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Kaylin Parsons (32) and Joselynn Yeager (42 hidden) block off Roane County defenders as Josie Montgomery (10) and Savannah Cunningham (3) move toward a throw-in from under the basket during Calhoun's 65-39 win over Roane County on Mar. 10. See story and additional photos inside this issue.

State Grants Waiver For 4-Day In-Person Student Instruction

At Monday's 5:30 p.m. school board meeting, Calhoun County superintendent of schools Kelli Whytsell released copies of her request to the State Dept. of Education to continue the county's policy of four days in-person learning and one day of hybrid learning for students, and the reply to her request (shown at right).

The waiver was granted, and the four-day in-person schedule will continue.

Additional information on the meeting will be published next week.

Some of the items approved at the meeting (Continued on Page 8)

REQUEST

February 23, 2021
W. Clayton Burch
State Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Waiver Request
Superintendent Burch,

I respectfully request that Calhoun County Schools be granted a waiver and allowed to continue attending school four (4) days per week with one day of Hybrid learning. Calhoun County Virtual model allows our teachers to provide a high-quality, locally designed virtual program that is meeting the needs of our students. Calhoun County teachers have dedicated one day a week all year to assist our virtual students and in-person students with instructional and social-emotional support.

Calhoun County teachers have been highly successful at serving the needs of virtual students through the Calhoun Virtual, conducted via TEAMS. Planning and providing high-quality instruction to the virtual students requires additional time to ensure that the students understand the standards and demonstrate mastery. The instruction consists of reaching out to the students either through Teams or by phone to provide reteaching, retesting, extra support, or direct instruction with teachers. This has allowed in-person students to receive small group instruction provided by the teachers, if needed. Teachers can directly address standards that virtual students are not grasping. The county Technology Integration Specialist (TIS) has used time on Wednesdays to work with teachers to become proficient at delivering the lessons through TEAMS. The TIS teachers have also been able to work with the students and families on how to access the

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Calhoun's Jett Sampson (106 lbs.) pins his Tyler Consolidated opponent on Saturday. Sampson is one of two Red Devil wrestlers at 5-0 on the season. The other is Grant Sterns (145). See story on Page 5.

County Has 4 Cases

Calhoun had four residents test positive for COVID-19 in the past week, and remained green on the education map for the 38th straight day.

Total cases increased to 235, the lowest total in the State. The next lowest county is Webster, which has had 383 positive cases, including 51 in the past week.

The percent positive for Calhoun is now at 1.27, down from 1.61 last week, with infection rate at 6.03, down from 8.04 last week.

Calhoun and surrounding counties showed 39 new cases for the week.

Tuesday's Education Map report showed 32 counties as green, 6 as yellow, with 8 as gold, 8 as orange, and 1 red.

West Virginia cases on the year total 136,019, with 2,546 deaths, including 2,163 new cases and 220 deaths in the past week, compared to 1,572 new cases and 25 deaths the previous week.

In West Virginia, 392,736 first vaccine doses have been administered, an increase of 49,018 since last week, and 246,568 second doses completed, an increase of 28,095.

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Calhoun Defeats Visiting Roane County, 65-39

CCHS cheerleaders welcome the Lady Devils onto the court prior to the Calhoun-Roane game on Mar. 10, as Josie Montgomery (carrying the basketball) leads the team. See story on Page 5.



Mobile Food Pantry At Municipal Park On Friday, 11 To 1

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

It has also hosted several mobile food pantries with Mountaineer Food Bank, which are open to everyone in Calhoun County. There are no income requirements to participate.

The next mobile food pantry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 19, at Grantsville Municipal Park.

In order to assure limited disruption to traffic in Grantsville, drivers are asked to not begin lining up in front of the former high school prior to 10:30 a.m. After receiving food, exit onto Rt. 7.

Additionally, volunteers will be positioned to help with directing traffic. Please be courteous to those individuals. Those participating are asked to not exit their car, but instead, direct the volunteers as to where to load their food.

OBITUARIES

REV. DEWEY LEE TANNER

Rev. Dewey Lee Tanner, 79, of Nebo, died Tuesday, Mar. 9, 2021, at CAMC Memorial Hospital.

He was born at Nebo, the son of the late Andy and Gertrude Tanner. He was a founding member of Tanner Boys Quartet, and preached at countless churches and revivals. Until recent years, he led a weekly church service for residents at Clay Health Care Center, Big Otter. He was pastor of Nebo Baptist Church for 27 years, where he was a church member since 1957. He was also a retired bus driver for the Clay County Board of Education, with 30 years of service.

Surviving are four sons, Rick Tanner of Nebo, Randy Tanner of Arnoldsburg, Tim Tanner of Sutton and Scott Tanner of Scott Depot; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Carmel Tanner of Nebo; two sisters, Wanda Watkins of Chloe and Carol Copen of Nebo; and two uncles, Ron Dawson and Don Dawson.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Janet M. Tanner, on Mar. 2, 2021, and two brothers, Russell "Russ" Tanner and Dana Tanner.

Graveside service was held at Nebo Baptist Church Cemetery.



MARY ESTHER KING RICHARDS

Mary Esther King Richards, 89, of Elizabeth, died Tuesday, Mar. 9, 2021, at the home of her daughter.

She was born at Lower Nicut, the youngest child of the late Jerry and Ora Riffle King. She retired from Bob Evans Restaurant.

Surviving are one daughter, Connie Hall of Elizabeth; two sons, Malcomb Bell of Rice's Landing, Pa., and Jeff Bell of Columbus, Ohio; five step-children, Bill, Dana, Tim, Prissy and Lora Ide; six grandchildren, Sam Braniff, Chris Braniff, Lana Wilson, Lisa Lattea, Linda Wilson and J.R. Bell; 10 great-grandchildren, Jordan Braniff, Jacob Braniff, Savannah Walker, Chelsea Wilson, Toby Wilson, Kaylea Wilson, Roger Mayne, Austin Braniff, Ashley Braniff and Kaidin Crouser; one great-great-granddaughter, Willow Walker; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by nine siblings, Icie, Lee, Goldie, Lester, Ethel, Lantie, Lloyd, Ellen and Bob; and by her first husband, Olin Bell, and second husband, Albert Ide.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Jim Lough officiating. Burial was in King Cemetery.



JOHN DANIEL MUNCY

John Daniel Muncy, 70, of Flaherty, Ky., died Friday, Mar. 12, 2021, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

He was born in Charleston, the youngest child of the late Ira Muncy and Dorothy Brinegar Muncy, and raised on Cabin Creek, before moving to Calhoun County in 1963. He was a 1968 graduate of Calhoun County High School. He was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the U.S. Army, where he received a Purple Heart and retired with 29 years of civil service at Ft. Knox. He was also a dedicated member of a 12-step program for 37 years.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara, whom he married on Jan. 14, 1972; two sons, Paul and Steven; four grandchildren, Sydney, Caleb, Aiden and Bellamina, all of Flaherty; one sister, Jean Simers of Grantsville; nieces, Sandra Bugby and great-nephew David, and Cindy Simers and great-niece Bethany; one brother, James of Warner Robins, Ga., and nieces Valerie Semler and Paula Kvarnberg of Florida.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, David and Howard.

Visitation and prayer was held at Chism Family Funeral Home, Vine Grove, Ky. Burial was in the cemetery of St. Martins Catholic Church, Flaherty.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, March 17

Solid Waste Authority meets, Mom's Place Too, Grantsville, 4 p.m.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team hosts Braxton County, 7 p.m.

Pool tournament, VFW Post 5959, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 18

CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Webster County, 7:30 p.m. (if Webster passes COVID-19 protocols).

Friday, March 19

Vaccination clinic, 9 a.m. to noon., Calhoun Middle/High School, front loop, 50 Underwood Circle, Mt. Zion; no walk-ins.

Mobile food pantry in Grantsville municipal park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (do not line up before 10:30 in front of former high school); sponsored by Mountaineer Food Bank and FRN; open to all Calhoun residents.

Orders and payment are due by 4 p.m. for spring plants and berries; WVU Extension Service, call 462-7061, or email dmfryman@mail.wvu.edu.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Clay County, 7 p.m.

CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Ritchie County, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 20

FIRST DAY OF SPRING.

CCHS wrestling team competes at Wirt County with Madonna and Nicholas, 10 a.m.

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

CCHS varsity girls basketball team hosts Wirt County, 7:30 p.m.

Pool tournament, VFW Post 5959, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 22

First day of spring sports practice for CMS.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Braxton County, 7 p.m.

CCHS varsity boys

basketball team hosts South Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, March 23

Free coronavirus testing, Minnie Hamilton Health System, 9 a.m. to noon.

CCHS varsity boys basketball team plays at Braxton County, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24

CCHS wrestling team competes at St. Marys, 6 p.m.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Doddridge County, 7 p.m.

Pool tournament, VFW Post 5959, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

Welfare of Animals Group will be trapping stray and feral cats in Orma and Big Bend areas to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped.

CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Clay County, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 26

CCHS varsity girls basketball team hosts South Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

CCHS wrestling team hosts Wahama and Doddridge County, 11 a.m.

CCHS varsity boys basketball team plays at Doddridge County, 1 p.m.

Pool tournament, VFW Post 5959, 8 p.m.

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.

Pool Tournament

VFW Post 5959 hosts a pool tournament each Wednesday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

WAG To Be In Orma And Big Bend Areas

Welfare of Animals Group will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Orma and Big Bend areas on Thursday, Mar. 25, to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program).

According to the news release, "We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Wednesday, Mar. 24, as we will be trapping on Mar. 25.

"Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours), we will return them to

their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation.

"So far, we have spayed and neutered 463 community cats (264 females and 199 males).

"Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Thursday, Mar. 25. If you have questions, call Linda Buchanan, 354-7506."

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

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Even though I am not a fan of getting out of bed an hour earlier during Daylight Saving Time, I am a huge fan of seeing that extra hour of daylight in the evening, when I might actually be able to do something with the time allotted.

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I have already taken advantage of warmer weather to ride my e-bike to work last Wednesday, and I look forward to making a habit of it, as soon as the weather is more amenable, both in the morning and in the evening.

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Last Wednesday morning's trip to work was just a tad on the too cold side for bike riding, although the return trip in the late afternoon was absolutely beautiful. I even stopped on Bull River, next to the old Ball farm pond, for five minutes just to listen to the spring peepers sing their happy songs.

I do think that I need to buy an extra power pack (battery) for my e-bike, just in case I find myself wanting to go for a much longer ride.

The battery that it came with says "Power is Joy," and it should be good for 20 to 30 miles, but all that I know is, the e-bike is too heavy (70 to 80 pounds) to pedal just with my leg power. I really need the pedal assistance.

If there are any "mature" readers out there who know that they no longer have the leg strength to go for an extended bicycle ride, but really would like to see our environs from the seat of a bicycle, I highly recommend buying yourself a pedal-assisting electric bicycle.

They really don't cost all that much more than a good multi-speed regular bike costs, and it will also do most of the work for you, if you want it to.

On my bike, I am offered five levels of pedal assistance, with level one, I provide 80% of the power and the battery provides 20%; at level two, I provide 60%, but when I get to level five, I only provide 20% with the battery providing 80%. Hills are doable on an electric bicycle.

The distance you can travel before the battery pack needs recharging is entirely dependant upon your efforts. If you do most of the work, you

can go further, and if you depend on the electric motor for most of the work, your trip will be cut short.

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If you decide to get yourself an e-bike, Amazon has them all, except for online retailer, Wish, which has quite a few e-bikes direct from the manufacturer (China) for substantially less.

Keep in mind, now that we are "mature," we are no longer as nimble as we once were, and swinging that leg over the crossbar while maintaining balance is much more difficult.

I recommend getting a bike with a low crossbar, it looks like a "girl's" bike, allowing you to swing your leg over to mount the bike more easily than if the crossbar is high. How do I know this? Because I bought one with a high bar without this knowledge, which would have made my cycling life much easier.

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Ramps have been coming up and morels have been harvested in Georgia. Spring will be upon us this Saturday, and I am really looking forward to warmer weather and spending more time outside.

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Now that Jeanne and I have gotten two negative COVID-19 test results and both of us have received the first Moderna vaccine injection a couple of weeks ago, we felt comfortable enough to visit with our seven-month-old grandson Conor.

We mostly get to visit with him over the phone, or through a messenger app.

It is so much better to hold him on your lap, while he tries to pull the mask from your face (I will not take a chance of infecting him), laughing all the while.

I even got to feed him his very first spoonful of beans (properly mashed into a substance akin to refried beans), since I am the chili chef in the family.

His mother even allowed me to trick him with the surprise infusion of mangos for dessert. Since it occurred with no warning, the look on his precious little face was priceless.

Thankfully, I was wearing a mask, so perhaps he won't make that connection later in life--or will like me regardless of my deception of his taste buds.

Pandemic Unemployment Payments To Continue

West Virginians receiving unemployment benefits are unlikely to experience a gap in payments, as WorkForce West Virginia officials work with the U.S. Dept. of Labor to implement provisions of the American Rescue Plan that extends several federal pandemic unemployment assistance programs another 29 weeks.

The plan as signed into law on Mar. 11 includes:

--Extension of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits for independent contractors, the self-employed and gig workers through the week ending Sept. 4.

--Extension of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, which provides an extra \$300 in benefits each week, through the week ending Sept. 4.

--Extension of Pan-

demic Emergency Unemployment Compensation through the week ending Sept. 4.

--\$10,200 federal tax exclusion for unemployment compensation income for tax year 2020 for households with incomes under \$150,000.

Individuals currently receiving unemployment need to file weekly certifications to continue receiving benefits.

To ensure a seamless transition and make sure there are no gaps in benefits payments, WorkForce asked the Dept. of Labor and Employment for approval to deploy the extended programs before receiving official guidance.

To learn about federal pandemic and regular state unemployment benefits or to file a claim, call 1-800-252-JOBS or visit workforcewv.org.

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This Week In History

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

1921, 100 years ago

Charles Trippett, formerly of Bull River and a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. M.W. Trippett, met with a terrible accident near Elkins on Sunday, in which his back was broken, according to a telegram received by Mrs. Okey Vanhorn, a sister, on Monday morning.

Mr. Trippett had been employed in the coal mines around Elkins for several years and was working at that occupation when the accident happened. No details were stated in the telegram beyond the bare fact that he was hurt and was in critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanhorn left on Tuesday morning to be with the injured man, but up to the time of going to press, no additional word had been received from them. The unfortunate man has many relatives and friends in this county, who will hear of the accident with much regret.

Bob Hamilton, in his *Calhoun Chronicle*, recently made the statement that "the joy had been taken out of life," which moves us to inquire--since when was the national game (stud poker) abolished at the Capitol of the Free and Independent State of Old Calhoun. --Shirley's *Kanawha News*.

Misses Alma Bennett, Ruth Gainer and Esther Wright of Henrietta were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Wilhelm several days this week, while here attending the Methodist revival.

Mrs. S.M. Maze of Industry was here a few days this week assisting in the Methodist revival, and visiting with relatives and friends.

During the past week or 10 days, there have been many patients in the Parkersburg hospitals from this county. We know of at least a dozen who are there now, and there are probably several others of whom we have not heard. Consequently, we ask, "Why not a modern and up-to-date hospital at Grantsville?"

Each year, there are hundreds of patients taken from this county to hospitals in Parkersburg and Spencer, and we believe that our surgeons are as competent to handle the cases as any in either of the above mentioned places. Let's look into the matter and see if we cannot support a first-class institution.

1946, 75 years ago

A representative of a studio in Charleston was at Grantsville Graded School on Mar. 1, and took individual pictures of children and teachers. About 387 children had pictures made.

There was a county teachers' meeting held at Grantsville Graded on Friday, Feb. 22, with G.W. Yoak, county superintendent, presiding. The meeting adjourned at the school building about 11:30 and reassembled at noon at the American Legion hall, where a free dinner was served to all teachers and school officials by the local Red Cross. Mrs. L.C. Hamilton made a talk on the Red Cross and the teachers were given material for beginning their Red Cross drive in their respective communities.

The school began its annual Red Cross drive Friday, March 1. Much interest is being manifested by the children and an earnest effort is being made to raise the school quota of \$400.

During the recent series of revival services at the Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. Fell Kennedy and the Rev. Tolbert, who was assisting Rev. Kennedy, invited the school to attend special services planned for the children.

The upper grades went one day and the lower grades the following day. The school appreciates the interest that Rev. Kennedy has manifested.

The Boy Scouts were responsible for all patrol duty in the school during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8-14.

The following patrols have been named for the school for the second semester: Grade 8: Cathleen McDonald, Martha Gainer, Romie Harden, Donna Jean Johnson, Betty Stump and Lila Kelly. Grade 7: Richard Stump, Robert Bush, Loretta Poling, Virginia Weaver and Hazel Plant. Grade 6: John Holliday, Peggy Monroe, Kathryn Boggs and Carolyn Erp.

1971, 50 years ago

If you saw a bathtub rolling along Rt. 5 last Friday evening, don't worry about your vision. There really was a bathtub, and it was pulled by Glenville State College students in the TKE fraternity, earning money for the Easter Seal Society.

The tub went through Grantsville at 9:00 on Friday evening, as students took turns pulling the tub, all the way from Glenville to Parkersburg, with an escort of about half a dozen cars. It was reported that they reached Parkersburg about midnight.

What could have been a serious fire was extinguished rapidly in the Grantsville Tire Shop, according to fire chief Chester Fluharty.

Fire of a still undetermined origin started beneath the floor in the back part of the building which houses the recapping shop. Damage was confined to an area beneath the boiler. The fire was discovered about 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. Grantsville Fire Dept. responded with 15 men, a pumper and a tank truck, and had the blaze under control in 15 to 20 minutes.

Repairing the damage to the building was underway by Monday morning, and operation of the tire shop continued, although no recapping equipment could be operated until the boiler was put back into operation.

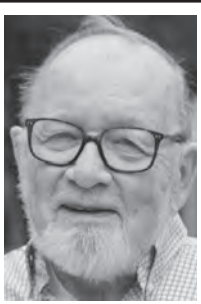
Emmett Johnson, owner of the shop, said that the back third of the shop would need some work on the floor, but all was expected to be back in operation. The large stock of tires in the front of the building was not damaged. The Johnsons were high in their praise of the firemen, who were able to get the fire out without damage to their stock and equipment.

Spencer Fire Dept. made a run to the scene, but the fire was under control by the time they arrived. The local fire fighters had not called for their help.

Pointing out the potential seriousness of the fire, Fluharty said that had the flames reached the tire stocks in the front of the building, Grantsville could have had a major fire, as the Mill Street section is congested.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Humans have fingerprints. Do animals have them? (Asked by a curious Sherlock Holmes.)

Reply: Fingerprints, or the ridges on our thumbs and fingers, make life easier for us in that they help us grasp and hold things, particularly slippery objects. In researching this question, I found one reference comparing fingerprints to the tread on the tires of a car. The tread gives a better grip.

