



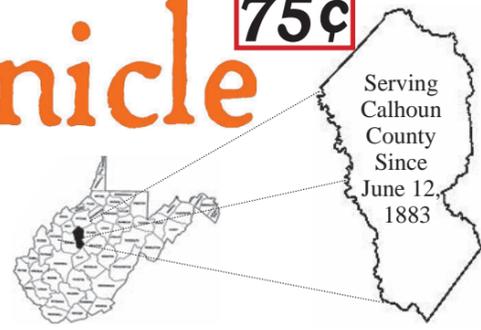
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### GOP Leads State By .31% Democrats Outnumber Republicans, 2,008-1,406 In County Registrations

According to the latest voter registration numbers from the secretary of state's office, West Virginia has 448,924 (36.81%) Republican residents, 444,609 (36.46%) Democratic residents, and 275,469 (22.59%) no-party residents.

Remaining registered voters are: 39,295 (3.22%), Other; 8,922 (0.73%), Libertarian; and 2,323 (0.19%), Mountain.

The total number of West Virginians registered is 1,219,542.

Calhoun County numbers are as follows:

Democrats	2,008	(41.92%)
Republicans	1,406	(29.35%)
No Party	955	(19.94%)
Other	389	(8.12%)
Libertarian	25	(0.52%)
Mountain	7	(0.15%)

Total registered voters, 4,790

Democratic and Republican numbers in surrounding counties are as follows, including total of all registrations in the respective counties:

	Demo- cratic	%	Repub- lican	%	Total Regis. Voters
Braxton	4,076	48.18%	2,491	29.44%	8,460
Clay	2,566	45.00%	1,712	30.02%	5,703
Gilmer	2,280	48.81%	1,255	26.87%	4,671
Ritchie	918	16.02%	3,381	59.01%	5,730
Roane	2,851	31.36%	3,604	39.64%	9,091
Wirt	1,470	33.45%	1,854	42.20%	4,394

Total of seven county area,  
16,169 37.74% 15,703 36.66% 42,839  
Information from secretary of state's office.

### Grantsville Council Has Special Meeting; Finalizes Agreements With Minnie Hamilton Health

Grantsville town council approved several items under new business at a special meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m.

A letter was introduced from Steve Whited, CEO of Minnie Hamilton Health System, that read in-part:

"Please accept this letter as a memorialization of Minnie Hamilton Health System's commitment to enter into two lease agreements with the Town of Grantsville:

--Storage space -- lower

floor of municipal building [1,009 sq.ft.], as described in lease agreement. 5-year lease totaling \$22,500. We would prepay the entire \$22,500.

--Apartment lease -- apartment B lease as described in the Town of Grantsville apartment lease agreement. 5-year lease totaling \$33,000. We would prepay the entire \$33,000.

Our commitment to prepay the leases would allow for the Town of Grantsville to utilize such funds towards the payment

of roof replacement. As we have discussed previously, the roof replacement project total budget is approximately \$94,100, as indicated in the proposals from Faith Builders Construction Co. (upper roofs for town buildings \$77,200, lower section of town building \$16,900). MHHS total prepayment of the lease would equal \$55,845, leaving a balance of \$38,225."

Council approved moving forward with the leases with MHHS after a few modifications.

The council has been considering using funds from \$47,000 in a special account set aside from rent paid to the town by Tudor's over several years, and \$7,000 in the town's coal severance fund, to finish financing the roof project.

The council also approved a memorandum of funding assistance presented by John C. Stump of Steptoe & Johnson from the West Virginia State Revolving Fund (SRF) program totaling \$285,000 for the town sewer project, which would have a forgivable interest rate.

Council also approved the first drawdown resolution for funding assistance.

The next regular meeting of the council will be held on Monday, Mar. 1, at 4 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 18

Amnesty Day at Calhoun County Library; bring back overdue items and pay no late fees.

Vaccination clinic for ages 65-plus, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Calhoun Middle/High School, Front Loop, 50 Underwood Circle, Mt. Zion. By appointment only: call 1-833-734-0965 or visit [vaccinate.wv.gov](http://vaccinate.wv.gov).

County commission meets as board of review and equalization, courthouse little courtroom, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Bingo, Grantsville Lions Club, 103 Stump St., 6 p.m.; COVID-19 guidelines will be in place.

Monday, Feb. 22

Grantsville Order of Eastern Star meets, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Free state testing, Minnie Hamilton Health Center clinic, 9 a.m. to noon.

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### Just Because The County Is Safer Than Most Is Not A Reason To Skip The Vaccine COVID Vaccination Allotment Reduced For Calhoun County

Minnie Hamilton Health System released the following information on Tuesday:

COVID Vaccination Allotment Reduced For Calhoun County Citizens of Calhoun County:

The original allotment of 400 doses of the COVID vaccine for Calhoun County residents was reduced this week to 120 as a result of limited resident registrations on the state registry system, Everbridge.

To ensure future vaccination allotments are not reduced, we are

asking all residents above the age of 16, please go to the website

[www.vaccinate.wv.gov](http://www.vaccinate.wv.gov)

or call the toll free number

1-833-734-0965

to register for your vaccination. Specifically, those residents that are 60 years or older.

It is imperative that quick action is taken on this request. Please communicate this need to your family members or friends who may not have access to these postings.

### Student Presentation Highlights School Board's Virtual Meeting

Due to potentially bad weather, the Calhoun County board of education met through TEAMS on Monday at 4 p.m.

Coyote Beautiful, simulated work place, and Riverside Health Care, simulated work place, at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center presented information about their project.

Representing the center were Jonathan McCormick, Culinary Arts instructor; Ronda Williams, R.N., Health Science instructor; and Traci Evans, Embedded English instructor.

Student representatives from Coyote Beautiful included Tori Arnold, business and marketing director; Gabe Metz, head chef; Danny Kargol, A.M. sous-chef; Heather

McCormick, P.M. sous-chef; and Jean Lovejoy, A.M. shift leader.

From Riverside Health Care were Kaylin Parsons, assistant nurse manager, and Samantha Tanner, nurse manager.

Arnold, who is also the Calhoun Gilmer Innovations executive creative director, spoke about their project-based learning endeavor called "Home Town Healthy" that will lead to a cookbook.

Arnold said, "(It) will hopefully help the diabetic population in the communities of both Calhoun and Gilmer counties."

Coyote Beautiful and Riverside Health have been creating and testing recipes that will go into the cookbook. The Innovation

group has created a rough draft layout of the project.

One of the extensions that is planned for the project is creating health food recipe videos that will be posted on YouTube.

According to Kargol, Embedded English has been an important part of the project--from creating and planning the story behind each recipe to making sure each is clear and concise.

Lovejoy said that the students have discussed traveling to Committee on Aging facilities, after COVID levels are back down to manageable levels.

They also hope to establish a cooking channel on YouTube to help those who purchase a cookbook (Continued on Page 2)

## Operation Save Our Wisdom Vaccination Clinics

[vaccinate.wv.gov](http://vaccinate.wv.gov)

### COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics For Ages 65-Plus, Feb. 17-19

On Sunday, Gov. Jim Justice, W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources, and W.Va. Joint Interagency Task Force for COVID-19 Vaccines announced the following COVID-19 vaccine clinics that will be held in all 55 counties through Operation Save Our Wisdom.

This week's clinics are available for West Virginians who are 65 years of age and older. All clinics are listed as full, as they are utilizing existing waitlists. Individuals will be notified if they are selected for an available slot to receive a vaccine in their area.

West Virginians can continue to pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccine through the West Virginia COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System at [www.vaccinate.wv.gov](http://www.vaccinate.wv.gov).

Wednesday, Feb. 17  
Clay County, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clay County High School, 1 Panther Dr., Clay.

Thursday, Feb. 18  
Calhoun County, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Calhoun

Middle/High School, frontloop, 50 Underwood Circle, Mt. Zion.

Ritchie County, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ritchie County 4-H Camp, 4-H Camp Road, Harrisville.

Wood County, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., WVU-Parkersburg Early Learning Center, 300 Campus Dr., Parkersburg.

Friday, Feb. 19  
Braxton County, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gassaway Baptist Church, 56 Beall Dr., Gassaway.

Gilmer County, 9 a.m. to noon, Sue Morris Sports Complex, 1294 U.S. Highway 33E, Glenville.

Roane County, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., City of Spencer Armory, 204 East Main St., Spencer.

### Calhoun 17th In Growth

The West Virginia secretary of state's office has announced statistics for businesses statewide during January and for the last 12 months.

Calhoun County netted one new business in January (now at 181) and six total for the past 12 months.

Area county gains or declines were as follows:

	Net Bus. Jan.	Net 2/20- 1/21	Total Bus.	Gain or Decline %	State Rank
Wirt	4	10	150	7.14%	5th
Roane	3	30	504	6.33%	8th
Braxton	6	15	423	3.68%	16th
Calhoun	1	6	181	3.45%	17th
Ritchie	2	4	424	0.95%	33rd
Gilmer	1	-2	239	-0.83%	45th
Clay	-1	-2	192	-1.03%	48th

Wirt County led the state in the percentage of new business registration growth for January with a total of four new businesses, a 2.76% increase.

Statewide, West Virginia registered 13,338 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from Feb. 1, 2020, to Jan. 31, 2021.

The net number of new jobs, or the growth/decline for the State for that period was not announced.

# OBITUARIES

## LENA LENORA GOAD

Lena Lenora Goad, 91, of Clay, died Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown. She was born in Mullins, the daughter of the late Joseph and Melvina Wood Moran. Surviving are three children, Gloria Nicholas, Marsha Cottrell and Heith Goad; six grandchildren: Cory Cottrell, Nicole Buckhanan, Christopher Goad, Drue Goad, Sara Queen and Lauren Posey; and two great-grandchildren, Chance and Brenton Cottrell. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Omer Heith Goad, Sr. Private graveside service was held at Goad Family Cemetery.

## ALBERT WILLIAM IDE

Albert William Ide, 78, of Columbus, Ohio, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, at St. Ann's Hospital, Westerville, Ohio. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of the late Albert and Violet Hendricks Ide. He was a U.S. Army veteran and attended college in Marietta, Ohio, for business.



Surviving are his wife of 19 years, Mary Richards; five children, William, Dana, Timothy, Lora and Priscilla, and their spouses; several grandchildren; and three step-children, Connie, Malcomb and Jeff. Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg. Burial was in King Cemetery, Nicut.

## WILDA LEA BARTON

Wilda Lea Barton, 85, of Glenville, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, at Glenville Center. She was born in Gilmer County, the daughter of the late John and Irene Smith Furr. Surviving are one daughter, Cheryle Cogar of Lost Creek; one brother, Dean Furr; twin sister, Wilma Furr Jamison; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Troy Barton, whom she married in July 1953; one brother, Denzil Furr; and two sisters, Wanda Furr Krauss and Willa Jean Bourn. Private service was held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with burial in Meadowlane Cemetery, Glenville.

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

## ETTA METZ COLLINS

Etta Metz Collins, 89, of Norton, Ohio, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021. She was born in Euclid, the daughter of the late William Festus Metz and Locie Cottrell Metz. She was sent to live with various relatives, who taught her how to work hard and have fun. She introduced her children to church and to a relationship with God and Jesus. She and her husband sang in the choir and the family attended Sunday School and church. She took classes by mail to get her GED.



Surviving are her husband of 68 years, Junior Collins; two daughters, Linda Elbon and Anita Sollitto; two sons, Ron Collins and Brad Collins; and five grandchildren, Mike, Wayne, Christina, Lisa and Erica.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bert Metz and Russell Metz, and three sisters, Opal Bartley, Elva Filkins and Thelma Yarger.

In honor of her desire to help feed those in need, donations may be made to your local food pantry in her name.

## Student Presentation--

(Continued from Page 1) to follow the recipes step-by-step.

She said that a launch party will be planned at the career center in the future.

Parsons said that the project is an amazing opportunity for students to help expand the community's knowledge of diabetes. Recipes have been created for a healthy lifestyle.

