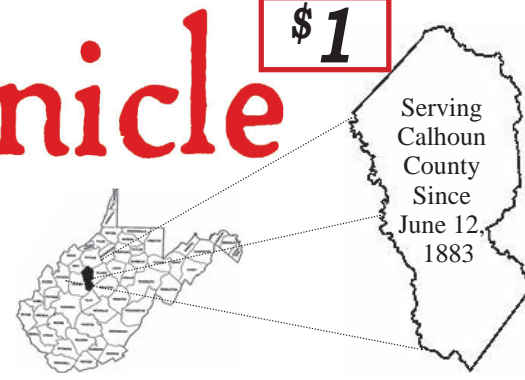




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Pleasant Hill School students, Lizzie Collins (left), third grader, and Tori Cunningham, second grader, compete in the gladiator jousting challenge at the Summer Sizzling Celebration on Saturday at Calhoun Middle/High School. See additional photos on Page 10.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, July 14

Interviews held to fill board of education vacancy, board office, Mt. Zion, during 5:30 p.m. board meeting.

Thursday, July 15

Grantsville Farmer's Market, Wayne Underwood Field, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Family Fun Day, with games for children and a free picnic lunch.

Friday, July 16

Bluegrass, gospel and country music, Lions Club building, Grantsville, 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 17

Stephanie & Mark IV Band, Calhoun County Park, 6 to 9 p.m.; \$5 for ages 7 and up.

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New Town Officers Attend First Official Meeting On July 6

FEMA, Home Rule Discussed

The Town of Grantsville held its first official meeting with new officers in place on Tuesday, July 6, at 4 p.m.

The new officers are Robert Petrovsky, mayor; Tim Davis, recorder; and Linda Staton and William Villers, council members.

Incumbent council members are Cheryl Cheesbrow, Dorothy McCauley, and Judy Powell.

According to Petrovsky, the members were sworn in during a "non-official meeting" on Thursday, July 1. During the meeting, he said that the town's FEMA property and hiring a police chief were also discussed.

After call to order, roll call, and Pledge of Allegiance, the next item on the agenda was approval of the June 7 minutes.

The mayor said he would like to put discussion of the minutes on hold, along with time change of regular meetings, until later in the meeting.

Petrovsky said that he would like to discuss

the chief of police issue, "I know that I am going to run an ad . . . to find a chief of police."

"I know in our unofficial meeting, we talked about the monetary section of it, and I just want to bring to light to the council where that stands."

"I don't think I am going to have to worry about asking for any additional funds, because we currently have a \$10 fee on the water bill that was designed and implemented back when the trash truck was shut down to compensate for the chief of police and the police department."

"Currently we have 350-plus residents who pay that fee, which comes to a whopping \$3,500 per month, or \$42,000 a year."

"So I think that I will have no problem coming up with an hourly wage for the chief, and the remainder of that money to go for overtime, or his or her budget."

He added that he would like to get someone who is already certified.

Tim Meeks of Mid-Ohio Valley Regional (Continued on Page 8)

Commission Hears From Park President

by Bill Bailey
The Calhoun county commission met on Monday at 9 a. m.

A correction was made in minutes of the June 28 meeting: Grant of \$10,000 for Calhoun County Park

came from Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and grant of \$150,000 came from Appalachian Regional Commission.

Donnie Pitts, board president of the park, said, "I am here to beg, but I

don't want you to think that is the only reason I am here."

"The park board felt like it was time to come to you and talk to you, not only about what our needs are, but also to talk

about what we are trying to do and accomplish at the park.

"You have seen some of the things that we have done over the past couple of years. Of course, we have gotten the chair-lift grant--we actually have the equipment now and we are going to install those ourselves to save some dollars."

"We built the amphitheater" (Continued on Page 9)



Returning from a rafting adventure are, left to right, Addie Collins, Carissa Sands, Trinity Probasco, Jasmyne Tingler and Bella Nicholas, along with Ace White Water Rafting guide Hannah.

Troop Attends Adventure Week

Calhoun County Junior Girl Scout Troop 38205 participated in a High Adventure Week at Ace Adventure Resort, Oak Hill.

Addie Collins, Bella

Nicholas, Trinity Probasco, Carissa Sands, and Jasmyne Tingler had an opportunity to attend Girl Fest during the week of June 27-July 1.

Girl Scouts of Black

Diamond Council partnered with Ace Adventure to bring girls these experiences.

Scouts who were in 4th-12th grade from any council in the USA during

the 2020-21 membership or school year were eligible to attend. Seventeen states were represented, with

girls from Alaska to Florida participating.

During the week, the girls experienced rock climbing and rappelling, white water rafting on the Upper New River, and an obstacle course mud run.

Each activity was a new experience for the girls and pushed them to new limits in team work, communication, and challenging themselves to try new things.

Calhoun Junior Scouts also participated in the Girl Scout Tree Promise, earned their Trailblazer pin and the Citizen Scientist Badge.

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In the midst of a muddy obstacle course are, left to right, Jasmyne Tingler, Carissa Sands, Addie Collins, Trinity Probasco and Bella Nicholas.

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Addie Collins studies the best route to use in climbing the cliff.



Ready for a swim are, left to right, Jasmyne Tingler, Carissa Sands, Trinity Probasco, Addie Collins and Bella Nicholas.

OBITUARIES

BERNARD MARLIN WAGER

Bernard Marlin Wager, 69, of Orma, died Saturday, July 3, 2021.

He was born in Calhoun County, the son of the late Weldon Dean and Ilene W. Wilson Wager. He served in the United States Army and Army Reserve during Vietnam and Desert Storm. He was a military police officer and served two tours in Germany. Following his military career, he worked as a travel security guard for various companies, with many years of service. He was a member of Prosperity Baptist Church, where he was saved in 1971 and baptized in 1974.

Surviving are three daughters, Cynthia Coleman and husband Tyler of Ripley, Lisa Myers of Parkersburg and Angela Wager of Mason County; two brothers, Wayne Wager and Gary Wager, both of Grantsville; one sister, Carmen Heil of Wheeling; seven grandchildren, Aiden Bailey, Conner Bailey, Liam Bailey, Kaden Coleman, Caitlyn Myers, Brook Myers and Xavier Oakley; one great-grandchild, Alan Johnson; ex-wife and friend, Virginia Wager; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one infant brother and maternal grandparents, Bernard Baughman and Clarice G. Shimer Wilson.

Memorial service will be held Thursday, 4 p.m., at Longview Community Church, Evans, with Pastor Doug Mitchell officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, 3 to 4 p.m., at the church.