Yes, there are animals other than humans that have fingerprints. Gorillas and some monkeys have fingerprints. They are primates like us humans, with a great deal of manual dexterity; however, it is interesting that perhaps our closest relative, the chimpanzee, does not have fingerprints, and elsewhere, "down under," Koala bears have fingerprints.

Since no two person's fingerprints are identical, they are used as a means of identification. You've seen enough detective movies--don't leave your fingerprints at the scene of the crime. Don't go barefoot either, as toe prints are unique and can be used, too.

Question: Who invented iced tea? (Asked by a curious southerner.)

Reply: What would the south be without iced tea? Tea drinking has been going on for some 5,000 years, and probably originated in China or India, with tea being derived from a plant native to central and eastern Asia.

Iced tea, however, is more modern. A tea vendor at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis was having trouble selling hot tea in the summer. So, he added some ice and chilled it. His "iced" tea boosted sales, and the idea caught on. The rest is history. (I don't know if the vendor used any sugar to give a choice of sweetened or unsweetened.)

An interesting sidelight to tea development is that in 1908, another vendor began shipping tea samples in small, individual bags to restaurants in New York. The restaurants started using the bags in cups of hot water without removing the tea. Thus, the teabag was born, which took away the art of reading tea leaves.

There are even some tea superstitions for hot tea drinkers, such as, "To stir tea in the pot is to stir up strife," or, "Bubbles in your cup show that kisses are coming, but if you put in milk before the sugar, you risk losing your sweetheart." I'm not much of a tea drinker myself, so you'll have to check these out. Take tea and see!

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "A poor joke must invent its own laughter." --Latin Proverb.

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

State Board Opposed To Legislative Bill

W.Va. State Board of Education and State superintendent of schools Clayton Burch have issued a joint statement in opposition of House Joint Resolution 1 (HRJ1), currently under consideration in the West Virginia Legislature.

The bill would amend the State Constitution and bring the State board of education's rule-making power under the authority of the State Legislature.

WVBE and the State superintendent provided a historical outline of the 1958 decision by West Virginia voters to give general supervisory authority of the public school system to the State board of education.

The statement explains that the amendment was "undertaken in response to a legislative commissioned study of West Virginia's system of public education and was recognized as a necessary step to provide the state's school with a governance model that is thoughtful, managed by a diverse group of experts and immune from the ebb and flow of politics."

According to the statement, "Governance by the non-partisan State board of education provides more than a consistent and stabilizing foundation for public schools, but also a panel of experts from diverse backgrounds that is connected to the teachers, students and families of the state."

"Our entire focus is building and sustaining an effective and responsive educational structure around the teachers and students of our state," said

WVBE president Miller Hall.

"For example, we have been keenly aware of the needs of the education community during the pandemic and set up a process to quickly issue waivers as unforeseen circumstances arose.

"The board, working with the State superintendent, maintained open and ongoing communication with our counties to provide effective and responsive guidance during this difficult time. The proposed amendment would make this process less efficient and less responsive."

"The school system requires the consistent and steady guidance that the board offers," said Burch. "We cannot subject our classrooms to the currents and turmoil of politics that are subject to change every two years.

"Our students and teachers rely on the steady governance that assures consistency, quality and equality. HRJ1 would inject disruptive partisan political discourse into the lives and learning of our students."



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Mar. 18-24 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Mar. 18, 1820: William Stevenson was born in Warren, Pa., but he later moved to Wood County in western Virginia. In 1868, he was elected the third governor of West Virginia.

Mar. 18, 1922: Athlete Frank "Gunner" Gatski was born in Farmington. He played 11 years for the Browns (1946-56) and one for Detroit (1957). He played in 10 championship games, eight on the winning side.



Mar. 18, 1950: Actor Brad Dourif was born in Huntington. He is best known for his portrayal of offbeat characters, including Billy Bibbit in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and Grima Wormtongue in Peter Jackson's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Mar. 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West Virginia's 24 African-American high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union (WVAU) state basketball tournament. Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.

Mar. 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacksville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County, while the mine was being sealed. Drainage pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.



Mar. 20, 1897: Musician Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck style, he helped to instill a blues strain in modern country music, and was influential among coalfield musicians.

Mar. 20, 1849: Businessman James Kay was

born in Scotland. He constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor (shown below).

Mar. 20, 1936: Recurring storms led to major flooding on the Ohio River. At Parkersburg, the river reached 48 feet, 10 feet above flood stage.

Mar. 21, 1914: The West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon. The event was first sponsored by W.Va. Wesleyan College, which at the time had West Virginia's largest and finest gymnasium.

Mar. 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Gov. William Wallace Barron appointed her as director of the Dept. of Mental Health.

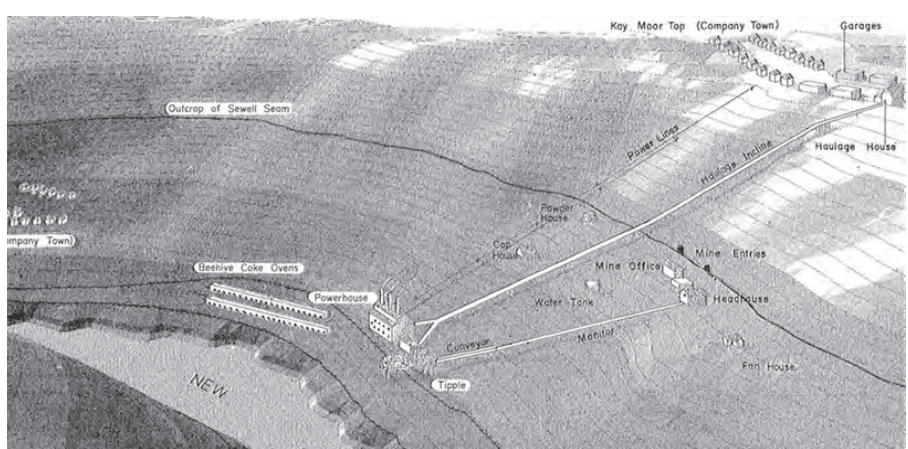


Mar. 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces, after her group was ambushed.



Mar. 24, 1890: Confederate Gen. William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. He was born in Clarksburg, and joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

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Businessman James Kay constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor.

My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



Daylight Saving Time, how I hate and love you at the same time. I love that the days are longer. I love that I have more time to be outside after school is over for the day. On the other hand, I hate that it is once again pitch dark when I wake up and still dark when I am driving to school. I hate the lethargic feeling that I have for at least a week after we spring forward and lose that hour. How can one hour make such a difference?

Well, ready or not, the time change is here, and I will adapt. Eventually, I won't be sleepy, the mornings will lighten up, and I will be glad that the clocks were turned up once again. Until then, forgive me if I am a little grumpy.

It's hard to believe that a year ago this past weekend, the governor closed all schools and basically put the whole state in lock down. Daylight Saving Time happened that weekend too, but it didn't hit as hard, because we had nowhere to go and very little to do. This was before we had Teams and remote learning. We started out with packets of work and segued to engagement activities. Instead of getting up at 5:30 and heading to work, I spent my days calling students to check in and brainstorm activities for students who didn't have internet.

I also took a college class last March in preparation to renew my teaching certificate. I needed six semester hours to do so, and that class gave me three. Just this month, I completed my second class and submitted my application for renewal. The whole process is online now, so I submitted my application on Wednesday, and it was finalized on Friday. I now have another five-year certificate.

I love Wednesdays, because I have the time to get so much accomplished. I use this hybrid learning day to write lesson plans, grade papers, collaborate with my fellow teachers, and take care of other important paperwork. I don't stress so much about getting everything done because I know I have this day each week.

This past Wednesday, I left school with a completed to-do list and headed off to get my hair cut. Maricia, Mom and I had appointments scheduled. Mom hadn't had her hair done for a while, so she was really looking forward to her cut and color. We spent an enjoyable couple of hours chatting and laughing with Crystal, and she made us all look great as usual.

Mom and Dad are really settling into their new place. The nice weather that we had early last week allowed us to sit out on their back deck and enjoy being outside. Dad has hung up a few bird feeders, and he is thrilled that the birds have started coming to visit. He can watch them from the deck and through the glass doors in their living room, so he is quite happy.

Now that my parents are settled in, I have started going through some of the bins that I brought to my house. It is my job to go through all of the books. Most of Dad's church books were donated to a church in Ohio. Those we left in Ohio, and my sister Missy is in charge of delivering them. The rest came to Grantsville, and I am slowly making my way through them.

Most of them are being donated to the library, but there are some that my parents want and some that I plan to keep. I had a big bookshelf that I left behind at my parents' house when I moved to Florida. It is too large for their new house, so it has made its way back to me, and is now in the living room of my home among the hills.

I am slowly making my way through the bins of books. I went through three this weekend. In addition, I have been going through my books and rearranging their placement. Most are going on the built-in bookshelves by the fireplace and on the big bookshelf, but a few are making their way to a small bookshelf in my room and on the nightstand in the green guestroom. I still have a number of bins to get through, but I am making progress.

My project for this week is to get my spring decorations out, so that I can gradually put them up. I always look forward to bringing out all these pops of color to brighten up my home among the hills. These decorations will stay up until school is out, so it's a good thing that I like them so much. I also plan to start cleaning my porch and pruning my bushes in preparation for some future porch sitting. Spring starts on Saturday, and I'm ready.

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)

The second letter is written by Amie while she is in Arnoldsburg.
French Creek,
April 27th 1856

Sabbath evening! My thoughts carried back to Sabbath evenings spent in Butler. In imagination our little band are gathered once more in Uncle's pleasant parlor. There sits Aunt at the farther end of the settee, next Lydia Ellen & then Josie Emery. All three with one singing book between them & I this side of Josie who is vainly endeavoring to induce me to "try my voice". There by the window close by sits Davis L. & at the other end of the side table Brown & McCandless, all with their hymn books.

