



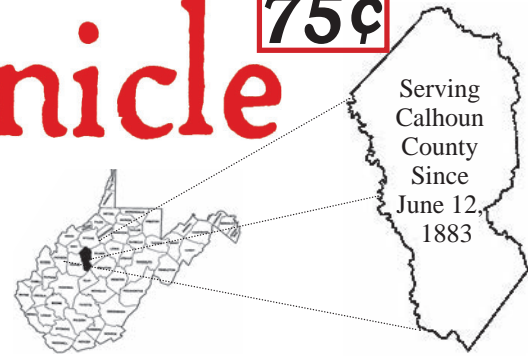
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County clerk Jean Simers administers the oath of office to new county commissioner Matt Walker at Monday's meeting.

Calhoun Is Orange; Remains Eligible For CCHS In-School

Calhoun has added 27 positive COVID-19 cases since last week, but remained as orange on the Dept. of Health and Human Resources' color map.

In addition to elementary and middle schools returning to in-school instruction on Tuesday, Jan. 19, counties that are

not red may also bring back high school students for in-school classes.

Tuesday's map showed Clay and McDowell as gold, along with 14 orange counties and 39 red counties.

Calhoun still has the lowest number of cases (177) in the state, with Webster in second with

198 (25 in past week). Calhoun has yet to report a death.

West Virginia had 10,041 cases in the last week, and 103,203 since the start of COVID. With a daily report on Tuesday of 40 deaths, the state total is 1,634.

Most positive cases in the State are Kanawha, 9,853; Berkeley, 7,957; Monongalia, 6,157; Cabell, 6,101; and Wood, 5,857.

California had another 270,000 cases in the last week, and now has a total of 2,738,459, ahead of Texas' 1,990,204. Total U.S. positive cases is 23,152,069, with deaths now at 385,464.

Worldwide, there are 91,515,287 cases, with 1,958,473 deaths reported.

Vaccine statistics in West Virginia show 109,440 first doses received; 93,481 first doses administered (85.4%); 16,575 second doses received; 13,764 second doses administered (83%).

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 13
Free State COVID-19 screening, Minnie Hamilton annex building, 9 a.m. to noon.

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

Thursday, Jan. 14
Calhoun board of education meeting, board office, Mt. Zion, 5:30 p.m.; work session, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16
Bingo, Grantsville Lions Club, 103 Stump St., 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 18
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY.

Tuesday, Jan. 19
Schools scheduled to return to in-person learning.

Free State COVID-19 screening, Minnie Hamilton annex building, 9 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Jan. 20
Free State COVID-19 screening, Minnie Hamilton annex building, 9 a.m. to noon.

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority teleconference meeting, 4 p.m.; call 1-978-990-5000, use access code 9206.

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

Friday, Jan. 22
Mobile food pantry, old Calhoun Banks drive-thru, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; sponsored by Mountaineer Food Bank and Family Resource Network; open to all Calhoun residents.

Energy Assistance Program Available

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources has announced that applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 29, or until funds are exhausted.

The federally-funded program assists eligible state residents who have a termination notice in paying their home heating bills.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill.

To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines, which include an applicant's annual income being at or below 60 percent of the State Median Income. In situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DHHR worker.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for Emergency LIEAP

MOVHD, MHHS Dispute Remains Unsettled After Commissioners Meeting

County commissioners met on Monday at 9 a.m. in the circuit courtroom.

County clerk Jean Simers gave the oath of office to new member Matt Walker.

Michael Hicks was also present, and Kevin Helmick attended virtually via Zoom. Hicks was elected president of the commission.

The meeting was recessed so that the building commission could conduct its meeting, with some members present and others participating through Zoom.

A representative of Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept., Hampton Rose of Steptoe & Johnson, presented a history of a

dispute between MOVHD and Minnie Hamilton Health System.

MHHS CEO Steve Whited also presented some background.

In 2019, MOVHD was asked to vacate its office space in the hospital annex building.

MOVHD claims that a \$1/year lease should still be in place.

At a commission meeting in February, 2020, Minnie Hamilton Health System and MOVHD seemed to have reached a tentative agreement on financing office space.

Whited had suggested that \$5,000 be paid by Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center per year for five years to the building commission, which could reimburse MOVHD to help cover the difference between the \$556 previously paid per month (for utilities, according to MHHCC) and a new \$900 lease for a potential

MOVHD office space in Grantsville.

At that meeting, Whited said that if MOVHD agreed, 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 had on the previously paid \$163,000 (again, allegedly for utilities, going back over 20 years).

The memorandum of understanding was not agreed to by the MOVHD board.

In July, 2020, MOVHD re-opened in an office at the rear of 378 Main St., Grantsville (Family Court building).

On Monday, Hicks said that he did not believe the dispute could be settled at the building commission meeting, and that the parties involved needed to get together to continue negotiations.

Kevin Helmick said, (Continued on Page 2)

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.

Because of restrictions during the pandemic, if

you are planning to attend any of the meetings listed, call the county clerk's office, 354-6725, or the assessor's office, 354-6958.

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 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.

DIAL A STORY

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Calhoun County Library has some exciting news -introducing Dial-a-story! Children and adults of all ages can enjoy story time on the phone, with no internet required. The library will be adding chapter books for adults and children soon. Call 1-866-985-1223 to listen to the stories.

OBITUARIES

LEVEDA WRIGHT

Leveda Wright, 80, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021. She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Loren "Buck" Harris and Dora Richards Starcher. She attended school in Calhoun County and attended Good Hope Baptist Church, Reedy. Surviving are four children, Cheri Lockhart, Tina Cunningham, David Herrington and Jimmy Cunningham; six siblings, Velma Kirby, Nolan Harris, Terry Jones, Michael Harris, Sandy McCumbers and Bert Roberts; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; one son, Michael Edward Cunningham; one grandson, David Heath Herrington; and five siblings, Charles "Buddy" Harris, James U. Harris, Sharon Rexroad, Delmas Harris and Rena Sidwell.

Graveside services were held at Hill Grove #2, Sanoma Road, with Randy Dorman officiating.

ALBERT CAMPBELL

Albert A. Campbell, 63, of Grantsville, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

He was the son of the late Oral and Mable Metz Campbell. Before becoming disabled, he was a roofer and general laborer.

Surviving are two sons, Albert Alan Campbell and Raymond Campbell; two brothers, Clyde Campbell and Perry Campbell; five sisters, Nancy Campbell Hardman, Irene Campbell Harvey, Helen Campbell Whitt, Martha Campbell and Delores Campbell Ramos; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Campbell and Bruce Campbell, and one sister, Edith Campbell Burchette.

No public service was held. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

DERMAL RUTH SMITH

Dermal Ruth Smith, 86, of Grantsville, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at Camden-Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg.

She was the daughter of the late Bill Engel and Ruth Smith.

Surviving are two sons, Bernard Smith and Michael Smith, both of Grantsville, and two sisters, Loretta Collins and Opal Browning.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Ronnie Smith and Roger Smith; two brothers, Otha Yoke and Orlan Smith; and two sisters, Vermeal Bennett and Dolly Perkins.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Mike Kerby officiating. Burial was in Gibson Cemetery, Arnoldsburg.



VIOLET GAY BELT PARK

Violet Gay Belt Park, 89, of Burning Springs, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at Eagle Pointe Nursing Home, Parkersburg.

She was born in Wirt County, the daughter of the late Oren and Rosa McFee. She attended Burning Springs United Methodist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Neal Belt and Phillip Belt, both of Burning Springs, Ronald Belt of Vienna, Joseph Belt of Shawsville, Va., and Jerry Belt of Newark; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Belt, Sr., in 1990; her husband, Homer Mug Park in 2004; one sister, Wanda Marchuk; two brothers, Robert McFee and Pete McFee; and two daughters-in-law, Annie Belt and Becky Belt.

Services were held at Matheny Whited Funeral Home, Elizabeth.

DANIEL SMITH

Daniel H. Smith, 54, of Sand Fork, died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021.

He was born in Grantsville, the son of the late Charles Hubert and June E. Stout Smith. He was a mechanic at Tomblin's Service Station, Sand Fork, for several years.