FRANCIS EILEEN CONNOLLY

Francis Eileen Connolly, 88, of Lesage, died Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Rufus and Opal Connolly. She devoted her life to her family and the hospice patients that she took care of in her home.

Surviving are three sons, John Fowler, Kenneth Fowler and Douglas Fowler; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Fowler; one brother, Jack Connolly; and one sister, Margaret Fowler.

At her request, there will be no services and she will be cremated. Online condolences may be sent to www.timeformemory.com/wallace.



RAYMOND BUB 'JED' FORDYCE, JR.

Raymond Bub "Jed" Fordyce, Jr., 57, of Parkersburg, died Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Largo Medical Center, Florida.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of Raymond and Janice Toney Fordyce of Mineral Wells. He was a 1982 graduate of Parkersburg South. He belonged to Parkersburg Masonic Lodge #3 and was owner of Low Places Tavern and Vessco Construction.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Shawna George Fordyce; three daughters, Stacey Fordyce, Elizabeth Fordyce of Parkersburg and Vicki Fordyce of Clearwater, Fla.; custodial nephew, Javon Young; three siblings, Debbie of Chloe, Jody of Elizabeth and Bill of Mineral Wells; three grandchildren, Raylen, Layton and Wrenley; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Samantha Fordyce of Parkersburg, and one brother, Thomas Fordyce of Parkersburg.

Services were held at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with Pastor Carl Radcliff officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memory Gardens, with Masonic services conducted by Mt. Olivet Lodge #3, AF&AM.



MARY JANET MOSS

Mary Janet Moss, 76, of Ripley, died Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Camden Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg.

She was born at Wallback, the daughter of the late Denver Cecil and Rebecca Maysel Gray Moore. She was a 1962 graduate of Calhoun County High School and a 1985 graduate of WVU-Parkersburg's School of Nursing. She retired as a registered nurse from Jackson General Hospital after many years of service. She was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church and Cottageville Chapter 16, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Floyd Moss; one son, Ronald Moss of San Diego, Calif.; five grandchildren, Thomas Moss of Washington, Pa., Emily Horvath of Cecil, Pa.; and Matthew Moss, Jackson Moss and Adam Moss, all of San Diego; one great-granddaughter, Heather Horvath; one daughter-in-law, Whitney Moss; three siblings, Clayton Moore of Wallback and Dorothy Darrah and Dorcas McVicker, both of Massillon, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Gladys Moore of Millwood; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Moss, and six siblings, Orvis Moore, Calvin Moore, Broaddus Moore, Virgil Moore, Buhl Moore and Leah Moore.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Waybright Funeral Home, Ripley, with John Gunther officiating. Entombment will be in Jackson County Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Online memories and condolences can be sent to the family at www.waybrightfuneralhome.com.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

I am beginning to suspect that the barred owls of the holler are much smarter than me.

We have solar-powered motion detector floodlights on both sides of our house, and I see them come on sometimes at night when there is nothing that I can see in the yard or on the deck to trigger them. It has been an enigma for me for a month or more, but I think I may have figured it out.

I believe it to be the owls that are doing it by flying across in front of the light to light up the world enough for hunting the little critters that come into our yard to feast upon discarded sunflower seeds at night, when they think it is safe.

It is an excellent way for the owls to hunt on rainy, moonless nights, when it can become difficult to catch enough food to feed themselves, not to mention their brood of at least four owlets.

The owlets cry out for food every night from the trees, which clued me in on what may be happening. They are quiet when being fed, and it seems that they go quiet just after one of the motion lights has been triggered.

I know that whatever seeds I see beneath the feeders before dark are always gone by daybreak, and it is not the owls eating the seeds. I hope that the owls enjoy the rich taste of sunflower-fed rodent.

I managed to put our waterline back together last Friday, so now all that we need is a steady rain to fall for a day or so to get the spring running again to fill the cistern.

I really hated to see all 1,200 gallons of water that we had stored up go flowing down our driveway, but this repair

should outlast me by a few decades.

One of the things that we hear all of the time here in Calhoun is that there is nothing to do for entertainment. While I don't think that that is necessarily a bad thing, considering city life is always too hectic, we must remember that we live in a place that people actually pay good money to go to for vacations.

Enjoy yourself, take the kids and the entire family out to the county park, or go fishing, or travel the scenic highways of our beautiful state, and make this summer the best "staycation" ever.

Due to issues with vertigo and exhaustion, I have been very lax riding by e-bike this summer. I look forward to remedying this situation just as soon as I am able.

Jeanne and I also are giving some serious thought to going on out for a fishing expedition soon, somewhere in the county along the river where a crawdad can be captured and used to tempt a smallmouth bass to come to me for a kiss before I release it as unharmed as possible.

Our weather here, unlike the oven-like temperatures out west, has been tolerable, but a tad too humid for my taste.

Although it usually stays around 10 degrees cooler down in the holler than it is in town, the humidity is only tolerable in our house because we close it up before it gets too bad outside.

I don't know how folks live in places where it gets over 100 degrees, or in the case of Death Valley's 130 degrees, which is the final cooked temperature of a steak done rare. Way too hot for the likes of me.

Board of Education Interviews Candidates

The following agenda was announced on Monday for Wednesday, July 14's 5:30 p.m. meeting of the Calhoun County board of education at the Mt. Zion board office.

It will include interviews of candidates for a school board vacancy.

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Delegations.
- Old business.
- New business.

--Personnel: Resignation, service, Joe Taylor, bus operator; Leave of absence request, Kenneth Dawson, STC in-school literacy tutor, PHS.

Employment: professional, Taylor McClain, English teacher, CMS; Anita Stephenson, Amy Nicholas, Jackquilyn Harris, substitute teachers; service, Greg Hawkins, bus operator; Lindi Campbell, multi-classified aide II/supervisory aide/bus (specialized health care procedures); Lisa Hawkins, multi-classroom paraprofessional/para ECCAT, AES; Timothy McCumbers, multi-classified service personnel.

--Contract adjustment: Robert J. Posey, from 230 days to 240 days; Howard Williams, from 230 days

to 240 days.

--Job postings.
--Transportation request: Hocking Hills, Ohio; Patricia Haught, Summer Camp trip hiking; July 19; 1 bus requested.

--Board interviews: Jessica Fitzwater, Tambree Yoak, Gary Buchanan, Robin Hughes. Interview order will be drawn the night of the board meeting. The list above is for the agenda only, not the order that interviews will take place.

--Board seat recommendation.

--Adjournment.

Future board meetings, board office, Mt. Zion: Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 11, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m. (work session, 4:15 p.m.)

