



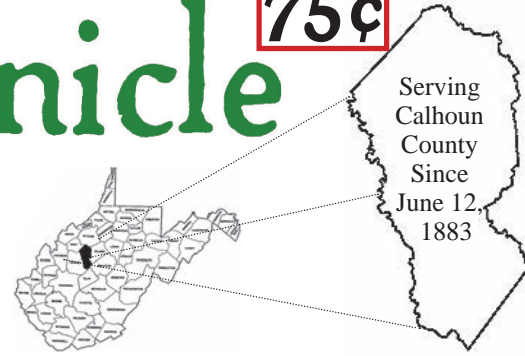
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Dept. of Education Details Instruction In-Person, Jan. 19

Following an announcement from Gov. Jim Justice, W.Va. Dept. of Education has revised its guidance regarding in-person instruction, effective Jan. 19.

According to WVDE, the changes will provide a more consistent, in-person teaching and learning model for children.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 19, students in grades pre-K through 8 will return to in-person learning five days each week.

Students in grades 9 through 12 will also return to in-person instruction five days each week, as long as their county is not red (as of Tuesday, 48 of 55 counties were red).

Special allowances will be given for four-day learning models in counties whose teachers are providing direct virtual learning instruction to their own students.

Through Jan. 15, counties will move to remote learning, and educators will use this period to prepare for the return to in-person instruction.

Families have the option to keep their children in virtual learning, regardless of changes to in-person instruction.

The revisions mean that the WVDE's Saturday Education Map will no longer be published and, instead, W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources' County Alert System Map will guide high school in-person in-

struction. Additionally, the governor announced that winter sports and extracurricular activities are postponed until Monday, Mar. 1.

State superintendent of schools Clayton Burch said that children need to return to in-person instruction, and when key mitigation strategies are followed, it is safe for them to do so.

“The research shows it is safe to restore the in-person learning model for parents that chose this option for the children,” said Burch. “We also know students are suffering because of the lack of in-

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, January 8
Free food giveaway, Brohard Community Building, 3 to 4 p.m.; sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church.

Monday, January 11
First day to pick up applications for Town of Grantsville election for mayor, recorder and five council members; town office, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; must be returned by Saturday, Jan. 30.

County commission meets in third floor circuit courtroom and also virtually (using zoom), 9 a.m.; #5936021621, password, 1234; by phone, +13126266799 or +19292056099 (toll free).

Virtual public meeting (Continued on Page 2)

New Vaccine Info Line Justice Provides Update On Vaccinating Ages 80+

Gov. Jim Justice joined West Virginia health leaders and other officials on Monday for his daily press briefing regarding the State's COVID-19 response.

As of Monday morning, 52,221 of 103,375 total doses delivered in West Virginia have been administered. This 50.5 percent vaccination rate remains among the highest of any state in the nation.

Last week, Justice announced that COVID-19 vaccines would start being distributed to individuals in the general population age 80 and older. In the time since, over 8,300 West Virginians age 80 and older in the general population have been vaccinated.

“We all know that every hour that goes by that somebody who is 80 years old isn't getting the vaccine, people are going to die, and those people were being told, over and over, they would not be getting the vaccine until probably April, and they were scared,” said Justice. “I said we had to move right away to get these vaccines in the arms of our people.”

This is in addition to nursing home and assisted living facility residents in this age range, who have already been vaccinated. As of last week, residents of all ages in each of the state's 214 long-term care facilities have been

offered the vaccine. “I'll flat guarantee you, we've saved lives,” said Justice. “Now the thing we've got to do--the doses that are sitting in storage--we've got to get them in arms now.”

There is a limited supply of vaccine doses at this time, based on what is received weekly from the federal government. Patience is urged while West Virginia National Guard's Joint Interagency Task Force finalizes plans for the widespread distribution of vaccines for West Virginians in this age category.

There will be an ongoing supply of vaccines available through local health departments for West Virginians in the general population age 80 and older.

Health departments will individually announce availability and locations for vaccinations. If individuals in this age category are patients at a Federally Qualified Health Center, they will be contacted by that center regarding access to a COVID-19 vaccine.

As vaccine supplies increase, there will be more vaccines available to the general population, based on age. Once vaccines are available at locations throughout West Virginia, they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Justice has directed

the National Guard to plan vaccination clinics at locations throughout the state, including at National Guard armories. These clinics have not yet been scheduled. When they are scheduled, they will be announced accordingly.

West Virginians are urged not to show up at local health departments or National Guard armories for vaccination, unless a vaccination clinic for those age 80 and older is scheduled.

West Virginians are also urged against overwhelming pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, or the COVID-19 hotline by calling repeatedly.

Justice announced last week that the COVID-19 vaccine will soon be offered to all teachers, service personnel, and other school employees age 50 and older.

He noted that vaccinations for teachers and staff will begin on Thursday, Jan. 7. Information on where and when each school employee will be able to receive the vaccine will be distributed through the W.Va. Dept. of Education, directly to the superintendents of each county.

Also on Monday, Justice announced that, in order to help West Virginians get information on the distribution process and availability of COVID-19 vaccines, the

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Open Letter

Calhoun County Schools
Dec. 30

To Students and Parents:

Gov. Jim Justice has announced that all schools will be remote until Tuesday, Jan. 19. Calhoun County Schools will therefore be remote until Tuesday, Jan. 19.

--Students will access TEAMS for their classes.
--Students and teachers will follow their regular school schedule for classes through Jan. 15.

--Monday, Jan. 18, is a school holiday.
--We will continue to have blended/hybrid learning on Wednesdays. Teachers will assign work to be completed on Wednesday.

--Students who do not have the internet at their house can go to Arnoldsburg Elementary School, Pleasant Hill School, Calhoun Middle/High School, or Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center to connect with a school-issued device. A connection is also available at Calhoun County Library in Grantsville.

--All classes are recorded in TEAMS for students to be able to watch later.

Kelli Whytsell,
Superintendent



Goldenseal's Winter Issue Features Calhoun's Binder

The Winter 2020 issue of Goldenseal covers a wide range of stories about West Virginia history and culture from across the state.

Since 1975, Goldenseal has been West Virginia's Magazine of Traditional Life.

This issue's cover story is dedicated to dancer, artist, author and teacher Jude Binder of Calhoun County.

The article, written by Douglas John Imbrogno, highlights Binder's work with children in central West Virginia as part of Heartwood in the Hills, a school for the arts that she founded in 1982.

According to the article, for nearly 40 years, she has inspired young people to discover the excitement of the arts and to live out their dreams, wherever those dreams may lead them.

Other articles:
--Examine Mountain Craft Shop, “Wetzel County's only amusement park,” in the words of

owner and chief toymaker Steve Conlon (by Zack Harold);

--Apple butter making, a family tradition in Hampshire County (by Tina Ladd);

--A little house with a lot of special memories on the campus of Shepherd University (by Carl E. Feather);

--The fight for women's suffrage in the Mountain State (by Christine M. Kreiser);

--Raleigh County's mysterious Ferguson Rock (by Merle T. Cole and Tom Sopher);

--Tributes to the old WVU Field House in Morgantown (by Norman Julian), and growing up listening to Mountaineer basketball on radio (by John A. Hunter, Jr.);

--The burning of the state capitol in Jan., 1921 (by Stan Bumgardner);

--The poem, “The Many Mamaw Melitas Who Raised Us (by Andréa Fekete);
--Doodlebugging in Barbour County (by David

Ball);

--The life of teacher and farmer Jack Corder of Doddridge County (by C. Lee Corder);

--A virtual tour in and around the Preston County town of Aurora (by Donetta Sisler);

--A visit with scrap-metal artists Ken and Joy Sinsel of Hancock County (by Carl E. Feather);

--Honors West Virginians in the fields of history and arts who were lost in 2020; and

--State folklorist Emily Hilliard writes a moving tribute to Lincoln County's Elaine Purkey, a folk singer, labor songwriter, and teacher, who touched countless lives.

Goldenseal is published quarterly by W.Va. Dept. of Arts, Culture & History. Copies can be ordered from its online store or call 558-0220, ext. 134.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES EARL 'Jimbo' KNICELY

James Earl "Jimbo" Knicely, 51, of Spencer, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020.

He was born in Ravenna, Ohio, the son of the late James and Vonda Holbrook Knicely.

Surviving are his wife of 21 years, Tanya Knicely; three children, Jessie, James, and Britany Johnson; three brothers, Guy, William and Don; two sisters, Loretta and Crystal; four nephews, Philip, D.J., Darren and Larry; four nieces Erica, Carrie, Britiney and Tierra; and two grandchildren, Payton and Raegan.

He was preceded in death by his step-dad, William; one nephew, Jeremy; and one brother-in-law, Mark.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg.

CLARENCE RAY LANE

Clarence Ray Lane, 87, of Spencer, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020.

He was the son of the late Sam and Ammie Keener Lane. He served in the military and spent time in Germany, and was a cook.

Surviving are eight children, Junior Evans, June Beach, Roger "Allen" Hall, Danny Lane, Michael Hall, Karen Beechler, Larry Lane and Jan Bressler; 17 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Duane Ray Lane.