Surviving are his wife, Amy Black Smith, whom he married on Mar. 4, 2007; seven children, Daniel L. Smith of Glenville, Danielle Smith of Spencer, Bethany Peters of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Savanna Smith, Aleah Smith and Franklin Cunningham, all of Sand Fork, and Kiara Cook of Glenville; three siblings, Jack Smith of Perkins, Debbie Smith of Oklahoma and Charlene McKinley of Fairmont; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousin.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Judy Smith, and one nephew, Jamie Smith.

Graveside service will be held Friday, noon, at Hiney Cemetery, Linn, with Pastor Bryan Groves officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Dr., Glenville, WV 26351, to help with Daniel's funeral expenses.



MOVHD, MHHS Dispute--

"Just thinking about this, since apparently they already have lawyers involved, I don't know how much the county commission really can do. I think it's going to be a lot of negotiation with their legal teams, maybe."

The topic was tabled by the building commission to a future meeting.

In other building commission matters, Whited asked members to approve additional upgrades to the MHHS facilities, which are owned by the building commission.

He said that in 2019, the building commission approved \$90,000 in improvements, which MHHS had funded with grants.

Additional improvements have increased the cost to \$176,000, most of which has been funded by grants (\$165,000).

Building commission members approved the request conditionally, upon receiving the plans.

The county commission reconvened its meeting.

In other matters:

--Emergency Medical Services director Julie Sears announced calls for December and yearly totals: Grantsville Police, 10, 70; Sheriff, 111, 1,305; State Police, 97, 249; EMS, 39, 717; 911, 380, less than 5,000.

--Approved Sears' hiring of Erica Wood.

--Commissioners and others reported attending a Calhoun County Park board meeting, and that \$10,000 in astronomy equipment had been donated to the park, which may be able to be signed out by schools and the public.

--Commissioners also praised the park board, volunteers, and public in raising \$4,200 during the Christmas light show.

--Heard reports that a pre-fab building for showers at the park would cost \$180,000, but park board president Donnie Pitts was working on a plan to possibly use donations and volunteers to building the building, and possibly save \$80,000 to \$100,000.

--The park board received \$3,000 donations each from Calhoun Banks, Minnie Hamilton Health System, and Calhoun

County Schools.

--Commissioners discussed a letter received from new sheriff Warren Basnett requesting return of the old jail building to be used by the sheriff's office and the Domestic Abuse Response Team. No action was taken.

--Basnett asked that Charles McCroskey be hired as a part-time deputy, without pay, so that McCroskey could keep his certification by working at least 24 hours a year.

Commissioners said that they had been through this before, and that there could be an issue with insurance. Hicks asked for a written contract to be made between the sheriff and McCroskey, so that the commissioners could review it.

--Agreed to put a hold on the settlement of the David Thompson Estate, in order for the parties involved to be given time for negotiations.

--Commissioners reported that they still had not received guidance on the \$100,000 "Heroes Pay" that was sent to each county by the governor. Nearly \$98,000 remains in a special account.

--Commissioners reviewed the December financial statement, and were informed that the 2020 sheriff's settlement was not yet ready.

--Sheila Burch, Little Kanawha Valley Economic Development Corp. director, reported that Paycheck Protection Program funds were still available. She offered help and suggested going to the Calhoun Banks website for information.

--The commissioners heard reports that Frontier is extending service between Grantsville and Munday, including secondary roads.

--Agreed that Walker would replace former commissioner Chip Westfall on several boards and authorities, and to leave Westfall as a citizen representative to building commission and MOVHD boards.

--Approved payment of approximately \$24,000 for December jail bill.

The next regular county commission meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 8.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

COVID-19 infection numbers are rising at an alarming rate, and we are still at the beginning of the Christmas and New Year gathering surge.

I expect January's numbers to go through the roof. By February, hopefully, we should be "over the hump," and it won't be as bad.

We live in one of only two counties in West Virginia that have yet to suffer a death from COVID-19. The other county is Webster. Wirt county has reported one death from COVID-19.

Calhoun County is seeing a rise in cases in the last month, but still at a rate less than most of the rest of the state. I sincerely hope that this trend continues throughout 2021, but we all must do our part to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Not much is happening down in the holler, since it is winter and cold. The birds and squirrels keep us entertained and we keep them fed.

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Looking toward the weather report for the remainder of this week, there will be some rain toward the end of the week that may be mixed with a little snow. I guess we will see what Mother Nature brings us, and we will deal with it as it comes.

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I don't know what the

future of this country is but I am worried about how lies have become the norm, and truth is no longer believed by otherwise rational people. I don't what the cure is, but I am certain that we will have nothing but trouble until this works out, one way or the other.

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We all need to pay close attention to the political situation of the day and become actively involved in preserving our freedoms. All of our freedoms, not just how someone thinks they should be stated.

Attacking our seat of government on the day that election results for a presidential election are being counted and threatening the lives of elected representatives is an act war against the constitution and all that it stands for.

Knowing how this happened, we need to ensure that it never happens again. One of the ways to prevent this from occurring is to promote the truth and demote the lies.

I wonder if Paul Revere would have ridden through the streets of D.C. shouting, "The Red Hats Are Coming, The Red Hats Are Coming!"

This madness needs to stop now and we need find a peaceful way to end it.

Domestic terrorism is here, no matter what it calls itself.

Mobile Food Pantry Dates Announced

According to Family Resource Network, it strives to make food more accessible in Calhoun County.

Food insecurity is a real concern for many in the county, and the local FRN is making connections and pooling resources to keep people from going hungry.

Over the past year, the FRN has garnered USDA support to continue providing Silver Linings Boxes (supplemental commodity food for seniors), provided extended Summer Feeding programs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and established its own food pantry that those eligible can visit weekly (open 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.).

Additionally, it has hosted several mobile food pantries with Mountaineer Food Bank.

The mobile food pantries are open to everyone in Calhoun County. There are no income requirements to participate.

The dates have been announced for two mobile food pantries in 2021:

--Friday, Jan. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday, Mar. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For those unfamiliar with these pantry drops, Mountaineer Food Bank drives a box truck into the old Calhoun Banks drive-thru lot and unloads tons of food.

Volunteers then distribute food to community members through a drive-thru format. Those participating are asked to not exit their car, but instead, direct the volunteers as to where to load their food.

In order to assure limited disruption to traffic in Grantsville, drivers are asked to not begin lining up prior to 10:45 a.m. Additionally, volunteers will be positioned to help with directing traffic. Please be courteous to those individuals.

Calhoun County FRN would like to thank the many volunteers who have assisted over the past year.

Lions Club Bingo

Lions Club bingo will be held in the Lions Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. Concessions will be available. The Lions Club also has brooms and mops for sale.

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.

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This Week In History

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

1920, 100 years ago

Fire of an unknown origin broke out in the garret of the state capitol building at Charleston on Monday afternoon, and in a few hours, the ivy-clad walls of the historic building were piles of broken stones and bricks. The priceless records of all the state departments were consumed in the flames, with the exception of some that were stored in vaults, which have not been opened, and the conditions of which are unknown.

The fire was discovered about two o'clock in the afternoon by passers-by, but it burned so furiously and fastly that the entire fire department at Charleston could do nothing towards checking the flames. One man was instantly killed when caught under a collapsing wall, and several others were injured by falling debris.

The loss to the state is very great, not only from the monetary viewpoint, but many relics, mementoes and records, upon which a value cannot be placed, were destroyed. We have no doubt that the cost of replacing the building, equipment, etc., will lay a heavier burden on the taxpayers than the payment of the Virginia debt has done.

Other cities in the state are advancing reasons why the capitol should be removed from Charleston, with Clarksburg and Parkersburg being the main contenders.

The various departments have found places in which to open up offices, although it will be a long time before the machinery of state government will get to functioning smoothly. The legislature will convene in Charleston next Wednesday, and arrangements have been made to take care of both houses.

1945, 75 years ago

Report from F.L. Armstrong, county forest protector, shows Calhoun County as having three fires this past fall season, which added to the first half, or spring fire season fires (four), we have a total number of seven fires burning 212 acres, doing an estimated damage of \$837, and an actual suppression cost of \$73.77 for the year 1945.

This report shows very good results over a few years ago, but does not compare so well with the 1944 record showing three fires burning 66 acres, estimated damage of \$430, and actual suppression cost of \$30.

Several sportsmen of Calhoun County met at the courthouse on Tuesday evening to discuss the fish and game situation and attend the showing of wildlife pictures presented by the Conservation Commission through the cooperation of Richard M. Marshall, local game protector.