Spay/Neuter

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

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, and West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

Monday, July 19

Decorate up to two cupcakes at Calhoun Public Library through July 23, during library hours; all ages welcome.

Jumpstart Preschool Summer Camp, Pleasant Hill School, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; ages 4 to 5 years.

Calhoun County Family Resource Network's Grand Re-Opening in former Oshway building, Main St., Grantsville, 10 a.m.; includes tours of facilities, refreshments, sales, and ribbon cutting for the Thrift Shop.

Tuesday, July 20

Last day to register to vote in Tuesday, Aug. 10, Sale of Alcohol special election.

Jumpstart Preschool Summer Camp, Pleasant Hill School, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; ages 4 to 5 years.

Blood drive, Grantsville Fire Dept., 1 to 6 p.m. Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

Calhoun County Planning Committee will hold a public hearing on draft comprehensive plan at the Calhoun County Park barn, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21
Solid Waste Authority

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

Calhoun County board of education meeting, board office, Mt. Zion, 7:30 p.m.; public hearing on American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funding, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 22

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

Grantsville Farmer's Market, Wayne Underwood Field, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, July 23

Bluegrass, gospel and country music, Lions Club building, Grantsville, 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 24

Holbert Family Reunion, Calhoun Co. Park barn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 25

Reunion of William Marion and Sarah Grandon Crawford descendants, Arnoldsburg Community Building; doors open at 10 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Warder E. Stump, Sr., and Ethel Poling Stump Family Reunion, Calhoun County Park, Herb Smith Community Building; doors open at 10:30 a.m.; covered dish lunch at noon.

Roane General Plans \$439,720 Project To Relocate Clinic To Arnoldsburg

According to a letter of intent published in this issue of the Chronicle, W.Va. Health Care Authority has announced that it has received a

Letter of Intent from Roane General Hospital for the development of an ambulatory health care facility in Arnoldsburg, through the relocation of a

rural health clinic currently located on the Roane General Hospital campus. The capital expenditure associated with the project is \$439,720.

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

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This Week In History

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

1921, 100 years ago

The citizens of Centralia, Braxton County, are unstinted in their praise of the work of the W.Va. State Police, whose quick and efficient "clean up" of the lawlessness in that vicinity has made Centralia one of the most peaceful and law abiding communities in the state.

The story of how the undesirable denizens were jailed or driven out, and how the law was returned to power in this little mill town is one of the most interesting in the state police records, and is an excellent example of the good work this organization is doing.

Centralia is near the edge of Webster County. Neither county paid much attention to the proper enforcement of state and county statutes in that section, not because the sheriffs shirked their duty, but because the counties did not provide sufficient deputies to properly police the district.

A bad man, committing a breach of the peace in Centralia, could go a short distance and be over the Webster county line and out of the jurisdiction of Braxton officials. Thus, the village was well qualified, from the standpoint of location, to become the headquarters of a decidedly lawless element. In spite of the efforts of the good people of the place, liquor was being sold in unlimited quantities, and half a dozen stills were known to be manufacturing moonshine within two or three miles of the town.

Centralia was becoming an oasis in a prohibition desert, and it was no uncommon sight to see the thirsty ones with jars and jugs go in groups to some neighboring moonshining establishment and return staggering with stomachs, as well as jugs, filled to capacity. Conditions became serious. Shooting affrays and drunken fights occurred on the main street.

Drunken ruffians insulted women, frightened children, and threatened indignant citizens who attempted to protect the helpless ones. An organized gang of highwaymen were said to be operating on the turnpike between Centralia and Summersville. They were dividing their time between robbing travelers and moonshining, it was said.

Centralia citizens found it unsafe to go about after dark. An automobile party returning from church was shot at by drunken ruffians, who made a target of the lights of the car. The shots of revolvers could be heard at all hours of the night.

Many letters describing conditions in Centralia and appealing for help in ridding the place of its undesirables were received by Gov. J.J. Cornwell. Other letters were addressed to state police superintendent Col. Jackson Arnold, giving the names of several moonshiners and other outlaws. One letter addressed to Cornwell was signed by 16 Centralia businessmen and leading citizens.

The superintendent of the state police ordered a general clean-up. He sent Lt. Harvey Rexroad and a detail of state police to Centralia with orders to stay until the community was rid of its lawless ones. The police were in Centralia and on the job before the outlaws were aware of their presence. They struck quick and hard.

Benny McCourt and Holey Lucky, two active moonshiners, were caught at their still one mile from town. Operators of four other stills in that vicinity, hearing of the arrests, hurriedly fled, leaving equipment behind to be destroyed by the troopers. Drunken loafers on the streets were sent to jail. Two gun toters were arrested. A "soft drink" bar and a gambling house near the town were put out of business.

The State Police clean-up was not only thorough, but long-lasting. From time to time, a state policeman drops into the little town to see if his presence is needed. The boys enjoy these visits, for the grateful people of the village are unable to do enough to show their appreciation.

1946, 75 years ago

Extension of deer territory, slightly shortened seasons on some species of game, and reduced bag limits were changes made by the Conservation Commission in fixing 1946 hunting regulations, as compared with those of last year. Other changes included removal of protection from the red fox in seven counties, exclusion of Fayette County from the wild turkey territory, and the addition of Mercer to the counties in which the woodchuck is protected.

Approximately 20 days were cut from squirrel season, which will be open from Oct. 5-Nov. 16. Bag limits remain the same. On ruffed grouse and quail, both the seasons and the bag limits were reduced. Grouse may be hunted from Oct. 5-Nov. 16, with a bag limit of two a day or 10 during the season, instead of three and 12, as last year. Open season on quail runs from Nov. 11-Dec. 14, the bag limit being six a day and 20 the season as against eight and 35 last year. The deer territory was enlarged by adding that part of Barbour County heretofore closed and including part of Doddridge, all of which formerly was excluded. In the southern deer hunting area, Mercer County was excluded from the open territory, but part of Nicholas was added. Counties in which protection of the red fox was removed are Barbour, Clay, Fayette, Summers, Taylor, Wetzel and Wyoming.

1971, 50 years ago

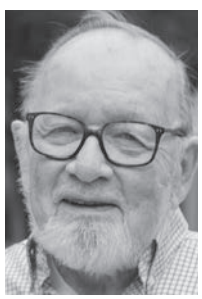
"The Pleasant Hill water system hangs in the balance now," said Bernard Siers, secretary of Pleasant Hill Public Service District. "It's all up to getting 19 more signers, as to whether or not the system goes through."

The proposed system is to the point that a hearing is to be held on Aug. 2 by the Public Service Commission, and bids are now being advertised so that, with the securing of the 19 needed signers, the system can go ahead. Meanwhile, two trucks are busy every day hauling water into the area, even before the usual fall dry season.