[Arnoldsburg]
May 9th 1856
Dear Mother

Although I have but a few leisure moments this morning I will devote them to giving you a history of my trip. The day we left home we took dinner at Mr John Smith's, that night we reached George Jackson's. The next night we reached Glenville.

I called a few minutes at Col. Hays' & then went to Mr Webb's, & staid there two nights. Went to church on Sunday, & called on Drusa Johnson⁴ in the evening. Called at Linn's Monday morning. The citizens of Glen[ville] appeared happy to see me. I enjoyed myself much.

I reached Perry's Monday evening, found them in usual health. Floyd⁵ is quite a fine looking boy. It rained some while we were on the road, but I did not get wet. Vegetation is a good deal farther advanced here than on F.C. George S was not in Glen when I was there & I have not seen him since I came.

If any letters come to me on F. Creek please to remail them, & put in a few lines yourself. I think Almira will return with Mr Young⁶. I do not think now I shall remain but a short time. I feel as if I ought to be at home. I have nothing worth writing.

Louisa says to tell you she is well, & has a very cross baby, & you must come & see her. I hope you will write often. Is Grandma still with you.

Good bye.
A. Eva Sexton

Amie, who is now age 20, speaks of several suitors.
July 18th 1856
Almira, dear

It is nearly school time. This is Friday, tonight I shall have completed six weeks of my school. At times I get tired & homesick, & think I will teach but two months, but I judge I shall finish my school. I get along very well. As far as I know all are pleased.

I got me a pair of walking shoes, so you need not send me none. I paid the money for them, as I had plenty with me. I sent by Perry to California⁷ & got me a pink lawn dress. They asked him over a quarter for it, but he got it for a shilling per yard, I think it very cheap, very pretty, & will not fade.

I can get along very well now without any more dresses. Perry thinks I look better in it than almost any thing else I ever had. This is the time for raspberries, & very soon blackberries. We have none, & I think will not. I do wish Mother could put away some berries.

I think they are a little better the way Aunt Amy⁸ puts them away, with the berries, & will get some nice sugar (white is the nicest). I will pay for it, for as I expect to marry within a few months, I shall need some of the kind.

Yes! I think I shall marry. Tom Fell⁹ was here last evening, & I had a pleasant chat with him, which quite flattered my vanity.

I have four letters to be mailed to day. To Lydia Ellen, to Mother, Mrs Young¹⁰ & N.C. Smith¹¹.

The last named one was a brief epistle. I had an excuse & a reason for troubling him. I promised to write him under certain conditions & although it was not now under such conditions, yet I chose to remind him of his betrothed! I told him I thought he was treating me very badly. I think probably I shall see him before he receives it. Jack¹² is well, & I think will visit you before long. Adieu in haste, I do want to see little Amie¹³.

¹Mr. John Smith lived in Buckhannon, saddle maker.

²George Jackson of Weston, Lewis County.

³Mr. Webb: John Webb, brother-in-law of Perry Hays.

⁴Drusa Johnson: Druscilla Hays Johnson, sister of Perry, wife of Levi Johnson.

⁵Floyd, son of Perry and Louisa Hays, nephew of Amie; born Mar. 20, 1856.

⁶Mr. Young: Rev. James Young, Presbyterian minister of French Creek. He was in Arnoldsburg to conduct a religious service.

⁷California: village in Jackson County; now Spencer, Roane County.

⁸Aunt Amy, wife of John Burr.

⁹Tom Fell, son of Abel and Frances of Glenville. About same age as Amie. Fells were merchants.

¹⁰Mrs. Young, wife of William Young of Harrison County.

¹¹N.C. Smith: "Cal," formerly of Rockingham, N.C., a resident of Harrison County.

¹²Jack: Robert Jackson Ball of Glenville.

¹³Amie Hays was visiting her grandmother and aunt at French Creek.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

Menu for the Senior Citizens Center (2% milk and margarine available daily):
Thursday, Mar. 18: vegetable soup, crackers, brownie, fruit.
Friday, Mar. 19: ham-burger, tater tots, jello with fruit, whole wheat bun.
Monday, Mar. 22: chicken patty, ranch potatoes, broccoli, pudding, whole wheat bun.
Tuesday, Mar. 23: chili with meat and beans, waldorf salad, brownie, crackers.
Wednesday, Mar. 24: pork BBQ, potatoes, cole-slaw, fruit.

Thursday, Mar. 25: fish sandwich, bun, peas and carrots, fruit.
Friday, Mar. 26: pork chop, dressing, brussels sprouts, fruit, wheat bun.

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.

Our student services team has maintained contact logs and continues to provide social-emotional support, counseling, education via TEAMS, phone, face to face, and in some cases, home visits. This is done in whole group, TEAMS, individual sessions, group sessions as appropriate for the students. The teachers have worked hard to establish and maintain relationships with our virtual students. Calhoun County student services were the first in the world to pilot Journey of Hope, a resiliency program developed by Save the Children.

We have also used the hybrid Wednesday for deep cleaning our facilities. This is the model that we have used since early October. We have successfully been in school, other than one (1) week and the days that Governor Justice closed school to in-person learning.

We believe that this model of learning is the best for Calhoun County students and appreciate your consideration in approving this request. I would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

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information on the TEAMS platform.

Students with disabilities have had IEP meetings conducted to meet the unique learning needs of each individual student learner. During these meetings, remote learning plans, virtual learning plans, and supportive/supplemental services have been designed and are being incorporated into instruction to meet the specific needs of the students. Students have the opportunity to receive direct services in the building on Wednesdays.

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Sincerely,
Kelli Whytsell
Superintendent of Schools

APPROVAL

March 1, 2021
Mrs. Kelli J. Whytsell
Superintendent
Calhoun County Schools

Dear Superintendent Whytsell:

Your request for a waiver from the West Virginia board of Education (WVBE) motion requiring 5 full days of in-person instruction for students in grades Pre-K through 8 has been reviewed.

The purpose of the WVBE waiver option is to provide students that are utilizing classroom teachers to teach both in-person students and full-time students participating in locally designed virtual programs the ability to conduct in-person instruction four (4) days per week and to allow sufficient time to support full-time virtual students. The waiver does not impact the ability of parents or guardians to choose a virtual learning option for their children consistent with your county virtual plan.

It is my opinion that your request meets the intent of the WVBE waiver option and is, therefore, GRANTED. The WVBE will review and consider available options for counties offering a 4-1 model at its April meeting.

The West Virginia Department of Education will continue to monitor your progress toward meeting the WVBE's requirement to provide 5 full days of in-person instruction to students in grade Pre-K through 8. Please report any changes to your in-person model to Michele-Blatt, Deputy State Superintendent.

Sincerely,
W. Clayton Burch
State Superintendent of Schools

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Calhoun's Savannah Cunningham (3) attempts a three-point shot at the beginning of the second period against visiting Gilmer County on Thursday.

Calhoun Varsity Boys May Open At Home Against Webster Co.

The Calhoun County High School varsity boys basketball team is ready to open the season, after being delayed by COVID-19 quarantine.

The Red Devils lost top scorers Nick Moore (16.1) and Adam Parsons (15.7) to graduation from last year's 8-15 team.

This year's roster has three seniors, two juniors, four sophomores and six freshmen.

The team was scheduled to open the season at Roane County on Tuesday, and host Webster on Thursday and Ritchie on Friday, with varsity games at 7:30 p.m.

At presstime, there were still questions about the Webster game, as the Highlanders had been red on the Education Map for a while over the weekend.

CCHS will host South Harrison on Monday and travel to Braxton on Tuesday, with varsity games at 7:30.

The roster (and jersey numbers) are as follows:
Seniors: Gage Bunner (23), Levi Richards (11)

and Levi Walker (2).
Juniors: Chase Blair (33) and Ian Richards (15).

Sophomores: Hayden Bajcar (30), Joel Basnett (3), Levi M. Morris (10) and Mason Siwicki (12).

Freshmen: Caden Jones (32), Levi J. Morris (35), Dakota Quick (45), Owen Taylor (21), Gabe Waldron (13) and Tyler Whited (5).

2021 CCHS Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

March
16 Roane Co.* A 7:30
18 Webster Co.* ... H 7:30
19 Ritchie Co.* H 7:30
22 So. Harrison* .. H 7:30
23 Braxton Co.* ... A 7:30
25 Clay Co.* H 7:30
27 Doddridge* A 1:00
30 Doddridge* H 7:30
31 Gilmer Co.* A 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
9 Man* A 7:30
10 Night of Champ. .. TBA
12 Ritchie* A 7:30
15 Wirt Co.* A 7:30

*Most JV games at 5:45p.m.

Girls' Win Streak Goes To Four After Victory Over Lady Raiders

Since last week, the Calhoun varsity girls basketball team extended its win streak to four games with a 65-39 victory over visiting Roane County, before losing to top-ranked Class A Gilmer County, 76-55, and to Ritchie County, 42-35.

Against Roane, the two teams were tied at 10 after the first period. Madison Westfall hit a three to open the second quarter, but the Lady Raiders scored the next nine points to take the lead, 19-13.

Josie Montgomery, who had a game-high 22 points, hit two baskets in the last minute, including a three-pointer with three seconds left to put CCHS in front, 24-19, at halftime.

Savannah Cunningham and Ella Hess hit on three field goals each in the third, as Calhoun pulled away with a 19-13 margin and a 43-32 lead.

In the fourth, Montgomery had 10 of the Lady Red Devils' 22 points, and the defense limited the visitors to seven points to close out the win, 65-39.