A temporary organization was set up at this meeting, selecting Rymer Law as temporary president, Gerald Stump, vice president, and W.O. Umstead, acting secretary. The executive committee is composed of Dorsey Jarvis, Robert Burns, Emory Rogers, Vere Downs and Holly P. Bell.

The organization will act until the next regular meeting to be held Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., at the courthouse. Mr. Marshall has promised to try and secure more pictures, and urges all hunters, fishermen and anyone interested to attend this meeting.

Grant Beckner was elected as a delegate, representing Calhoun County, to attend a state meeting in Parkersburg on Jan. 17.

Mr. Umstead, the acting secretary of the newly formed club, said: "Realizing the fact that we can obtain more through organization, we offer to all you hunters and fishermen of Calhoun County a suggestion that we form a club, whereby we can better understand the situation, better cooperate with the commission in their restocking program and their open and closed season on game and fish. Unless we do organize, we cannot expect to obtain as much as counties that have an organization."

1970, 50 years ago

The federal budget for the fiscal year contains a request for \$135,000 for advance engineering and design for the West Fork lake flood control project, according to Congressman Robert H. Mollohan.

This does not mean that funds will actually be appropriated and spent. Funds for the Burnsville Lake project have been in other budgets, and approved by congress, and even then have been held up by the president.

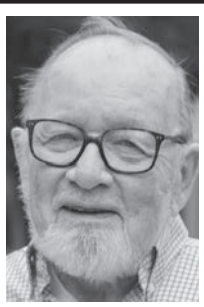
The West Fork is in a much earlier stage of planning. If this \$135,000 is appropriated and spent, it will be one step nearer, but a long way yet from actual construction. Total cost of the West Fork project, to be constructed on the West Fork of the Little Kanawha in Calhoun and Wirt counties, is estimated at \$21.4 million. During the fiscal years 1969 through 1971, about \$600,000 has been appropriated for planning the dam.

The project calls for construction of a 155-foot high dam that would create a lake with a maximum size of 1,175 acres. Besides flood control, the project includes development of recreational facilities and public fishing.

Regarding the Burnsville funds, Mollohan had asked for a report of status of these funds, and was told by William L. Gifford, special assistant to the president, that "funds for a number of water resource projects, including Burnsville, not yet under construction, have been temporarily withheld, without prejudice, pending completion of the review of the president's budget."

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: What are the lowest and highest postal ZIP codes? (Asked by a curious, bashful fourth grade student, in Greenwood, S.C.)

Reply: The postal ZIP (Zoning Improvement Plan) codes are designed for more efficient mail delivery by having the designation indicated by the combination of numbers in the codes. One of the first countries to introduce ZIP codes was Germany in 1941. The United States adopted ZIP codes in 1963.

ZIP codes are numbered with the first of five digits representing a certain group of states, the second and third digits representing a group in that region or perhaps a large city, and the fourth and fifth digits representing a group of delivery addresses within a region. An extended ZIP+4 code was introduced in 1983. Four digits determine a more precise location than the ZIP code alone. The "plus 4" might indicate a city block or an individual high-volume receiver. (Because of public resistance to more numbers, the "plus 4" is currently not required.)

In answer to the question, the lowest ZIP code, 01001, is for Agawam, Mass.; and the highest, 99950, is for Ketchikan, Alas. There are two exceptions on the lower end, though. New York's 00501 is strictly for the IRS center there, and 00601 is for Adjuntas, Puerto Rico. It is uncertain why it got a lower number when ZIP codes were assigned.

Starting in Maine, the numbers increase along the East Coast. From there, the numbers increase heading west and northward east of the Mississippi River, and northwest on to the west coast up to Alaska with 99950 for the Ketchikan Post Office.

The smallest post office is reported to be in Ochopee, Fla. (ZIP 34141), measuring seven feet by eight feet. It was a shed used to store irrigation pipe for a tomato farm, and pressed into service when the general store containing the post office burned down. Serving less than 500 people, it appears to have escaped the post office closings, and become a tourist attraction.

The U.S. Postal Service delivers a lot of mail. Here are some statistics:

In fiscal year 2019, the USPS delivered 143 billion pieces of mail to 160 million delivery addresses and operated more than 31,000 post offices. It served more than 46 million rural addresses, and for much of rural America was often the only delivery option.

Forty-seven percent of the world's card and letter mail volume is handled by the USPS, which includes delivery to the bottom of the Grand Canyon on mules.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Advertising is the art of convincing people to spend money they don't have on things they don't need." 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.

West Virginia WIC Has New Food List

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, has announced the expansion of foods available for purchase with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

The approved food list was updated to encourage healthier eating habits and meet more nutritional needs.

"This better serves West Virginians by supporting a diet rich in fiber, vitamins, and nutrients, and it also reflects the ability of WIC to adapt and respond to participant requests," said Emma Walters, Nutrition Services coordinator with the WIC program.

"These changes confirm the program can meet the diverse nutritional needs of mothers, children and infants, especially in times of chaos, confusion and need."

The program has also been working to provide participants with necessary food packages during the COVID-19 pandemic, through brand and product substitution, ultimately ensuring an individual is meeting their dietary essentials.

Throughout the year, the WIC program has adjusted other program aspects, such as virtual benefit issuance and the continuation of virtual education, which is important to make sure health and education are working together.

The announcement is a completion of the first

comprehensive revisions to the WIC approved food list since 2018.

Revisions reflect WIC participant comments submitted in response to surveys, as well as authorized retailer contributions through an advisory council. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture approved final changes to WIC food lists, based on the latest nutrition science.

The food list additions provide WIC participants with a broader range of choices, specifically including several additional brands of juices, whole wheat breads and buns, and whole wheat pastas.

WIC has focused on enhancing the food list to be more inclusive to those with sensitive dietary restrictions by adding lactose-free yogurt options and more varieties of soy milk brands.

These foods give WIC participants more flexibility in their own nutritional choices, and enable pregnant women, new mothers, infants and young children to obtain proper dietary nourishment during periods of crucial development.

WIC provides pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children, up to age five, with nutritious, supplemental foods. The program also provides nutrition and breastfeeding education and referrals to health and social services.

To view the new food list, visit dhh.wv.gov/wic.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Jan. 14-20 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 14, 1842: Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year.

Jan. 14, 1873: The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County Courthouse. In 1943, the legislature changed the name to Glenville State College.

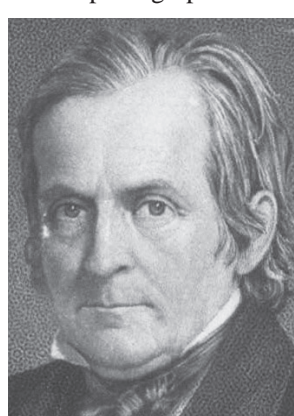
Jan. 15, 1799: Monroe County was established. It was named for James Monroe, the newly inaugurated governor of Virginia and later president of the U.S.

Jan. 15, 1836: Braxton County was created from Kanawha, Lewis and Nicholas counties. It is named for Carter Braxton, a Virginia statesman and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Jan. 15, 1848: Hancock County was established and named for statesman John Hancock.



Jan. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. She gained national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait, and artistic photographers.



Jan. 16, 1790: Henry Ruffner was born in Luray, Va. In 1819, he organized two Presbyterian congregations in the Kanawha Valley. He is best known for his controversial 1847 anti-slavery treatise, "Address to the People of West Virginia."

Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.



Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. A Republican, he was governor during the tumultuous Mine Wars.

Jan. 17, 1918: The War Dept. hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town, with houses, a civic center and a hospital, were completed.

Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer and fiddler from Pipestem, Summers County.

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero, who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. It was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

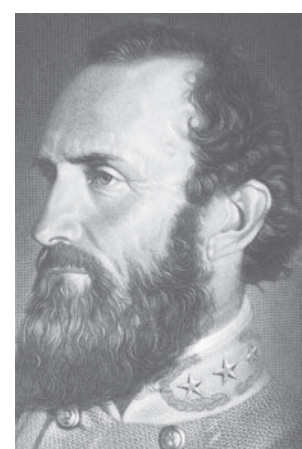
Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison and Marion counties. It was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Va.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County. Total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest snow on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston. Extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March.



Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, he dutifully went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry, until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stonewall" for steadfastness at the critical point in the engagement.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the first month of 2021. Because I have been working from home, sometimes the days of the week blur together. I have to remind myself exactly what day it is. I have managed to finally get into a routine of sorts, which will change once again when we return to school next week.