Bill Morrison, president of the district, reported that several families had moved out of the district,

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Some anonymous thoughts for you to think about:

--Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

--If I agreed with you, we would both be wrong.

--Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

--Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. My desk is a work station.

--When filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, please notify . . ." I put "DOCTOR!"

--I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was blaming you.

--A clear conscience is a sign of a fuzzy memory.

--I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

--Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

--Where there's a will, there are relatives.

--A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

--There are two kinds of people who don't say much: those who are quiet, and those who talk a lot.

--A nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): Some views of famous scientists:

"God does not play dice with the universe."

--Albert Einstein.

"Einstein, don't tell God what to do." --Neils Bohr.

"Not only does God play dice, but . . . he sometimes throws them where they cannot be seen."

--Stephen Hawking.

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.

Troops Attend Camp--

(Continued from Page 1) and Collins, Nicholas and Tingle are sixth graders. Thanks were expressed to the community for its help in supporting the troop's attendance.

If you or your daughter would like to volunteer or join scouts, information on joining will be announced in the fall.

WAG To Be In Orma And Mt. Zion Areas

Welfare of Animals Group will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Orma and Mt. Zion areas on Thursday, July 22, 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, July 21, as we will be trapping on July 22."

"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

Don't Forget To Sign Up

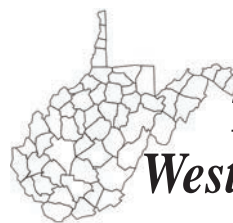
The West Virginia vaccine incentive lottery will run each week through Aug. 4.

The giveaway will include a \$1.588 million grand prize, a \$588,000 second prize, full scholarships to any higher education institution in West Virginia, custom-

so that they had to be replaced by other potential customers to reach the total of 151 water users before the final go-ahead. The last 19 customers to make the system a reality should have their water contracts signed no later than July 28.

Application is complete for right-of-way from the Dept. of Highways, and the system already has approval of the Dept. of Health. Funds have been made available for financing the system. The only big obstacle is those last 19 signers.

Water will be purchased from the Town of Grantsville, and will be supplied to the communities of Pleasant Hill, Five Forks, Nobe, Big Springs, Snider Ridge and White Pine hill area. Tap fee is \$25. Those applying after construction is started will pay a much higher fee, said Siers.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from July 15-21 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.



July 15, 1886: Congressman Cleveland Monroe "Cleve" Bailey was born on a farm in Pleasants County. He represented West Virginia's third congressional district for eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1945-47 and 1949-63.

July 15, 1988: Interstate 64 was completed when the final section between Sam Black Church and the West Virginia Turnpike was opened to traffic.



July 16, 1869: Philanthropist Michael Late Benedum was born in Bridgeport. He made a fortune in the oil and gas business, but he is best remembered for the establishment of Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

July 17, 1861: The Battle of Scary Creek took place in Putnam County. It was one of the earliest battles of the war, and one of the first Confederate victories.



July 17, 1914: Singer Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.

July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff's forces left at least nine people dead.

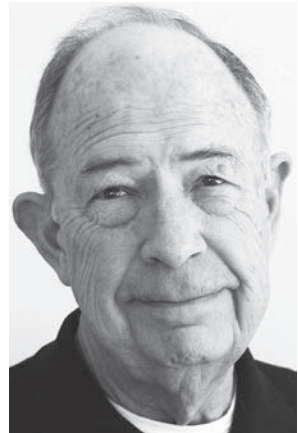
July 18, 1776: Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present

West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. The hospital remained in operation until June 1989.

July 19, 1850: Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Wheeling, naming Richard V. Whelan as its first bishop.

July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on Buffington Island, near Ravenswood. The Confederates were overtaken by federal troops, local militia, and three U.S. Navy gunboats.



July 19, 1946: Author Stephen Coonts was born in Morgantown. After graduating from West Virginia University and serving in the navy during the Vietnam War, Coonts became a best-selling action and adventure novelist with the 1986 publication of "Flight of the Intruder."

July 20, 2010: Carte Goodwin became the nation's youngest senator when he took the oath of office. He was appointed to fill Robert C. Byrd's seat in the U.S. Senate following Byrd's death.



July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. He will be forever remembered as Barney Fife on the "Andy Griffith Show."

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My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Oh, sweet summer, please slow down! How is it possible that we are already halfway through July? The dreaded back-to-school ads and commercials are already running. There really should be a rule that these advertisements can't start until August first.

I truly allowed myself to savor summertime this week. I stayed up late watching movies and slept-in until the decadent hour of 9 a.m. a few times. I almost felt guilty. I also returned to the library and checked out four more books, and spent many leisurely hours reading on my porch or on my couch, depending on the weather. Those 90-degree days at the beginning of the week made porch sitting pretty uncomfortable.

In order to make up for my laziness, I did complete one task that I have been meaning to do. I finally got around to cleaning out the closets in my bedrooms and my cedar chest. It had been so long since I had done this task. I found clothes that I had forgotten I even had. I now have three bags of clothes to donate to FRN.

On Tuesday, my nephew Michael called my dad to let him know that he was heading our way for a surprise visit. We haven't seen much of him lately, because he has both a summer job and a girlfriend. He let Dad know that he would arrive in Grantsville around lunch time and would be spending the night at their house. Needless to say, my parents were thrilled with this news.

I was in the process of reading an assignment for the book study that I am participating in, so I quickly finished that up and headed down to my parents' house. Michael was already there when I arrived, so I joined them for lunch. After Michael had a chance to catch his breath, we decided to go to Foodland to pick up food for a cookout.

It really felt like summer, as we purchased corn on the cob, tomatoes, and watermelon to go along with the hamburgers that Michael would make on the grill. For dessert, we purchased an angel food cake that Mom cut into pieces and added Cool Whip and fresh strawberries to. The meal was delicious, and the company was great!

Maricia and Andy joined us for dinner, and we spent the evening catching up with Michael and hearing about his plans for the rest of the summer. He actually decided to make his surprise visit because he was in between one summer job ending and another beginning.

The second job is actually working as a volunteer at the new Young Life camp in West Virginia. The camp is still being built, so this is a more rustic, outdoor adventure experience. There is no electricity or running water, and everyone sleeps in yurts. Michael went last year as a camper, so he knows what he is getting into, and is looking forward to serving teenagers, as they come to experience wild, wonderful West Virginia and hear about Jesus.