Graveside service was held at Orma United Methodist Church Cemetery.



JOAN CAROL LUCAS MOLLOHAN

Joan Carol Lucas Mollohan, 81, of Elkview, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, at CAMC General Hospital, Charleston.

She was the daughter of the late Alden Lee Lucas and Thelma Hall Lucas Epling. She was a 1957 graduate of Sherman High School and retired from the West Virginia State Tax Dept.'s Cashiers Office in 1989 with 30 years of service.

Surviving are her husband of 47 years, Paul Stuart Mollohan; one sister, Shirley Gibson of Charleston; three nieces, Cynthia Hamrick, Lisa Burgess of Elkview and Tracey Hunt; one nephew, Robert Gibson of Charleston; and close friends, Jill Little and Donna Rawson.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Billy Lee Lucas.

Graveside service will be held at Bethlehem Cemetery, near Grantsville, on Thursday at 2 p.m., with Rev. Carroll McCauley officiating. Social distancing and face masks are required. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



VERLIN EDWARD 'Eddy' MILLICAN

Verlin Edward "Eddy" Millican, 64, of Big Springs, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, at Genesis Health Center, Glenville.

He was born in Orville, Ohio, the son of Verlin Millican and the late Millie Parker Millican. He attended Calhoun County High School, served in the Army as a cannon operator, and worked as an over-the-road truck driver.

Surviving in addition to his father are two sons, Eddy Jo Millican and Randy Millican, both of Iowa; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Donnie Millican of Norton, Ohio; one sister, Connie Stover of Peninsula, Ohio; five step-sisters, Linda Shaffer of Elyria, Ohio, Naomi White of Lagrange, Ohio, and Margaret Kerby, Carrol Dye and Sharon Yeager, all of Big Springs; one niece, Stephanie Gorecki of Streetsboro, Ohio; four nephews, Ken Stover of Peninsula, Nicholas Millican of West Jefferson, Ohio, Daniel Millican of Morehead, Ky., and Brandon Millican of Norton; and great-nieces, great-nephews, step-nieces and step-nephews.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his step-mom, Arvilla Holbert Millican; infant daughter, Amy Millican; one nephew, Jamie Stover; companion, Murlene Ferree; one sister-in-law, Jan Millican; and his grandparents.

Private family service was scheduled at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville. Public graveside service was scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Fluharty Cemetery, off Leading Creek Road on Fluharty Road, with Steve Norman officiating. Please wear masks and social distance. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



MILFORD WAYNE RICHARDS

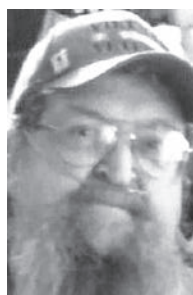
Milford Wayne Richards, 74, of Parkersburg, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston.

He was born in Spencer, the son of the late Shirley Ivan and Reva Idella Radabaugh Richards. He worked for Kardex for 34 years and was a United States Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years Wilma Kight Richards; two sons, Gary Richards of Sandyville and Dwayne Richards of Mineral Wells; four grandchildren, Austin, Gracie, Toby and Trevor; four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Madelyn, Taylor and Aubrey; and one brother, Joseph Richards of Elizabeth.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charlie Richards and James Richards, and two sisters, Greta Ball and Regina Spring.

At his request, there will be no visitation or services.



WILMA HALL

Wilma Hall, 54, died Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, in Columbus Ohio.

She was born in Jackson County, the daughter of Thelma Hall and the late Vier Hall. She graduated from Calhoun County High School and completed several business courses. She worked for McDonalds for 30 years.

Surviving in addition to her mother are two daughters, Dakota and Montana Holmes of Ohio; one brother, James Hall of Florida; and several aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Debra Lyn Hall.

Her wish was to be cremated.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

We made it all the way to 2021! I feel certain that 2020 is going to go down in American, and world, history as one of the most disruptive and dangerous years ever.

We have endured a global pandemic that has killed more than 300,000 and infected over 20 million Americans.

Authorities in 218 countries and territories around the world have reported about 85.8 million COVID-19 cases and 1.9 million deaths since the first cases were reported to the World Health Organization in December of 2019.

There are now vaccines available, but the distribution and injection of the vaccine is severely lagging behind production.

The United Kingdom (England) announced over the weekend that it is instituting a third complete lockdown to combat the variations that COVID-19 is already showing, both in the U.K. and around the world. It will be in place there until March, although there is a chance that it may be for a longer time, if the spread of COVID-19 does not diminish.

This new evolution of the virus has been found in four countries and new changes to the basic virus are coming. One variant in South Africa is troubling because health officials are not certain that any of the current vaccines will be able to prevent it.

The one thing that we did not try here in the U.S. is a national response to the virus, whereby there is one response to control the disease instead of 50.

We also endured a general election with, after it was held and certified by every state, the Republicans, without any corroborating evidence that the results of the election are wrong, at least in the presidential election (the courts have ruled that this election was one of the most non-corrupt in our history).

I am reminded of the old saying defining insanity, "It's doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result." That pretty much describes what we have seen since the election.

Meanwhile, down in the holler, we have declared war on mice. I reached up to the top of our towel shelf in the bathroom to retrieve a suet cake last week and found that there was a rather large hole eaten into a corner of it.

I asked Jeanne and she said that she didn't do it. Shiloh said he couldn't reach that high, and I know it wasn't me (I'm diabetic and cannot eat that much fat), and that left only the mice.

One slice of cheese and we are now down three mice (I wonder if they were blind?). I feel there are more, so we will keep the mouse traps loaded and placed until we stop catching the little critters.

I took a look at the spot where our snowdrop flowers bloom and was surprised to see that they are already about an inch and a half above ground.

There is no sign yet of any other of our early spring flowers that grow in that spot. They will most likely rise up in February.

I wanted to go for a bicycle ride over the weekend, but every time I thought about getting up and getting dressed for the adventure, it began to rain. I suppose I will have to wait for warmer and drier weather for an excursion on my E-Bike.

Remember, folks, we are still in the throes of a pandemic that is still evolving, and this is not the time to slack off on following the safety rules to avoid getting or spreading the virus.

We most likely are going to have to endure a lock-down to stop the spread before this is over. Hang in there!

Commission Lists Agenda

Calhoun county commission has announced the following agenda for Monday's 9 a.m. meeting in the third floor circuit courtroom: Also virtually (using zoom), #5936021621, password, 1234; by phone, +1312 6266799or+19292056099 (both toll free).

- Call to order.
- Election of commission president.
- Approve minutes: Dec. 14.
- Building commission (meeting in conjunction with county commission): Approval of minutes, Aug. 10 and Sept. 2; Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept.; Minnie Hamilton Health System, entrance to hospital.
- Delegations/requests: ARC grant, Luke Peters.
- Reports: E-911, LEPC and OES; ambulance service; Wood Festival; CRI; Calhoun County Park; 4-H programs; FRN; home confinement; sheriff; Little Kanawha Area Development Corp.;

broadband committee, Horst Motz.

- New business: Appointment of commissioners to boards and authorities; Accountant's report, Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation, FY20.
- Old business.
- COVID-19 grant.
- Appointments to boards and authorities.
- Grants, contracts, applications and resolutions.
- Erroneous tax assessments/consolidations.
- Fiduciary items: David Thompson estate.
- Financial items: Budget transfer #5; In-house budget transfer #4.
- Invoices paid, need to be approved.
- Invoices to be approved.
- Financial statements: Financial statement, Dec. 2020; Sheriff's settlement, Dec. 31, 2020.
- Bonds, wills, settlements and orders.
- Adjournment: Next meeting is Monday, Feb. 8.

LETTER BOX

Little Kanawha Family Medicine
Glenville, W.Va.
December, 2020

I own a family medicine office in Glenville. My staff and I provide care to over 4,000 patients in central West Virginia. I opened my practice 15 years ago. I am writing to express my concern over major problems in the Covid vaccination distribution plan of the State of West Virginia.

Please know that I have contacted the following people, either by phone or by email, and have gotten no assistance: Bill Crouch, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Ayne Amjad, Commissioner of Public Health; Delegate Brent Boggs, Speaker Roger Hanshaw, Senator Mike Maroney, Senator Mike Romano, and W.Va. Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

I saw 30 patients in my office today, did two post Covid positive follow-ups, and tested six symptomatic people for Covid. We have been doing this daily since January. We are unable to buy enough PPE and have to reuse our PPE daily.

We contacted the Gilmer County Health Department to inquire when we would be receiving the Covid vaccinations for myself and my staff. We were told that the health nurse was working from home. When she contacted us, she informed my staff that she had no plans to vaccinate private physician offices.

She is scheduled to vaccinate the local volunteer firefighters and the local private mortician. In fact, there is a picture on their Facebook page vaccinating a volunteer firefighter on Dec. 15.

While I am happy that these people can be vaccinated, I am left wondering how my staff and I do not qualify to be vaccinated. I have a 63 year old medical assistant that hasn't missed a day since the pandemic started! I and my other staff all have children at home. We have worked tirelessly taking care of the sick all year. This is a huge slap in the face to all doctors and staff that have sacrificed not only our own health, but the health and safety of our family when we held the line against Covid!