I wake up around 6:30, drink my coffee while I read my devotions, and then make myself breakfast. I then get dressed and head to my desk at the dining room table. By 7:30, I am online signing in for the day, checking emails, and updating my classes on Teams. My first class starts at 8:00, so I begin a class meeting at 7:55.

For the rest of the school day, I am online in class meeting, lecturing, checking in with students, grading papers, updating files and assignments, and reading emails. I take a break at 12:10 for lunch. This gives me a chance to get up, stretch, and walk around a bit. I eat a quick lunch and jump back online at 12:40 to finish up my last class of the day.

At 1:20, my planning period begins. This means that I don't have to be live online, so I have a little more freedom. I usually give my back a break at this point. I unplug my laptop and go sit on the couch for a little while. This is a good time to respond to emails that I have read earlier in the day and to grade papers. I usually make myself a second cup of coffee at this point.

Most days, I call it quits at 3:30, just to give my eyes a break. Staring at a computer all day has caused me to have headaches, and I have discovered that taking some time away from the screen usually helps. If it's not raining, I will go check my mailbox and fill the bird feeders, if they are empty. Then I will take care of some chores around the house, like loading or unloading the dishwasher or throwing in a load of laundry.

This past week, I started another college course. I took a college class in the spring, so with this one, I will have enough hours to renew my teaching certificate. If I understand correctly, this will be the last time that I have to do so. Then I will have a permanent certificate. I am taking a class in cyber safety, which seems very pertinent to this time period, since the world is probably spending more time online than ever before. Hopefully, I will walk away from this class with lots of valuable information that I can share with my co-workers, students, and even family members. So, after my break, I return to my computer to complete my assignments for the day.

I did go into school on Friday this week. I turned 51 on my birthday in December, so I just made the cut off for the first round of COVID 19 vaccinations for teachers. At first, I wasn't going to get the shot, but after being exposed the second time and having to quarantine another 14 days, I decided to go ahead and take the vaccine. I am not a fan of shots, but I have to admit that this shot was pretty painless. I hardly felt a thing. As of tonight, the only side effect that I have had was a sore arm, and even that hasn't been too bad. I will get my second shot in three weeks, and then cross my fingers and hope the antibodies do their job well.

Unless something changes between now and then, this will be my last week working from home. We are scheduled to return to in-person classes on Jan. 19. I haven't seen my students face-to-face since Dec. 14, and I will only have this group of students until Jan. 27. We are nearing the end of the first semester. We will have exams and then start a completely new schedule on Jan. 28. I will have these students for the rest of the year.

This week, I will stay busy working on my college class, doing my regular school work, and preparing my semester exams. If the sun comes out and warms things up a bit, I would love to get outside and take a walk. I am sitting and staring at a screen way too much; I need some exercise. Maricia has said that she will walk with me, so I think I will make that a priority this week. The days are getting longer, and I need to squeeze as much as I can into each hour of daylight I have. My mind is getting plenty of exercise, so now my body needs a turn.

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 would very much also like to get me a pair of traveling gloves in Pittsburg. You can get most splendid ones there which you can ride in any place, very pretty, & will never scarcely wear out. I wish to get Almira a box of paints, which I suppose will cost two dollars & a half.

Uncle has engaged a very nice covered carriage to take us to Fairmont in. Which will not I suppose cost us anything. But he will have to hire a horse to put with his own, which will cost us something. Our expenses on the road between this & Fairmont will be very little indeed.

I hope Worthie can meet us in Fairmont, if not we can go to Feddimen. We will expect him to let us know. I am very sorry that my expenses are so great, as I fear you are illy able to afford it. I expect to teach school next winter & if it ever lies in my power, I will try to recompense you for all the trouble I have put you to this summer.

I consider my education now sufficient to entitle me to pretty good wages in teaching. I intend to teach until I get some money ahead again. I have no intention of marrying before I am twenty five. I look back to the playmates of my former years, to those who started in life at nearly the same time that I did, who are not settled in life. Are they as happy as I am? No! There young hearts cannot bear close confinement, wait until more mature years before I settle down for life.

I think Mr Young¹ cannot board at our house after Lydia & I come. We will need the chambers. How is Almira getting along. Oh! I want to see her so much. I will not let her be lonesome when I get there. I hope also to lighten her labors.

I must go & make some pies to last over Sabbath.

Yours in haste,
Amie

(Seven months have passed since Amie's last letter. She has since finished another term at Witherspoon Institute and has been employed as a teacher. She will be 19 in another month.)

Saturday [April 1955]

Dear Mother

You wished me to send you a few lines to let you know how I was pleased. In the first place, I must say there is no place like home. And when I get through this school², I think perhaps I shall never leave home to teach again. When next I teach I will try to board at home, or go to Perry's & board with them. I think it too much for a young & timid girl to go out alone into the cold world. I got very tired coming down.

Mr William Young & wife² wished me to call that night & stay with them, but I felt anxious to get acquainted with Mr. Eib³'s therefore I proceeded. They live some little distance off from the pike. They have a very good house & neatly furnished. Were very friendly indeed. Yet some how, I do not know why, it seemed to me an utter impossibility to be ever satisfied there. Its being off from the pike made me feel as if I was away from the world. Need I say I shed a few tears after retiring to rest.

I felt very tired this morning & concluded not to teach to day, but wait untill tomorrow. Came over to Mr. Young's to day & then "a change came o'er the spirit of my dreams."

Here I feel at home. I never expect to meet with a kinder woman than Mrs William Young. They have a very fine house, everything nice & comfortable, live right on the pike & have a most beautiful view from the porch.

I think I never can be well contented at Mr. Eib's. Mrs. Young said she would just as soon board me as not. Therefore I think I will board here in pleasant weather & in rainy weather at Mr. Eib's.

It is some over a mile from here to the school house but I can walk it very well I think in pleasant weather. The church is in sight here, another great convenience. There are some fine folks here I think. Plenty of beaus they say. I hope I shall get along well.

There is one in whom I put my trust. He will deliver me out of all my troubles. Pray for me Mother, that I may be guided by his own right hand. I am well contented this evening. Write soon, do ma.

Yours
Amie E.

¹Rev. James Young, pastor of French Creek Presbyterian Church, not related to Amie's family; married Rosanna McAvo, Amie's cousin.

²When Amie returned from Butler, Pa., she took a job teaching at Upperville Institute, located on Gnatty Creek in southern Harrison County, near the Barbour-Upshur county line.

³William Young and wife: William and Hettie Young; he was a blacksmith. No relation.

⁴Mr. Eib: probably Jacob. No further information.

(Continued Next Week)

Calhoun County Library

The Calhoun County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wifi will continue to be open. No password is needed.

The number of patrons will be limited to four at a time. No extended stays or social gatherings will be permitted. Patrons may be asked to leave after 15 minutes, if others are waiting to enter the building.

All computer sessions will be limited. Wifi will be available, but inside library time is limited. Library patrons must maintain social distancing of at least six feet at all times. If you feel sick, stay home.

Children are permitted with parent supervision.

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Thursday, Jan. 14: broccoli soup, cheese salad sandwich, fruit, crackers.

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

Monday, Jan. 18: Closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 19: chicken sandwich, ranch potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, Jan. 20: meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, peas, roll.

Thursday, Jan. 21:

hotdog with sauce, cole-slaw, baked beans, juice, whole wheat bun.

Friday, Jan. 22: lasagna, broccoli, fruit, garlic toast.

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.

From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,
Chairman of Public Service Commission

How to Drive Safely Around Big Trucks

Big trucks are a lot less scary when you understand them.

The PSC's Transportation Enforcement officers patrol the state's highways and the turnpike to ensure that commercial motor vehicles, such as semis and buses, are in compliance with safety regulations.

That is only part of the solution. The other part is for private motorists to not cause dangerous situations, when sharing the road with larger vehicles.

There are several key elements to keep in mind. Truck drivers have huge blind spots and semis need more time and space for every maneuver. They cannot stop on a dime.

The most important thing to remember is to stay out of their blind spots. A truck driver's blind spot on the right runs the length of the trailer and extends out three lanes. If you can't see the driver's face in his side mirror, he probably can't see you, and you are in danger.

When passing, make sure the driver can see you, use your turn signal, and always pass on the left. Complete your pass quickly and don't linger beside the truck. Cars can momentarily "disappear" from the driver's view due to blind spots.