On Thursday, I spent the day running errands with my dad. He needed to go to the post office, the drug store, and Dollar General. We accomplished all of our tasks, and Dad rewarded himself with a peach milkshake from J&B Drug Store. I then took him to the library to get a library card, so that he could check out some books for an upcoming trip.

After I dropped off Dad, I hurried home to finish my lesson plan for my online book study meeting that would be taking place that evening. I had started this earlier and just needed to finish it up. I accomplished this job just in time to go pick up Maricia and head out to the park for our historical society meeting.

The plan was to have the meeting at Heritage Village, so some of our new members could see the place and tour the buildings. Maricia is also working on a new project that she is calling Finders Seekers, and the plan was to introduce this to the officers before the actual meeting.

I stayed for most of the meeting, but had to leave a little early in order to make it home for my meeting with members of my book study. The hour flew by quickly, as we shared lesson plans, and our leader shared ideas from the book that we are reading. You know it's a good study when the meeting time goes quickly.

Summer may be flying by, but as you can see, I am trying to squeeze as much as I can into each minute.

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)

Mrs Young, shall we not have the pleasure of a visit from you this coming summer. I think you had better try & persuade Mr Young to come & locate out in this country. We have fine land here, & all that we need is some enterprising farmers, to make our land as valuable as any in Harrison. We would like much to have you for a neighbor. How is your sister Mrs James Young¹ & her family? Also your sister Virginia²?

Arnoldsburg
Dec 10th 1858
My Dear Sister

This is a bitter cold morning, by far the coldest we have had this winter. It is too cold to write with much convenience. I will therefore be brief. I am happy to state we are all in our usual health. Poly laughs as much as ever, & cries a good deal too. He keeps one person nursing him all the time. We have got a cradle for him, but he wont lie a minute in it when awake.

How is Warrie? We are very anxious to see him. I am afraid he will be home-sick. G.W. Silcott ways he will go after Warrie at Christmas.

The weather has become exceedingly cold, & the roads so unpleasant, that I shall not get home before spring. Altho I regret to say so. Louisa needs me very much this winter. She has so much sewing & knitting to do & besides I think you can do without me this winter. It is better there for me in the summer. I should like to be at home, & after this winter I do not intend staying away from home so much, not even if I were married.

Floyd is dancing in the room & crowing like a chicken. Sis sews & knits every day. I have made my calico dress & have it on. I want you should write every week. Tell me if you are going to take my advice & get married. We will send that ribbon by George.

I must close.

Good bye
A.E. Sexton

Louisa says Sissy wanted to go back before she got a mile & wished all the way she was back at Grandma's. I think you got the children fixed up pretty well anyhow.

Amie, still single, asks her sister, Almira, to treat George well on his visit; possibly an improvement of attitude toward one of her suitors.

Arnoldsburg
Jan 1st. 1859
My Dear Sister

Permit me to wish you a happy New Year. Last night the old year died, & the new year came in. May this year bring many pleasant days, many true friends, & much to make glad the heart of my sister.

On tomorrow, George expects to start for F. Creek. I should probably accompany him were I able. I have had an attack of the fever³, this is the sixth day I have been confined to my room, four days to the bed. I sit now propped up by pillows.

The fever was broken very soon upon me under Louisa's kind treatment. But Dr Chapman⁴ said it had affected my spine, & my recovery would be slow. My back has pained me a great deal. At present my neck & shoulders pain me severely. I am however mending. By another will probably be quite well. I wish to see you all very much, & hope as soon as winter is gone to be able to do so.

Almira, Louisa sends you some green ribbon & black lace to make you a bonnet. She says you must get red ribbon for the string, & also put some red ribbon about it to make it look more lively.

"Sissy" says she wants to see you all. Tell Freeman & Virginia to write.

Louisa sends some yellow ribbon for Alleitha's bonnet, & some white stuff to make it over, & white lace to trim it with. She has no lace she considers suitable for yours.

I cut out enough squares of the Baltimore beauty for you a quilt. Please accept it. I want to piece it this winter. And if you could send me by George the pattern of your wreath of roses I would be much obliged. You would have to fix so I could tell just how to put them on.

Mr Enoch Thomas⁵ preaches for us tomorrow. I am sorry I shall not be able to attend.

It is getting dark, excuse bad writing.

Almira I would have sent some clothes to Charlie⁶ but I have been sick & Louisa was not able to get anything ready. I send you & Charlie some candy.

Louisa sends a dollar to pay for what you had to get to finish Warrie's clothes. Write soon.

Treat George well this time⁷ for my sake.

Eva

¹Mrs James Young: Sister of Hattie.

²Virginia: No information.

³Fever: probably typhoid.

⁴Dr. Chapman of Roane County; practiced at Arnoldsburg; had an eye for Amy.

⁵Enoch Thomas: Pastor at Glenville Presbyterian Church.

⁶Charlie: Possibly a mulatto slave.

⁷Treat George well this time: Amy has made reference to making feather mattresses and is now concerned about treatment of George.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Thursday, July 15: cook's choice.

Friday, July 16: sloppy joe, whole wheat bun, raw vegetable salad, peaches, tomato juice.

Monday, July 19: ribs, ranch potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, wheat bread.

Tuesday, July 20: chicken tenders, peas, potatoes, fruit salad.

Wednesday, July 21: baked beans and wieners, mixed vegetables, kale, fruit, cornbread.

Thursday, July 22: Salisbury steak with

brown gravy, potatoes, peas, oranges, pineapples, whole wheat bread.

Friday, July 23: lasagna, vegetables, applesauce, whole wheat garlic toast.

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

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

Planning Committee To Host Public Hearing On Draft Plan, Tuesday

The Calhoun County Planning Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 20, 5 p.m., at the Calhoun County Park barn.

The public is invited to attend and submit comments on the Draft 2021 Calhoun County Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the 80-page document, plus 13 pages of "Implementation Matrix," can be inspected at Calhoun County Library,

Grantsville, during normal business hours.

The public can leave a voice message at 293-1698, if they have any questions regarding the draft plan.

Written comments can be submitted prior to the scheduled hearing by mailing comments to Calhoun County Commission, P.O. Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147, or by dropping off written comments prior to the hearing at the Town of Grantsville office, 362 Main St., Grantsville.

The Calhoun County Planning Committee, which was formed in 2017 by the county commission, was tasked with proposing a comprehensive plan for the county, including the Town of Grantsville.

By participating in the comprehensive plan process, the town consented to the county comprehensive plan.

According to the document, the planning committee is made up of volunteers from throughout the county, who have a desire to move the county forward, and have met several times over the last couple of years to prepare the comprehensive plan.

Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 4 p.m., at Mom's Place Too, Grantsville.