Cunningham (14) and Joselynn Yeager (10) also had double-figure scoring for CCHS. Montgomery (11) and Kaylin Parsons (8) led in rebounds, while Cunningham (7) led in steals.

On Thursday, with the help of Yeager's 11 first-quarter points, Calhoun and Gilmer were tied at 19 heading into the second period.

The visiting Lady Titans were able to outscore CCHS in each of the remaining quarters.

The Lady Red Devils' last lead was at 31-30 on Hess' two-pointer. Gilmer

closed out the third by outscoring the home team 11-1.

Leading 60-43, another outburst by GCHS made the margin 23, 68-45, as the Lady Titans won, 76-55.

Against visiting Ritchie County, Calhoun was unable to take advantage of the Lady Rebels' poor foul shooting (1-13).

Ritchie erased a five-point halftime deficit, and the teams were tied at 27 heading into the fourth period.

RCHS scored the first 12 points of the final quarter to take the lead, 39-27, before Calhoun rallied to within seven in the 42-35 loss.

Cunningham (15) and Montgomery (13) led CCHS in scoring. Montgomery also had 11 rebounds.

Calhoun is scheduled to host Braxton on Wednesday and play at Clay on Friday, both starting at 7 p.m., and host Wirt on Saturday at 7:30. Next week, it has two games on the road, Braxton on Mar. 22 and Doddridge on Mar. 24, both at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 10

Roane 10 9 13 7--39 Calhoun 10 14 19 22--65
Calhoun varsity girls scoring: Josie Montgomery 8 5-7 22, Savannah Cunningham 6 0-0 14, Joselynn Yeager 4 2-3 10, Kaylin Parsons 2 4-6 8, Elle Hess 4 0-1 8, Madison Westfall 1 0-0 3, Makayla Jones 0 0-0 0. Total 25 11-17 65. 3-pt.: Cunningham 2, Montgomery 1, Westfall 1. Rebounds: Montgomery 11, Parsons 8, Cunningham 5, Yeager 6; assists: Hess 4; steals: Cunningham 7, Parsons 4; blocks: Montgomery 2.
Roane: 17 3-4 39. 3-pt.: 2.

Thursday, Mar. 11

Gilmer 19 22 19 16--76 Calhoun 19 13 11 12--55
Calhoun varsity girls scoring: Joselynn Yeager 8 1-5 17, Josie Montgomery 6 3-3 15, Savannah Cunningham 3 1-2 7, Madison Westfall 2 2-4 7, Elle Hess 3 0-0 6, Kaylin Parsons 1 0-0 2, Makayla Jones 0 1-2 1, Allison Stevens 0 0-0 0, Trista Arnold 0 0-0 0. Total 23 8-16 55. 3-pt.: Westfall 1. Rebounds: Yeager 6, Parsons 5; assists: Cunningham 4; steals: Montgomery 5, Cunningham 4; blocks: Parsons 2.
Gilmer 31 10-15 76. 3-pt.: 4.

Monday, Mar. 15

Ritchie 6 8 13 15--42 Calhoun 13 6 8 8--35
Calhoun varsity girls scoring: Savannah Cunningham 4 7-8 15, Josie Montgomery 4 3-4 13, Joselynn Yeager 2 0-3 4, Kaylin Parsons 1 0-0 2, Madison Westfall 0 1-2 1, Elle Hess 0 0-0 0, Makayla Jones 0 0-0 0. Total 11 11-17 35. 3-pt.: Montgomery 2. Rebounds: Montgomery 11, Parsons 8, Yeager 7, Hess 6, Cunningham 5; assists: Cunningham 2; steals: Montgomery 3, Parsons 3; blocks: Parsons 2.
Ritchie: 17 1-13 42. 3-pt.: 7.

JV Girls Results

Wednesday, Mar. 10
Roane JV 14 12 6 13--45 Calhoun JV 6 5 2 13--26

Calhoun JV girls scoring: Trista Arnold 3 3-4 10, Emily Dennison 2 2-6 6, Allison Stevens 1 3-4 5, Ariety Hickman 1 2-2 4, Elle Hess 0 1-4 1, Makayla Jones 0 0-1 0, Madison Westfall 0 0-0 0. Total 7 11-21 26. 3-pt.: Arnold 1. Rebounds: Stevens 11; assists: Hess 2; steals: Dennison 4, Hess 3, Arnold 3.
Roane JV: 22 1-6 45. 3-pt.: 0.

Thursday, Mar. 11

Roane JV 15 16--31 Calhoun JV 7 11--18
Calhoun JV girls scoring: Emily Dennison 4 0-0 8, Trista Arnold 2 1-2 5, Allison Stevens 1 0-0 3, Makayla Jones 1 0-0 2, Ariety Hickman 0 0-0 0, Elle Hess 0 0-0 0. Total 8 1-2 18. 3-pt.: Stevens 1. Rebounds: Jones 6, Hickman 3; assists: Stevens 2; steals: Dennison 2; blocks: Hess 2.
Gilmer JV: 14 3-8 31. 3-pt.: 0.

Monday, Mar. 15

Ritchie JV 8 9 18 7--42 Calhoun JV 6 9 8 14--37
Calhoun JV girls scoring: Trista Arnold 4 3-3 11, Emily Dennison 4 0-0 8, Elle Hess 3 0-0 7, Madison Westfall 1 4-4 6, Ariety Hickman 2 1-2 5, Makayla Jones 0 0-0 0, Allison Stevens 0 0-0 0. Total 14 8-9 37. 3-pt.: Hess 1. Rebounds: Hickman 8, Jones 7, Westfall 6, Stevens 5, Dennison 5; assists: Jones 3; steals: Arnold 6.
Ritchie JV: 19 3-6 42. 3-pt.: 1.

2021 CCHS Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

March
5 Cal. 62 Dodd. 43 W
6 Cal. 67 Wirt 39 W
8 Cal. 56 South Harrison 36 W
10 Cal. 65 Roane 39 W
11 Cal. 55 Gilmer 76 L
15 Cal. 35 Ritchie 42 L
17 Braxton Co. H 7:00
19 Clay Co. A 7:00
20 Wirt Co.* H 7:30
22 Braxton Co. A 7:00
24 Doddridge Co. . A 7:00
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

No results

March
12 Clay (A team only) ... H
13 Gilmer noon A
15 Spencer A
16 Wirt A
18 Summersville A
23 Gilmer H
25 Walton A
26 Wirt H
29 Ravenswood A
30 Spencer H
April
1 Ravenswood H
2 Walton H

Calhoun Middle School 2021 Boys Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted

No results

March
16 Ravenswood A
18 Summersville .. 7:00 A
19 Gilmer H
22 Gilmer noon A
24 Wirt H
25 Geary H
29 Ravenswood H
31 Clay A
April
1 Spencer A
2 Geary A
6 Wirt A
8 Spencer H

Veterans Vaccine

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, Clarksburg, will offer a walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Saturday, Mar. 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., to all veterans of any age.

To receive the free vaccine, veterans are asked to present their VA card and wear a short-sleeved shirt.

No appointment is necessary to receive the vaccine, but you must be an enrolled veteran.

If you are not enrolled as a VA patient, visit www.clarksburg.va.gov/ patients or call 623-3461, ext. 3332 or 3590.

Sampson and Sterns Remain Undefeated

(Photos on Page 10)

The CCHS wrestling team competed in a quad at Tyler Consolidated on Saturday, along with Williamstown and Ritchie.

It will be difficult to win dual team matches for the Red Devils, with only eight matmen to fill the 14 weight classes.

The team lost to Ritchie, 36-21; Williamstown, 36-30; and Tyler, 66-18.

Calhoun individual wrestlers were 8-10 in competitive matches, but had to give up 12 forfeits in unfilled classes.

Jett Sampson (113 lbs.) and Grant Sterns (145) remained undefeated, as each won three matches, and now have 5-0 records.

Sampson won against a Ritchie opponent with a 17-11 decision and pinned foes from Williamstown and Tyler.

Sterns pinned Ritchie and Williamstown wrestlers, and received a forfeit from Tyler.

Hunter Thacker (138) finished 2-1, with pins against Williamstown and Tyler. Drue Goad (195) had a pair of forfeits for a 2-1 record.

Calhoun is scheduled to compete in a Wirt County quad on Saturday at noon, with Weirton Madonna and Nicholas County.