Hilary D. Miller,
D.O., M.P.H.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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by county commission to discuss \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant application for Restroom and Playground Improvements Project at Calhoun County Park, 10 a.m.; to participate, call 1-304-988-5703 and conference ID 742 768 141#.

Calhoun board of education meeting, board office, Mt. Zion, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13
Grief/loss ministry, Cornerstone Church, 527 Highland St., Grantsville, 5:30 p.m.; for information, call 354-0492.

This Week In History

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

1920, 100 years ago

Okey Vanhorn, the local concrete man, is building a big engine block for the Grantsville Mill this week. The mill has been shut down for a few days, but will soon be operating as usual.

Otto Lehman returned here last week from a visit with homefolks at Parkersburg during the holidays. Work on the Bennett well east of town will be commenced in a few days.

We are requested to announce that the girls of the Do-More Class of the Methodist Sunday School will have a pie supper at the Cook Hotel property on Main Street, Saturday night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ex-assessor W.E. Stump and his deputies, Harley Downs and W.O. Umstead, were here on Monday turning over the office and equipment to the new assessor, Creed Yoak, and his deputies, Emery Rogers and Clark Stalnaker. The gentlemen who are retiring from office have made enviable records and will be missed by the taxpayers, whom they have served for the past four years.

Talmon Kerby, a first-class young farmer of Lemuels Run, was here on Friday to look after business interests.

Carr Shaffer, influential citizen of Mt. Zion, was looking after business matters in town on Saturday.

Everett Burrows, a steady and industrious young man of Pleasant Hill, was a pleasant caller at the Chronicle office on Saturday.

Mrs. J.T. Gainer gave a beautiful little party for the young people of Sand Fork on Dec. 30. About 30 of our prominent young people were present. Several different games were played and about midnight refreshments were served. The guests returned to their homes soon after, all reporting a good time.

1945, 75 years ago

Helen and Ilene Wilson spent the weekend with their teacher, Miss Eula Ferguson of White Pine.

Mrs. Homer Wright and Mary Burrows were business visitors in Parkersburg on Saturday.

Crystal Wilson, student of a business college in Parkersburg, spent the two-week holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oley Wilson, and returned to the school on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Wilson left last Tuesday for Parkersburg, where they will make their home at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Williams and son, Roger Dale, were Sunday guests of her mother, Ida Greathouse of Pink.

Cpl. Denver Williams left on Monday for Camp Atterbury, Ind. He spent a 60-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Williams. He re-enlisted for another year of service.

George (Anderson) Hosey has re-enlisted in the Army for three years for overseas duty. At the end of a 90-day furlough, he will report to Camp Atterbury, Ind. He is an adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hosey.

Glen Smith and daughter, Gladys, were business visitors over at Snyder Ridge on Saturday.

Miss Eula Ferguson, teacher of the Broomstick School, spent Monday night with Mrs. Delfred Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ritchea and sons, Eugene, Billy and Ray, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Ritchea, on Sunday. Jim was discharged last week from the Navy.

Winnie Richards of White Pine spent Tuesday night with her niece, Mrs. Ruth Yoak.

Mrs. C.H. Bayless visited her brother, Tom Wilson, on Saturday. "Uncle Tom" is very much improved at this time.

1970, 50 years ago

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Kellar and family of Sugar Camp on Wednesday. The home and all its contents went up in the blaze. The home was located off the Yellow Creek road, near Brooksville. Firemen from Grantsville were called, but the home was soon gone, long before they could get there with help.

The Kellars have three children, ages seven, five and three. The youngest was in the hospital at the time of the fire. The family is living nearby with Mr. Kellar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kellar. People in the neighborhood donated articles to get them started again, and further help is being given by the Salvation Army and Community Action.



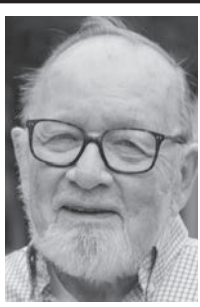
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P.O. Box 585, Grantsville, WV 26147

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 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2021, until Saturday, January 30, 2021. If mailing, must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight on January 30, 2021. All candidates must have been a resident of the municipality for at least six months. A notarization and filing fee are required. Filing fees: Mayor, \$50; Recorder, \$25; Council, \$15.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: What is MSG and is it bad for you? (Asked by Kinlea Church of Grantsville.)

Reply: MSG is the acronym for monosodium glutamate, which is used as a flavor enhancer in foods. It is found naturally in seaweed, which was used for centuries by Japanese cooks to make food taste better. The flavor-enhancing chemical MSG was chemically isolated and is now produced commercially. On its own, MSG doesn't have much taste, but its effects are noticeable when added to soups, stews and other foods.

MSG got a bad rap in the late 1960s and 1970s when it was blamed for adverse health reactions, including headaches, chest pains and so on. Being used predominantly in Chinese cooking, it became known as the "Chinese restaurant syndrome." Signs went up in restaurants, saying "No MSG Added."

No credible study has established any harmful health effects caused by MSG. This includes studies conducted by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

In the United States, to please the wary public, the FDA requires any food product containing MSG to have it included in the ingredients list. Some manufacturers go a step further with prominent "No MSG Added" labels; however, the absence of MSG in the ingredients list does not mean the product does not have any MSG in it. Many foods contain MSG naturally, including milk, eggs, potatoes and tomatoes.

The bad rap for MSG seems to have faded from the point where it was totally avoided. If you want to try some, a popular brand of MSG is Accent. You are probably getting some already. Read a few food ingredients lists, starting with soups, and moving on to potato chips.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest." --Mark Twain.

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.

Dept. of Education--

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"CPS referrals have decreased, student social and emotional well-being has suffered, and one-third of our students have received failing grades in at least one core subject area. We simply have to get our students back in school, in-person.

"The governor understands the data is undeniable. I fully support this decision, because we know that heightened transmission rates experi-

enced in communities are not reflected within the schools because of the mitigations in place."

To launch school recovery efforts, WVDE has worked in conjunction with Justice, National Guard, and DHHR to establish a timeline for the vaccine rollout for all West Virginia school employees age 50 and older.

County superintendents will provide additional details for their school personnel regarding vaccine administration.

Justice Provides Update--

(Continued from Page 1) state has launched a new COVID-19 Vaccine Info Line: 1-833-734-0965.

The line will operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"It will serve as a point of reference for West Virginians seeking information on COVID-19 vaccines, vaccination timelines, and any other questions about the vaccines," said Justice. "We also have a lot of information online, and our partners use a whole variety of methods for getting this information

out to you--like social media, radio, television, and newspapers."

Visit vaccinate.wv.gov for information, including details on vaccine availability and other frequently asked questions.

The governor also reported that the current number of active cases in the state is 27,362, up from 24,433 active cases during the governor's previous COVID-19 briefing on Dec. 30.

The number of active hospitalizations is now 799 patients, up slightly from 797 on Dec. 30, with 205 of those patients in the ICU.

Courthouse Foyer Area Open To Assist Public

Although the courthouse is closed to the public, it is open for business.

County clerk Jean Simers said, "We have created an area in the foyer to allow customers to come into the courthouse because of cold weather. Every person must follow the governor's executive order and wear a mask.

"The only days the courthouse has been closed is for holidays and the four days in December because of possible COVID exposure."

Every office has someone working who can answer your questions or complete your necessary

paperwork. When you come, ring the buzzer and someone will be glad to assist.

Food Giveaway

Free food giveaway will be held on Friday, Jan. 8, from 3 to 4 p.m. at Brohard Community Building. It is sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church.

Stay in your cars and follow signs for lineup. If you are picking up for someone else, you may be asked to go to the end of the line and come through again, due to the high volume of people needing food.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Jan. 7-13 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 7, 1955: Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native cedar trees.



Jan. 8, 1866: William Gustavus Conley was born near Kingwood in Preston County. He was the 18th governor of West Virginia, serving from 1929 to 1933.

Jan. 8, 1919: The West Virginia legislature ratified the U.S. constitution's 18th amendment by a Senate vote of 26-0 and a House vote of 81-3. West Virginia became the 21st state to ratify the prohibition amendment. National prohibition became effective under the Volstead Act on Jan. 16, 1920.



Jan. 8, 1926: Comedian Soupy Sales was born Milton Supman. Raised in Huntington and graduating from Marshall College (now University), he achieved fame as a wacky television personality.

Jan. 8, 1958: Passenger service on the Greenbrier Division ended. Greenbrier Division, a branch line of Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, served the Greenbrier Valley in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties in West Virginia.



Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was appointed poet laureate by Gov. Jay Rockefeller in 1979, holding that title until her death in 1993.

Jan. 9, 1986: The first instant "scratch" lottery tickets were sold in West Virginia. Voters had approved the lottery amendment to the state constitution two years before.

Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water

supply for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1846: Wetzel County was created from a part of Tyler County. It was named for Indian fighter Lewis Wetzel.

Jan. 10, 1860: Webster County was created from parts of Braxton, Nicholas and Randolph counties. It was named for Daniel Webster.

Jan. 10, 1923: Musician "Curly" Ray Cline was born in Baisden, Logan County. He was one of the most significant bluegrass fiddlers from West Virginia from 1938 until his retirement in 1993.