Upper West Fork

The following Upper West Fork Park events will be held on Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m., unless otherwise noted (doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.). Admission to bands is \$5. Admission to DJs is \$4:

July 17, County Line; July 24, Daniel DJ Cool; July 31, Dixie Highway; Aug. 7, to be announced; Aug. 14, Jack Dunlap & \$2 Short; Aug. 21, Jack Dunlap & \$2 Short; Aug. 28 Dixie Highway.

Town Office Hours

The Town of Grantsville office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 23. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 26. You can still place your payments in the red box outside of the door or mail them. Sorry for the inconvenience.



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5260 Leading Creek Road | 23 Acres +/- | 1000 sq. ft. Mobile Home | **\$59,500 MAKE AN OFFER!**

Leading Creek Road | 60 Acres +/- | 1000 sq. ft. Mobile Home | Reported FREE GAS | Perfect Hunting Camp fronting on creek | **\$69,500 MAKE AN OFFER!**

4654 North Calhoun Highway | 3 BR - 1 BA | 2 Car Garage | If this sounds interesting then add 22 acres that fronts on the 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!**

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

Courtney Ridge Road | 1 mile from Elizabethtown, Wirt County | 56 Acres +/- | **\$59,500**

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

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

839 Lovada Road | 25 Acres +/- | 1000 sq. ft. Mobile Home | **\$29,000**

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**

FARMS

821 Reedyville Road | 155 Acres +/- | **\$299,000**

STARTER HOMES

22 Poplar Lane (off of Pine Creek) | 4 Acres +/- | 2 or 3 BR - 1 BA | 2 Car 2 Story Detached Garage, Wood Working Shop, and Cellar | **\$59,500 - REDUCED!**

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

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307 Peaceful Drive | 5 BR - 3 BA | 2,500 sq. ft. | 7.22 Acres +/- | In-Town! | **\$224,900**

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AUGUST 10, 2021

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YES
 NO

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Those favoring the sale of alcoholic liquors, place an "X" in the square before "YES"; those against the sale of alcoholic liquors, place an "X" in the square before "NO"

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NOTICE

Calhoun County Schools will have their American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funding (ARP ESSERF) available for public review at the Calhoun County Board of Education, 540 Alan B. Mollohan Drive, Mt. Zion WV 25234, daily from July 7 - July 21, 2021. A public hearing will occur during the Calhoun County Board of Education meeting on July 21 at 7:30. Kelli Whytsell Superintendent, Calhoun County OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT 540 Alan B. Mollohan Drive Mount Zion, WV 26151 p. 304-354-7011 ext. 314 c. 304-482-8118 f. 304-354-7420 kwhytsel@k12.wv.us

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The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from Roane General Hospital, Spencer, Roane County, CON File #21-5-12124-P, for the development of an ambulatory health care facility in Arnoldsburg, Calhoun County, West Virginia through the relocation of a rural health clinic currently located on the Roane General Hospital campus. The capital expenditure associated with the project is \$439,720. Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's website at www.hca.wv.gov.

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On Thursday, July 15, there will be a Family Fun Day, with games for children to play and a free picnic lunch.

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.

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Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975

This facility/agency agrees to comply with the provision of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and all requirements imposed pursuant thereto, to the end that no person on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or services.

Specifically, the above includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided in a manner that does not discriminate against persons on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap or age.
2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors, and section in a manner consistent with provisions of Title VI, Section 504, and the Age Discrimination Act.
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4. Employees will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, national origin, handicap or age of either the patient or employee.
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The nondiscriminatory policies of the institution/agency apply to patients, physicians, and all responsible employees. Under no circumstances will the application of the policies result in the segregation or desegregation of buildings, wings, floors, or rooms, for reason of race, national origin, age or handicap.

MINNIE HAMILTON HEALTH SYSTEM
 SIGNATURE *[Signature]* 7/19/21

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 Fax: (304) 354-5963

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 Ph. (304) 354-5999
 Fax: (304) 354-5998

Glenville Office
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 Glenville, WV 26351
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Hershel Hal Jones	Susan Dawson	3295 Rohrer Rd., Wadsworth, OH 44281
Eidith Gae Bailey	Martha Lou Park	826 Sears Run Rd., Orma, WV 25268
James Darrell Bailey	Carolyn S. Bailey	3301 Left Rush Run Rd., Orma, WV 25268

JULY 7, 2021

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

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

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

Jean Simers, Clerk
 Calhoun County Commission
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §44-1-4(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Affidavit
John Frederick McCoy	Atenas, Alajuela Costa Rica	August 28, 2019	September 16, 2020

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Meredith McCoy Morris	1140 Steeplechase Drive Morgantown, WV 26508	Daughter	July 7, 2021

The decedent died owning real estate situate in the State of West Virginia. As reported in the affidavit filed herein, (a) the decedent has left no will as is known; (b) no will of the decedent has been presented or probated in this State or in any other jurisdiction; and (c) more than sixty days have passed since the death of the decedent and no personal representative or administrator of the decedent's estate has been otherwise appointed in the State of West Virginia for any proper purpose.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street; PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later.

Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Administration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law. Enter this 7th day of July, 2021.

[Signature]
 Clerk of the County Commission
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Elaine Holmes	2618 Dawn Terrace Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223	January 1, 2021	March 13, 2019

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Laura Andrews	3864 Argonne St. Mogadore, OH, 44260	Daughter	July 7, 2021

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Food Pantry

CRI, Inc., operates a food pantry. Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., providing free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) at 309 Court St., Grantsville, in accordance with federal and USDA policy.

Cedar Grove

Cedar Grove Church will have homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 8, at noon. Election of officers for the church will also be held. Bring a covered dish. For information, call Eula Murphy, 354-6971.

Teacher Wanted

Little Kanawha Valley Christian School, located at 6377 West Little Kanawha Hwy., Big Bend, Calhoun County, W.Va., is in search of a teacher who has the passion to lead our children in His Word, teach with a Christ-like love, and work with fellow Christian teachers in academics and life skills. It's a wonderful blessing to be a part of a school that puts God's Word into action every single day. This is a safe haven that is guided by our teachers for the children of our community, and that alone is an appreciated need filled for our families. If this sounds like a place for you, please reach out to us at admissions@lkvchristianschool.com or call 304-354-0220.

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New Town Officials Attend--

(Continued from Page 1) Council reported that bid opening on the water project was held on May 26, with Orders Construction having the low bid of \$3,783,450.

He said that an additional \$536,000 was needed to get construction started. He was waiting to see if the Appalachian Regional Commission was going to approve a grant in that amount.

If he found out soon about the grant, bid could be let on Aug. 18, with construction possibly starting in September.