Saturday, Mar. 13

Ritchie 36 Calhoun 21
106 lbs. - Double forfeit
113 - Jett Sampson, dec. 17-11
120 - Forfeit
126 - Isaiah Boggs, lost by pin
132 - Jayden Hickman, lost by pin
138 - Hunter Thacker, lost by pin
145 - Grant Sterns, pin
152 - Forfeit
160 - Double forfeit
171 - Double forfeit

182 - Ethan Jarvis, lost by pin
195 - Drue Goad, forfeit
215 - Double forfeit
285 - Levi Stump, forfeit

Williamstown 36 Calhoun 30

106 - Jett Sampson, pin
113 - Double forfeit
120 - Isaiah Boggs, lost by pin
126 - Forfeit
132 - Jayden Hickman, pin
138 - Hunter Thacker, pin
145 - Grant Sterns, pin
152 - Forfeit
160 - Forfeit
171 - Double forfeit
182 - Ethan Jarvis, lost by pin
195 - Drue Goad, forfeit
215 - Double forfeit
285 - Levi Stump, lost by pin

Tyler Consolidated 66 Calhoun 18

106 - Jett Sampson, pin
113 - Forfeit
120 - Isaiah Boggs, lost by pin
126 - Forfeit
132 - Jayden Hickman, lost by pin
138 - Hunter Thacker, pin
145 - Grant Sterns, forfeit
152 - Forfeit
160 - Forfeit
171 - Forfeit
182 - Forfeit
195 - Drue Goad, lost by pin
215 - Forfeit
285 - Levi Stump, lost by pin

2021 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

All matches away, except Mar. 27

March
6 Ritchie Co. (0-2)
13 Tyler Con. (0-3)
20 Wirt Co., quad, with Madonna, Nicholas Co. 12:00
24 St. Marys 6:00
27 Wahama, Dodd. .. 11:00
31 Roane Co., quad . 6:00
April
3 LKC at South Harrison
9-10 Regional at Winfield
21-22 States at Huntington

Calhoun County High School 2021 Wrestling Records

Following are individual records, pins, and points earned by members of the CCHS wrestling team:

Weight	Wrestler	Record	Pins	Points
106--	Jett Sampson	5-0	3	25
120--	Isaiah Boggs	0-5	0	0
132--	Jayden Hickman	1-4	1	6
138--	Hunter Thacker	3-2	2	15
152--	Grant Sterns	5-0	4	30
182--	Ethan Jarvis	0-4	0	0
195--	Drue Goad	3-2	0	18
285--	Levi Stump	2-3	0	12
Others (including 20 forfeits)		0-20	0	0
Total		19-40	10	106

Dual Record -- 0-5 Tournament Record -- 0-0



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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 | 57 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 | 10 Acres +/- | **SALE PENDING** Now only \$19,500!

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 | **SALE PENDING** Grant County | 56 Acres +/- | \$59,500

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

Rt. 16 North of Grantsville | 10 Acres +/- | 3 BR - 2 BA | Full 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 +/- | **UNDER CONTRACT!** | \$29,500

FARMS

821 Reedyville Road | **UNDER CONTRACT** | 3 BR - 2 BA | \$82,000

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 | 3 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 +/- | 4 BR - 2 BA | Full Home on 3 Acres +/- | \$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 | **FIXED PRICE** \$19,500 **SALE PENDING**

2766 N. Calhoun Hwy., Grantsville, WV | 4.3 Acres +/- | 2 Trailers, All Materials for Renovation, and Much More! \$19,900 **SALE PENDING**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCING

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

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



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Bring Classifieds to the Chronicle office or mail to Box 400, Grantsville, WV 26147. Classifieds Ads must be paid in advance. Classifieds are \$3 plus 10¢ a word after 20 words.

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/2-25-18

Sales

GARAGE SALE at 11410 S. Calhoun Hwy., across from old gun store at Millstone, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 18-20, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cheap Longaberger baskets, new Bath and Body stuff, lots of new toys, 31 Totes, Lock and Lock bowls, and lots of new stuff.
1tp/3/15

Job Wanted

JOB WANTED -- Mailing letters from home, for a company. Write to: Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. 4tp/3/11-4/8

Personals

WANTED -- Shapely lady, employed, attractive, lonely, non-smoking/non-drinking, with nice figure, for girlfriend in Calhoun County. Woman send photo, phone, address to Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. Woman have car, computer, and house.
4tp/3/11-4/1

Thank You

NOTE OF THANKS
I want to thank every one of you who helped me celebrate my 96th birthday on Feb. 14. I really appreciated the flowers, the phone calls, the birthday cake and approximately 120 birthday cards, and the notes along with the cards to let me know where you are and what you are doing. It was great from so many people. May God bless all of you,
Freda

NOTE OF THANKS
On behalf of the Randy "Bear" Yoak family, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard or contributed in any way to his fundraiser to help with expenses. The outstanding support confirms that the people of Calhoun and nearby counties have such endearing and generous hearts, and how much they cared and loved him. Joe and Jessica Justice wanted to honor his memory and did an outstanding job of organizing the event. I especially would like to thank Joe and Jessica Justice, Lacy Petry, Karen Schreve and Terry Harris for their commitment, tireless work, for helping before, during and after the fundraiser. I'm sure in his own way, "Bear" would be so pleased and honored by the community that loved him so much. "What a beautiful difference one single life made." Randall Kenneth "Bear" Yoak, 03/20/1953 - 02/15/2021. Thank you so very much and may God bless you!
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**1997 Harley Davidson Road King
S/N 1HD1FHR18Y619160**
Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale
Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks Garage, 253 Court Street, Grantsville WV 26147
Terms of sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale.
Calhoun County Bank, Inc.
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Grantsville, WV 26147
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**TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
2267 Bull River Road, Grantsville, WV 26147**

In a Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 154, at page 21 Robert L. Fitzwater and Ruth L. Fitzwater did convey unto Richard or David Pill, Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Calhoun County Courthouse, Main St., Grantsville, West Virginia 26147 on:

**April 22, 2021
At 12:00 PM**

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:
BEGINNING at an iron rebar, 1/2" x 36", set near West Virginia Secondary Route No. 35/17; thence running S 30 16' W. crossing and recrossing West Virginia Secondary Route No. 35/17 961 feet to an iron rebar 1/2" x 36" set; thence N 37 2' W, recrossing said secondary route, 823.26 feet, passing a 1/2" x 36" rebar set at 223.7 feet to an iron pipe at the corner of Lot E; thence N. 80 E. 995.39 feet to the place of beginning, containing 8.02 acres, more or less.

Being the same premises as conveyed in Deed from Robert L. Fitzwater recorded 02/21/2006 in Book 218, page 321 in said County and State.

Commonly known as: 2267 Bull River Road, Grantsville, WV 26147
Tax Id: 05-04-60.4

The purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Calhoun County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

The Trustees make no representations as to the condition of the property. The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

The Trustees make no representations as to whether the property is occupied. The purchaser is responsible for gaining access and possession of the property. Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

The purchaser may assign its rights prior to the delivery of the trustee's deed by a signed request in writing to the trustee; the assignee of the purchaser shall be bound by all terms and conditions applicable to the purchaser.

The Trustees will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code §38-1-6. The Trustees make no representations and warranties about the title of the real estate to be conveyed. If the Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title to purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.

TERMS OF SALE: Purchaser must bring \$17,000 cash in hand at the time of sale as a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to "Stem & Eisenberg Mid-Atlantic, PC, counsel for Terra Abstract." Those appearing without their deposit will not be allowed to bid. The balance of the successful purchaser's bid must be proffered in cash within 30 days of the date of the sale. Purchaser shall pay for transfer stamps and recording fees. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

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COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics For Ages 16-plus, Mar. 17-18

COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be held this week. Pre-registration is open. All West Virginians over the age of 16 are encouraged to pre-register through the West Virginia COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System.

Vaccine supplies are limited, so pre-registration does not mean immediate access to a vaccine. Pre-registration offers West Virginians the opportunity to receive updates on vaccine availability and be offered an appointment when vaccine supplies allow.

The State's driving principles for COVID-19 vaccinations are to build community immunity in

West Virginia by protecting the most vulnerable, reducing deaths, reducing hospitalizations and maintaining access to critical services such as acute care.

Walk-ins will not be accepted. Clinics in this area include:

Wednesday, Mar. 17

Clay County, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clay County High School, 1 Panther Dr., Clay.

Gilmer County, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gilmer County Health Dept., 809 Medical Dr., Suite 3, Glensville.

Roane County, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., City of Spencer Armory, 207 E. Main St.,

Spencer. Wirt County, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Coplin Health Systems, 483 Court St., Elizabeth.

Thursday, Mar. 18

Braxton County, 9 a.m. to noon, Gassaway Baptist Church, 56 Beall Dr., Gassaway.

Calhoun County, 9 a.m. to noon, Calhoun Middle/High School, front loop, 50 Underwood Circle, Mt. Zion.

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

Roane County, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., City of Spencer Armory, 207 E. Main St., Spencer.

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code §11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE		
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	31,188
Property Taxes - Current Expense		51,417
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		900
Excise Tax on Utilities		10,000
Business and Occupation Tax		25,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs		4,000
Licenses		300
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		11,000
Municipal Service Fees		43,000
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions		21,000
Gaming Income		9,600
Video Lottery (LVL)		240
Miscellaneous Revenues		500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	208,145
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	7,680
Coal Severance Tax		1,200
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$	8,880

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	6,000	-
City Council	7,500	-
Recorder's Office	7,200	-
City Attorney	2,000	-
City Auditor	5,500	-
Regional Development Authority	215	-
City Hall	76,100	8,880
Police Department	60,000	-
Streets and Highways	23,630	-
Street Lights	17,000	-
Signs and Signals	1,000	-
Snow Removal	2,000	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 208,145	\$ 8,880

**MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
Regular Current Expense Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**


CLASS I	Assessed Value	Levy for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0		12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0			0
Total Class I	\$ 0			\$ 0
CLASS II				
Real Estate	\$ 3,239,140		25.00	\$ 8,098
Personal Property	0			0
Total Class II	\$ 3,239,140			\$ 8,098
CLASS IV				
Real Estate	\$ 4,743,400		50.00	\$ 23,717
Personal Property	2,966,086			14,830
Public Utility	1,942,025			9,710
Total Class IV	\$ 9,651,511			\$ 48,257
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 12,890,651			\$ 56,355
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%		2,818
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%		1,071
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)				0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection				\$ 52,466
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%		1,049
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)				
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes				\$ 51,417

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF Calhoun
MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTSVILLE

I, Elizabeth Stirling, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 9th day of March, 2021.

Elizabeth Stirling
(Signature)
Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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Elected officials are looking to make big changes

The West Virginia Legislature is considering taking Calhoun County legal ads and public notices out of the Calhoun Chronicle & Grantsville News and onto a state government-controlled website in Charleston.