After you have passed, allow extra space before returning to the right lane. Only change lanes when you can see both of the truck's headlights in your rearview mirror.

Never crowd a truck or cut directly in front of one. A fully-loaded truck or bus can take 400 feet, more than the length of a football field, to stop.

Avoid passing a truck on a downgrade, because it picks up speed when going downhill. If the truck is passing you, stay to the right and let it go around. Give the truck enough space to safely merge back into the right lane. If you pull in front of a truck and slam on your brakes, it is not going to end well.

Trucks also require extra room for turning, often needing to begin their turn from the middle lane. Pay attention so that you don't block their space.

If you see that a truck plans to turn, stop far enough back so that the driver doesn't have to squeeze past you. Most truck and bus drivers are very good at maneuvering their vehicles, but it's not smart to put them to the test.

Finally, focus on your driving and avoid distractions, such as cell phone use, texting or eating. As always, wear your seatbelt and never drive while excessively tired or while under the influence.

Let's all stay safe out there.

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What State Officials Are Saying About The Return To In-Person Instruction

According to W.Va. Board of Education (WVBE) and Dept. of Education (WVDE), they have reviewed the data and heard the voices of state and national health officials, and believe that West Virginia schools are safe for both students and teachers.

In a news release, the two organizations said that the state is witnessing the fruition of the vaccine rollout to all education staff, as well as the allocation of hundreds of millions of dollars for pandemic relief and recovery for West Virginia schools.

These layered approaches reinforce efforts to return to in-person instruction, with additional precautions beyond the focused mitigations and protocols recently outlined.

During the January meeting, the W.Va. board

Schools Plan To Return To In-Person

Unless there are new changes by the governor, according to superintendent of schools Kelli Whytsell, schools will be remote until returning to in-person instruction on Tuesday, Jan. 19:

"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.

of education will consider additional precautionary measures to allow counties extended flexibilities for the return to in-person instruction.

Many counties have indicated wanting to return to in-person instruction, five days each week, as soon as possible, under the existing protocols.

This approach is the most effective way to educate students and meet their diverse learning and social and emotional needs.

Others, upon discussion with their communities and local leaders, have expressed a desire to return to blended instruction models, until school personnel desiring the vaccine have received the second dose.

In an effort to ensure that student engagement and learning is supported to the fullest extent possible over the coming weeks, president Miller L. Hall will recommend to the state board that counties be permitted to continue blended learning models until school personnel have been fully vaccinated. The endorsement will not include remote learning models.

"As a state board of education, our unwavering commitment remains on the assurance that all counties are moving to full, in-person instruction for all children, said WVBE president Hall: "It is our goal to return West Virginia students to in-person learning and reassure our education employees and parents that it is safe to do so.

"The purpose of this recommendation is not to allow counties to back away from the Jan. 19 return date announced by the governor, but to strengthen the education support structure for our students keeping our eye on getting students back in the building as soon as possible.

"The academic and extended needs of our

students have suffered too much and our schools are the best way to get them back on track."

West Virginia's vaccination plan provides an additional layer of safety for students and teachers returning to school, and will enable the education system to move forward.

"We continue to advocate for the return to full, in-person instruction because our children so desperately need to get back to school," said state superintendent of schools Clayton Burch.

"I respect the ability of local-level decision-making; however, our collective purpose must remain focused to ensure that the constitutionally mandated educational goals of quality and equality are achieved."

If WVBE accepts the recommendation, those counties ready to return to full in-person instruction will begin on Jan. 19, and those wanting to continue with blended instruction can do so until all school employees are vaccinated.

Last week, 9,140 educators and school personnel received the vaccine that was given to employees 50 years of age and older. Distributions continued this week.

"We appreciate the response from our educators and school employees during the first week of the vaccine rollout," said Burch.

"Those who have come out to receive the vaccine are an important part of our recovery efforts as we return to in-person instruction statewide.

"We will continue to work with counties to facilitate a smooth process until all in our school system who want the vaccine have one."

As part of the recently passed federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the state will receive more than \$339 million, which are part of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) round two allocations that counties can use for continuity of operations, pandemic learning loss activities,

and health and safety needs.

WVDE will provide counties with an application to access the funds by Jan. 19. All counties still have access to funds provided through the first round of ESSERF.

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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

4 BEDROOMS +

407 High Street | 4 BR - 3 BA | 2 Master Suites | Central Heating and Cooling | BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC HOME HIDDEN IN THE MIDDLE OF GRANTSVILLE | \$130,000 RECENTLY REDUCED!

204 Roxel Lane | 2.98 Acres +/- | 4 BR - 2 BA | 2,466 Sq. Ft. | Large Attached Garage | HIGH IN THE HILLS WITH A GREAT VIEW OVERLOOKING THE TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE | \$180,000

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

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

58 Hays Street | Ideal for the home mechanic. Large House and connected garage. Located on two very big town lots. | \$40,000

848 Laurel Run Road | Rosedale | 3 BR 2 BATH 1998 Skyline. Used for a summer visits only has never been lived in full time. | \$49,500 UNDER CONTRACT!

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POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCING

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

2715 Sassafras Ridge Road | 3 BR House, City Water, and 5.69 acres +/- | \$65,000 PRICE REDUCED! \$49,500



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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 Saturday, January 30, 2021, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If mailing, must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service no later than mid-night 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.

4tc/12/24-1/14

Personals

WANTED -- Shapely lady, attractive, for LTR in Calhoun County. Woman send photo, phone, address to Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. Woman have car, computer, and house.

4tp/1/14-2/4

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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

Several area folks, relatives of local folks, public officials, etc., have come down with the virus, and some have died.

Someone should ask Dr. Fauci just what he meant when, back in 2017, he said that America would have to face a pandemic in 2020. For certain, he knew that the Big Eared One had sent over \$7 million to the Wuhan Institute of Virology to "study" bat-sourced viruses, and now, Dictator Xi said that the World Health Organization could not come and learn about how the virus was sent all over the planet.

Leveda Wright died. Burial was at Hill Grove. When Michael and Jimmy Dale were small, she lived in Creston.

Dermal Smith, formerly of Creston, died, with burial at Stoney Point.

Robbie Lynch, 62, died in Louisiana. He was the son of Dorothy Lynch and the late Robert Lynch. It was reported that his ashes would be spread over land where he loved to hunt in Louisiana.

Gay Park, 89, who had been in failing health for some time, died after contracting pneumonia. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Harry Belt, and her second husband, Mug Park.

After Harry died, she learned how to drive and went to work in a nursing home in Parkersburg. After Mug's death, she worked with elderly who needed home care. She was active in Burning Springs M.E. Church and had an active youth group.

Nancy Engelke is recovering at home after being a surgical patient at a Marietta hospital. She had a problem after getting home from surgery

and the folks at Minnie Hamilton Health System fixed her up with loving care.

Freddie Bush hauled out several loads of quality logs over the weekend.

EQT is trying to lease world-class oil and gas with a 1/8th net lease.

One would think that someone in state government would have the spine to tell the big companies to treat West Virginia right, inasmuch as the State gets a 20% gross royalty and the rate should be 25% gross. EQT's new management team was supposed to be "landowner friendly."

Southwestern and Equinor won in the U.S. Fourth Circuit when the judges said that they could deduct all sorts of expenses, since the lease was a 14% lease that allowed deductions.

The landowners get taxed by the State on the gross, because the state tax department says, "That's what the law says!"

Some Wirt County folks were among the thousands who were in Washington for the rally. Those who broke into the capitol came prepared to do such, and started before the president's speech was over, and the police got out of the way.

Some suggest that it was a setup to make the president look bad, and that perhaps even the CIA, the international enforcer for the deep state, may have helped.

On the votes on the fraudulent results from certain states, Congressman Mooney, who represents Creston, voted with the citizens and the president, as did Congresswoman Miller. Capito and Congressman McKinley joined with Broadway Joe to go against the state and sided with the deep state, the Wall Street and Silicon Valley plutocrats, and foreign nations.

Broadway Joe indicated that he was okay with the suspension of the First Amendment rights of people that he didn't like.

It has been made clear that one can only say what the rulers say is okay, and some have said how wonderful it is in Communist China, where Christians are persecuted and Moslems are sent to concentration camps, among other things.

There is an online article in *The American Thinker* that discusses the failure of the U.S. education system, with the educators opposed to direct learning, because they know that such works.