Jan. 10, 1925: Elizabeth Virginia Hallanan was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia's first female federal court judge.

Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore appointed Minnie Buckingham Harper to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper. She was the first African-American woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States.

Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1 mine at Bartley in McDowell County exploded. The blast killed 91 miners, with another 47 escaping. Rescue teams worked five days to retrieve the bodies, but found no additional miners alive.

Jan. 11, 1865: Confederate forces under Gen. Rosser burned the covered bridge at Beverly. Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth rebuilt the damaged span in 1872-73.

Jan. 11, 1873: Dwight W. Morrow was born in Huntington. He was a financier, diplomat and a U.S. senator, representing New Jersey.

Jan. 11, 1893: U.S. Sen. Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. He served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952.



Jan. 12, 1869: Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business.

Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Debar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great Seal of West Virginia.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



In typical 2020 fashion, my Christmas vacation wasn't exactly the Hallmark version. It started off great. I finished school on Wednesday and headed home. Along the way, I stopped to get groceries and a few last-minute stocking stuffers. It was going to be a quiet Christmas, but there were still traditions to uphold.

Christmas Eve dawned cold and crisp, with the promise of a white Christmas becoming more and more possible every minute. We hadn't had one of those in a long time, and I was really looking forward to it. We celebrate Christmas Eve at my house and Christmas Day at the Mlyneks, so I stayed pretty busy that morning getting out my Christmas dishes and preparing the food for the evening. I will admit to checking my phone frequently just to make sure that the snow was still coming our way.

Christmas Eve was delightful. There is nothing like being surrounded by those you love, eating delicious food, and celebrating this most joyous time of the year. It's even more special when you look out the window to see big, fluffy snowflakes beginning to fall. By the time we cleaned up and headed over to Andy and Maricia's house, the ground was covered, and the snow continued to fall.

Christmas morning, we awoke to a winter wonderland! After a delicious breakfast, we opened our presents and settled in for a relaxing afternoon of reading, watching movies, and enjoying our new gifts. My perfect Christmas vacation was right on track. We ate a delicious turkey for dinner, along with all of the trimmings and lots of desserts. Thank heavens I was blissfully unaware of the news heading my way soon. I had packed plenty of clothes, so I decided to stay another night with the Mlyneks and return to my home among the hills on Saturday afternoon.

One of the best parts about being on vacation is not having to pay attention to the calendar or clock. It feels so decadent to not know what day of the week it is, let alone what time is it. Saturday morning, I awoke smiling, knowing that I had a whole week of vacation still stretching ahead of me, and even better, Maricia was off too. We had big plans to begin working on scraping and painting my upstairs bathroom. Once we had this done, I planned to purchase a new sink and shower and tile for the flooring.

After a delicious French toast casserole, I packed everything up so that I would be ready to go home after lunch. Since it was snowing on Christmas Eve, I left my Jeep at home and rode with the Mlyneks. This meant, of course, I would need a ride home. Andy was busy turning the leftover turkey into his famous turkey salad, so Maricia and I decided to watch a movie.

Just as I finished my delicious lunch, my cell phone started to ring. It was the school calling to tell me that a staff member had tested positive, and I had been exposed. I would need to be tested, and I should quarantine for the next 14 days. This was not the news I wanted to hear, but there was nothing to do about it, so I quickly threw my stuff in the truck, and Maricia took me home.

After I unpacked, I headed to the hospital parking lot to be tested. I soon learned that I was there too early. The optimal time to be tested is 5-7 days after you have been exposed, and I was only at day three. I went ahead and did the test. What could it hurt? It came back negative, but I still had to be tested again on Tuesday. This time it was a drive through test, and I was given a card to use to obtain my results.

I guess some people would enjoy a week completely alone, but I did not. Maybe I would have felt differently if it hadn't been over the holidays. I felt fine, but I will admit that I worried a bit every time that I coughed or sneezed, or my head hurt. I had to stop taking my temperature because I was becoming paranoid. It didn't help matters that my test results seemed to be missing. I finally tried spelling my name different ways and was able to access my negative test results. At least now I could rest easier, but I was definitely tired of being alone.

Maricia and Andy brought me food and waved to me through the window. I talked to lots of people through email, text and phone calls, but it just wasn't the same. My time alone has really made me think more about the sick and elderly who have basically been isolated since this whole COVID-19 pandemic began. We really need to find ways to reach out to them in any way we can.

As I rang in the new year alone, I made that one of my resolutions. I recently read a book by Bob Goff called "Everybody Always." Bob encourages us to love everyone in any way we can at all times. This is a lofty goal, but even if I fall short, at least I'm trying. How about joining me? If we all try to love each other a little bit better, imagine what a great year 2021 will be!

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)

I am pleased to hear that you all enjoy good health. May that blessing long be granted to you all. I hope I shall see Louisa on F.C. soon after I return, & then I shall see Emma & Mary¹, Warrie & Amie [Hays] together. Bless their little hearts. Vacation is ended, school had commenced. We have six boarders. Our new one is Mr. McKee. Write soon. I do not expect to write you again, but will tell you my next letter.

Home again, home again
From a far off land.

Yours ever
Amie

Lydia will stay. I do not know (how) long. Rob may go for her in November. If you cannot get a two horse buggy, I suppose you could not raise a couple of beaus with each a buggy. Adieu.

Aunt Margaret² says for you to get a big cheese wagon & come for us, not to bother yourselves getting a buggy.

1854 August 31st.

The last day of summer. Have been thinking how I spent this evening one year ago. I was on the loved West Fork, & very happy too. I have been happy this evening also, but it finds me more than two hundred miles from the spot where I was one year ago.

Mrs. Wallace was here all day. I have been spending this sweet moonlit eve. in the hall door. Had a long conversation with Emery³. I was happy, yet if my life is spared I hope that one year from to day, I shall be happier for I hope to be again in the Old Dominion.

Oh! how many have been the blessings that have been showered upon me by the hand of Providence during the past year. Oh! that he had me whole heart, that the vanities of this world were not so much my idols. Create in me a clean heart, O Lord! And renew a right spirit within me.

(Like children today, Amie needs money for school, and other causes, but she will "recompense" Mom when she gets her teaching job.)

Butler
September 2d. 1854
Dear Mother

I embrace a few leisure moments this morning, in writing once more to you. I was quite disappointed last evening in not receiving a letter from home. How do you all do by this time? I hope soon to be there to see. I expect to start a week from next Monday for the Old Dominion.

The weather is still excessively warm, the heat is very intense. How is it in Va.? How are the crops there, have you anything to eat. Old Penna looks like a barren waste almost. No wheat, no corn, no oats, no rye, no buckwheat & but a few peaches & apples. The river is too low at present for transporting grain from the west.

For weeks on weeks we had no rain. Last Wednesday was feast day, appointed on account of the great drought throughout the land. Thursday evening we had a glorious shower. It is warm as ever, I think, this morning.

Walter Graham⁴ was married yesterday morning. Uncle performed the ceremony. There is some amusing circumstances connected with his marriage which we will have to laugh over when I get home. Robert & Lydia have gone to New Castle. They started this morning. Will return Monday evening.

I am not any lonesome yet. Aunt is company enough for me. We have been making plum butter. She just puts in the plums to stew without taking off the peeling or taking out the stones. To every peck of plums, she takes a gallon of molasses.

As it boils, she stands over it to keep it from burning, & skims out what stones rise to the top. It is very good. Sugar would do as well as molasses. She has also made a good deal of jelly out of elderberries. She boils them until they are soft, then strains them & to every pint of juice she puts half a pound of sugar, less however would do. She then boils it down until it is as thick as molasses. She adds a little good vinegar & spice, which helps it very much. The jelly is very good indeed.

Mother I have a word to write you about my expenses, which you know have been a great deal. Perhaps you think I have plenty of money with me yet, but I have very little left. If I could have gone home at the end of first session I should have wanted no more.

But I have been obliged to get me another dress, which Aunt thought I could not well do without, then I took lessons in silk embroidery & crimped leatherwork & although she did not charge anything for teaching me, yet the materials I got cost considerable.

I have money enough for all these expenses, but there are some things which I want, but will not have enough money. Uncle would willingly supply me for the present, if Worthie could return the money at Fairmont.

In the first place I have to get my teeth plugged. Aunt says I must have them plugged before I leave Butler. Three of my front teeth are decaying very fast. I must have them plugged immediately or I shall lose them. It will cost me considerable.

¹Emma and Mary, children of Amie's brother, Freeman Sexton.

²Aunt Margaret, wife of Uncle Loyal Young.

³Emery: Joseph Emery, boarded with the Youngs and attended Witherspoon.

⁴Walter Graham, son of John B., attorney of Butler, Pa., member of the Convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for president. Rachel Graham of Butler, who was Festus Young's first wife, is believed to be the aunt of Walter Graham.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

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

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

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

Monday, Jan. 11: pinto beans, kraut, hash browns, fruit, cornbread.

Tuesday, Jan. 12: pasta and chicken, vegetables, fruit, bread.

Wednesday, Jan. 13: pizza, corn, jello with fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 14: broc-

coli soup, cheese salad sandwich, fruit, crackers.