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- Family court
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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, 2020, plus daily since Mar. 1, 2021

(last complete daily list in July 30 issue):

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
Mar. 16	0	80	0		
Mar. 23	20	610	0	2.7	2.7
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 6	345	9,595	3	3.5	4.2
Apr. 13	626	16,029	9	3.8	8.0
Apr. 20	902	21,253	24	4.1	3.6
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976	36	2.5	3.4
May 4	1,206	52,033	50	2.3	1.6
May 11	1,366	62,103	54	2.2	1.1
May 18	1,491	74,544	67	2.0	0.6
May 25	1,774	84,551	72	2.1	1.2
June 1	2,017	96,078	75	2.1	1.5
June 8	2,153	111,382	84	1.9	1.0
June 15	2,298	129,577	88	1.7	2.1
June 22	2,552	148,561	89	1.7	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 6	3,356	184,108	95	1.8	4.2
July 13	4,259	203,850	96	2.0	2.1
July 20	5,080	228,410	100	2.2	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 3	6,973	287,929	117	2.4	2.5
Aug. 10	7,754	319,132	141	2.4	2.5
Aug. 17	8,632	352,037	160	2.4	2.1
Aug. 24	9,312	389,167	179	2.3	2.2
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 7	11,575	449,983	247	2.5	7.0
Sept. 14	12,820	474,894	275	2.6	4.3
Sept. 21	14,171	505,004	312	2.7	5.1
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 5	16,742	579,298	361	2.8	4.3
Oct. 12	18,281	620,540	385	2.9	4.7
Oct. 19	20,293	666,732	399	3.0	3.1
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 2	25,235	767,240	458	3.2	4.6
Nov. 9	28,805	825,485	530+	3.4	5.8
Nov. 16	34,460	900,375	585	3.7	7.0
Nov. 23	41,114	992,396	667	4.0	5.0
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735	4.2	6.5
Dec. 7	56,128	1,170,569	841	4.6	7.4
Dec. 14	64,394	1,256,936	978	4.9	10.3
Dec. 21	73,337	1,323,134	1,129	5.3	10.7
Dec. 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. 15	127,889	1,937,676	2,212	6.2	3.4
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 1	132,048	2,049,939	2,300	6.1	2.8
Mar. 8	133,627	2,108,010	2,325	6.0	2.9
Mar. 9	133,856	2,115,892	2,326	5.9	3.4
Mar. 10	134,158	2,124,816	2,330	5.9	3.3
Mar. 11	134,496	2,134,375	2,338	5.9	2.9
Mar. 12	134,842	2,145,212	2,511~	5.9	3.4
Mar. 13	135,149	2,154,085	2,519	5.9	3.6

Mar. 14	135,468	2,162,676	2,530	5.9	5.8
Mar. 15	135,678	2,166,014	2,531	5.9	3.2
Mar. 16	136,019	2,172,181	2,546	5.9	3.4

*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.

~Includes 168 COVID-19 related deaths that were not properly reported to DHHR.

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (1,294), Berkeley (10,078), Boone (1,649), Braxton (795), Brooke (2,041), Cabell (8,099), Calhoun (235), Clay (384), Doddridge (488), Fayette (2,793), Gilmer (723), Grant (1,139), Greenbrier (2,449), Hampshire (1,570), Hancock (2,600), Hardy (1,325), Harrison (4,974), Jackson (1,701), Jefferson (3,734), Kanawha (12,433), Lewis (1,066), Lincoln (1,294), Logan (2,833), Marion (3,793), Marshall (3,110), Mason (1,818), McDowell (1,389), Mercer (4,303), Mineral (2,607), Mingo (2,204), Monongalia (8,328), Monroe (985), Morgan (950), Nicholas (1,274), Ohio (3,717), Pendleton (625), Pleasants (812), Pocahontas (601), Preston (2,635), Putnam (4,364), Raleigh (4,996), Randolph (2,436), Ritchie (633), Roane (510), Summers (707), Taylor (1,106), Tucker (510), Tyler (640), Upshur (1,728), Wayne (2,638), Webster (383), Wetzel (1,119), Wirt (364), Wood (7,263), Wyoming (1,774); 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, 2020, plus daily since Mar. 1, 2021
 In World: Each Monday since Mar. 16, 2020, plus daily since Mar. 1, 2021
 (last daily list in July 30 issue):

	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 16	4,661	87	181,580	7,138
Mar. 23	41,708	555	372,563	16,381
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 6	337,925	9,664	1,289,819	70,624
Apr. 13	563,604	22,204	1,876,605	116,306
Apr. 20	772,863	41,206	2,436,156	166,862
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 4	1,191,025	68,679	3,593,168	249,116
May 11	1,369,943	80,846	4,217,019	284,708
May 18	1,529,291	91,005	4,789,640	317,268
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 1	1,839,119	106,241	6,246,733	374,380
June 8	2,008,303	112,477	7,073,722	406,644
June 15	2,162,864	117,865	7,976,688	436,174
June 22	2,357,320	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. 15	28,262,355	497,175	109,513,357	2,415,073
Feb. 22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar. 1	29,257,069	525,780	114,831,775	2,546,832
Mar. 8	29,697,348	537,846	117,595,004	2,608,913
Mar. 9	29,744,652	538,628	117,900,447	2,615,901
Mar. 10	29,802,874	540,585	118,350,638	2,626,619
Mar. 11	29,862,803	542,210	118,832,649	2,636,601
Mar. 12	29,927,572	543,738	119,344,241	2,646,557
Mar. 13	29,993,423	545,544	119,826,008	2,656,242
Mar. 14	30,043,662	546,605	120,224,649	2,663,557
Mar. 15	30,081,831	547,235	120,572,533	2,669,041
Mar. 16	30,139,457	548,014	120,960,893	2,676,891

Cases by states and territories: California 3,626,027, Texas 2,731,814, Florida 1,979,634, New York 1,748,482, Illinois 1,210,032, Georgia 1,034,763, Ohio 990,340, Pennsylvania 970,281, North Carolina 886,218, New Jersey 840,685, Arizona 833,381, Tennessee 792,795, Michigan 658,355, Indiana 672,967, Wisconsin 625,690, Massachusetts 603,464, Virginia 595,865, Missouri 571,405, South Carolina 534,188, Alabama 508,229, Minnesota 498,218, Colorado 444,390, Louisiana 437,565, Oklahoma 432,793, Kentucky 416,610, Maryland 394,058, Utah 378,600, Washington 350,506, Iowa 343,301, Arkansas 327,060, Mississippi 300,881, Kansas 300,434, Nevada 299,471, Connecticut 293,102, Nebraska 204,753, New Mexico 188,488, Idaho 175,657, Oregon 159,790, West Virginia 135,678, Rhode Island 131,487, South Dakota 114,649, Puerto Rico 103,211, Montana 101,933, North Dakota 101,001, Delaware 90,614, New Hampshire 78,813, Alaska 60,591, Wyoming 55,327, Maine 47,206, D.C. 42,623, Hawaii 28,598, Vermont 16,992; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, and infants and children up to the age of five.

WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the program or to receive information, call the local office, 354-6898, or the main office in Parkersburg, 428-3688.

The WIC clinic is located at 300 Mill St., Grantsville. All appointments are by phone. Call the office if you have an appointment or a question about your benefits.

State Grants Waiver--

(Continued from Page 1) Summers, bus operator, Rt. 4; Richard Parsons, substitute multi-classified service personnel; Lou Richards and Brittany Parsons, Community In School (CIS) facilitators.

--Extra-curricular, Andrew Cummings, CMS wrestling coach; Hayden Richards, \$1 assistant CMS boys basketball coach, pending certification.

--Save The Children, After-School, Loretta Smith, tutor teacher, PHS; Rick Kinder, tutor teacher, CM/HS; Macy Schoolcraft, student tutor, CM/HS.

Employee contracts:
 --Probational contracts, professional, Ruby Duehring, Anntwinette Fox, David Gaul, David Gibson, Mary Hoskins, Erica Jones, Allison Moss, M. Loretta Smith, Travis Summers, Laura Webb, Holly Wilson.

--Probational contracts, service, Jacquelyn Allen, Steven Beecher, Holly Burch, Christina Dawson, Brian Hipp, Tiffany Oldham, Daniel Pittman, Darlene Uldrich.

--Administrative, Ryan Jarvis (appointed treasurer for the board).

--Continuing contracts, professional, Brittney Carter, Scott Clarkson, Mary Gainer, Kelsey Jett; service, Deidre Brannon, Jeffrey Brannon, Kenneth Dawson, Sheila Hall, Lisa Hawkins, Christina Miller, Charles O'Neal, Russell Richards, Charles Wagoner; administrative, Jennifer Hunt, Bonnie Sands.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. The next regular/statutory meeting of the board will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 20, 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion board office, with a work session at 4:30 p.m.

--Additional funds for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program, and now allows businesses to apply for both a PPP loan after Dec. 27, 2020, and SVOG.

--\$15 billion additional for Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance (EIDL) payments, including \$5 billion for Supplemental Targeted EIDL advance payments for those hardest hit.

--\$28.6 billion for Restaurant Revitalization Fund for industry-focused grants.

--\$100 million to establish a Community Navigator pilot program; grants will go to eligible organizations supporting efforts to improve access to COVID-19 pandemic assistance programs and resources.

SBA's relief efforts can be found at www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief, and details about the updates and new efforts the SBA will administer in the coming weeks.

Approved under old business:
 --Policies: Chapter: Finance; Title: Purchasing Card Policy.

Approved under new business:
 --Finance: General fund invoices, \$665,930; Supplements, \$83,795; Transfers, \$0; February Financial Statement.