The nation's enemies want a dumbed-down populace that is ignorant of history, math, science, etc. How else could one sell stuff like the green new deal, man-made global warming because of CO₂, etc.?

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$51.24/bbl., with condensate, \$31.24, Marcellus and Utica light, \$31.24, and medium, \$51.24.

Courthouse Closed

Calhoun County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Applications Available; Two Have Signed Up

The Town of Grantsville has General Election applications available for mayor, recorder, and five council seats. Election is to be held in June.

Applications may be picked up at the town office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Saturday, Jan. 30.

If returning application by mail, it must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service no later than

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2019-S-0000147 - Calhoun County - WILLIAM G NEELY AND DONNA J NEELY)
To: JAMES MILAM, JAMES MILAM, CAROL MCKAY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

You will take notice that WILLIAM G NEELY AND DONNA J NEELY, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-0000147, LEFTHAND 43 AC SUR, located in WASHINGTON, which was returned delinquent in the name of MILAM JAMES & MCCAY CAROL, 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.	\$ 502.44
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 390.68
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.	\$ 819.92
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 128.25
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.	\$ 1,841.29
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before March 31, 2021, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

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
CLASS II LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

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

Churches are listed alphabetically

KEEPING THE FAITH IN CALHOUN COUNTY

Stoney Point New Hope Church

Altizer Road
Pastor: Garry Bowen
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Sycamore Baptist Church

Mt. Zion - 655-7207
Pastor: Kenneth Gene Satterfield
Sun.: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6 p.m.

Victory Baptist Church

2037 South Calhoun Hwy.
Grantsville - 354-7780
Pastor: Steven Carter
Sun.: Sun. School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth/Family Ministry

Walnut Grove Community Church

Barnes Run
Pastor: Rev. Clark Samples
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed.: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Walnut Memorial Church

Chloe
Pastor: Lester Tanner
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

Walker U.M.C.

Chloe
Pastor: Tim Hickman
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Albert's Chapel U.M.C.
Sand Ridge - 354-6217
Pastor: David Weaver
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11:15 p.m.

Arnoldsburg Community Church
Arnoldsburg
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

Beech U.M.C.
Arnoldsburg - 354-6277
Pastor: Rick Metheny
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Thurs.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Beech Valley U.M.C.
Big Springs
Pastor: Rick Metheny
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday

Bethlehem Baptist Church
East of Grantsville - 354-7519
Pastor: Jim Lynch
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Brooksville Baptist Church
Big Bend - 354-6967
Pastor: Matt Sanders
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Chapel Baptist Church
Nobe - 354-6747

Interim Pastor: Harold Francis
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.
Dinner - 4th Sunday 6 p.m.

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church

White Pine Rd - Latonia
Pastor: Vane Bush
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

Community Baptist Church
Grantsville

Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 p.m.

Cornerstone Praise & Worship

527 Highland St., Grantsville
Pastor: Kevin Church
Sun.: Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6 p.m.

Cremo Community Church

Rowels Run - 354-7394
Sat.: Preaching 7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

Enon Baptist Church
Grantsville

Pastor: John Vannoy
Sun.: Worship 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.

Fairview Freewill Memorial Church

1182 Lower Nicut Rd., Chloe
Pastor: Tom Law - 354-6685
Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church
High St., Grantsville - 354-7574

Pastor: Ron Chesser
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse
Big Bend

Pastor: Mike Doherty
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wed: Worship 7 p.m.
Sat: Worship 7 p.m.

Hur Community Church
Hur, W.Va.

Sun.: Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Knotts Memorial U.M.C.
Grantsville

Pastor: Rick Metheny
Jerry Malona, Assoc. Pastor
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
preaching and Sunday School
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
(2nd/4th at MHHS)
1st-3rd Wed.-Worship 7 p.m.

Leatherbark Community Church
Leatherbark

Pastor: Phil Lawrence
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Louisa Chapel U.M.C.
Arnoldsburg - 655-8245

Pastor: Shelly Mace
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Milo Church
Milo

Pastor: John Meadows
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday
7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday

Minnora U.M.C.
Minnora

Pastor: Tim Hickman
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Mt. Zion U.M.C.
Mt. Zion

Pastor: David Weaver
Sun.: Sunday School 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

Mud Fork Church
Stinson - 655-7509

Pastor: John Fowler
Sun.: Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

New Life Baptist Fellowship

Arnoldsburg - 655-8108
Pastor: Mark Dudley
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

New Testament Baptist Church

Big Springs on Rt. 16
Pastor: Jim Lough
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Afternoon Service 1 p.m.

Orma U.M.C.
Orma - 354-7365

Pastor: Tim Hickman
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.

Pleasant Hill U.M.C.
Pleasant Hill - 354-6277

Pastor: Rick Metheny
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

Prosperity Baptist Church

Leading Creek Road
Pastor: Ken Heiney
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 p.m.

Rush Run Baptist Church
Stumptown

Pastor: John Vannoy
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

Spruce Hollow Church
Yellow Creek

Pastor: Carroll McCauley
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed.: Worship & Bible Study 7 p.m.

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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 Jan. 4
(last complete daily list in July 30 issue):

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	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. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
Jan. 4	91,886	1,456,969	1,396	5.9	13.8
Jan. 5	93,162	1,465,698	1,442	6.0	12.1

Jan. 6	94,678	1,475,570	1,481	6.0	9.1
Jan. 7	96,002	1,491,746	1,518	6.0	8.2
Jan. 8	97,898	1,513,019	1,554	6.1	9.7
Jan. 9	99,778	1,529,971	1,570	6.1	9.5
Jan. 10	101,212	1,541,801	1,582	6.2	8.8
Jan. 11	102,282	1,552,279	1,594	6.2	8.9
Jan. 12	103,203	1,561,215	1,634	6.2	8.8

*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 (1,088), Berkeley (7,597), Boone (1,228), Braxton (633), Brooke (1,654), Cabell (6,101), Calhoun (177), Clay (288), Doddridge (320), Fayette (2,063), Gilmer (506), Grant (882), Greenbrier (1,914), Hampshire (1,175), Hancock (2,200), Hardy (1,011), Harrison (3,742), Jackson (1,411), Jefferson (2,828), Kanawha (9,853), Lewis (663), Lincoln (954), Logan (1,992), Marion (2,580), Marshall (2,433), Mason (1,232), McDowell (1,095), Mercer (3,534), Mineral (2,264), Mingo (1,666), Monongalia (6,157), Monroe (757), Morgan (784), Nicholas (856), Ohio (2,906), Pendleton (410), Pleasants (692), Pocahontas (425), Preston (2,043), Putnam (3,348), Raleigh (3,356), Randolph (1,589), Ritchie (465), Roane (365), Summers (585), Taylor (853), Tucker (403), Tyler (447), Upshur (1,188), Wayne (1,993), Webster (198), Wetzel (833), Wirt (270), Wood (5,857), Wyoming (1,339); 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 Jan. 4 (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. 28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
Jan. 4	21,115,036	360,088	85,657,601	1,855,055
Jan. 5	21,355,530	362,139	86,327,779	1,866,563
Jan. 6	21,588,382	365,740	87,066,148	1,881,518
Jan. 7	21,865,323	370,071	87,864,490	1,896,635
Jan. 8	22,147,357	374,354	88,730,402	1,911,926
Jan. 9	22,469,545	378,297	89,564,330	1,926,663
Jan. 10	22,702,350	381,497	90,264,379	1,938,731
Jan. 11	22,935,762	383,460	90,877,749	1,947,321
Jan. 12	23,152,069	385,464	91,515,287	1,958,473

Cases by states and territories: California 2,738,459, Texas 1,990,204, Florida 1,488,586, New York 1,149,771, Illinois 1,033,526, Ohio 784,957, Georgia 764,499, Pennsylvania 730,773, Tennessee 657,396, North Carolina 629,124, Arizona 627,541, New Jersey 590,162, Michigan 567,682, Indiana 567,338, Wisconsin 551,942, Minnesota 437,552, Missouri 436,461, Massachusetts 432,803, Alabama 404,000, Virginia 403,386, Colorado 362,825, South Carolina 357,654, Louisiana 348,234, Oklahoma 335,247, Maryland 309,686, Utah 307,483, Kentucky 305,706, Iowa 297,301, Washington 271,595, Arkansas 256,344, Nevada 250,249, Kansas 248,646, Mississippi 240,309, Connecticut 213,358, Nebraska 176,026, New Mexico 157,087, Idaho 150,239, Oregon 125,683, South Dakota 103,499, West Virginia 102,282, Rhode Island 100,607, North Dakota 94,830, Montana 86,653, Puerto Rico 83,468, Delaware 65,827, New Hampshire 52,307, Alaska 50,394, Wyoming 47,395, D.C. 31,993, Maine 29,611, Hawaii 23,748, Vermont 9,078; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics To Be Held For Ages 80 & Older

Gov. Jim Justice announced on Tuesday that the W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources and the W.Va. Joint Inter Agency Task Force for COVID-19 vaccines will have COVID-19 vaccine clinics this week through Operation Save Our Wisdom.