Fred Hypes of Dunn Engineers gave an update on the sewer project, including that the sewer treatment plant is in poor condition. He asked that the council approve smoke testing for the sewer lines at a cost of \$68,000, which was approved.

He also said that the Calhoun County Infrastructure Assessment Project showed that the town needs water lines updated, which has not been done since the late 1990s, including 12,000

ft. of main lines and 6,000 ft. of service lines.

He stated that one out of every three gallons that is produced for use in the city limits by the water treatment plant is going into the ground (via leaks).

At 5:10 p.m., Petrovsky called for an executive session.

When asked what the executive session was for, the mayor replied, "Actually, it's to talk about these minutes here and also about last month's meeting about leases on the FEMA property."

When the meeting reconvened at 5:27, a motion was made and approved to add June 14 minutes to the agenda and approve both June 7 and 14 minutes, with an amended motion added about the FEMA property.

At the June 7 meeting, a motion had been approved to raise fees for the use of FEMA properties owned by the Town from \$5 a month to \$15, as soon as a contract could be written.

At the July 6 meeting, a motion to reduce the

fees to \$5 was made. During discussions, some members wanted to table the motion and some did not.

The mayor said, "Just in my personal opinion, I think you guys already know how I felt about this during our non-official meeting. There is no burden on the city when a neighboring property pays \$5 and keeps it up and mows it."

He added, "It's just in my humble opinion that we leave it just like it is and renew the contracts" at the same price.

It was not clear how many FEMA properties the town has. Guesses ranged from five to nine.

Petrovsky said that he was not necessarily sure that (the contracts) need to be signed by the mayor.

Council members agreed that the recorder could sign the documents.

During discussion of the FEMA fees, it was brought out that only two people are currently paying for a lease of FEMA property from the town; one is the mayor and the other was not made clear.

A motion to table the FEMA discussions and rewrite a contract for the next meeting was approved.

The first reading of a time change for regular meetings, as listed in the ordinances, was held. After proper procedures, the first Monday meetings will be start at 6 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 2's meeting will remain at 4 p.m.

The mayor said that he was talking to neighboring mayors about several topics, including Home Rule, which gives municipalities the power to increase the sales tax by 1%.

According to W.Va. Municipal Home Rule Program, Grantsville is considered Class IV, and only four Class IV towns are allowed to join each year. The cost to the town would be \$2,000 a year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Holbert

Holbert Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Calhoun County Park barn. Bring your favorite covered dish.

Crawford

Reunion of the descendants of William Marion and Sarah Grandon Crawford will be held on Sunday, July 25, at Arnoldsburg Community Building, with doors opening at 10 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite covered dish. Drinks and paper goods will be furnished. Bring photos, memories to share, and your family. Masks are optional. For information, call Sandy Crawford Hathaway, 481-1117.

Stump

Warder E. Stump, Sr., and Ethel Poling Stump Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 25,

Reunions

at Calhoun County Park's Herb Smith Community Building.

The building will open at 10:30 a.m., with covered dish lunch at noon. Share your favorite recipe of meat, vegetable, salad or dessert. Eating utensils, plates, cups, napkins, dinner rolls, condiments, sodas, water, and coffee will be provided.

Cornhole and Blokus tournaments will be held, with recognition for different categories. Events will be available for the smaller children. You may want to bring a folding chair for outside activities.

Propst

Propst Family Reunion (Wesley and Millie/Wesley and Susie families) will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28, at Calhoun County Park's Herb Smith Community Building.

The building will open at 10:30 a.m., with covered dish lunch at noon. Share

your favorite recipe of meat, vegetable, salad or dessert. Eating utensils, plates, cups, napkins, dinner rolls, condiments, sodas, water, and coffee will be provided.

Cornhole and Blokus tournaments will be held, with recognition for different categories. Events will be available for the smaller children. Bring a folding chair for outside activities.

Cal Jarvis

Cal Jarvis Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 4, at Upper West Fork Park. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with a covered dish lunch at noon.

Humanities Grant

The W.Va. Humanities Council is seeking applications for an Emergency Relief Grant to assist humanities-centered institutions and organizations in West Virginia by providing general operating and/or programming support during this period of financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding of \$545,000 has been provided by National Endowment for the Humanities.

Eligibility is limited to West Virginia non-profit organizations (as reported to the IRS and with an existing EIN), accredited public and 501(c)(3) institutions of higher education (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1001), and state and local governmental agencies.

Guidelines for the special grant category, an application template, and a link to the application is available at wvhumanities.org. Applicants may request up to \$20,000. Deadline is July 26.

For information about the program, call Erin Riebe, 346-8500, or email riebe@wvhumanities.org.

Election Dates

Absentee ballots for the upcoming Special Election to be held on Tuesday, Aug. 10, can be requested now through Aug. 4. You can apply for an absentee ballot by calling the county clerk's office, 354-6725.

You can also go to GOVOTEWV.com and print an absentee ballot application and return to the clerk's office by hand, or mail to P.O. Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147.

How to check the status of your absentee ballot: Go to GOVOTEWV.com; click the button, "Track Your Absentee Ballot"; type in your first name, last name, and date of birth, and click the submit button.

The absentee ballot tracking page shows you the history of your

absentee ballots, date requested, date the ballot was sent, and the date the ballot was received back in the county clerk's office.

Dates to remember: --Tuesday, July 20, last day to register to vote in the Aug. 10 election.

--Wednesday, July 28-Saturday, Aug. 7, early voting period for Aug. 10 election.

--Wednesday, Aug. 4, last day to request an absentee ballot.

--Monday, Aug. 9, last day to receive hand-delivered absentee ballots.

--Tuesday, Aug. 10, Special Election, Sale of Alcohol, precincts open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

--Wednesday, Aug. 11, last day for the clerk's office to receive an absentee ballot by mail.

County Has Four New COVID Cases

DHHR has reported four new COVID-19 cases in Calhoun during the past week, the fewest since

June 16-22. The county is now at 398.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Calhoun and surrounding counties was 18, one more than the previous week.

New cases in addition to Calhoun (and total): Wirt, 7 (464); Braxton, 2 (1,022); Ritchie, 2 (763); Roane, 2 (667); Gilmer, 1 (889); and Clay, 0 (543).

According to the DHHR's county alert system map, Calhoun

is one of 49 counties in green; five are yellow and one is gold.

Calhoun's 398 cases remains the lowest in the State, followed by Wirt, 464; Clay, 543; Tucker, 548, and Webster, 555.

The percent positivity for Calhoun is now at 2.40, with infection rate at 7.03.