Friday, Jan. 15: baked spaghetti, lettuce and pea salad, fruit, hot roll.

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.

Board Of Review And Equalization Lists Feb. Meetings

The Calhoun county commission will meet as a Board of Review and Equalization, and review and examine the property books as presented by the assessor.

If citizens have questions concerning their tax assessment, they should attend one of the following meetings:

Monday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m., managed timberland.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 8, 11 a.m., oil and gas.

Friday, Feb. 12, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., action on timberland.

The meeting on Feb. 8 has been set aside to hear problems concerning oil and gas assessments. If you have problems with your oil and gas assessment, call the assessor's office, 354-6958, to assure that the State Tax Dept. will have your file ready for the meeting.

If any person fails to apply for relief at these meetings, they will have waived their right to ask for correction in their assessment list for the current year, except on appeal to the circuit court.

Foundation Grant

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and its regional affiliates are accepting applications for grants for the spring cycle of its Community Action Grants Program.

The application process is online, with a deadline of midnight on Monday, Feb. 15. Organizations apply to PACF and/or any of the affiliates on the same online application form at www.pacfwv.com/Grants.

PACF also announced that it has launched a new platform for online applications. To learn about the new application process and to hear updates on the grantmaking priorities, organizations are invited to attend one of two free webinars offered by the PACF in January:

Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m.

To register, send an email to marian.clowes@pacfwv.com. Registrants will be provided with a Zoom link for the webinar.

To be considered for a Community Action Grant, an applicant must be a private, nonprofit organization, tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, or a public institution.

Either the applicant or program to be funded must be located in PACF's 11-county geographic service area, which includes Calhoun, also a priority county.

PACF provides support for capital and equipment projects, program development, technical assistance, training, capacity building projects, and, under special circumstances, operating support.

Submitted applications are considered for support from a wide variety of grant funds available to support charitable projects throughout the region.

Grantmaking guidelines provide additional information on eligibility and priorities for all types of grants. Visit www.pacfwv.com/Grants to access the grant guidelines and application forms.

For information, contact Marian Clowes, 428-4438 or info@pacfwv.com.

Youth Grants

Applications are being accepted for the FY21 Rural Youth Engagement through Public Art Grant from W.Va. Dept. of Arts, Culture and History and W.Va. Commission on the Arts. Approximately \$65,000 in grants will be awarded.

Deadline for receipt of applications is Feb. 1.

Eligible projects will take place in communities with less than 25,000 residents and will engage local youth. Schools, not-for-profit youth groups and arts organizations, and local governments are eligible to apply. Funded projects must be completed by June 30.

A grant application package, including eligible project expenses and evaluation criteria, is available by contacting Jenna Green, coordinator, 558-0240, ext. 725, or Jenna.R.Green@wv.gov.

Application package is also available at www.wvculture.org/arts/grants.html.

The announcement of grantees is planned for early February.

Visit www.wvculture.org for information.

New at Library

Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Inspirational: A Picture of Love, by Beth Wiseman; The Inheritance, by Tamera Alexander; The Breaking Point, by Karen Ball; When Mockingbirds Sing, by Billy Coffey; Until We Reach Home, by Lynn Austin; Proof of Heaven, by Mary Curran Hackett; Land of Silence, by Tessa Afshar; The Time of Their Lives, by Annie Jones; Hideaway, by Honie, by Hannah Alexander; Things We Didn't Say, by Amy Lynn Green; The Blended Quilt, by Wanda E. Brunstetter; Snow Angel, by Jamie Carie; Gone to Ground, by Brandilyn Collins; Double Minds, by Terri Blackstock; An Unexpected Match, by Gayle Roper.

Call for nominations

The West Virginia Press Association is now accepting nominations for the **WVPA's Hall of Fame, Class of 2021**

The written nomination must include a brief biographical sketch.

Nomination details at wvpress.org
Submit nominations by March 1, 2021
Email to Don Smith, donssmith@wvpress.org
or by mail to **WV Press Association**
3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV 25302

In Memory Of Those Who Died In 2020

The following names were taken from the obituaries published in the Chronicle of those who died during 2020:

Alice Mae Agee, 83
Harold Robert "Red" Allen, 88
Bonnie June Allison, 86
Dennis Wayne Amos, 64
Okey P. Amos, 63
Georgia Butler Atkinson, 88
Richard "Steve" Atkinson, 81
Raymon Lee Ayers, 84

Adderson Carl Bailey, 86
Clyde Myron "Red" Bailey, 61
Connie Jones Bailey, 49
Janet Clare Bailey, 84
Steven E. Bailey, 69
Lelia Jane Baird, 71
Lavinia Eileen Ball, 94
Jeffery Duane Barr, 49
Evelyn Marie Beckett, 62
Angela Dawn Beckner, 39
Mitchell Glenn Belt, 78
Franklin D. Bennett, 85
Garnett Verdeal Blake, 94
Jason Lee Boatright, 47
Nina Bock, 82
Robert Allen Boggs, 55
Nikki Rae Bollinger, 58
Elouise Margaret Bonar, 93
Bruce Edward Boothe, 61
Alma Sofina Lawson Brady, 82
Andrew Peter Bremar, 66
Helen Carr Brown, 95
Rosalee Dorris Brown, 92
Flora Maxine Bucher, 96
Eleanor Loretta Bumgarner, 82
Gary "Pete" Burrows, 72
Mary Ann Butler, 68
Delores Mae Byrd, 84
Joyce Ann Wright Byrd, 70

Dennis Cline Cain, 74
Donna Maxine Warrenfeltz Cain, 92
Jeannie Westfall Capps, 50
Gene Carpenter, 89
Lonnie Dean "Lonzo" Carpenter, 60
Joyce A. Carter, 80
Riggs Allen Carter, 10
Sherrie Lee Channell, 73
Ernest Robert Coffey, 91
Carol Jane Collins, 59
Jarad Paul Collins, 39
Michael Eddie Collins, 67
Karen Sue Cottrell, 54
Lois Bailey Coutu, 88
Bobby Cunningham, 69
David Lee Curry, 65
Frank D. Curtiss, 65

Barbara F. Davis, 70
Linda Joann Davis, 62
Glen M. "Calhoun" Davisson, 83

Valery Ann Deel, 56
Edgar Richard DeLorenzo, 90
Howard Scott "Bub" Deuley, 83
Willard E. "Smiley" Deuley, 84
J.B. "Sam" Dillon, 90
James H. Dobbins, 59

Bonnie Lea Jarvis Ellison, 87
Virginia Lee Erlewine, 74
Cheryl Ann Fiedorczyk, 63
Virginia P. "Ginny" Forren, 86
Jerry M. "Mike" Fox, 65
Kermit Earl Freed, 88
Mary Jane Furr, 92

Linda Virginia Gault, 86
Michael Geiger, 64
Ila Clarice George, 79
Phillip S. Gerwig, Jr., 96
Marjorie Jane Stump Gherke, 86
Anna "Sue" Givens, 82
Charles Randolph "Chuck" Givens, 76
Mary Elizabeth Greathouse, 81
Shirley Pearl Gregory, 77
Roland Griffin, 61
Danny Wayne Grogg, 63
John Earl Gumm, 68

Ernest Darrell "Ernie" Hall, 66
Wilma Hall, 54
Lucinda Marie Hammons, 51
Ocie Arlene Hanna, 97
Tammi Sue Roberts Hardman, 61
Alva Ray Harris, 81
Tracy L. "Tweety" Harris, 46
Betty Jo "B.J." Hupp Hathaway, 79
Betty Lou Reynolds Haynes, 82
Pearl Mae Heiney, 95
Opal Elizabeth Hensley, 92
Bernice Ruth Bailey Hicks, 75
Barbara Ann Holbert, 80
Ronald Clark Holbert, 69
Janet Ramona Starcher Holliday, 85
Denzil D. Huff, 84
Lula Bella Starcher Hughes, 103
Rose Husk, 90

Gerald Ralph Izzi, 76
Arthur T. Johnson, 88
Charles Edward Johnson, 55
Emory Arnold Johnson, 82
Jerry Michael "Mike" Johnson, 73
Violet Pearle Cross Johnson, 95
Rev. William "Bill" Lennis Johnson, 88

Barbara Jean Landis Jones, 71
Dorothy Jean Jones, 77
Lester Lenord Jones, 75
Sharon Lynn Chancey Jones, 79

Kenneth Vance Keaton, 50
Johnny Ray Keener, 62
Phillip Wayne "Phil" Kelley, 76
Frank D. "Bunny" Kendall, 85
Rev. Benjamin Ray Kerby, Sr., 80
Beulah Mace Kerby, 94
Regina Marie Kerby, 70
Crystal Wilson Knight, 92
Roy J. Kight, 94
Virgil Kight, 94
Dwight "Bo" King, 70
Jason C. Kirby, Sr., 84
James Earl "Jimbo" Knicely, 51

Clarence Ray Lane, 87
Benjamin Cole Laughlin, 27
Roberta Lynn "Bert" Law, 59
Aerabelle Onnise Fayellen Lott, infant
Norma Lowe, 81
Rev. John Lee Lowther, 55
Barbara Ann Lynch, 68