The clinics are available for all West Virginians who are 80 years of age and older. Approximately 6,300 vaccines in total will be allocated to the clinics.

The free vaccination clinics will be held in Berkeley, Braxton, Cabell, Greenbrier, Hardy, Harrison, Hancock, Kanawha, Monongalia, Randolph and Wood counties.

Many clinics require appointments as listed below, and walk-ins will be specifically designated as a walk-in clinic.

"As Operation Save Our Wisdom continues to ramp up, I encourage all West Virginians who are age 80 and older to take advantage of the opportunity to receive a life-saving vaccine," said Justice.

"West Virginia continues to lead the nation in vaccine distribution and administration because of the incredible work of our state agencies and local partners, and because West Virginians are choosing to take this safe and effective vaccine."

The closest locations include the following:

(A Braxton County representative said it is open to anyone, but call

ahead to any county for an appointment to be sure.)

Wednesday, Jan. 13:
Kanawha County, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, 200 Civic Center Dr., Charleston. By appointment, call 304-357-5157.

Thursday, Jan. 14:
Braxton County, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Gassaway Baptist Church, 56 Beall Dr., Gassaway. By appointment, call 304-471-2240.

Harrison County, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nathan Goff Armory, 5 Armory Road, Clarksburg. By appointment, call the Harrison County COVID Vaccine Hotline, 304-423-7969.

Wood County, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Elite Center, 2000 1st Ave., Parkersburg. By appointment, call 304-420-1449 (may begin calling at noon on Wednesday for an appointment).

Friday, Jan. 15
Kanawha County, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cabin Creek Clinic at Riverside High School, 1 Warrior Way, Belle. By appointment, call 304-734-2040 (may begin calling at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday for an appointment) or email covid-19vaccine@cchs.wv.org. This location is open to those 80 years of age and older and is not limited to Cabin Creek participants.

For information on COVID-19 vaccination, visit vaccinate.wv.gov.

College News

Marshall

Marshall University has announced the President's List for undergraduate students who have a 4.0 grade point average for at least 12 graded hours.

The list for the fall of 2020 included Cassidy E. Conley of Arnoldsburg and Erica D. Greathouse of Big Bend.

The school's Dean's List for undergraduate students who have at least a 3.3 GPA for 12 graded hours.

The list for the fall of 2020 included Casie B. Wood of Chloe.

WVU-Parkersburg

West Virginia University at Parkersburg has announced its President's and Dean's scholars for the Fall 2020 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List maintained a 3.5 grade point average while earning six or more hours of college credit. The Calhoun County scholars included Mason

Bennett and Mackenzie Holbert of Arnoldsburg and Courtney Lewis of Grantsville.

WVU-P awarded certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees to December 2020 graduates.

Those who attained a 3.50 to 4.00 grade point average earned academic honors as follows: 3.50-3.749, Cum Laude; 3.75-3.99, Magna Cum Laude; and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude.

The December graduates included: Andrea Frymier, CAS Child Development, Big Springs, and Monica Heiney, BAS, Child Development, Cum Laude, Grantsville.

Solid Waste

The Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority's monthly meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m. Call 1-978-990-5000, and use access code 9206.

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Review of 2020

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

July

Calhoun County Park hosted a concert and fireworks on Saturday, July 4, that featured a new amphitheatre stage.

There were events from noon to 10 p.m., followed by a fireworks display that was said to be double the previous year's show.

There were also jam sessions all day and vendors were offered free space. Featured in the concert was John Richards.

Jimmie and Evelyn Yoak McCormick of Phillips Run, Grantsville, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 10. They were married at the home of her late parents, Loyal and Monnie Fortney Yoak of Norman Ridge, Big Bend. Jim is the son of the late Elwood and Dollie Ayers McCormick of Barnes Run, Roane County.

The initial round of accepted students into Glenville State College's Home Grown Scholarship Initiative were announced.

Jenna Milliron of Big Springs and Adam Parsons of Grantsville were recommended to be part of the program.

Milliron planned to major in chemistry education (9-adult). Parsons planned to major in mathematics education (5-adult).

After numerous meetings, studies and surveys, Calhoun County superintendent of schools Kelli Whytsell presented a rough draft plan for "Re-entry to Recovery 20-21" to board members for their inspection and comments at its July meeting.

She reminded everyone that it was a "fluid document" that may need to be added to and updated as more information becomes available.

"If the State of Emergency is lifted by the governor," said Whytsell, the Calhoun County Re-entry committees are recommending that Calhoun County Schools start school with in-person classes five days a week for all students.

After West Virginia experienced its highest daily total of new COVID-19 cases over

the weekend, Gov. Jim Justice announced that he had issued an executive order that will establish a statewide indoor face covering requirement.

The order requires all West Virginians age nine and older to wear a face covering at all indoor public places, where six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept. re-opened its office, which is now at the rear of 378 Main St., Grantsville (Family Court building). It is in the former State Farm office, with entrance and parking at the rear of the building, off Mill St.

The Grand Jury of Calhoun County returned 11 indictments on July 7.

Coronavirus cases on July 7 in the U.S. went over 3,000,000 cases, with 4,000,000 by July 22.

Worldwide cases eclipsed 12,000,000 on July 9 and 16,000,000 on July 26.

West Virginia cases went over 5,000 on July 19 and 6,000 on July 28. The 100th death in the state came on July 17.

By the end of July, Calhoun had six positive



JULY -- Jude Walker won the U.S. Kids Golf's Charleston Tour Championship and qualified for the 2020 U.S. Kids Golf's World Tournament at Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina.

cases. With the daily number of new COVID-19 cases continuing to climb, the governor announced on July 8 that he and State education leaders were targeting Sept. 8 as the date to resume student instruction in school buildings in all 55 West Virginia counties.

Even with Justice changing the date of school re-openings, Calhoun superintendent Whytsell was prepared for the July board of education meeting, with an updated Re-Entry Plan that had also been approved by Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept.

After Whytsell discussed the changes and updates of the plan, board members approved the document, which is "fluid" and subject to change leading up to the Sept. 8-11 "Phase-In Re-Entry Schedule."

Whytsell also emphasized other options available, in addition to in-person attendance. Those options were included in the comprehensive and detailed "Re-Entry Plan," which required nearly two pages for publication in the Chronicle.

Julie Sears, OES/911 director, said that she had done research on the \$100,000 "Heroes Pay" that was sent to each county by the governor.

She said that she was told that the funds cannot be used for workforce bonuses, but that it might be used for "hazard pay."

Most agreed that there is still no solid information from the State on how these funds may be spent.

Sears said that she wanted to reward the EMS employees for their dedication and sacrifice as front-line workers before the end of the year, if the funding can be found to do so. She asked for \$5,000 for each of her 10 employees.

Jude Walker, son of Matt and Sarah Walker of Mt. Zion, won the 2020 U.S. Kids Golf's Charleston Local Tour Championship and qualified for the 2020 U.S.



JULY -- These masks were offered by Calhoun Youth football and cheerleading as a fundraiser.



Kids Golf's World Tournament at Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina on July 30-Aug. 1 on the Mid Pines Course.

Calhoun resident Burl Simers was selected to be inducted into the Class of 2020 West Virginia Drag Racers Hall of Fame.

Former U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Kenneth Ray Bailey of Minnora was surprised by a group of friends and family, who honored him with a Quilt of Valor (QOV) presentation.

Statistics showed that Calhoun was third in percent of turnout among area counties (43.5%), and first in absentee voting (58.2%, third in State) for the Primary Election.

This, in turn, led to last in Election Day voting (31.5%) and in-person voting (41.8%), which was said to be the idea behind easier absentee voting in the Primary (protecting voters and poll workers during the pandemic).