Parsons said, "I think this is a great project that creates and opens many doors through opportunities to each student. We are very excited for the outcome."

Superintendent Kelli Whytsell and the board members expressed admiration for the students' presentation and project.

Underreports, Whytsell said that Calhoun County Schools had requested a little over \$5 million from the School Building Authority for work on an HVAC unit and roof repairs at Calhoun Middle/High School.

Since SBA has requests for \$145 million in statewide projects, and only \$35 million to give out, the project was broken down into three phases of \$930,000, \$3 million, and \$250,000, with hopes that at least a portion of the project will be approved.

Under old business, the following items were approved:

--Policies: Chapter: Instruction; Title: Valedictorian/Salutatorian/Honor Graduates; and Chapter: Students; Title: Title IX Sexual Harassment.

--Leave of absence (revised): Lori Taylor (Jan. 25 to Feb. 26).

Items approved under new business:

--Finance: General fund invoices, \$541,016; supplements, \$0; transfers, \$372,439; January financial statement; Quarterly school finance reports (AES, PHS, CM/HS), October-December.

--Homeschool requests: parents Billy and Stephani Farley, age 7; parent Vicki Shaver, age 9; parent Lorissa Stewart, 9th grade.

--Policies (out for comment): Chapter: Finance; Title: Purchasing Card Policy.

--Surplus equipment: baker's rack and pans; milk cooler; slicer.

Personnel items approved:

--Termination of Contract Per Service Substitute County Policy: Samantha Thomas, substitute custodian; Brandie Casteel, substitute cook and substitute custodian.

--Resignations: professional, Jennifer Sang, social studies, CM/HS; Ralph Martin, drivers education, PE/Health, CTE teacher,

CM/HS; service, Jony Harding, substitute cook; Erica Falls, substitute custodian; extra-curricular (ASPIRE), R. Scott Golin-sky.

--Retirements: service, Timothy Abel, bus operator; Cheryl Jarvis, executive secretary (central); Debra Goff, secretary III, PHS; Sheryl Stevens, secretary III/finance secretary, CM/HS.

--Employment: professional, Anntwinette (Annie) Fox, vocational agriculture teacher, CM/HS; Vicki Hardway, elementary teacher, PHS; Donna Fox, substitute teacher, county; service, Anthony Dean, Jennifer Hoskins, substitute custodians (pending background checks); Anthony Dean, Jennifer Hoskins, substitute cook (pending background checks).

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, Mar. 15, 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion office.

## Calhoun County Green For 11th Straight Day

Information from DHHR showed Calhoun as green for the 11th straight day.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, there was one other green county. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, there were 19 other counties in the State's safest zone.

The last time there was a red county was on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The percent positive for Calhoun is 0.87, the lowest in the state. The county had only one positive case reported in the past week, bringing the total to 218. The infection rate is 4.02, also the lowest in West Virginia.

Surrounding counties showed the following increases in positive cases (total): Braxton, 7 (764); Clay, 9 (370); Gilmer, 19 (679); Ritchie, 14 (599); Roane, 8 (485); and Wirt, 7 (340).

The 65 new cases was the lowest weekly total for the seven counties since Nov. 3 (63). Since that date, the seven-county area had been averaging 208 cases per week.

Tuesday's report also showed 10 counties as yellow, with 16 gold, 9 orange, and 0 red.

West Virginia cases on the year totaled 128,117, with 2,216 deaths. There were 2,995 cases and 66 deaths in the past week.

Nationally, California, which leads in cases by state with 3,487,988, saw positive tests fall again to 67,000, compared to 157,000 two weeks ago.

## Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

For those who have wanted to see winter in all of its glory, look outside your window.

Winter storms started cycling through earlier this month, coming from the west coast and spreading all the way across the nation, leaving a winter wonderland in their wake, along with massive power outages, tornadoes, and large swaths of severe ice damage, before going out into the Atlantic Ocean.

These storms are lining up in the Pacific Ocean, one behind the other, not leaving much time for hard-hit areas to begin to recover before they are slammed by a repeat of the winter storm, much like the week before. Some areas are starting their week with one winter storm and then ending their week with another.

Down in the holler, we had the beginning of an ice storm that would probably have been worse than the ice storm of 2003, except for one thing, the temperature rose to 32.4 just after dark Monday, and stayed above the freezing mark all night. The rain/freezing rain was coming down hard and lasting until we went to bed.

We heard two trees crash down about an hour apart on Monday evening, but I cannot walk around the holler to see where they were standing, due to all of the ice and snow covering in every direction. My ankle does not want to get broken again.

Tuesday morning dawned with a rising barometer and light snow falling to cover the ice with a deceptive blanket of snow, making

it difficult to ascertain where to put one's feet.

This has been one of the stormiest Februarys that I can recall. Large areas of the country have been under winter storm or ice storm warnings repeatedly, with only a few days separating the storms.

In Calhoun County, we have been lucky enough to escape the worst of the storms, so far. There is, of course, another storm due here for the end of this week, and I sincerely hope that our luck holds out and we are hit by a glancing blow and left alone for most part. I have my fingers crossed.

Future forecasts for the end of February call for warmer, more reasonable weather, with temperatures rising into the 50s and maybe even the 60s.

With the exception of the sloppy mud, we can all look forward to more spring like weather.

I had to be very careful taking down our sunflower seed feeder for a refill, since it was encased in ice and, therefore, very hard to hold onto. Even the suet cake's wire cage was covered in ice that had to be broken before it could be opened and refilled. The birds have been feverishly hitting the feeders since all of this stormy weather has been occurring. There sure are a lot of them depending upon our generosity, which makes us happy to oblige.

Since they bring us so much pleasure each and every day, the least we can do is help supply them with the energy required to amuse us.

## Protect Animals

W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture commissioner Kent Leonhardt is encouraging farmers, as well as pet owners, to take the necessary precautions to protect their animals during winter weather.

"Good planning can save lives and property," said Leonhardt. "Our goal is to reduce property damages and risk of injury to producers and their livestock."

Before freezing temperatures or heavy snow fall hit, take precautions to keep your family, property, and animals out of harm's way:

--Move equipment and hay bales closer to animals.

--Check your livestock and pets to make sure they have access to safe areas, clean water, and food.

--Inspect your roofs and do minor repairs if needed.

--Make sure you have fuel for your generator, saws, tractor, and other equipment.

--Make sure your chainsaw is ready and in working order.

--Make sure your livestock have access to adequate grass and feed for several days, as you might not be able to start machinery.

--Ensure all animals, including pets, have proper shelter and food including adequate heat.

"Livestock use more energy in cold weather and benefit from an increased amount of quality feed. This is especially important for any pregnant livestock during periods of sub-zero temperatures," said Leonhardt.

For information, call Animal Health, 558-2214.

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# This Week In History

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

## 1921, 100 years ago

N.H. Rader of Brooksville was here the latter part of last week enroute to Steer Creek with a load of pipe for Eureka Pipe Line Co.

Mrs. Arlan Burns, who was called to Brooksville by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Thelma Bower, returned home on Friday. Miss Bower is slightly improved.

Mrs. J.W. Pell, who has spent the greater part of the winter in Kansas, returned to her home here last week. She was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pell, who will spend some time here.

William Bell, wife and son, of Clarksburg, were the over Sunday guests of D.W. Shock and family. The son attracted a great deal of attention with a wireless outfit that he brought here with him and had in his uncle's office. He is a high school student, 15 years old, and has taken up the wireless system himself, and is now able to send and receive messages with accuracy.

Contractor Ome Howard spent a few hours here on Sunday. He recently completed the Laura V. Ash No. 4 in the Boogerhole field, which is good for 35 barrels after being shot. He is drilling a well at the mouth of Big Root on the Sadie Ferrell farm and another string will be moved to the Ball farm on Bull River. All these are wells for Godfrey L. Cabot.

W.H. Bickel finished his Bennett well last week, and it was pronounced dry in the Injun Sand. He will move the tools and material to the Hamilton farm in the same neighborhood, where he will drill a well for the Hamilton brothers. The well is located in the woods on the hill east of town.

Okey Ball, the local master plumber, is building a pretty residence on Court Street, near the hotel. It will be occupied when finished by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ball, unless the owner has intentions along the matrimonial line that we are not informed of.

## 1946, 75 years ago

Probably one of the largest business transactions that has occurred in the town of Grantsville in recent years took place last week when the Wiant & Barr Store, known as the largest store in Calhoun County for over 40 years, transferred their store building, located at the center of Market Street, together with their entire line of merchandise, to G.A. Richards, Carl Richards and Dale Snider. The store will be run under the firm name of G.A. Richards Store Company, and will be under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Snider.

The new owners are highly qualified to take over this store, since they have been connected with the mercantile business for the past several years, and have the name of being very successful people.

## 1971, 50 years ago

The "fabulous" Jean Madrid is scheduled to return to Grantsville on Saturday night, as live wrestling will make a return appearance at the Calhoun County High School gym. The "fabulous one" is scheduled to team with the Cuban Assassin No. 1 against Bobby Blane and Russ Martin, newcomers to West Virginia from Milan Park, Michigan. Blane and Martin are former holders of the Midwestern tag team championship belt. The Blane-Martin team will meet the Assassin-Madrid team in a "no-holds-barred" best two-of-three falls in the main event.

In the semi-final match, Igor Niko-M., the "Mad Russian," will face Bobby Pico in a grudge match. The Russian has accused Pico of running from him in Bluefield, but Pico has denied this action.

Owen "Tennessee Tornado" Henley will not make the trip to Calhoun due to Madrid's name being on the card and the intense dislike between Madrid and Henley, ever since Madrid's billy goat mysteriously died and Madrid blamed Henley for foul play. Maybe it should be called goat play or just "kidding around."

## WVDE Seeks Partners

W.Va. Dept. of Education is seeking partnerships with organizations across the state to help feed children and provide supervised activities this summer.

When school is out of session during the summer months, community programs and organizations are vital to ensuring children in West Virginia are still receiving the nutrition they need, especially in low-income areas.

County boards of education, local government agencies, and other non-profit organizations can participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which ensures that children (ages 18 and under) in lower-income areas continue to receive free, nutritious meals during the summer.

This is a time of the year when they do not have access to the programs available during the school year, like the School Breakfast Program or National School Lunch Program.

"Supporting summer feeding sites in your com-

munity is one of the most important things you can do to ensure no child goes hungry this summer," said W.Va. superintendent of schools Clayton Burch.

"Children require consistent, high-quality nutrition year-round, as their young bodies and minds continue to develop. We want to make certain that every child returns to the classroom in the fall ready to learn."

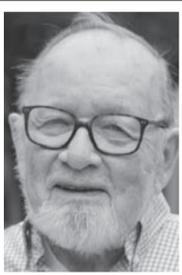
Participating organizations must be non-profit entities, and may include schools; local, municipal or county governments; libraries; summer camps; youth sports programs; police and fire stations; or places of worship.

Organizations approved to participate in the federal program are responsible for managing the sites that provide meals to children.

Organizations interested in becoming a 2021 summer sponsor should contact Cybele Boehm or Samantha Reeves with the Office of Child Nutrition at cboehm@k12.wv.us or snsuffer@k12.wv.us, or call 558-3396. Sites will be announced in June.

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



**Question:** Why do people add salt when boiling water? (Asked by a curious cook.)

**Reply:** Maybe because Momma did? No, a practical reason is for seasoning. Adding salt flavors the water, which is absorbed by the food, like rice and pasta.

It is sometimes thought that adding salt increases the boiling point of the water, so that rice or pasta will cook faster at a higher temperature; however, the couple of shakes or pinch of salt normally added won't help much.

It takes seven tablespoons of salt to raise the boiling point of an average pot of water by 2 degrees (Fahrenheit). Not too hot, but pretty salty.

**Question:** There's a saying, "If cats lick themselves, fair weather." Is there any truth to that? (Asked by a curious, anonymous cat fancier via cyberspace.)