Barbara Mace, 76
T. Opal Mace, 91
Charles "Charlie" Owen Malona, Jr., 77
William G. Marks, 65
Mary Anita Mathews, 98
Bryon Allen "Snuffy" Matics, 51
Patty Lou Maxwell, 78
Ricky Allen May, 68
Linda L. McCartney, 71
Robert Suell McCartney, 76
David McCray, 59
Edith Florence McCumbers, 93
Charles William "Mac" McDonald, Jr., 74
Rosemary Joyce McDonald, 71
William Trevis McElvey, 87
Debra Ann Hall McKown, 63
James William Merrill, 89
Jeri Lea Metheny, 67
Davy Lee Miller, 73
James Gerald "Jim" Miller, Sr., 75
Verlin Edward "Eddy" Millican, 64
Joan Carol Lucas Mollohan, 81
Berneice Yvonne Moore, 61
Ida Madaline Moore, 89
Violet "Granny" Moore, 98
Helen Rampp Morris, 90
Nancy P. Moss, 85
Teddy L. Moss, 84
Holly Jackson Murphy, 87
Roscoe Edison Murphy, 75
Timothy Paul Murphy, 40

Quentin Lee Nelson, 15
Roy Michael Nester, 83
Clarence Junior "Jake" Newbrough, NA
David Nicholas, 67
Riana Todd Nicholas, 21 months
Barbara Ann Nichols, 84
Georgie Edward Nichols, 92
Mary B. Nichols, 85
Ruth O. Nichols, 96
Thelma Jean "T.J." Norman, 69
Elizabeth Beall Nutter, 80

Robert Joe "Bob" Osborn, 81
Betty Jo Blair Parks, 83
Alvin Lee Parsons, 68
Cecil Parsons, 73
Doy Parsons, 87
Tony Pasqualucci, Jr., 68
Janet Louise Patterson, 76
Freddie Monroe Perry II, 44
Michael D. Phillips, 64
Yvonne Bridgette Poorman, 67
Bernard Prather, 95
Robert Allen Primm, 60
Roy Lee Pursley, 83
David Len Putnam, 65

Ralph Radabaugh, 77
Alice J. Palmer Ramsey, 81
Mary Lou Taylor Reed, 74
Alpheas "Frank" Richards, 75
Denzil Bernard Richards, 76
Maria del Aguila Martinez Jimenez Richards, 78
Milford Wayne Richards, 74
Morris Lee Richards, 86
Shirley Mae Richards, 64
Wesley G. Richards, 57
William Scott Richards, 72
Georgia Riddle, 93
Charles Lee Roberts, 88
Connie Marie Roberts, 70
Gretchen Kay Barr Robertson, 74
Donald Lee "Buck" Rollyson, 73
Judith Ann Jarvis Rollyson, 76
Norma Jean Rutherford, 85

Shirley Rae Hickman Selmon, 77
Roy Lee Shaffer, 83
Daisy McCune Shiflet, 80
Darrell Lee Shrader, 66
Jimmy Shrader, 83
Ernest Habred Siers, 93
Olen C. Siers, 94
John Barr Simers, 73
Oria B. "J.R." Simmons, 75
James D. Sims, 57
Lewis Dean Slider, 73
Albert R. Smith, Jr., 63
Georgia Smith, 96
Lillie Mae Smith, 65

Ricky Edward Smith, 58
Annette Marie Spaur, 60
Roy A. Spellman, Sr., 71
Audra Lee Stalnaker, 90
Glenna Claris Starcher, 79
Ruth Mae Starcher, 85
Susie Starcher, 66
Mable Bunner Stevens, 84
Patricia Ann Stewart, 68
Maverick Kolt "Mavy" Stone, 1
Opal Swisher, 87

George Wesley Talkington, Sr., 99
Lee Roy Tanner, 81
Raymond Hale Taylor, 77
Rodney Darrell Taylor, 71
William Earl "Bill" Thomas, 62
Donald Ray Tucker, 70

Kelly Renae Richards Ubbens, 43
Cicily Rachelle "Sis" Ullum, 39
John Philip Umstead, 84
Eric W. Underwood, 42
Ryan "Fudge" Gregory Underwood, 39

Arnold L. Veon, 90
Enid Veon, 90

Velma M. Walbrown, 91
Frances Mayree Clark Smith Walker, 81
Richard Arthur Walsh, Sr., 67
William Ray "Billy" Watkins, 56
Rev. Donzel Bennett Wease, 95
Sara J. Welch, NA
Gertrude Belle Husk Welsh, 95
Betty Ivylyene Westfall, 81
Gladis "Betty" Westfall, 88
Dean Autry White, 80
George A. Williams, 89
Harry Wayne "Tiny" Williams, 78
Violet May Williams, 88
Brenda Kathryn Wilson, 72
Kathryn Wilson, 81
Nelma G. Wimer, 89
Carol Lee Withrow, 81
Frank Howard Wolfram, 87
Gerald Gene Wood, 71

Charles Edward Yeager, 77
Russell Elmer Yeager, 78
Sandra "Sandy" Kay Richards Yeager, 76
Norma Lea Yoak, 77
Julia Belle Yost, 76

Elizabeth "Betty" Mitchell Zannoni, 94

DAR Welcomes New Member

Elk River Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution in Gassaway, whose members represent Clay, Braxton, Calhoun and Nicholas counties, welcomed a new member at its December meeting.



Pamela Dawson Tanner

Pamela Dawson Tanner of Nebo in Clay County took the oath of membership, led by substitute chaplain Sarah Harris. Regent Ruth Mooney presented Tanner with welcoming gifts.

Tanner became eligible by tracing her lineage to Charles Frances Boggs, Revolutionary War patriot. She enjoys genealogy and reports that she plans to complete a supplemental application on another ancestor, Patrick Murphy, through his daughter, Mary.

Daughters of the American Revolution is a women's service organization. Membership is open to adult women who can biologically trace their lineage to an American Revolution War patriot.

For information, visit www.dar.org.

Recognition Presentations
Elk River DAR Chapter

gave two community groups certificates of appreciation for properly displaying the American flag.

Gassaway Baptist Church and Frametown Girl Scout Troop 38217 were recognized for following the U.S. Flag Code guidelines.

The church has lighting on the flag outside the church for night time viewing, and the troop holds a burning ceremony annually to respectfully retire a worn, dirty, or torn flag.

Pastor Mark Stump accepted the certificate from DAR members Sarah Harris and Ruth Mooney, Elk River Chapter Regent.

Girl Scout leader Jen Butcher and Senior Girl Scout Kelsey Butcher received the certificate from Mooney.

Future flag certificates will be given to community groups and private homes in the new year.



Left to right, Sarah Harris, Pastor Mark Stump, and Ruth Mooney.

Calhoun Last Holdout Before Turning Orange

With 23 COVID-19 cases in the last week, bringing the total to 150, Calhoun County was the last holdout to turning the daily DHHR map to all orange (7) and red (48) counties.

The county was green on Wednesday and Thursday, yellow from Friday to Sunday, gold on Monday, and orange on

Tuesday. Calhoun still has the lowest number of cases in the state, with Webster in second with 173 (30 in past week). Calhoun has yet to report a death.

West Virginia had 10,389 cases in the last week, and 1,558,860 since the start of COVID. With a daily report on Tuesday of 46 deaths, the state total

is 1,442. California had another 280,000 cases in the last week, and now has a total of 2,464,290, ahead of Texas' 1,829,731. Total U.S. positive cases is 21,355,530, with deaths now at 362,139.

Worldwide, there are 86,327,779 cases, with 1,866,563 deaths reported.

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State COVID-19 Screening

<p>When: January 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th</p> <p>Where: MHHS Annex Building (Grantsville)</p> <p>Time: 9am-12pm</p>	<p>When: January 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th</p> <p>Where: Waco Center Parking Lot (Glenville)</p> <p>Time: 9am-12pm</p>
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Additional testing is available at both Grantsville and Glenville sites during normal hours of operation at no cost to the patient.

