKC, and again, 52-46, in the first round of the sectional tournament.

The team finished with a record of 8-15, after losing in the semi-finals, 66-45, to Williamstown. Leading scorers on the season were seniors Adam Parsons (16.1) and Nick Moore (15.7). Parsons led in three-point field goals (31), assists (2.8) and steals (2.0), and Moore led in rebounds (12.5) and blocks (5.1).

Bill Bailey, in his column, "Around Calhoun," described reading about an earlier pandemic:

As the one who transcribes "This Week in History" for the Chronicle, I spend time as a student of history from reading pages of the Chronicle from up to 100 years ago.

I have read in the pages of the Chronicle what the "Spanish Flu" did to the world, this country, and this community 100 years ago. The United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) was also

used for research on this pandemic outbreak.

So remember, the world has been through this kind of thing before, and will no doubt go through more tribulations in the future. Simply follow the commonsense precautions that we should all follow constantly anyway: wash your hands thoroughly and often, sneeze or cough into your elbow or sleeve, and, my favorite, avoid large crowds. As my grandmother said when I swallowed a penny, "This too shall pass."

At a county commission meeting, Julie Sears, E-911 director, reported that February was slightly busier than usual. She said that a new recorder for the 911 center is now installed, and the back up is up to date.

She had received two new quotes for a replacement CAD system, and she has been assured that either of the two will integrate fully with the new recorder, radio and telephone system.

Sears hoped to possibly upgrade everything at the same time in order to get a "package bundle" to take advantage of whatever discount is available: "When you are talking \$200,000, any little discount helps, and they do offer financing, so we may also explore that option as well."

Lindsey Posey and Bryn Carter will represent Little Kanawha Valley Christian School at the 2020 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar, May 21-24.



JANUARY -- Jett Sampson controls a Liberty-Raleigh opponent in the 120 lb. class at Summersville. The Calhoun wrestler qualified for the State tournament and placed sixth, earning All-State honors.

According to principal Amy Fitzwater, the honor was bestowed on these two students for their commitment and dedication to not only a strong academic lifestyle, but, more importantly, their continual service to the community.

Both girls had spent numerous hours over the last two years working at the Grantsville Baptist Church Food Pantry and Minnie Hamilton Long Term Care, along with various other community service hours spent working with their own churches.

Calhoun County Historical Society welcomed guests to Stump Hotel and History Center for Miss Nettie's Mad Hatter Tea on Friday, Mar. 6.

Visitors were greeted at the door by the Mad Hatter (Steven Gainer). Trinity Probasco, Carissa Sands and Scarlett Probasco passed out favors, which consisted of a variety of tea bags.

Participants from Calhoun County Committee on Aging were seated at the tea tables.

On Mar. 14, Gov. Jim Justice updated the statewide school closure plan, due to the COVID-19 pandemic: All schools will remain closed to students through at least Mar. 27. No return date was set.

At the school board meeting, superintendent Kelli Whytsell updated members on the meal distribution program put into place after schools were ordered closed by the governor.

She said that 600 breakfast and lunch meals were prepared and 550



MARCH -- Going for the rebound are, from left to right, Cyrus Helmick, Landon Hartshorn, Joel Beall and Paislee Perkins in the Timberwolves (gray) 19-4 win over the Bucks (green). Hartshorn scored 10 points and Perkins had five, as the Timberwolves remained undefeated (8-0).

4th-6th Grade Tournament Champion Lakers (2-0 tournament, 9-3 regular season) included Hannah Rogers, Ethan Harris, Laney Arnold, Mia Starcher, Brennen Carpenter, Travis Thomas, Micah Allen, mascot Elana Harris, and coaches Hayden Richards and Dustin Carpenter.

2nd-3rd Grade Tournament Champion Timberwolves (3-0 tournament, 10-2 regular season) included Paislee Perkins, Landon Hartshorn, Eliana White, Mason Laughlin, Bristol Hoskins, Payton Quick, Luke Strange-Paylor, and coaches Sonja Hartshorn and Seth McHenry.

were delivered to anyone on the bus routes who had children under age 18.

Bus drivers were accompanied by school personnel, who helped distribute the meals and also handed out and/or collected snow packets (homework) from students and parents.

In the Mar. 19 issue, the Chronicle began publishing county, state, national and worldwide reported positive cases and deaths resulting from the coronavirus on a daily basis.

The first result on Mar. 13 showed zero positive cases in the county and state, and no deaths. On Mar. 14, the U.S. had 2,952 cases, with a worldwide total of 155,423 cases and 5,802 deaths.

The county commission published a notice that "urges all citizens who have business that needs to be attended to in the Calhoun County Courthouse or any other county-owned facility, consider these options before any in-person activity take place," and recommended calling the offices or emailing for information.

To further combat the spread of COVID-19 in West Virginia, Gov. Jim Justice issued a "Stay At Home" order on Mar. 23, directing all West Virginia residents to stay at home and limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs. The order went into effect at 8 p.m. on Mar. 24.

Sen. Joe Manchin urged every West Virginian to take the following recommendations seriously and stay home as much as possible: --Self-isolation: Any-one older than 60, children, or those with underlying health conditions should stay home. While this is difficult for West Virginians, it means not visiting vulnerable grandparents or having large family gatherings until this threat subsides. --Testing: Any person experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should be able to get a test; however, due to supply chain limitations, that is not possible right now. Until more tests are available, continue to request a physician's order for a test. Daniel Cosgrove, Calhoun Middle/High School teacher, was nominated for the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year award, which is sponsored by the widow of the late Kenneth E. Behring, who sponsored the National History Day National Contest for many years. The county clerk's office began mailing absentee ballots for the May 12 Primary Election on Mar. 27.



FEBRUARY -- Left to right are, seated, Makayla "Grace" Siers, Isabella Stump, Jaida Ferrell; standing, MHHS CEO Steve Whited, Jordan Yoak, Madison Gribble, MHHS Primary Care nursing director Nina Rogers, RN, and NWRHEC executive director Amanda White.



FEBRUARY -- Little Kanawha Valley Christian School student pages included, left to right, Hallie Mace, Lainece Mace, Bryn Carter, Del. Roger Hanshaw, Lindsey Posey, Eli Randolph and Brylee Rowe.

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