**Reply:** I never kept tabs on our cat, who slept most of the time, fair or foul weather. There is a possible explanation for fair weather licking.

In fair weather, the humidity may be low. If cats rub up against things, they can pick up an electrostatic charge (much like we do when shuffling across a carpet).

This may be uncomfortable and licking makes the fur moist and conductive, so that the charge "leaks off" (so to not cause a spark like we get when charged and touch a metal doorknob.)

Some cats don't like to be petted during cool, dry weather when the humidity is low and sufficient charge may build up and cause irritating sparking (that can sometimes be heard).

**Cat Trivia:** That was a short one, so let's finish up with some cat trivia for the ailurophiles. (ailurophilia is the love of cats.)

--There are more than 500 million domestic cats in the world, with 33 different breeds.

--More than 35,000 kittens are born in the United States each day. (Please spay and neuter your cat if you don't want more!)

--21% of U.S. households have at least one cat. --A cat's heart beats faster than a human heart, at 110 to 140 beats per minute. (A normal human heart rate is 60 to 100 beats per minute.)

--Cats have 30 teeth. Kittens have baby teeth, which are replaced by permanent fangs at around seven months of age.

--The average life expectancy for an indoor cat is 15 years, while the average age for an outdoor cat is only three to five years.

--Equivalent human years: If your cat is three years old, your cat is 21 in human years. If your cat is eight, your cat is 40 in human years. If your cat is 14, your cat is 70 in human years.

And that's the cat's meow! C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret." --Ambrose Bierce.

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](http://www.curiosity-corner.net), or email [jerry@curiosity-corner.net](mailto:jerry@curiosity-corner.net). Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

# LETTER BOX

Cats and dogs depend on the adults in their lives for everything. It is not their fault when they do not get the basic care and attention that they deserve. They did not ask to be here, but they do have the instinct to survive, and so they do what they must to live from day to day.

Calhoun County's Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) would like the citizens to know that the best time to deal with a feral cat colony is when there are only a few in the colony.

A female starts breeding at four months and can get pregnant again one month into nursing those kittens. In four months, those kittens can start reproducing. It is easy to see how a colony can quickly get out of control.

Those who feed these colonies cannot be blamed. They cannot stand to see animals starve. Killing the animals only makes the situation worse.

This practice is a well-documented failure, creating a "vacuum effect," as it makes room for more breeding animals to move in to get available food. Sterilization stops the breeding cycle completely.

Together, we can make a difference for the animals in our county, improve their quality of life and make our county safer from stray animals that can carry diseases and become a nuisance.

Since May of 2016, WAG has spayed/neutered 922 animals (336 low-income family pets, 124 strays, and 462 feral cats).

If you are the caretaker of a colony of feral cats, even if there are only a few in the colony, please contact us at 304-354-7506.

We will work with you to trap them, transport them to be sterilized and vaccinated against rabies and disease, and return them to their colony location.

We hope that in the not too distant future, we can all work together to plan and build a county animal shelter.

It is very much needed, so that we can be more humane in our treatment of animal "castoffs" and abused and mistreated animals.

Collecting and sterilizing the animals quickly will hopefully greatly reduce their numbers, and make it easier for them to be adopted.

Linda Buchanan  
Welfare of Animals Group



# This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Feb. 18-24 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis and Harrison counties. It was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.

Feb. 19, 1872: The Glenville Branch of the State Normal School was established by an act of the legislature. The first session of the college opened on Jan. 14, 1873, in the old Gilmer County Courthouse.

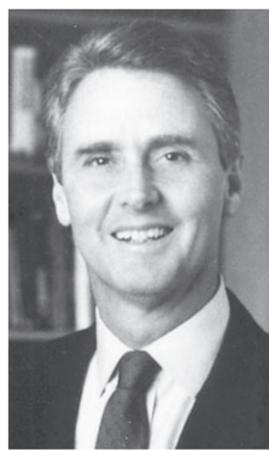
Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was born near Lizemores in Clay County. A free-spirited individual, he gained notoriety as the "Clay County Wild Man" during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance that included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.



Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. His second book, "Rocket Boys: A Memoir," was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller.

Feb. 20, 1875: The W.Va. Legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.

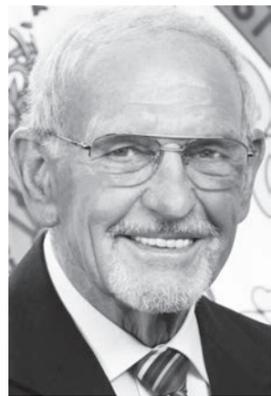
Feb. 20, 1995: The Legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.



Feb. 21, 1940: Former Gov. Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. He defeated Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.

Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943.

Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the Legislature, modeled on the German system that Gov. Hatfield studied in the Ruhr Valley coal-fields.



Feb. 22, 1927: Longtime Agriculture commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County. A Democrat, he was first elected in 1964. Re-elected nine times, he was the longest serving agricultural commissioner in the country.

Feb. 22, 2018: 33,000 schoolteachers and service personnel walked off the job over wages and health benefits. The strike drew national attention, and teachers in five other states organized work stoppages.

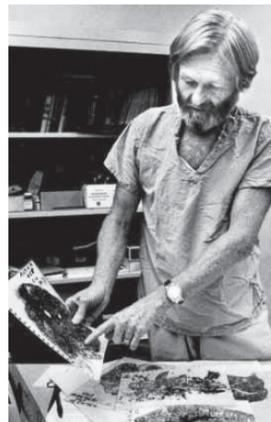
Feb. 23, 1867: Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam counties. It was named for Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.



Feb. 23, 1945: Fairmont native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. The act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K.K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. He spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.



Feb. 24, 1928: Dr. Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.

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## My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



Okay, February, you have proven your love for me. You are my valentine, and I love you too, but I think you better back off now. Some of my family and friends are starting to blame me for all of the snow and ice that you have been bringing our way. Thank you for the winter weather and please tell March that I will be ready for spring, when he arrives in a few weeks.

As I sit to write this article, we are under a winter storm warning for a predicted ice storm. I just heard from school that we are on a three-hour delay, and I would not be surprised if we go to remote learning by morning.

If that happens, it will be our third remote day in a row. We had normal school on Monday and Tuesday, our normally scheduled remote day on Wednesday, and two weather-related remote days on Thursday and Friday.

This February is reminding me of my first winter here in Grantsville. I had spent five years in Jacksonville, Fla., and while I loved living near the beach, I missed my winters. West Virginia welcomed me home big that year. I think we had 21 snow days that winter, and I loved every one of them. It was even worth going to school into June.

One of my favorite memories from that winter actually happened on Valentine's Day. I was in the process of purchasing my home among the hills and was just waiting to sign the final papers to make her mine.

Because it was a snow day, I was home and in my cozy sweatshirt and pajama pants. I was surprised when I heard someone knocking on my side door. My friend Jerry had come to take me to the lawyer's office to sign the papers.

I remember protesting that I was in my pajamas with no make-up on and my hair a mess. Jerry just laughed and told me to get my coat and boots on. I obeyed, and in less than an hour, I owned my sweet, little home. It was and still is the best valentine that I have ever received!

Now, eight years later, my sweet, little house is starting to need a little TLC again. I am in the process of renovating my upstairs bathroom. This weekend, I spent some time looking through the Lowes website and trying to pick out tile for the floor, a new vanity, a medicine chest with mirror and storage, and a walk-in shower.

I think I have settled on my choices, but I didn't order anything yet. I also need to pick a new paint color that will coordinate with all of my choices. It is my plan to start the renovation project after my parents move into their new place, and it gets a little warmer outside.

I also decided that it was time for some new furniture. I love my red couches and loveseat, but it's time for an update. I decided to stick with the red, but I went for leather this time. I have spent a great deal of time searching the web looking for just what I wanted. I finally found it this weekend. I ordered two couches, but they won't be here until June. I know that's a long time from now, but I am willing to wait to get what I wanted.

Eventually, I want to add a loveseat in a fabric that matches the leather, but that is down the road a bit. I would also like to buy a new loveseat and recliner for the family room. The brown couch in there is 13 years old and is starting to show some wear and tear.

Unlike most weeks recently, I actually had something on my calendar this week. I had a library board meeting on Tuesday. I enjoy working with this group and really miss going to the library on a regular basis.

While I was there, I read a picture book for the dial-a-story program. It was fun, and I plan to do it again soon. If you are interested in reading a story for the program, call the library, 354-6300, and let them know.

This week, I hope to finish my college class. I have enjoyed it, but I will be glad to check this task off my list. This spring will be very busy, as we help my parents move to Grantsville, and I start the work on my bathroom.

It's hard to believe that I am actually thinking about spring and warmer weather, especially when we are all waiting for an ice storm to hit. The cold and ice will eventually give way to sun and warm temperatures, and I will be ready when they do. Until then, I plan to settle in and wait to see what Mother Nature has in store for us tonight.

## 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)

You know better what I ought to do. I do not wish to be extravagant. I got me a lawn dress<sup>1</sup> for twenty five cents a yard in Clarksburg, but Mr. [William] Young by taking the whole peace and got it for ninepence a yard & sold me a dress pattern. It is not very fine, but will do well for many occasions.

I never intend marrying G.W.S. [George W. Silcott].

I wish to dress well & neat wherever I go, but not extravagantly. Please to write soon. If any more of my rhymes appear will you please to send it down. Perhaps I shall send none until I get home.

They have found me out in Beverly<sup>2</sup>. Libby [Elizabeth Burr] said that they were all admiring the poetical effusions of Vinca Passiflora<sup>3</sup>. She told them who it was. She said my incogniti could not deceive her prying eyes.

I pretended in my letter to think it was no compliment which she paid to me in thinking I was the author.

I have never sent any to the Clarksburg paper. It is too mean a paper. Not half as good in my estimation as the Herald<sup>4</sup>. Perhaps when I reach home I shall have the opportunity to write for something else.

In haste  
You (torn off)  
[Amie]

**As usual, Amie chastises her sisters in Arnoldsburg for not writing.**

French Creek  
June 24th 1855  
My Sister Dear

I have returned from church, dined, & now take my pen, the only medium through which we can converse. Once again I have sat among the friends of my child hood, beneath the droppings of the sanctuary, & listened to the music which filled the church, & which found a response in my own bosom.

I have come back to the home of my child hood, but for a brief stay, & tomorrow will probably find me on my way back to my little Seminary. Yet I go with a cheerful spirit. Duty calls me, let me obey. Yet I should be pleased to remain here longer.

Mr. Burr<sup>5</sup> came up to French Creek on Friday, & although I had but three weeks more to teach, I thought if I could come up with him, the remainder of my imprisonment would seemingly pass more rapidly, & certainly more pleasantly.

I reached home Friday at about dusk & tomorrow I expect to retrace my steps. I have seen several of my friends here. All are well. Worthie<sup>6</sup>'s little domicil presents a more pleasant appearance than I had anticipated. It is however very large. If my sisters were here, what a pleasant spot F.C. would be to me!

"Oh! then, the cloudless summer sky  
Would seem of deeper blue,  
And all the flowers that paint the plain  
Of brighter, richer hue".

Were Louisa & Almira others but sisters, long ere this my pen should have paused. I should have seen their silence as the most expressive language, that they were indifferent in regard to my welfare. But as a sister, I frame a thousand excuses for your almost unpardonable negligence & endeavour to return "good for evil." However I will say but now, as I hope & trust, that on returning to Harrison I shall find a letter from Arnoldsburg awaiting my perusal.

I hope you will find a better pen when you write than the one I am now wielding.

When I shall see you all it is impossible to tell. I am or must return to the world for my home at present, & is not the world like a great sea, whose waves are continually in agitation. Sometimes the sunlight falls upon them, & they appear in a thousand variegated hues, & then midnight darkness looms fearfully out.

But Harrison appears like a second home, & I think I could content myself there the remainder of my life. I trust you will be here next winter, will we not be happy then.

Kiss Warrie & Amie for Auntie's sake. My kind regards to Perry & Almira.