Calhoun ended July as 43rd (42.5%) of 55 counties in households reporting Census data, with Grantsville coming in at 158th (40.6%) of 232 towns in West Virginia.

August

COVID-19 cases in August showed the State going from 7,000 on Aug. 4 to 10,000 on Aug. 30, with 200 deaths.

The U.S. went from 5,000,000 on Aug. 7 to 6,000,000 on Aug. 27, with 183,000 deaths.

Worldwide cases went past 20,000,000 on Aug. 12 and 25,000,000 on Aug. 30, with 848,000 deaths.

By the end of August, Calhoun County cases were at 10.

The Chronicle printed 19 Virtual School frequently asked questions and the answers to them.

Superintendent Whytsell updated information on virtual school. As of Aug. 4, the parents of approximately 200 students had filled out an online form of interest for virtual school at Arnoldsburg, Pleasant Hill, and Calhoun Middle/High School.

Virtual school was to start on Sept. 8, even if in-person schooling was delayed again. If a parent signed up a child for virtual school, the parent had 14 calendar days or 10 school days to change their mind.

The pandemic changed the way we live in many ways, and caused some long-held traditions to be put on hold as a safety precaution, including the annual Mt. Zion Community Park Ox Roast.

Members of the park board made the difficult decision to cancel what would have been the 61st annual ox roast because of ongoing crowd-size limitations and health and safety concerns. The ox roast is the park's largest fundraiser and raises funds for utility payments, lawn mowing, and park maintenance throughout the year.

The governor released the first West Virginia Re-Entry Metrics and Protocols map, which showed Calhoun as one of 27 green counties, along with 23 yellow, four orange, and one red.

CM/HS sports teams began practicing for their respective seasons, as did Calhoun Youth football teams and cheerleading squads.

The general public, students, and teachers will not be allowed to attend games, unless they are deemed essential, and have a role in making the games happen, with the following guidelines:

Designated green: Immediate family household members; yellow: Parents only; orange: No games played, only practices; and red: No games or practices.

The superintendent reported that the supplemental WVDE grant for \$1.2 million that Calhoun County Schools had applied for was not approved for the full amount, but Priority 2 of the grant for \$355,392 was partially funded for \$262,673.

Priority 2 was for technology, and the funds approved helped with (Continued on Page 10)



JULY -- Burl Simers was selected to be inducted into the Class of 2020 West Virginia Drag Racers Hall of Fame.



JULY -- Fireworks light up the fire department vehicles and silhouette the playground on top of the hill at Calhoun County Park, where July 4 was celebrated with fireworks.



JULY -- Calhoun Youth cheerleaders (above) and football players (below) began practicing for the 2020 season



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Review of 2020

(Continued from Page 9) additional computers and with additional internet hot spots.

She reported that the maintenance shop was full of cleaning supplies and the bus garage had eight pallets of air purifiers.

Thermal facial temperature scanners were in, and staff and teachers received demonstrations on their use. The scanners use facial recognition and time stamping.

Water bottle filling stations were operational at all schools. Water bottles are filled automatically by sensors.

Plans were in place for computer tablets for pre-school and kindergarten students, and devices (computer, laptop, etc.) for other in-person students.

Requests for virtual schooling was now at 218 students--approximately 25 percent of expected student enrollment.

Whytsell also reported that wi-fi hot spots were

installed in school parking lots, so that students could access the internet for classwork.

She said that this was accomplished through Gov. Justice's Kids Connect Initiative, which was designed to support the learning needs of children during time outside of school hours. The changes were for the safety of students and staff.

In open letters, superintendent of schools Kelli Whytsell and Minnie Hamilton Health System CEO Stephen Whited reported positive COVID cases connected to their respective facilities.

September

September COVID-19 statistics showed:

West Virginia passed 14,000 cases on Sept. 20 and neared 16,000 by Sept. 30, with 350 deaths.

The U.S. was at 7,400,000 cases by Sept. 30, with 210,000 deaths.

Worldwide cases

jumped to 33,900,000 by Sept. 30, with over 1,014,000 deaths.

Calhoun County went from 10 COVID-19 cases on Sept. 1 to 19 cases on Sept. 8, and 25 by the end of the month.

The increase moved the county from green (3.0 or less) to yellow (3.1 to 9.9), and to orange (10 to 24.9), by education and extracurricular guidelines returned the county to yellow.

Open houses were held at county schools during the second week of September, with all students reporting to school on Friday, Sept. 10, for in-person learning. First day for pre-kindergarten was on Sept. 14.

The following announcement was issued by Calhoun County Schools:

"Calhoun County had a very successful start to the school year. The administrators, teachers, and service personnel were very excited to see our students. The students received some new equipment to use this year. In-person students received a laptop with a bookbag or an I-pad to carry it in. Each virtual student received a laptop or I-pad in which to do their virtual lessons."

The CCHS varsity volleyball team lost its opening match at St. Marys, 3-0.

The Grand Jury of Calhoun County returned 11 indictments during the September term of court.

The Calhoun County Youth livestock program invited businesses and individuals to participate in the 2020 4-H and FFA Youth Livestock Sale. The show and sale was held virtual due to the



SEPTEMBER -- Hunter Schoolcraft (56) holds off one blocker while going after a Valley fumble in Calhoun's opening loss, 33-26. Teammates are, left to right, Levi Allen (70), Logan Smith (50), Levi Richards (11) and Shane Dooley (9).

pandemic.

Just as Calhoun returned to yellow on the education map, the governor announced the addition of a new color --gold--to the School Alert System map, which determines the level of scholastic, athletic, and extracurricular activities permitted in each county for each particular week.

The last School Alert System map of September showed 39 counties green, including Calhoun. It was one of the last maps to have that many in the green.

Superintendent Whytsell reported at the Sept. 23 board of education meeting that the school system's debt had been erased.

In a follow up letter and 14-page financial report submitted on Sept. 25, Whytsell wrote, in part, "This financial report will show that Calhoun County Schools no longer has a deficit."

She said that the deficit



SEPTEMBER -- Trevor Mayle (10) gains short yardage before being tackled in the Calhoun B game with Braxton.



SEPTEMBER -- Calhoun's Christee Craddock (22) sets up teammate Joselynn Yeager (16) at the net in the CCHS volleyball team's home opener.

was erased in three years, instead of the projected 20 years.

Whytsell also reported during the board meeting on the attendance after three full days.

Numbers on Sept. 22 were as follows:

Arnoldsburg Elementary, 102 in-person, 66 virtual; Pleasant Hill, 113 in-person, 66 virtual; Calhoun Middle/High School, 360 in-person, 164 virtual.

Total number of students was down 62 from a year earlier.



AUGUST -- Shown above and below are some of the products that were available at Grantsville Farmer's Market each Thursday at Wayne Underwood Field.

Gambling Helpline

Along with the usual resolutions to lose weight, stop procrastinating, and get organized, helpline staff on the state's 1-800GAMBLER program hear people with a different type of goal this time of year.

People who call the helpline are desperately trying to stop gambling. Studies show that about 1 in 50 West Virginians may be dealing with a gambling problem. By the time someone calls the line, they are often deep in debt and have alienated their family.

Sheila Moran, director of communications for Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia, said that this year may pose more of a challenge for those trying to quit than usual:

"Risk factors for problem gambling include experiencing depression and anxiety, and feeling isolated. We know that during the pandemic many people are reporting increases in mental health issues. Certainly, people are more isolated now."

Moran noted that another issue that may make it more difficult to stick to that resolution is the availability of online and mobile gambling.

Moran said, "In the past, callers have told us that they would change their driving route so they wouldn't go past the place where they gambled. Now, more people are gambling using their phone, so avoidance is more difficult."

She said there is a

significant increase in people who are calling about online day trading and mobile apps for sports betting and casino games.

She urges anyone who wants to stop or decrease their gambling to call 1-800-GAMBLER, where they can get immediate assistance. Callers speak with a helpline counselor based in Charleston, and they are referred to one of the network's 60-plus specially trained gambling addiction counselors.

They receive a free two-hour consultation. Funds are available for those who do not have insurance to pay for additional treatment. Information is available by calling 1-800-GAMBLER or visiting www.1800gambler.net.

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Are you or your loved ones feeling anxious, overwhelmed or emotionally exhausted?

First Choice Services has launched a 24/7 emotional strength helpline called HELP304 to help navigate the uncertain and unprecedented times.

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