DEAL OF THE WEEK

Hog Knob | 2 Acres +/- | Hillside property | **NEW PRICE of \$5,000. YES, IT IS REALLY \$5,000!**

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Big Root Road | 82 Acres +/- | Great hunting acreage with possible **FREE GAS** | **\$89,500**

2282 Hog Knob Road | 54 Acres +/- | 2BR - 1BA | CABIN IN THE WOODS! | **FREE GAS!** | **\$89,500**

Nicut, Timber and Land | 237 Acres +/- | INVESTMENT TIMBER! | **\$250,000**

5260 Leading Creek Road | 23 Acres +/- | 2003 Mobile Home | **\$59,500**

Leading Creek Road | 60 Acres +/- | 1/2 Minerals | Reported **FREE GAS** | Perfect Hunting Camp fronting on creek | **\$69,500**

1349 Big Root Road | 110 Acres +/- | 3BR - 2BA | 2,000 Sq. Ft. | Pond | **ULTIMATE PROPERTY!** | **\$299,000**

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

4654 North Calhoun Highway | 3 BR - 1 BA | 2 Car Garage | If this sounds interesting then add 22 acres that fronts North Calhoun Highway and Road Fork to make it more appealing. **Only \$55,000**

Stinson | 88 Acres +/- | Recently Surveyed, **REPORTED FREE GAS**, four wheel drive access, get away from it all, prime social distancing spot! | **\$99,500**

Little Rowels Run | 50 Acres +/- | Near Creston, great spot for a hunting camp, recently surveyed. | **\$49,900**

Little Kanawha River | 10 Acres +/- | **NEW PRICE! Now only \$19,500!**

Lemuels Run | Ideal home site 22 acres of stream front property with electric reported free gas on the property. 2 miles from Route 5 on Lemuels Run. **Priced at \$39,400**

Bear Fork | Hunting and Timberland Acreage | 225 Acres +/- | **\$300,000**

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

Courtney Ridge Road | 56 Acres +/- | **\$59,500**

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

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

Kight-Ward Road | 24 Acres +/- | **\$34,500**

839 Lovada Road | 5 Acres +/- | Two Houses! | **\$89,500**

Stumptown/Bear Fork | 95 Acres +/- | **\$95,000 - MAKE AN OFFER**

3 Miles out of Grantsville Little Kanawha Hwy E | 11 Acres +/- | **\$25,000 LAND CONTRACT**

Jakes Fork | 49 Acres +/- | **\$49,000**

Sycamore | 44 Acres +/- | **\$49,000 UNDER CONTRACT!**

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821 Reedyville Road | **UNDER CONTRACT!**

STARTER HOMES

22 Poplar Lane (off of Pine Creek) | 4 Acres +/- | 2 or 3 BR - 1BA | 2 Car 2 Story Detached Garage, Wood Working Shop, and Cellar | **\$79,500**

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12176 W. Little Kanawha Highway | 2-3 BR - 1BA | Riverfront Property | Detached Garage | **\$65,000**

1685 Ripley Road | 1 Acre +/- | 3 BR - 2 BA | Log Home | Backup Solar Power | 3 Outbuildings | **\$98,500**

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2418 Sassafras Ridge Road | House with 4 bedrooms sitting on 3 Acres +/- | **\$65,000 PRICE REDUCED!**

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POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCING

Sycamore | Home Site | 3 Acres +/- | **\$10,000** | **REPORTED FREE GAS!**

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4tc/12/24-1/14

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FOR SALE -- Hay, \$3.50 a square bale, barn kept, 304-354-9295, after noon.

2tp/12/31-1/7

Thank You

NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to everyone who sent me so many wonderful, beautiful and inspirational birthday cards. I have been like a kid with a new toy. I couldn't wait to go to the mailbox to retrieve my cards and hear from so many wonderful people. You have made my 85th birthday a blessing! God has blessed me so much. May God bless all of you! Thanks!

Genevieve Smith

Personals

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4tp/12/17-1/7

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Calhoun County Commission shall meet on the following dates and times as the Board of Review and Equalization.

At which time they will review and examine the property books as presented by the Assessor.

If any person fails to apply for relief at these meetings, he/she will have waived their right to ask for correction in his/her assessment list for the current year, except on appeal to the Circuit Court.

If any citizen has any questions concerning their tax assessment, please attend one of the following meetings:

FEBRUARY 1, 2021	9:00 a.m.	Managed Timberland
FEBRUARY 4, 2021	4:00 p.m.	
FEBRUARY 8, 2021	11:00 a.m.	Oil and Gas
FEBRUARY 12, 2021	9:00 a.m.	
FEBRUARY 18, 2021	3:00 p.m.	
FEBRUARY 24, 2021	3:00 p.m.	Action of Timberland

The meeting on February 8, 2021, has been set aside to hear problems concerning oil and gas assessments and if you have problems with your oil and gas assessment you should call the County Assessor's Office, 304-354-6958, to assure that the State Tax Department will have your file ready for the meeting.

Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission
Class II Legal

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

Lavinia E. Ball, 94, of Mineral Wells, died. She was born in Creston, the daughter of Howard Edwin Hedges, Sr., and Hulda Jane Gurley Hedges.

Buford "Boots" Griffin, son of Bee Griffin, died in Ohio.

The New Year came in with a double rainbow in Creston. Perhaps things will be looking up.

Some more local folks have come down with the virus, and more places have to be shut down "for deep cleaning," including courthouses, banks, stores, restaurants, etc. Cost to the nation and citizens has now reached the trillions of dollars.

One would hope that the Communist Party is made to pay. First, the U.S. could write off the debt held by the Chinese government, and then assets can be seized.

Such would include telecommunication firms, voting machine companies, elected officials, connected opinion makers, congressional staff, etc.

Since this would be considered treason, guilty ones could be held at "a nice place" for trial, and their ill gotten gains, such as beachfront property, etc., could be used to pay folks for their losses.

It is "interesting" that there seems to be no "ordinary" flu this season, and while New York City was a ghost town for New Year's Eve, there was a huge crowd in Wuhan.

The guy with the broken ankle wants a 100-day national shut down.

California has had a shut down since March, and now the left coast leads the nation in cases and apparent deaths. Obviously, the intent is to force the global "reset," abolishing government and life as we know it, and replacing all with their "socialist" utopia, just like in Cuba, Venezuela and Communist China.

Retired doctors must take "diversity training" before being allowed to administer the vaccine.

Along those lines, there is lots of talk about the hacking, by some foreign power or government agencies and certain companies, and some are "asking why."

Some of those are the same folks who insisted that employment had to be based on racial and gender guidelines. Much time had to be spent "being trained to be tolerant" and other left wing ideals. Protecting the nation became less important to those who were "keeping score."

Those who have been out and about note that

the state road is busy, once again, cutting down healthy trees along the highways, while leaving the dead ones to fall.

It seems to be a low priority to keep water from running across main roads, causing icy spots that kill folks. Apparently, building \$multi-million roundabouts is what is important.

Bill Gates, who has been busy treating health care and sending what some say is bad medicine to the "dark continent," now wants to send reflective material into the stratosphere to lower the temperature.

This is what happens when there is a large volcanic eruption. Back when Krakatoa erupted in what is now Indonesia, the temperature was dropped so low that there was a killing freeze in Creston in June that killed both the corn and the wheat, and causing people to starve.

UGI, a Pennsylvania-based outfit, has agreed to purchase Mountaineer Gas for \$540 million. In addition to being the local gas utility, the firm has customers in 49 of the state's 55 counties, and has 6,000 miles of pipeline.

CalPers was a major stockholder, and being the retirement arm of the State of California, they must have decided that providing clean fuel to people was not a good fit with the green new deal.

The warmer weather has caused the government stink bugs to be out and about in folks' homes. Two different women noted that stink bugs landed on them while sleeping and woke them up.

The comely Kim visited Wilma Mowrey.

The mast is down on the service rig, so apparently the Ardelia Garrettson #3 well was finally plugged.

The State Tax Dept. said it was looking at how the value of wells was determined, apparently as how the big out-of-state boys were treated. Under existing rules, royalty owners are valued on the gross royalties, not on what they actually receive.

A recent example on a royalty stub makes the case very clear. Natural gas liquid sales were \$40,401.13, but the expenses (charges) were \$30,119.94, leaving a net of only \$10,281.19.

On another well, gas sales were \$131,790.11, but after charges for compression, gathering, marketing and transportation, the net was only \$54,516.65.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$47.40/bbl., with condensate, \$27.40, Marcellus and Utica light, \$38.40, and medium, \$47.40.

Alzheimer's Support Groups

Being an Alzheimer's caregiver can be difficult, and most people do not understand unless you have been one.

That's where support groups come in. MaryJo Moorhead said, "You can sit with a group of people and there is nothing you can say or do that someone hasn't said before or done before."

That is the fabric of an Alzheimer's caregiver support group. No judgment. One day everyone is laughing, because your loved one has done something incredibly funny. The next time, a box of tissues is being passed around the room.

The Alzheimer's Association's West Virginia Chapter offers 13 caregiver support groups to help local caregivers cope with the emotions and skills of being a caregiver.

"Caregiver support groups can be a lifeline during the pandemic," said Teresa Morris, program director for the Alzheimer's Association. "Caregivers may be receiving less outside assistance to help with the care of their loved one—and that adds to their stress. Sharing experiences can help decrease stress and isolation that caregivers are feeling."

All support groups are led by trained volunteers. Many are former caregivers. Because of the pandemic, some support groups meet over the telephone, while others use video conferencing.

In West Virginia, there are 39,000 people aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease. In addition, there are 105,000 Alzheimer's caregivers.

Moorhead said when she first started attending a support group, "I was angry. There tends to be one person in the family who does the caregiving, and I was the one person."

While she had two living siblings at the time, she said she did not understand how she became the primary caregiver for their mother: "Do you not understand you are sacrificing me? How is my life not as important as yours?"

Her support group helped her get over those feelings. She said that she often finds that people still attend, even after their loved one has passed, because they hope to make the care journey smoother for others. The bond built in a support group is often hard to break.

Dennis P. Moriarty, who attends a monthly caregiver support group, said, "I find the virtual meetings very easy to join, and I really appreciate the email reminders. I am always taking notes during the education programs."