Yours, in haste.  
Amie E. Sexton

**Amie, 19, is worried about George's health. Brother-in-law Perry says George is sick because he believes Amie will marry the "little widower."**

Sunday morning  
October 7th 1855  
My Dear Mother

I believe Rowena<sup>7</sup> is going up home this weekend, & I will drop you a line, as I wish you to send me some things. I want some yarn to knit me a pair of stockings, it is cold, & the woolen ones I have here are very thin. I will try to do with one new pair. I should like my bottle of hair oil, if Rowena can bring it.

<sup>1</sup>Lawn dress: A thin sheer cloth, originally of linen, but later cotton; a corruption of Laon, a city in France where it was made.

<sup>2</sup>Beverly, county seat of Randolph.

<sup>3</sup>Vinca Passiflora: Pseudonym Amie sometimes used when submitting her "rhymes" to newspapers. Amie was very pleased to see her writing in print.

<sup>4</sup>Clarksburg paper was pro union and anti-slavery. Weston Herald was just the opposite.

<sup>5</sup>Mr. Burr: Eldridge Burr, Jr., who was working in Harrison County.

<sup>6</sup>Worthie: Amie's brother, Worthington; married Jane Wingrove, probably in spring of 1855.

<sup>7</sup>Rowena Sexton, daughter of George and Jane Sexton, Amie's cousin.

(Continued Next Week)

## Senior Citizens Menu

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

Thursday, Feb. 18: beef stew, beets, fruit.

Friday, Feb. 19: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit, roll.

Monday, Feb. 22: spaghetti and meat sauce, steamed vegetables, fruit, garlic toast.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: sloppy joe, coleslaw, fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: baked chicken, potatoes au gratin, green beans, juice, roll.

Thursday, Feb. 25:

hamburger, bun ranch potatoes, pudding.

Friday, Feb. 26: chicken strips, cauliflower, broccoli and cheese, fruit.

Suggested donation scale for meals: Individual monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.

You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling Calhoun County Committee on Aging, 354-7017, to be placed on a list.

## Senior News

by Deb Miller, JD,  
Senior Legal Aid Volunteer

Tax time already! Lots of papers and lots of thinking.

Filing early, especially if a refund is likely, is smart, because identity theft through the filing of fraudulent tax returns is still a huge threat for Americans. In 2019, the IRS paid out over \$100 million in fraudulent refunds to scammers.

Sad to say, a scammer can make up income and tax amounts and fraudulently file your tax returns, claiming to be you. The scammer can collect the fake refunds, even in situations when one would not have been owed without the fraud.

It just takes some basic identity information to steal your refunds, and you won't know it until your own tax returns are rejected.

When the time comes to work on taxes, everyone appreciates a way to lower them, especially through tax credits. Each dollar of a credit eliminates a dollar of tax. Also, some types of tax credits can increase a refund when one is owed.

To claim such a federal or state credit, a taxpayer must file a tax return, but does not have to itemize deductions.

Federal law provides an earned income tax credit for anyone with lower income, who is raising one or more children.

Around the country, many working grandparents are raising grandchildren and may be eligible for this federal tax credit. The amount is based on earnings from employment (not government benefits) and the number of dependents. More details are available at [www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit](http://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit).

For older or disabled homeowners, both the West Virginia's Senior Citizens Tax Credit and the Homestead Excess Property Tax Credit help lower income taxes.

As part of our state's property tax system, the Homestead Exemption program reduces the taxes owed on owner-occupied property for those who are age 65 and older or permanently disabled, and who have signed up at their county assessor's office for the exemption during the qualifying period.

There is no income requirement for this exemption. Under the program, the first \$20,000 of the home's assessed value is exempt, or non-taxable, for property tax purposes every year.

As a bonus, those qualifying for the Homestead Exemption on property taxes may be eligible for the Senior Citizens Tax Credit to lower state income taxes. The West Virginia State Tax Department's Form SCTC-1, sent out in January each year, will list the amount of the tax credit that can be claimed.

There is a low income requirement for Senior Citizens Tax Credit eligibility that is determined when calculating the amounts for the West Virginia tax return.

The second state income tax credit for those qualifying for the Homestead Exemption is the Homestead Excess Property Tax Credit. When a person's or couple's residential property taxes exceed 4% of their income, they are eligible for a tax credit for the excess amount. The maximum credit is \$1,000.

If a person qualifies for both credits, the amount of the Senior Citizens Tax Credit will reduce the amount of the Homestead Excess Property Tax Credit that can be claimed.

Additional information is available at [tax.wv.gov/Individuals/SeniorCitizens/Pages/SeniorCitizensTaxCredit.aspx](http://tax.wv.gov/Individuals/SeniorCitizens/Pages/SeniorCitizensTaxCredit.aspx).

For assistance with legal issues, including tax questions, contact West Virginia Senior Legal Aid at 800-229-5068, if you are a state resident age 60 or over. The staff attorney will help you at no charge.

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or by mail to **WV Press Association**  
**3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV 25302**

# Basketball Schedule Update

The Calhoun County High School varsity girls basketball team has added a scrimmage to its schedule.

The team is now scheduled to host Parkersburg Catholic for a scrimmage on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 5:30 p.m., and has added a scrimmage at Wahama on Friday, Feb. 26, at 5:45 p.m.

The Lady Red Devils varsity team will open their season by hosting Gilmer County on Wednesday, Mar. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The CCHS varsity boys basketball team is scheduled to scrimmage at Paden City on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m.

The boys will open their

season on Friday, Mar. 5, 7:30 p.m., at Doddridge County.

The Calhoun Middle School boys and girls' A-teams will scrimmage at Clay County on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m.

The boys' A and B teams will open at Ravenswood on Friday, Mar. 5, at 6 p.m.

The CMS girls' teams will open at Spencer on Thursday, Mar. 4, at 5 p.m.

As of Monday morning, varsity and middle school wrestling team schedules had not been announced on the W.Va. Secondary Schools Activities Commission website.

## 2021 CCHS Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

March	
5 Doddridge*	A 7:30
6 Man	A 3:00
9 So. Harrison*	H 7:30
11 Gilmer Co.*	A 7:30
12 Hannan*	H 7:30
16 Roane Co.*	A 7:30
18 Webster Co.*	H 7:30
19 Ritchie Co.*	H 7:30
23 Braxton Co.*	A 7:30
25 Clay Co.*	H 7:30
27 Wirt Co.*	A 1:00
30 Doddridge*	H 7:30
April	
1 So. Harrison*	A 7:30
3 Wirt Co.*	H 1:00
5 Man	H 7:30
6 Gilmer Co.*	H 7:30
8 LKC Placement ...	TBA
10 Night of Champ. ...	TBA
12 Ritchie*	A 7:30
*Most JV games at 5:45p.m.	

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March	
3 Gilmer Co.*	H 7:30
5 Doddridge Co.*	H 7:30
6 Wirt Co.*	A 7:30
8 So. Harrison*	A 7:30
10 Roane Co.*	H 7:30
12 Webster Co.*	A 7:30
15 Ritchie Co.*	H 7:30
17 Braxton Co.*	H 7:30
19 Clay Co.*	A 7:30
20 Wirt Co.*	H 7:30
22 Braxton Co.*	A 7:30
24 Doddridge Co.*	A 7:30
26 So. Harrison*	H 7:30
29 Gilmer Co.*	A 7:30
31 LKC Placement ...	TBA
April	
1 Valley (Wetzel)	H 7:30
3 Night of Champ. ...	TBA
5 Ritchie Co.*	A 7:30
8 Valley (Wetzel)	A 7:30
*Most JV games at 5:45p.m.	

## Calhoun Middle School 2021 Girls Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted	
March	
4 Spencer	A
5 Ravenswood	H
9 Walton	H
12 Clay (A team only)	H
13 Gilmer	(noon) A
16 Wirt	A
18 Summersville	A
23 Gilmer	H
25 Walton	A
26 Wirt	H
29 Ravenswood	A
30 Spencer	H

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March	
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9 Walton	A
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15 Spencer	H
18 Summersville	7:00 A
23 Gilmer	(noon) A
24 Wirt	H
25 Walton	H
29 Ravenswood	H

## Lions Club Bingo

Lions Club bingo will be held in the Lions Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required.

## RC&D Grants Available

Little Kanawha RC&D is accepting applications for its 2020-21 Mini Grant program period, which has a deadline of 4 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 11.

Project categories to be funded are Land Conservation, Land Management, and Water Management.

Grants are open to the nine-county area served by Little Kanawha RC&D, which includes Calhoun.

To date, the RC&D has awarded a vast number of grants to counties, communities, clubs, and organizations. Funding from the program is considered seed money to help kick start a project, assist with in-progress work being done, or help complete a project area.

To request an application, email info@lkrcd.com or dj.allen@lkrcd.com, or call 679-3639 or 893-9723 for an application by mail.

# Eligibility Waiver Extended For Extracurricular Activities

W.Va. Superintendent of Schools Clayton Burch has approved a waiver to West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) Policy 2436.10: Participation in Extracurricular Activities.

The waiver allows middle and high school students more time to improve their grade point averages and become academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the education of students statewide and throughout the country during the past year.

The lack of consistent instructional delivery and

the inability for students to regularly meet in-person with teachers, counselors, coaches and other school support personnel has affected the academic performance of thousands of students.

The waiver will allow those with GPAs below 2.0 at the conclusion of the fall semester to continue to participate in extracurricular activities through Mar. 19.

Those who become academically eligible by that time will continue to participate; however, those who are academically ineligible as of that date will not be permitted to continue in extracurricular activities.

Traditionally, student records are reviewed each semester for eligibility purposes. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to participate the following semester.

"Our students have experienced academic, social/emotional and developmental interruptions at levels we have never experienced before, and the impact has been undeniable," said Burch.

"This waiver will allow them to return to some level of normalcy as a part of their team or club, give them the support of teachers and coaches and allow them to reconnect to fellow classmates and team members. We hope, in turn, this will also allow them to regain their academic footing."

Gov. Jim Justice issued

Executive Order No. 2-21 on Jan. 11, permitting winter sports teams to begin practice on Feb. 14, with competitions beginning Mar. 3. The waiver will allow academically ineligible student-athletes to fully participate during this period until Mar. 19, when their academic eligibility will be reviewed.

"We understand the importance of athletics and extracurriculars in the lives of our children, and we want to give them every opportunity to experience academics, club activities and athletics, because these activities play such an important part in their growth and development," said Burch. "Our goal is not to diminish the importance of academic achievement, but to support it."

## Check Conditions

Travelers can check the forecast, traffic, and road conditions all along their route by visiting wv511.org before heading out.

## Amnesty Day

Amnesty day at Calhoun County Library will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18. Bring back overdue items and pay no fines.

## Eastern Star

Order of Eastern Star will have its regular meeting in Grantsville on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

## Preschool, Kindergarten Enrollment

Calhoun County Universal Preschool has enrollment packets available for parents to get children enrolled into Pre-Kindergarten and for the 2021-22 school year.

Enrollment packets may be picked up at Arnoldsburg Elementary, Pleasant Hill School, or the Calhoun County board of education office during school hours.

Children who did not attend a PreK program last year, and will be attending kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year, may also pick up enrollment packets at each school.

All children who are four years old prior to July 1, 2021, are eligible to apply for enrollment.

Calhoun schools will conduct pre-registration on the following dates:

--Arnoldsburg Elementary, Wednesday, Mar. 3; call Jackie Allen, 655-8616, ext. 110, to schedule an appointment.

--Pleasant Hill School, Wednesday, Mar. 10; call Deb Goff, 354-6022, ext. 402, to schedule an appointment.

Registration fairs will be set up to assist families in getting the necessary documentation for starting school. Developmental, hearing, vision, and dental screenings will be conducted at the fairs.

All children applying for school must have the following documents prior to the beginning of the 2021-22 school year:

--Certified Birth Certificate (Vital Statistics Certificate from Charleston only).

--Immunization Record.