--Contracts: Wanda Wayne (Arnoldsburg School), Community Schools Greenhouse/Community Garden facilitator; Lorie Bailey, Community Schools Library/Media facilitator.

--Policies (out for comment): Chapter: Students; Title: Snow Day Practice Policy.

--Surplus Equipment: double oven, heater, manhole (3).

Personnel items approved:
 --Resignations: Professionals, Anthony Richards, substitute teacher.

--Retirements: Professionals, John Bugby, elementary music teacher; Tammey Webb, program coordinator/interventionist, Arnoldsburg; service, Dwayne Yatauro, mechanic; Richard Parsons, maintenance.

--Leave of absence: Daniel C. Pittman.

Employment:
 --Professional, Lorie Strange-Paylor, substitute teacher, pending certification.

--Service, Brittany Parsons, substitute cook, pending testing and background check; Abigail Yoak, James Summers and Clyde Todd, substitute custodians, pending testing and background checks; Holly Burch, secretary III, Pleasant Hill; Donna Schoolcraft, secretary III/financial secretary, CM/HS; Cathy Dickey, executive secretary/accountant

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

There is more talk about a potential split in the Methodist church, with one group holding to what is said in Scripture, and others following social gospel, social justice, and trendy trends.

It was noted that the largest part of the church, which is now in Africa and Asia, believes in what is written. That is why the church there is vibrant and growing.

Josh McAbee had a close scrape with death on Wednesday, when he swerved over near Smithville to avoid a deer and ended up rolling Carl Ferrell's truck. The wreck broke off a rear axle. Other than a sprained ankle, minor cuts, bruises and body aches, Josh wasn't injured, but the truck was totaled.

The Wirt road crew filled the "tire busting" pothole in Rt. 5, just below the Okey J. Campbell place. A state road biggie from down at the Mouth of Elk had stated that all the potholes would be filled before Decoration Day, as they did things differently now.

It would seem that they would have lots of tree tops by then to fill the cavities with. It was noted that in counties such as Kanawha and Jackson, where important people live, there are also "imperfections in the surface of the roadway."

Turkey Fork in Jackson and Campbell's Creek in Kanawha are examples. Perhaps only unimportant people live on or travel those roads.

Spring continues in and around Creston, with night hawks and turkey buzzards back from the sunny south. The aments (catkins) on hazel nut bushes are shedding pollen.

Julia Joyce's daffodils are blooming and the spring peepers are singing their little hearts out, sharing their joy with the world. Old Brer Whistle Pig has been enjoying the spring weather and tasty fresh green grass.

Nancy Engelke has been waiting to start her radiation treatments, making scheduling other events difficult. On Friday, she was told that, because of Obombocare guidelines, the treatment has not yet been approved, as "she is too old" to qualify.

In the book, "Animal Farm," the old work horse who couldn't work any more had hoped to spend his last days in the pasture field, but he was loaded up and sent to the glue factory.

The socialists have no feeling for individuals, and they keep noting that the ideal population for the U.S. is less than 100 million. Perhaps that is one of the reasons that certain prominent governors put the virus patients in nursing homes.

With the national gun registry, they'll know how to prepare when the federales come to round us up to go to re-education camps, or whatever.

Adam and Anna Yates spent some time at Snowshoe, where Anna did some skiing.

Freddie Bush and associates have been hauling lots of logs.

The waterline people have been working on the lines in Creston. Some residents of the "western suburbs" of Creston now have the city water turned on.

Local folks attended and participated in the winter meeting of the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee at the Mouth of Elk River. Wirt County's Angie Adams explained Roberts Rules of Order to the fellow who was trying to run the meeting.

It was understood that he was a \$3,500 out-of-state expert in parliamentary procedure and conducting meetings.

A new state chairman was chosen, and it was said that he was the choice of coal baron Justice. Time will tell how all that works out.

It is understood that there is presently a purge in the military of those who do not share views with the "squad," Kamala,

and the senile fellow who doesn't know where he is.

Since when have the army, navy, air force and marines been non-political. Now, the services are being made into "active parts of the party," something very new for America.

One local fellow was attending to business in Link, W.Va., population (now) two.

The legislature continues to talk about "tax reform," but it is understood that the income tax reductions would not impact those who farm or operate small businesses.

The sales tax increases would be on "luxury items" that include clothes and appliances, and the rate would go up if, in the course of a year, a family spent more than \$5,000, which means that someone, somewhere would have to be keeping track of each family member.

In places where there is "home rule," the sales tax would be, in some cases, 12%. Obviously, that's how you encourage folks to move to West Virginia.

The long-term scheme has been to push HJR-3,

which would, if implemented, do away with the Tax Limitation Amendment of 1933, which protected owner-occupied homes and farms with a rate that is one half of the tax rate on commercial property, equipment, minerals, etc.

Folks should be very careful, and demand that the governor allow citizens to go to the capitol to talk with legislators.

The forced-pooling bill would take a 100-acre farm that otherwise one could have leased for a \$5,000/acre bonus and a 20% gross royalty, to no bonus and a 12.5% net royalty to "help out the out-of-state companies" at citizen expense.

The lease would have arbitration, which means that one could never sue, no matter how outrageous the company operated or how much it stole.

The bill, introduced by John Kelly, is said to be dead, but there is another one "in the works." It was said, "Oh, don't you know, the companies are leaving West Virginia," which of course is garbage, since the fields in West Virginia are better than in Ohio and

Pennsylvania, especially as concerns the ethane and other natural gas liquids.

To get a feel of the activity, one ought to park along Rt. 2 at St. Marys or along Rt. 18 at Middlebourne to observe the action.

If anyone wanted to do anything worthwhile, the legislature could require that mineral owners and the State have access to the meters that measure what is produced, so that royalties and taxes could be collected on all, not just what is "turned in." Then, the big boys could lower income taxes with ease for all state residents.

The legislators claim that businesses won't come because of the "inventory" tax. With each large factory, special deals are always done so that the argument is specious at best.

The reason many will not come is because the educated ones, who would work the high end jobs, do not want their children stuck in abysmal schools that teach common core, the worship of Aztec sacrifice gods, and the 1619 project.

It is very, very sad

that our "powers that be" are allowing the ethane produced in West Virginia to be sent to other nations to make them rich, when an ethane cracker could have been built in West Virginia, and then there would be the feedstock for all sorts of chemical plants.

Such could still be done, if folks were not too busy dealing with dope sales and other garbage. Quick buck artists seem not to be able to look at the long haul, and, of course, do not know folks who would be building factories and ethane crackers.

It is impressive to see the number of multi-billion dollar fractionation plants in West Virginia--not things that promoters and flim flam men are involved with. Creston Community Building is planning a flea market for Saturday, May 1, or May Day, as celebrated in the socialist nations.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$64.61/bbl., with condensate, \$44.61, Marcellus and Utica light, \$55.61, and medium, \$64.61.

From the W. Va. House of Delegates

(for the week ending Mar. 2)

The regular, 60-day legislative session has cleared the halfway point, and next week will see the last day for bills to be introduced in the House of Delegates.

A total of 1,127 bills have been introduced in the House, with 54 having passed the full House and 22 having completed legislation. Six bills have been signed by the governor, including bills to offer even more educational options for families and alternative certification for teachers in the state.

The first bill passed by the full House this session, HB 2001, which would create the Jumpstart Savings Account program to allow for pre-tax savings for those working toward learning a trade or establishing a new business within the state, recently completed the legislative process. It now waits for action from the governor.

Another important component to increasing broadband coverage throughout West Virginia moved closer to being complete this week. Senate Bill 295 would expand the insurance for loans broadband builders would get from their banks to build the broadband infrastructure, along with adding in even more transparency and protections to ensure the funds are used correctly.

House committees remain busy moving proposals through the process, and with state department budget presentations completed, the House Finance Committee has begun taking up issues of importance for the state, including supplemental funding for state agencies and taxation.

"Meaningful tax reform is difficult, but we have people leaving our state every day in search of prosperity, and we've got to reverse that trend," said House Finance committee chairman Eric Householder. "I do believe tax reform is one of the big reasons people are leaving the state, so we've got to work on reversing that trend, and I think we can do it with a moderate approach."

The House Technology and Infrastructure com-

mittee passed HB 2044, which would establish Next Generation 911 services that would allow dispatchers to pull GPS locations of emergency calls from cell phones and allow the transmission of photos and video from 911 callers using smart phones to help authorities better dispatch the correct resources.

House Bill 2674, which would remove the requirement that certified registered nurse anesthetists practice under the supervision of and in the presence of a physician, passed the full House this week. The measure now is being debated in the Senate.

This requirement first was removed last spring through executive order to help continue care through the early days of the pandemic, and there have been no adverse events and zero complaints nearly a year later.

"These healthcare workers responded to the call during the pandemic, as so many healthcare heroes did, and I think it's time we step up for them," said majority leader Amy Summers, who is a registered nurse.

Members of the House of Delegates adopted House Resolution 8 to honor the life of Charleston Police Department Officer Cassie Johnson on Mar. 10, and approved a bill that would create a Semiquincentennial Commission to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

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Jaden Hickman gets a reverse cradle on a Williamstown wrestler on the way to pinning the opponent.



Calhoun's Hunter Thacker (138 lbs.) improved to 3-2 on Saturday with a pin against Williamstown.



Levi Stump (285 lb. class) won an exhibition match with the pin of a Ritchie County opponent.



Josie Montgomery drives to the basket in a win over visiting Roane County on Mar. 10. She had a game-high 22 points in Calhoun's 65-39 victory.



The Red Devils' Makayla Jones (5) hit the floor hard after taking a charge by a Gilmer player. Calhoun's win streak ended at four with the 76-55 loss.

Eastern Star

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

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