"Sometimes, caregiving becomes hard as outside stress increases. They remind me that in order for me to be helpful to my wife, I have to take care of myself."

In addition to attending a support group, Moriarty said that he has attended Alzheimer's educational programs and used the Association's 24/7 Helpline, 1-800-272-3900.

Anytime that you call the Alzheimer's Association, there is always a listening ear on the other end. They may not always have an answer right away, but they always know where to find it. Visit www.alz.org/wv/helping-you/sup_port_groups or call 1-800-272-3900.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia:

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
BARBARA MACE	KENNETH MACE	26556 S CALHOUN HWY. CHLOE, WV 25235

JANUARY 6, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **MARCH 8, 2021**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission
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Review of 2020

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

April

The first positive coronavirus case in West Virginia came on Mar. 17, with the first death on Mar. 29. The U.S. went over 100,000 cases and 1,700 deaths on Mar. 27, and by Apr. 2 had gone over 200,000. The world went over 1,000,000 cases on the same day. U.S. cases were over 500,000 by Apr. 11.

Secretary of state Mac Warner announced that he had issued guidance and a funding opportunity to assist county clerks with mailing an absentee ballot application to every registered voter in West Virginia.

Returning the absentee ballot application was the first step to receiving the official ballot via mail. During the State of Emergency, every registered West Virginia voter was eligible to vote an absentee-by-mail ballot in the May 12 Primary Election.

Gov. Jim Justice announced that he had instructed State superintendent of schools Clayton Burch to extend the ongoing closure of all schools statewide for at least three-and-a-half more weeks.

During the closure period, pre-k-12 public and private school facilities did not provide traditional, in-person instructional opportunities.

Calhoun County Schools provided food to any person 18 and

younger beginning on Apr. 3 at Calhoun Middle/High School.

The governor and education leaders hoped to resume in-class instruction and extracurricular activities by Apr. 20.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin encouraged West Virginians to utilize the 2-1-1 program, operated by United Way of West Virginia. It connects callers with health and human services resources through trained certified specialists.

Anyone can call 2-1-1 to learn about specific programs, intake requirements, eligibility, operation hours, and more.

Three Calhoun County High School varsity girls received mention on All-Little Kanawha Conference basketball teams.

Josie Montgomery, a sophomore, earned first team honors. She averaged 17.8 points, 6.7 rebounds and 4.7 steals.

Savannah Cunningham, a sophomore, was named to the second team. She averaged 9.4 points, 3.7 assists and 4.8 steals.

Kaylin Parsons, a junior, was an honorable mention selection. She averaged 7.2 points, 7.0 rebounds and 1.7 blocks.

Austin Baker of Calhoun Middle School and Brylee Rowe of Little Kanawha Valley Christian School earned 2020 Golden Horseshoes that are awarded to the top eighth grade scorers in each county, based on an essay and online exam that was held in February.

Gov. Justice announced that he had moved the Primary Election back 28 days from May 12 to June 9.

The CARES Act expanded unemployment eligibility to include part-time, self-employed, and gig economy workers. It provided an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits, and it increased individual benefits by \$600 per week to ensure that no one was penalized for practicing responsible social distancing.

Recipients were allowed to remain on unemployment for an additional 13 weeks through Dec. 31, expanding the total eligibility period for unemployment benefits from 26 weeks to 39 weeks.

With the help of Save the Children In-School coordinator/interventionist Tammey Webb, students of Arnoldsburg Elementary took part in a Virtual Spirit Week to enhance their learning and encourage parent engagement.

Students were given a task or activity for each day of the week, and, along with parents, participated and took pictures of the activity, and submitted the photos.

Calhoun County High School varsity basketball players Nick Moore and Adam Parsons earned 2019-20 All-Little Kanawha Conference recognition.

Moore, a senior, was named to the All-LKC first team. He led the Red Devils (8-15) with 16.1 points, 12.5 rebounds and

5.1 blocks per game.

Parsons, a senior, was named to the All-LKC second team. He averaged 15.7 points, 6.9 rebounds and led the team in assists with 2.8 per game.

Moore was also named to the West Virginia Class A Basketball third team.

Former Chronicle publisher Helen Morris, 90, died Apr. 10 at her home near Grantsville.

She took over as publisher of *The Calhoun Chronicle* in August, 2002, after the death of her husband, Carl R. Morris.

She began writing "From the Publisher's Desk" on Oct. 31, and continued a weekly column after the newspaper was sold in December, 2017.

She taught home ec at CCHS and was recognized as a West Virginia History Hero in 2017 for her work with Calhoun Historical Society. In 2016, she was honored as a West Virginia Wonder Woman for her work as publisher.

Pleasant Hill School's Early Steps to School Success (ESSS), in conjunction with Vroom community ambassador Deb Smith, collaborated with Communities In Schools (CIS) on a first-ever Virtual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Calhoun County Wood Festival committee announced that it was postponing the 58th annual festival until 2021.

At the April county commission meeting, it was reported that Minnie Hamilton Health System had tested over 100 people, with zero positive results of a county resident. The county was one of only seven remaining in West Virginia to not have had a positive local result.

County clerk Jean Simers said that her office had prepared 873 absentee ballots to be mailed.

Eligible self-employed, independent contractors, and gig economy workers were able to begin applying for unemployment benefits on Apr. 24 to WorkForce West Virginia.

Calhoun County High School sports historian Robert F. Bonar, a 1997 CCHS graduate, submitted additional information on the history of the school's sports programs.

His new submissions included updates to his published book, "A History of Calhoun Football," a comprehensive 100 page-plus history of the sport from 1923-2009.

He also submitted histories of boys basketball, girls basketball, and golf, with additional CCHS sports to follow.

A week after closing down the 2019-2020 academic year, Gov. Justice unveiled a comprehensive plan, "West Virginia Strong--The Comeback" to re-open various aspects of the state and its economy by Apr. 30.

It allowed businesses in certain sectors to re-open in phases over the next six weeks, if the rate of positive COVID-19 cases in the state remained below three percent.

Tammy Webb, AES, was named Teacher of the Year; also nominated were Amanda Morris, PHS; Dolly Starke, CMS; and Norma Randall-Myers, CCHS.

People began receiving \$1,200 Economic Impact Payments and \$600 for dependent children from the U.S. Treasury Dept.

Coronavirus cases in the state went over 1,000 on Apr. 25. The U.S. went over 1,000,000 on Apr. 28, one day after worldwide cases hit 3,000,000.



APRIL -- Christian Rogers' Easter Hat won first place in the Arnoldsburg School virtual parade.



APRIL -- Pleasant Hill School 2nd grader Paisley Harper had fun with a math activity, while working at home.

May

There were 1,155 absentee ballots requested and mailed out by the first week of May.

The governor's "West Virginia Strong--The Comeback" entered Week 2 of re-opening the state, while encouraging individuals to be "Safer at Home." Protocols were set for numerous businesses to re-open on May 4.

Robert Bonar reported that interscholastic basketball was initiated at CCHS during the 1926-27 school year, making it one of the oldest sports at the school.

Basketball had a later start than football and baseball, as the county lacked a suitable venue for hosting basketball games or even holding practice.

The new high school building, completed in the fall of 1923, included a gym on the basement floor; however, the gym itself was not finished until late in the 1924-25 school year.

Even after the gym was ready for use, Calhoun did not have a coach to lead an interscholastic basketball team.

County commissioners held a virtual meeting and discussed the upcoming order from the state legislature regarding the sale of alcohol, which meant that the entire state would go "wet" on the first of July.

The order stated that the majority of members for the respective county commission shall vote to remain wet or dry by Aug. 1, and send a certified letter to the commissioner of Alcohol Beverage Control Commission noting the results of such votes.

Commissioners agreed that since Calhoun County had voted in the past to remain a dry county, when given a choice, the commissioners would think it over, but they were leaning toward staying a

dry county, which, if the commissioners vote to go back to dry, it would be a done deal.

When the regular board of education meeting was recessed for a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 budget, board member Richard Kirby said that he wanted more than a two-page budget to view.

He said that a few years ago, the system was in debt \$1.8 million, and board members did not realize it, because members were not presented the full budget. A vote on the budget was postponed.

Gov. Justice announced that the following businesses and entities would be allowed to re-open during Week 4 on May 21, with limitations and guidance: indoor dining at restaurants at 50% capacity; large/specialty retail stores; state park campgrounds for in-state residents only; and outdoor recreation rentals (kayaks, bicycles, boats, rafts, canoes, ATVs and similar equipment).

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act created a new temporary federal program called Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).

PEUC provided up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits to individuals who previously collected state or federal unemployment compensation (UC), but had exhausted those benefits.

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation announced funding, which included \$7,500 for Calhoun County Committee on Aging to support increased demand for senior nutrition program and home meal delivery. It was awarded in partnership with Sisters Health Foundation.

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APRIL -- This sign was hung at Calhoun County Courthouse.



Josie Montgomery All-LKC First Team



Savannah Cunningham All-LKC Second Team



Kaylin Parsons All-LKC H.M.



APRIL -- Arnoldsburg Elementary students, Hoyt, Judd and Cyrus Helmick take turns with a card game at home, when schools were ordered closed.