--Preventative Health Screen with dental check and hemoglobin test (available through your physician).

--Pre-K Universal

Application/Enrollment Packet.

--Proof of Income (W2, 1040, or proof of Government Assistance); Pre-K students only.

Completed preschool packets are due by the date of the registration fairs.

Any child, birth to three, thought to have developmental delays, is also eligible to be screened for possible services.

For information about this topic, call Bonnie Sands, 354-7011, ext. 317, or email bonnie.sands@k12.wv.us.

## Berry/Plant Sale

Gilmer County Farm Bureau and WVU Extension Service, Gilmer and Calhoun, will be placing a bulk order for spring plants and berries.

The spring plants and berries that are available this year will be strawberries, blackberries, raspberries (both red and black), and blueberries. Also offered are asparagus roots and rhubarb crowns.

If you would like to improve your garden by adding one or more of these berry plants, an electronic form can be found on the following Facebook Pages:

WVU Gilmer County Extension Service, WVU Calhoun County Extension Service, and Gilmer County Farm Bureau.

You may also request a paper order form be mailed to you by contacting the WVU Extension Service, 462-7061 or email dmfrman@mail.wvu.edu. Orders and payment are due by Friday, Mar. 19, at 4 p.m.

There are several of the varieties limited due to the increase in people establishing home gardens during the pandemic, and plants will be first come, first serve, in terms of ordering.

Once plants arrive, all participants will be called and plants will need to be picked up within five days in Gilmer or Calhoun at the WVU Extension office.

Expect plants to arrive the second or third week of April. Do not miss out on this opportunity to add some fresh berries and perennial vegetable plants to future family meals.

# Calhoun Middle/High School Honor Students Listed

Calhoun Middle/High School has announced the following lists of honor students for the first semester:

**Honor Roll** (3.5 to 6.0 grade point average):

**Seniors** -- Tori L. Arnold, Bronson C. Bennett, Adrianna N. Brannon, Jonathan G. Bunner, Tavia G. Fowler, Madison N. Gribble, Brandon I. Hacker, McKenna A. Heiney, Shyanna L. Jeffrey, Hannah B. Johnson, Summer N. Jones, Christopher Kendall, Alexandria Lipscomb, Kyla J. Lovejoy, Gabriel K. Metz, Sarah E. Morris, Kaylin E. Parsons, Paige A. Persinger, Carter R. Ritchie, Emily E. Sears, Briar R. Stehman, Isabella R. Stump, Jaden L. Swearingen, Marissa N. Taylor, Levi D. Walker, Dominick A. Whipkey, Lucy J. Whytsell, Abigail M. Yoak, and Jordan L. Yoak.

**Juniors** -- Jesse L. Allen, Caleb S. Barr, Hayden L. Bennett, Katey E. Bever, Chase J. Blair, Zachary J. Brannon, Autumn M. Butler, Savannah Cunningham, Kirsta D. Dye, Samuel A. Garcia, Drue E. Goad, Lexi J. Gregory, Ava G. Helmick, Ellarose M. Hess, Tysa K. James, Daniel Kargol, Brooklyn N. Keener, Austin D. McConnell, Pepper J. McCormick, Josie A. Montgomery, Hannah M. Muniz, Anne E. Pingley, Nicholas D. Rubel, Dylan L. Rush, Grant Sterns, Allison L. Stevens, Cheyanne A. Tingler, Breanna R. Wagoner, and Abigail E. White.

**Sophomores** -- Adria B. Arnold, Joel R. Basnett, Emily E. Bell, David A. Boggs, Ameria A. Boothe, Savanna C. Carpenter, Christeena J. Craddock, Elijah W. Dickey, Cassandra R. Fowler, Marlee D. Hall, Lacy J. Hicks, Joshua R. Hixon, Kason D. Hupp, Ethan G. Jarvis, Jaelyn R. Jett, Jaron D. Jett, Destiny H. Knight, Colby X. Lamb, Levi M. Morris, Malachi Q. Muniz, Kiley E. Murphy, Summer R. Parsons, Dylon M. Sampson, Ryan G. Sillaman, Mason E. Siwicki, Shiloh M. Stanley, James D. Starcher, Keeley S. Sturms, Aislin M. Summers, Bradyn K. Toney, Akeara D. Webb, Madison S. Westfall, and Zenna M. Zwoell.

**Freshmen** -- Emily G. Anderson, Trista F. Arnold, Austin T. Baker, Landon R. Bennett, Marissa D. Brannon, Emily F. Dennison, Jaiden M. Francis,

Troy L. Frederick, Abigail L. Godfrey, Jlynn R. Helmick, Breanna D. Helmick, Mia R. Houchin, Adam W. Hughes, Brianna M. Jarvis, Mattea G. Miller, Kasey T. Milliron, Trenton R. Nelson, Tyler J. Nelson, Whitney L. Nettles, Breanna N. Parish, Dakota Quick, Levi S. Stump, Kade L. Swearingen, Owen D. Taylor, Jacob Q. Toney, Kameryn A. Toney, Tyler B. Whited, and Alyssa M. Yeager.

**8th Grade** -- Rylie L. Gerlach, Lauren B. Lovejoy, Kayden D. McCormick, Eliza J. Miller, Lindsey L. Nettles, Landon C. Richards, Logan A. Tingler, Abigail E. Waldron, and Addison E. Welch.

**7th Grade** -- Emily R. Basnett, Maximillia S. Beam, Holly L. Carper, Kiara M. Lanham, Lana M. Laughlin, Maddison McCumbers, Joseph A. Nelson, Wyatt P. Nichols, Zander K. Quick, Chloe R. Sillaman, Emily M. Sillaman, Emilee F. Swisher, and Isaac C. Wagoner.

**6th Grade** -- Micah S. Allen, Laney H. Arnold, Eli Bailey, Brennen C. Carpenter, Kayleigh R. Cunningham, Madison G. Cunningham, Raylee A. Cunningham, Kamille D. Dye, Christian C. Hicks, Amera L. Hosey, Madison N. Jones, Gaige A. Justice, Destiny M. Langford, Logan C. McCormick, Seth J. Meadows, Cooper J. Morris, Kyleigh R. Morris, Kyla J. Myer, Layken J. Nichols, Kylee R. Quick, Summer G. Rogers, Chase M. Schoolcraft, Reese C. Schoolcraft, Levi C. Sillaman, Maddox A. Siwicki, Raeonna B. Stamper, Mia R. Starcher, Paige R. Sterns, Chasen L. Stirling, Orion V. Swearingen, Miley R. Thomas, Brycen C. Toney, and Olivia Zwoell.

**5th Grade** -- Richard D. Bush, Nicolis Butler, Brennah F. Casner, Addison N. Collins, Ryleigh Crislip-Garrett, Madison N. Cummings, Paisley G. Cummings, Jacob E. Elkins, Hoyt S. Helmick, Gavin Hicks, Xander M. Lanham, Aubrey G. Laughlin, Nathan R. McClain, Bailey E. Metz, Evan Miller, Caydence Moss, Izabella J. Nicholas, Watson Nichols, Griffen S. Parsons, Bret A. Richards, Brody E. Richards, Josie R. Richards, Christian H. Rogers, Aayden W. Rush, Tucker Sampson, Kendall Snodgrass, Lucien

D. Springston, Coby L. Staples, Brennon K. Swisher, Owen M. Swisher, Jasmyne B. Tingler, and Eithen G. Villines.

**Achievement Roll** (3.0 to 3.499 grade point average):

**Seniors** -- Logan M. Basnett, Patrick Carpenter, Jayden R. Hickman, Ronnie D. Laughlin, Hailey A. Metz, and Keith A. Myers.

**Juniors** -- Abby N. Butler, Rebekah Cunningham, Ashley M. Isenhardt, Makayla D. Jones, Antonio D. Matteredo, Hunter Schoolcraft, and Matthew S. Siers.

**Sophomores** -- Ashley M. Arnold, Amelia K. Cain, Mickaylee A. Cowan, Caelan M. Harper, Jesse G. Hess, Ariety B. Hickman, Colin R. Jones, Haley E. Jones, Alexis A. Joseph, Ian D. Persinger, Lindsey J. Schoolcraft, Brooklynn D. Swisher, Hunter M. Thacker, and Joselynn B. Yeager.

**Freshmen** -- Mackenzie F. Bailey, Matthew L. Boggs, Maria M. Collins, Karlee N. Garrett, Caden L. Jones, Jayden K. Knicley, Zoey G. Kute, Jayda S. Osborne, Autumn P. Rex, Hailey L. Sampson, Landon E. Stator, Grace M. Vincent

**8th Grade** -- Shayna G. Arnold, Ashlyn D. Boak, Landon C. Church, Nickolas D. Dickey, Dalton W. Hawkins, Carlie E. Heiney, Camron R. Jarvis, Laina A. Kelley, Jacob A. Marks, Abigail L. Nicholas, Alexis I. Villines, and Abigail R. Wright.

**7th Grade** -- Christian M. Andreano, Sarah I. Blake, Hobie C. Holbert, Grayleigh D. Houchin, Christian X. Hudson, Abby L. Kruzan, Faith L. McClain, Addison A. McCumbers, Jimmy L. McCumbers, Annabel L. Nicholas, and Kelsey D. Snider.

**6th Grade** -- Garrett K. Carpenter, Aniah N. Davis, Zachary J. Kute, Addison Laughlin, Wyatt J. McCumbers, Alex D. McKown, Kristian M. Parsons, Kayleigh N. Poling, and Summer L. Sampson.

**5th Grade** -- Jaxton Bell, Ruger Carder, Andrew Henderson, Zorianna Hudson, Laura Reeves, Braden Starcher, Travis Thomas, and Kian Wise.

### DEAL OF THE WEEK

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

### HUNTING PROPERTY

Big Pigeon Road, Pigeon, WV | 205 Acres +/- | ATV Trails and Surrounded by 12,000 Acres of Public Hunting Land | \$717,900

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

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

5260 Leading Creek Road | 23 Acres +/- | 2003 Mobile Home | \$59,500 MAKE AN OFFER!

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

1349 Big Root Road | 110 Acres +/- | 3 BR - 2 BA | 1000 Sq. Ft. | Pond | ULTIMATE PROPERTY! | \$299,000

**SALE PENDING**

2291 Lower Nicut Road | 122 Acres +/- | CABIN w/ FREE GAS! | \$99,500

**UNDER CONTRACT**

4654 North Calhoun Highway | 3 BR - 1 BA | 2 Car Garage | If this sounds interesting then add 22 acres that fronts North Calhoun Highway and Road Fork to make it more appealing. REDUCED TO \$49,500!

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

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

Little Kanawha River | 103 Acres +/- | POND | \$19,500!

**SALE PENDING**

Lemuels Run | Ideal home site 23 acres of stream front property with electric reported free gas on the property. 2 miles from Route 5 on Lemuels Run. Priced at \$39,400

**SALE PENDING**

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

Courtney Ridge Road | 56 Acres +/- | Mt. Vernon | \$59,500

**SALE PENDING**

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

Rt. 16 North of Grantsville | 161 Acres +/- | 6 BR Home w/ Utilities | \$25,000

**UNDER CONTRACT**

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

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

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

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

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

Stinson Road | 10 Acres +/- | 1 BR - 1 BA | \$29,500

**UNDER CONTRACT**

### FARMS

821 Reedyville Road | 130 Acres +/- | \$250,000

**UNDER CONTRACT**

### STARTER HOMES

22 Poplar Lane (off of Pine Creek) | 4 Acres +/- | 2 or 3 BR - 1BA | 2 Car 2 Story Detached Garage, Wood Working Shop, and Cellar | REDUCED TO \$69,500

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

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 | \$115,000

**UNDER CONTRACT**

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 | 10 Acres +/- | 1 BR - 1 BA | \$65,000 PRICE REDUCED!

**UNDER CONTRACT**

### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

2798 Russett Road | 10 Acres +/- | \$9,500

**SALE PENDING**

2766 N. Calhoun Hwy., Grantsville, WV | 4.43 Acres +/- | 2 Trailers, All Materials for Renovation, and Much More! | \$19,900

**SALE PENDING**

### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

103 Cobb Loop Road | Clendenin | Auto Repair Shop and Towing Business fully equipped and ready to start working. Two lifts, tire changing station, and much more! | \$199,000

256 Court Street, Grantsville, WV | Old Calhoun Banks Drive-Thru | Bullet Resistant Glass, 6 Safes, 3 Drive-Thru Pneumatic Tubes, 4 Lanes, and much more! | \$35,000

### 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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## Help Wanted

NOTIFICATION Of Job Vacancy -- Posting Date: 2/15/2020. Department: Glenville - Federally Qualified Health Clinic. Position: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Shift: Day shift, 8 to 10 hours.

MHHS Description: Minnie Hamilton Health System (MHHS) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that owns and operates a Critical Access Hospital with 18 Acute Care/Swing Beds, 24 Long Term Care (Nursing Home) Beds, a Level IV Trauma Emergency Department, Rural Health Clinic, Primary Care practices, and a Dental practice, serving nearly 20,000 residents in central West Virginia.

Job Duties: Record patient medical and social history. Take and record measurements of blood pressure, temperature, heart rate, oxygen saturation, height, weight and BMI. Administer medication and injections as prescribed. Collect samples for lab testing as assigned. Dress wounds and assist with other basic medical care tasks. Provide patient education and address quality measures for health maintenance. Communication/coordination of care with patients/families and other agencies involved. Provide emotional and psychological support as needed.

Specific Requirements: Current licensure to practice in the state of West Virginia with preferred experience in clinic setting or similar role. Maintain CPR certification. General understanding of care management principles and practice in primary care setting. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Opportunity offers the following: Competitive salary. Excellent benefit package including: health, dental, vision, life insurance, 401k, paid time off (PTO). MHHS is an equal opportunity provider, and employer.

Submit application/resume mailing to: Minnie Hamilton Health System, Attn: Human Resources Department, 186 Hospital Drive, Grantsville, WV 26147; Email to: shelia.gherke@mhhs.healthcare. Submit on-line application at: <https://www.mhhs.healthcare/employment-application.html>.

Last day to apply for position: Until filled.

3tc/2/18-3/4

## For Rent

FOR RENT -- Rivers Edge Apartments, unfurnished, utilities included except wifi and phone; 2-bedroom, 1 bath, with loft, \$725, plus deposit; 3-bedroom, 1 bath, \$825, plus deposit. Lease required. Close to Grantsville, Minnie Hamilton Health System. Call 304-532-8117. 4tp/1/28-2/18

## Personals

WANTED -- 4167 on Yellow Creek Road, seeks non-smoking/non-drinking, shapely lady, attractive, for LTR in Calhoun County. Woman have car, computer, and house. Call 304-354-6688, my sister, and ask for Emory King. Woman callers. Woman come see me in the evening. 4tp/2/11-3/4

## Opportunity

DIRECTOR OF Student Media -- The Division of Student Life at West Virginia University is seeking applications for a Director of Student Media. This position reports to the executive director of Student Enrichment and is responsible for the management, budgeting, staffing, and successful

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LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2019-S-0000143 - Calhoun County - GLENN METHENEY)

To: OCCUPANT, DARLENE SUE GOOSLIN, JESSICA GOOSLIN FUNK, DAVID GOOSLIN, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AND ALL PARTIES ENTITLED TO PAY TAXES ON SAID REAL ESTATE, BENJAMIN PAUL GOOSLIN, 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 GLENN METHENEY, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-0000143, W F 17 SQ RDS SUR 220X154X84, located in WASHINGTON, which was returned delinquent in the name of GOOSLIN DARLENE, 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.	\$ 109.27
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 15.63
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.	\$ 831.10
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 42.75
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Jeff Starcher, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.</b>	\$ 998.75
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 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

Governor's Updates

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

He announced that West Virginia had become the only state in the nation to achieve an overall vaccine administration rate over 100 percent for both first and second round vaccine doses combined.

"This is a monstrous achievement," said Justice. "For the first time ever, we have been in excess of 100 percent. It can-not possibly be any better than that."

"For all those who are out there making this happen, congratulations. I've never, in my life, been more proud."

West Virginia has successfully administered 391,186 doses after receiving a total allotment of 380,400 doses from the federal government; an overall administration rate of 102.8 percent. This number exceeds 100 percent due to extra doses being extracted from vials of the vaccine.

West Virginia boasts a first dose administration rate of 106.2 percent and a second dose administration rate of 97.3 percent.

"Our goal always continues to be 100 percent,"

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:  
JEAN LOUISE JACOBS Case No: 21-P-1  
TO  
JEANNE LOUISE JACOBS  
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Jean Louise Jacobs will come before the Honorable Anita H. Ashley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in the Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, West Virginia, on the 11th day of March at 1:00 p.m. of said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and Petition said Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, for an order changing the name of Jean Louise Jacobs to Jeanne Louise Jacobs, pursuant to Article 5 of the Code of West Virginia of West Virginia of 1931, as amended.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 5th day of February 2021.

*Anita H. Ashley*  
Calhoun County Circuit Court Clerk

said Justice. "We continue to lead the nation, because of all of our great partners on the local and community levels, plus the great work of the National Guard, DHHR, and all the medical experts helping us in every way."

As of Monday morning, 7.7 percent of West Virginia's entire population has received both doses of the vaccines. West Virginia's percentage remains among the highest such rates of fully vaccinated residents of any state in the nation.

West Virginia was also the first state in the nation to put a state-wide vaccination pre-registration system in place.

The new digital tool allows West Virginians to add themselves to a list of people who are interested in being vaccinated, and

will notify those who sign up about the availability of vaccine doses to help streamline vaccination efforts.

To date, more than 252,000 West Virginians have signed up to be added to the pre-registration list.

All West Virginians over the age of 16 are encouraged to pre-register at [vaccinate.wv.gov](http://vaccinate.wv.gov).

Justice also reported that the current number of active cases in the state is now 11,683, down from 13,103 as of his previous COVID-19 briefing on Friday.

He said that the number of daily active cases in West Virginia has now decreased for 30 straight days.

Number of active hospitalizations is now 319, down from 348 on Friday, with 80 of those patients currently in the ICU.

Miscellaneous

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Default having been made in the payment of that certain note and debt secured by that certain deed of trust, executed by Frank J. Tobia, Jr. and Diana S. Stinnett, which deed of trust is dated April 7, 2008, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 150 page 257, and demand for sale having been made by the beneficiary and holder of the note and debt secured thereby, to-wit: Premier Bank, Inc., formerly known as Bank of Gassaway; notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of February, 2021, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned, Substitute Trustee, Terry D. Reed, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder thereof, at the front door of the Courthouse at Calhoun County, West Virginia, subject to the reservations, exceptions and provisions hereinafter mentioned, described or referred to, the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, being more particularly described as follows:

All those certain lands, subject to the reservations, exceptions and provisions hereinafter mentioned, described or referred to, together with the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, including any manufactured structures, mobile homes, double wide or modular homes, situate on the waters of Hicks Run on Stinson Creek, a tributary of the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River in Washington District, Calhoun County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a point and running N 35 W, 32 poles to a stake in a field; S 63 W, 11 poles; S 70 W, 16 poles to a locust; N 44-1/2 W, 9-1/4 poles to a locust stump; west 12 poles to a stake; S 74-1/2 W, 13.5 poles to a hickory; S 10-1/2 E, 18 poles to a stone; S 20 E, 11-1/2 poles to a mulberry; S 44-1/2 E, 32-1/2 poles to a dogwood; N 46 E, 55 poles to a stake in the county road to the point of beginning, containing Fifteen and One-half (15-1/2) acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a R.O. and dogwood; N 14 E, 39 poles to a hickory; S 63 E, 25-1/2 poles to a stake; N 29-1/2 E, to a stake; N 83 E, 10 poles to a stake; east 13 poles to a stake; N 7 4-1/2 E, 13-1/2 poles to a hickory bush; S 10-1/2 E, 18 poles to a stone; S 20 E, 11-1/2 poles to a mulberry; S 44-1/2 E 32-1/2 poles to a dogwood; S 8 W, 33-1/2 poles to a stake; N 68 W, 43 poles to a chestnut; N 58 W, 14-1/2 poles to a locust; N 84-1/2 W, 12-3/4 poles to a mulberry; S 83 W, 8 3/4 poles to a stake; thence N 21 W, 24 poles to a R.O. and dogwood, the place of beginning, containing thirty-three (33) acres, more or less.

The property herein conveyed are the same tracts conveyed unto Frank J. Tobia, Jr. by Geraldine Tobia by deed dated June 1, 1993, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia in Deed Book 178 at page 335.

This conveyance is made subject to all existing reservations, restrictions, exceptions, conditions, easements, rights of way or other servitudes, if any, made, reserved or created in prior deeds of record in said Clerk's office, or which would be disclosed by a visual inspection of the premises.

This sale is made subject to, and where applicable, the Purchaser herein shall have the benefit of the exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements and provisions contained in the foregoing deeds of record.

This sale is further made subject to any and all terms of any other deeds constituting the chain of title. The aforesaid tract, and sale thereof, are subject to rights of way or easements and all prior reservations, exceptions, restrictions and agreements affecting the premises which are of record in said Clerk's Office or which would be disclosed by a careful inspection of the premises and any unpaid real estate taxes.

Said sale is further made subject to any prior reservations of coal, oil or gas, minerals, and mining, drilling and production rights pertinent thereto. No representation or warranty as to the status of title to the aforesaid property, nor the status of any appurtenances or rights pertaining thereto is given.

TERMS OF SALE

Ten (10%) Percent cash in hand on day of sale, remaining balance within thirty (30) days, and subject to any and all unpaid or unassessed property taxes against said real estate.

The undersigned Trustee reserves the right to continue, cancel, or postpone the sale of said real estate and property from time to time, and to reject all bids if deemed inadequate as he may determine necessary, without notice other than oral proclamation of said postponement, continuation or cancellation at the advertised time and place of said sale.

Dated at Buckhannon, West Virginia, this 16th day of December 2020.

Terry D. Reed, Substitute Trustee  
State Bar No.: 3046  
P.O. Box 310  
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201  
304-472-1565

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Division of Highways  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until April 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
005	*1505306	S383-REC/AL-21	00STP-2021(012)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-3 RECALL STRIPING DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: CALHOUN, JACKSON, PLEASANTS, WOOD

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Division of Highways  
Ryland W. Musick, P.E., Ph.D.,  
Deputy State Highway Engineer  
Chief Engineer of Programs

Board of Review and Equalization 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 about their tax assessment, they should attend one of the following meetings: Thursday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m., and Wednesday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., action on timberland.

Because of restrictions during the pandemic, if you plan to attend any of the meetings, call the county clerk, 354-6725, or the assessor, 354-6958. Meetings will be in person and via Zoom. Log in information for all meetings is: Meeting, #5936021621, password 1234; or participate by phone, +13126266799.

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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 offering 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 Feb. 8 (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. 11	102,282	1,552,279	1,594	6.2	10.1
Jan. 18	109,809	1,652,096	1,784	6.2	6.8
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 1	121,425	1,805,255	2,028	6.3	5.6
Feb. 8	125,106	1,874,189	2,131	6.3	5.2
Feb. 9	125,522	1,881,794	2,150	6.3	4.9
Feb. 10	125,951	1,890,417	2,175	6.2	3.4
Feb. 11	126,420	1,902,561	2,187	6.2	3.4
Feb. 12	126,887	1,916,326	2,199	6.2	3.8
Feb. 13	127,282	1,926,354	2,201	6.2	4.6
Feb. 14	127,588	1,932,574	2,210	6.2	5.4

Feb. 15 127,889 1,937,676 2,212 6.2 3.2  
Feb. 16 128,117 1,944,245 2,216 6.2 3.8

\*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 (1,161), Berkeley (9,456), Boone (1,526), Braxton (764), Brooke (1,972), Cabell (7,545), Calhoun (218), Clay (370), Doddridge (450), Fayette (2,568), Gilmer (679), Grant (1,038), Greenbrier (2,364), Hampshire (1,478), Hancock (2,556), Hardy (1,248), Harrison (4,759), Jackson (1,656), Jefferson (3,527), Kanawha (11,711), Lewis (987), Lincoln (1,191), Logan (2,607), Marion (3,581), Marshall (2,961), Mason (1,742), McDowell (1,326), Mercer (4,109), Mineral (2,563), Mingo (2,073), Monongalia (7,625), Monroe (927), Morgan (903), Nicholas (1,143), Ohio (3,545), Pendleton (613), Pleasants (792), Pocahontas (576), Preston (2,485), Putnam (4,076), Raleigh (4,524), Randolph (2,342), Ritchie (599), Roane (485), Summers (691), Taylor (1,068), Tucker (492), Tyler (605), Upshur (1,623), Wayne (2,567), Webster (284), Wetzel (1,054), Wirt (340), Wood (6,874), Wyoming (1,698); Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster were last counties to hit 100 positive cases, Dec. 10; Calhoun last county to reach 200 positive cases, Jan. 23.

In United States: Each Monday since Mar. 16, plus daily since Feb. 8 (last daily list in July 30 issue):

	Positive	Deaths	In World: 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. 11	22,935,762	383,460	90,877,749	1,947,321
Jan. 18	24,483,901	407,216	95,643,391	2,043,595
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb. 1	26,769,038	452,291	103,672,035	2,241,682
Feb. 8	27,612,687	474,939	106,820,574	2,330,766
Feb. 9	27,702,063	476,421	107,149,421	2,341,134
Feb. 10	27,804,262	479,810	107,620,523	2,357,978
Feb. 11	27,898,426	483,205	107,982,668	2,369,692
Feb. 12	28,004,756	486,968	108,453,523	2,383,325
Feb. 13	28,108,584	492,533	108,867,582	2,398,292
Feb. 14	28,198,566	496,065	109,230,097	2,409,028
Feb. 15	28,262,355	497,175	109,513,357	2,415,073
Feb. 16	28,319,081	498,209	109,825,255	2,423,261

Cases by states and territories: California 3,487,988, Texas 2,566,746, Florida 1,830,988, New York 1,546,408, Illinois 1,163,574, Georgia 966,807, Ohio 941,265, Pennsylvania 898,654, North Carolina 824,352, Arizona 798,608, Tennessee 758,561, New Jersey 747,432, Indiana 649,652, Michigan 630,408, Wisconsin 607,639, Massachusetts 557,777, Virginia 551,538, South Carolina 489,018, Missouri 487,754, Alabama 481,605, Minnesota 474,169, Louisiana 420,394, Oklahoma 414,272, Colorado 413,836, Kentucky 388,798, Maryland 371,705, Utah 361,756, Iowa 329,453, Washington 328,047, Arkansas 313,028, Kansas 289,762, Nevada 288,739, Mississippi 287,980, Connecticut 267,337, Nebraska 197,328, New Mexico 180,571, Idaho 167,483, Oregon 150,281, West Virginia 127,889, Rhode Island 121,787, South Dakota 110,315, North Dakota 98,643, Puerto Rico 97,837, Montana 97,539, Delaware 83,239, New Hampshire 71,017, Alaska 56,405, Wyoming 53,136, Maine 42,677, D.C. 39,001, Hawaii 27,058, Vermont 13,862; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

# Creston News

by Alvin Engelke  
Phone 275-3578



The Creston area finally got some snow and winter weather, with ice and freezing rain. On Sunday morning, it was so slick that there was no church service at Burning Springs.

There was big excitement in Creston on Thursday, because a state road dump truck ended up in the ditch at the end of the dePue straight. The ditch was soft, because, not so long back, the water line was laid there. A road scraper was summoned to the scene to extricate the truck.

Denise Bunner's son, Chris Miller, died on Saturday.

The legislature is back in session down at the Mouth of Elk, which means that folks will have to stay alert and try to follow what is happening. This time around, citizens cannot go down and watch and interact with our "public servants," so they may get "very brave" and act with impunity.

HJR-3 would "modernize the property tax," whatever that means, and the scheme to lift taxes from "inventory" of large firms and transfer the burden to homes and farms looms large.

Smiley Carmichaels, who was "retired" from his state senate job, is now on the state payroll, said to be involved with "economic development." Formerly, he was, while senate president, a full-time lobbyist (vice president, you know) for the telephone company, which may explain why telephone and internet service is so bad in the state.

Apparently, none of his former "clients" wanted to pay him, so now the taxpayers "must."

Several who listened to the big fellow's speech were surprised at what was said, especially the talk about a Marxist inspired "wealth tax." Is someone trying to kiss up to Fauxcahontas and Kamala?

Steve Loudin got in a load of fire wood. He also got stuck in his driveway and had to have help to get out.

On Friday, some local folks motored up Right Reedy (Garfield Road) and headed down Turkey Fork toward Ripley. Wirt County roads were clean, but at the county line, they encountered a sheet of ice.

While the road from Garfield to Odaville had been scraped, not a smidgen of cinder nor salt had been applied.

Such would have been a good condition for Beaver Dam, Rock Camp, Big Two Run, Little Rowell's Run, Soap Grease, Ground Hog Slide, and other "famous" back roads, but for a "main road"?

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 2, at Creston Community Building. All are invited and dues are due.

The juncos, titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, red birds and blue jays have been eating almost three times more seed at the feeder since the weather turned bad.

John Heinz-Kerry's wife's charity has funded a "study" that claims that the impact of the Marcellus and Utica shale development "really did not amount to much," in spite of the \$billions of infrastructure that now exists, etc.

The report is from Ohio River Valley Institute, and was actually done by a playwright who lives in the State of Washington.

President Trump was acquitted again, although deep state people are still going after him. They cannot allow any "outsider" to go into their "private" realm of the federal government.

Seems that a "leader" of the Jan. 6 activity is a "former" FBI man. How convenient.

The old guy, who looks like a docent or tour guide at a blended whiskey factory, obviously was reminded that his wife owns a Chinese shipping company, with ships built in Communist Chinese shipyards, and that ship cargo that is arranged by dictator Xi's henchmen.

Mrs. Haley and others have shown their true colors, as well.

We are now told that more "refugees" from terror hot spots will be brought here and that they were "vetted."

George Soros is helping fund the venture. One can very likely be sure that there are no Christians in the group.

Now that the election is "over," the CDC is said to have inflated the coronavirus by as much as 1,600%. WHO, on the word of the Chinese government, said that the genetically modified coronavirus didn't come from the germ warfare laboratory in Wuhan.

No doubt, the proposed Biden Ministry of Truth will verify that report.

Of course, the report that Dr. Fauci sent the research on "advance of function" over there, likely is "Russian disinformation."

The price of gasoline in most locations is in the \$2.60 range, with the indication that \$4 gas will soon be "the rage."

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude, that is used for high dollar products, not gasoline, rose to \$58.47/bbl., with condensate, \$38.47, Marcellus and Utica light, \$49.47, and medium, \$58.47.

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# Dominion Provides Tips To Help Customers Conserve Gas, Save \$

In anticipation of extreme cold weather, Dominion Energy West Virginia is asking its customers to voluntarily turn down their thermostats and lower the setting on their water heaters, if they can do so safely, and for businesses to reduce the use of natural gas for manufacturing or processing if practicable.

Such conservation efforts throughout the coming week will help keep down bills and keep natural gas supplies flowing to all Dominion Energy customers.

“Dominion Energy is prepared to serve our customers reliably during this upcoming period of extreme cold weather, but we also ask customers to conserve where they can do so safely,” said Jonell Carver, director of gas operations.

The simplest way to conserve gas--and save money--is to turn down your thermostat. Customers can save from 10 to 15 percent on annual heating costs by setting the thermostat at 68 degrees during the day and down to 58 degrees at night, or when the resident is at work or away for an extended period.

A programmable thermostat will automatically raise and lower the settings to a preset schedule and eliminate operating the heating system manually.

It’s not recommended to turn the system off, especially on very cold days, because the recovery time may negate any savings realized by the setback.

The company recommends that customers consider using other conservation techniques to maintain comfort and safety, such as saving energy by weather-stripping homes and

in-sulating doors and windows.

Customers also can block off draft at the bottoms of doors with a rolled-up throw rug or towel. To learn about additional savings tips, visit [www.dominionenergy.com/our-stories/energy-saving-tips-for-every-season](http://www.dominionenergy.com/our-stories/energy-saving-tips-for-every-season).

Dominion Energy is served by multiple interstate pipelines and has the benefit of West Virginia natural gas production and underground gas storage that will play a key role in maintaining gas deliveries to customers over the upcoming extreme cold weather period.

As with any gas utility system, there may be isolated areas where the company may experience lower operating pressures, and it is prepared to address such situations, if they arise.

Colder weather can lead to higher natural gas bills. Dominion Energy strongly urges customers who believe they will not be able to maintain regular payments or service to visit [www.dominionenergy.com](http://www.dominionenergy.com), 24/7; use the Dominion Energy app; or call 1-800-688-4673 between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays, to inquire about energy assistance programs and payment options.

Dominion Energy considers it an emergency if customers smell an odor of gas or if none of their natural gas appliances are working.

If there is an odor of natural gas in or around the premises, leave the premises immediately and then call Dominion Energy, 1-800-934-3187.

Although Dominion Energy owns and maintains the gas meter, it is the customer’s responsibility to provide clear access to

the meter and associated metering equipment, and to keep it free from obstructions. This includes snow, ice, and shrubs.

Ice, icicles or water dripping on the meter could prevent safe and efficient operation of the meter and create a potentially hazardous situation.

Iceicles should be removed from overhead eaves and gutters to prevent dripping water from splashing and freezing on the metering equipment or appliance vents. Snow or ice can also block the side wall vents of gas appliances; customers must keep those clear as well.

Customers should remove any snow and ice from the meter and/or piping by hand. Care should be taken not to strike or otherwise damage the metering equipment while removing the ice and snow.

Likewise, do not plow or pile snow up against or on the gas metering equipment, as well as any of the company’s equipment buildings.

Dominion Energy reminds customers that an annual gas heating system inspection--by a qualified, reputable heating contractor--can ensure that they receive maximum winter safety, comfort and efficiency. An annual appliance inspection is the best way to prevent any potential carbon monoxide (CO) problems.

CO detectors provide a second line of defense, but they should not be used as a substitute for an annual furnace inspection.

Combined with an annual inspection, a single CO detector, placed in the sleeping area of a home, offers additional peace of mind.

## Women/Girls Day

Registration is open for the 2021 Virtual Women’s and Girls’ Day at the Legislature, to be held on Monday, Mar. 1.

Hosted by the West Virginia Women’s Commission, the event will also include the West Virginia Women’s History Month Kickoff Celebration, in partnership with Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs.

The virtual day at the legislature will feature First Lady Cathy Justice, members of the Legislature, and other speakers, who will give an overview of the legislative process, discuss the road to empowerment, provide insight on creating goals, and share guidance on how to become involved at the community and state levels.

The theme is “Our Past, Present, and Future.”

Teachers, students, individuals and organizations are encouraged to register at [wvde.state.wv.us/forms/2021/girls-womens-day/](http://wvde.state.wv.us/forms/2021/girls-womens-day/).

The 90-minute event will begin at 9 a.m. and will be available through the WVWC Facebook page, [m.facebook.com/WVaWomen](https://www.facebook.com/WVaWomen). Recap will be aired at 8 p.m. on public broadcasting stations.

“Through our online format, and with the partnership of W.Va. Public Broadcasting, all West Virginians have the opportunity to participate,” said Julie Palas, WVWC interim director. “As Mar. 1 is also the start of West Virginia Women’s History month, we are delighted to partner these two events.”

## Hur Church

The Hur Community Church is closed until further notice due to the virus. It will be open for funerals and weddings. For information, call Eula Murphy, 354-6971.

# Health Insurance Deadline Is May 15

People have a new opportunity to enroll in health insurance for 2021 on HealthCare.gov, but only for a limited time. This new COVID-19 open enrollment period ends on May 15.

With job losses continuing to mount amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and millions of people having lost their job-based health insurance since the start of the public health and economic crisis, HealthCare.gov is open to give people who need health insurance an opportunity to get covered.

Jeremy Smith, program director for WV Navigator, a non-profit enrollment assistance group, said that getting help signing up is important, as many people are overwhelmed by the options or may not realize how to shop for affordable health coverage.

He said that more than 19,000 West Virginians enrolled in a health insurance plan during open enrollment, but thousands of families still need coverage.

Financial help is available when signing up for health insurance through the Marketplace. Last year, nine in 10 applicants qualified for financial help in obtaining health care coverage.

Consumers enrolling in a plan on HealthCare.gov are guaranteed to receive comprehensive coverage, with no pre-existing condition exclusions or mark-ups.

All plans cover essential

benefits, including doctor and hospital visits, prescription drugs, mental health treatment, and maternity care.

In addition, consumers receive free preventive care services, such as immunizations and health screenings. Testing and treatment of COVID-19 are considered essential health benefits and are covered by all HealthCare.gov plans.

Consumers should avoid insurance plans that seem too good to be true. “Junk insurance” products pose huge financial risks to consumers.

These products can refuse to pay for care for pre-existing conditions, charge consumers more based on their gender, and impose annual coverage limits.

Anyone in West Virginia can call 356-5834 to reserve a telephone appointment with Navigator to get free enrollment assistance.

Consultations are available over the telephone or through a telehealth option that will allow callers to see their application completed in real-time. There is no charge for enrollment assistance.

The agency is a free program to West Virginia residents and receives federal funding to assist consumers with enrolling in Medicaid or in private health insurance through provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Information is available at [www.acanavigator.com](http://www.acanavigator.com).

# Savings Program For People With Disabilities

State treasurer Riley Moore and advocates for people with disabilities celebrated the third anniversary of WVABLE, a treasurer’s office savings program that promotes financial independence, while preserving important government benefits.

In December 2014, Congress passed the Achieving a Better Life Experience (“ABLE”) Act to expand financial savings opportunities to people with disabilities.

Prior to the federal ABLE Act, individuals with a disability who had more than \$2,000 in savings could lose eligibility for Medicaid coverage and Supplemental Social Security payments.

The federal ABLE Act allowed for creation of tax-advantaged accounts that are used to pay for qualified disability expenses that help maintain or improve the health, independence and quality of life for the individual with the disability.

The W.Va. Legislature passed a state version of the ABLE Act in 2015, and the program launched under the State treasurer’s office on Feb. 9, 2018.

“Making people with disabilities spend down their assets accomplishes nothing but to keep them poor and dependent,” said Moore. “Programs such as WVABLE allow them to live more meaningful lives while preserving basic benefits, ones they would be hard-pressed to pay for out of pocket, even when allowed to save and work.”

Medical costs for people with disabilities are typically much higher than that of the general population.

Under the WVABLE program, individuals who developed their disability before the age of 26 can

open what’s known as a STABLE account, which is similar to a 529 college savings account.

Contributions up to \$15,000 annually may be made, and, for the employed beneficiary, an additional \$12,760 may be contributed for an annual total of \$27,760.

West Virginia residents may set up WVABLE savings accounts through the treasurer’s office. As of Feb. 7, the program claimed more than \$1.9 million in assets under management, spread over 326 accounts.

The average account balance checked in at just under \$6,000, nearly three times the amount previously allowed under the old federal law.

“We are thrilled that ABLE accounts are available in our state, and I am personally excited that Anna, my daughter, now has access to a resource that will enable her to achieve more independence, financial security, personal empowerment, and an overall better quality of life,” said Christina Smith. “I believe the WVABLE program will set her up for every level of success, because I know in my heart that she is capable of accomplishing great things in life.”

Susan Given, executive director of Disability Rights of West Virginia, said, “Money can be set aside for emergencies or large purchases when needed. ABLE accounts can be easily set up online in a matter of minutes.

“If you are a person with a disability or a parent/guardian of a person with a disability, now is the time to see if an ABLE account can work for you.”

For information, or to sign up for an account, visit [WVABLE.com](http://WVABLE.com).

# From the W.Va. House of Delegates

(for the week ending Feb. 12)

West Virginia House of Delegates gaveled into session on Wednesday, Feb. 10, for the 85th Legislature, with a focus on carrying out the business of the state, while keeping all participants safe from the threat of coronavirus.

House leadership has promised a swift and aggressive agenda to move major issues out of the way as efficiently as possible, in the event of a COVID outbreak, which could prematurely end the 60-day session.

“We are laser focused on quickly advancing legislation that will make West Virginia the easiest choice for families and for businesses,” said House speaker Roger Hanshaw. “We have a strong leadership team ready to roll up their sleeves and put in the work to accomplish big things in a short amount of time.”

The major House committees have already been busy this week, advancing bills to promote job creation and economic growth, as well as improve the quality of life in West Virginia and increase government transparency and integrity.

To achieve these goals, the first bill introduced in the House this week would create the country’s first Jumpstart Savings Plan, designed by W.Va. treasurer Riley Moore to help West Virginians who intend to enter a vocation or trade by providing a tax-advantaged savings account, to help cover the startup costs, equipment, certifications and licenses needed to enter vocational trades.

“Treasurer Moore saw firsthand as a young man entering the welding trade how expensive it was to buy

your own equipment and get certified to start working,” said Hanshaw.

“He experienced a barrier to entering the workforce and has come up with something creative to help us get more people working. This is exactly the kind of real-world, commonsense legislation that we need to advance.”

House Bill 2001 is sponsored by Hanshaw and delegates Ben Queen, Harrison; Jason Barrett, Berkeley; Guy Ward, Marion; John Paul Hott, Grant; Zack Maynard, Lincoln; Jeffrey Pack, Raleigh; Clay Riley, Harrison; Larry Pack, Kanawha; Ruth Rowan, Hampshire; and Steve Westfall, Jackson. It has already been reported from the House Education Committee.

Broadband availability, from remote classroom learning to telehealth and opportunities to work remotely, the ability to digitally connect with the rest of the world is more urgent than ever.

“We’re doing every possible thing we can to get people connected to the internet,” said Hanshaw. “We want to get people to come to West Virginia for the first time, and in a world where you can do your job from anywhere, we want you doing it from West Virginia.”

House Bill 2002, which has already passed out of the House Judiciary Committee, aims to remove any remaining regulatory hurdles to installing fiber and making it even easier to install by utilizing vertical real estate.

Del. Daniel Linville, Cabell, is the lead sponsor of the bill, and he said it is important to ensure broadband projects are able to advance quickly without roadblocks from the state’s permitting process, which is why the bill outlines time limits for agency-required reviews, approvals and forms.

Lawmakers are again turning their attention to education reforms, helping to provide families with more flexibility and options to select the best education system for them.

House Bill 2012 would allow for virtual public charter schools and would increase the number of new, additional public charter schools that may be authorized and in operation in each successive three-year period, from three schools to 10.

“More than ever this year, I’ve heard from parents frustrated to the point of tears and looking for more education options that fit their kids,” said Majority leader Amy Summers. “We never want a student to be trapped in a school system that doesn’t work for her, just because of her zip code.”

House Bill 2013 would create the Hope Scholarship Program to allow parents access to the amount of money a school district would receive to educate their children and to use that money to educate their children in the way they would choose.

Educational expenses, such as home tutoring and learning aids, would be permitted through the program.

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# Manchin, GO-WV Discuss Natural Gas

Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV) hosted U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, chairman of the U.S. Senate Energy Committee, in a meeting with state and regional oil and gas industry leaders via Zoom.

Manchin addressed a variety of timely industry topics, ranging from efforts to return manufacturing to the U.S., to pipeline projects, to promoting innovation and deployment of technological advancement initiatives to improve the nation's environment while producing energy.

When asked about preferences for types of energy fuels, Manchin said that for a multitude of reasons, including national security, sustainable economic development, and a clean environment, the U.S. must remain energy independent.

For that reason, the types of fuels essential to that mission were "all

of the above," including natural gas, coal, oil, renewables, and any newly developed fuels that meet high environmental standards.

Manchin said, "From my position as Chairman of the Energy Committee, I am not about 'elimination'. I am for 'innovation'."

He described the need for a national investment in innovation to both preserve and create jobs in a 21st Century economy.

Speaking of global warming, the senator said that he wants data to govern U.S. policies. He said he wants global data, rather than just data on U.S. emissions, driving decisions by his committee:

"After all, it is called the global climate, not just the American climate. I want to know what the data is for all countries, so that we can establish where we rank and what we have done so far to clean up the air, and what

we, as well as others, should be doing.

"We can do our share and more, but our industries can't clean up the air for the rest of the consuming world. It just doesn't work that way. Everyone has to make an effort."

Manchin spoke of the importance of moving natural gas produced in West Virginia and the rest of Appalachia to markets where it is desperately needed, noting specifically South Carolina and North Carolina.

He also discussed how stalled projects, like the Mountain Valley Pipeline and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, hopefully, can be resumed, jobs can be restored, and investments can be made as necessary to complete the projects.

Ben Sullivan, one of the co-presidents of GO-WV, said, "Sen. Manchin has a remarkable command of all forms of energy, understands that

being strongly committed to energy independence and the environment are complementary efforts, and is in tune with the vital nature of clean burning and abundant natural gas. We are fortunate to have him as chairman of the U.S. Senate Energy Committee."

Tom Westfall, the other co-president, said, "Not only does Sen. Manchin have the knowledge base to be the Energy Committee Chairman, but he also has the energy and enthusiasm for the position."

"We are thankful that we have such a pragmatic individual leading our country forward on energy matters, which touch all aspects of Americans daily lives--security, affordable power, economic prosperity, and environmental protectionism."



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## Identity Theft Warning Given

WorkForce West Virginia has mailed 1099-Gs to nearly 200,000 individuals who received unemployment benefits last year, and is urging recipients to be on guard against fraud and identity theft.

The agency mailed the tax forms to individuals who received regular state unemployment benefits, pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA), pandemic emergency unemployment compensation (PEUC), federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC), extended benefits (EB), and lost wage assistance (LWA).

"It's unfortunate, but unemployment fraud has been prevalent across the country during the pandemic. Fraudsters are out there claiming benefits by using stolen identities,"

said WorkForce acting commissioner Scott A. Adkins.

"WorkForce is exhausting every possible avenue to reduce the impact of fraud on innocent West Virginians."

WorkForce has hired additional staff for fraud prevention and detection, including income and identity verification.

A new federal requirement for pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA) is to verify self-employment and identity of claimants. Even if a

claim was previously approved, each claimant will be asked to provide additional information.

Any individual who receives a 1099-G from WorkForce West Virginia, but did not file an unemployment claim, should report suspected fraud by filing a police report and sending an email to [unemploymentfraud@wv.gov](mailto:unemploymentfraud@wv.gov).

Individuals may also call 1-800-252-JOBS between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Callers should select option 5, when prompted.

## 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.

### Spay/Neuter

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

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

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

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

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

## WANTED: DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MEDIA AT WVU

The Division of Student Life at West Virginia University is seeking applications for a **Director of Student Media**. This position reports to the executive director of Student Enrichment and is responsible for the management, budgeting, staffing and successful operation of the Daily Athenaeum, U92 The Moose and Prospect and Price Creative. The Director of Student Media is responsible for all aspects of Student Media and for implementing innovative practices that result in respected and appreciated news organizations and profitable business operations; ensuring a welcoming community; and providing students valuable experiences and opportunities that prepare them for success upon graduation.

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**Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2021.**

**Applications may be downloaded from [wvpress.org](http://wvpress.org)**

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