West Virginia cases increased by 476 in the past week, with eight additional deaths.

Historical Society Meets

Calhoun County Historical Society held its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 8, at Heritage Village in Calhoun County Park.

Officers came early to participate in a mystery/scavenger hunt. The new activity is being considered as a future program that the society might offer to the community.

The regular meeting began at 6 p.m. with president Bob Bonar in charge.

This summer's Lines & Links newsletter will focus on the centennial of the old high school.

New business focused

on upcoming events at both the park and the village. New ideas were discussed for fall events, and preparation for Christmas in the Village will begin soon.

The next historical society meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m., in the history center, Main St., Grantsville.

Music

Bluegrass, gospel and country music will be held at the Lions Club building in Grantsville on Fridays at 6 p.m. There will be food and a 50/50 drawing. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Madeline Yoak, 354-7610.

Barr Cemetery

Anyone wishing to help on the upkeep of Barr Cemetery may make checks payable to Barr Cemetery Fund, and mail to Renae Vannoy, 133 Forshey Road, Mineral Wells, WV 26150. For information, call 489-2788.

Decorate Cupcakes

Calhoun Public Library invites you to stop by and decorate a cupcake from Monday-Friday, July 19-23, during library hours.

You can decorate two cupcakes per person. All ages are welcome. All supplies will be provided.

The library is open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



Statistics:

In West Virginia (condensed dashboard)
Each Monday since Mar. 16, 2020, plus last seven weekdays (last complete daily list on July 30, 2020, issue). Last Monday in month, plus last daily DHHR reports (last complete weekly list in July 8, 2021, issue).

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551*	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638	5.8	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409	2,821	5.7	3.7
DHHR stopped updating on weekends and holidays.					
May 24	160,354	2,724,689	2,775	5.6	5.7
June 30	164,041	2,844,286	2,891	5.5	1.5
July 6	164,279	2,862,927	2,901	5.4	1.4
July 7	164,346	2,866,254	2,901	5.4	1.5
July 8	164,399	2,870,303	2,904	5.4	1.6
July 9	164,465	2,874,682	2,908	5.4	1.9
July 12	164,625	2,884,307	2,909	5.4	2.8
July 13	164,685	2,886,901	2,909	5.4	2.3

*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.
^Includes 34 COVID-19 deaths reported through death certificates.
`162 deaths removed, as the death certificates did not officially list COVID-19 as the cause of death.
>29,531 non-COVID-related lab results were removed.

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (1,518), Berkeley (12,909), Boone (2,185), Braxton (1,022), Brooke (2,250), Cabell (8,927), Calhoun (398), Clay (543), Doddridge (647), Fayette (3,562), Gilmer (889), Grant (1,318), Greenbrier (2,913), Hampshire (1,933), Hancock (2,846), Hardy (1,587), Harrison (6,222), Jackson (2,269), Jefferson (4,811), Kanawha (15,535), Lewis (1,314), Lincoln (1,607), Logan (3,305), Marion (4,669), Marshall (3,542), Mason (2,067), McDowell (1,631), Mercer (5,215), Mineral (2,994), Mingo (2,774), Monongalia (9,410), Monroe (1,226), Morgan (1,241), Nicholas (1,913), Ohio (4,319), Pendleton (726), Pleasants (959), Pocahontas (684), Preston (2,965), Putnam (5,362), Raleigh (7,109), Randolph (2,863), Ritchie (763), Roane (667), Summers (866), Taylor (1,290), Tucker (548), Tyler (751), Upshur (1,983), Wayne (3,187), Webster (555), Wetzel (1,399), Wirt (464), Wood (7,965), Wyoming (2,068); Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster last counties to hit 100 positive cases, Dec. 10; last county to 200 positive cases, Jan. 23; last to reach 300 positive cases, May 6. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26 as 74-year-old woman.

In United States: Each Monday since Mar. 16, 2020, plus last nine days since July 28, 2020. Last Monday of each month since Mar. 30, 2020, plus daily totals in last month. Last daily list in July 28, 2020, issue. Last weekly list in July 8, 2021, issue.

	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept.28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov.30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec.28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb.22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar.29	30,966,974	562,551	127,963,064	2,799,992
Apr.26	32,824,618	586,152	148,006,342	3,127,343
May31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June 7	34,210,812	612,366	174,159,643	3,749,800
June14	34,321,171	615,053	176,849,287	3,825,965

June21	34,406,019	617,166	179,390,996	3,888,356
June28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 5	34,592,377	621,293	184,723,793	4,002,585
July 6	34,598,361	621,335	185,104,126	4,008,006
July 7	34,614,211	621,596	185,482,201	4,016,191
July 8	34,647,083	621,909	186,043,261	4,025,366
July 9	34,676,896	622,213	186,378,372	4,031,474
July 10	34,711,416	622,708	187,010,874	4,042,622
July 11	34,726,111	622,821	187,438,015	4,050,163
July 12	34,732,753	622,845	187,827,685	4,056,410
July 13	34,766,404	623,029	188,273,866	4,064,478

Cases by states and territories: California 3,837,658, Texas 3,020,767, Florida 2,404,895, New York 2,121,119, Illinois 1,397,089, Pennsylvania 1,218,886, Georgia 1,141,159, Ohio 1,114,491, New Jersey 1,026,286, North Carolina 1,019,298, Michigan 1,001,745, Arizona 901,561, Tennessee 870,971, Indiana 757,904, Massachusetts 711,162, Virginia 682,856, Wisconsin 678,944, Missouri 639,857, Minnesota 606,484, South Carolina 600,027, Colorado 562,763, Alabama 555,215, Louisiana 489,951, Kentucky 467,612, Maryland 463,265, Oklahoma 461,893, Washington 455,103, Utah 420,214, Iowa 374,627, Arkansas 355,460, Connecticut 350,039, Nevada 339,745, Mississippi 324,853, Kansas 322,075, Nebraska 225,171, Oregon 210,729, New Mexico 206,252, Idaho 195,917, West Virginia 164,625, Rhode Island 152,819, Puerto Rico 140,847, South Dakota 124,652, Montana 114,324, North Dakota 110,858, Delaware 110,093, New Hampshire 99,770, Alaska 71,731, Maine 69,220, Wyoming 62,966, D.C. 49,526, Hawaii 38,481, Vermont 24,489; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

Commission Hears--

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theater, and now we have the \$150,000 grant for the bathroom and shower house facility, which we intend to put in close to the barn to serve the amphitheater and campground areas, so that whenever we have events, (it) will be the go-to-area instead of having porta-johns and so on, which we think will be really helpful.

"The board feels like we are kind of at a crossroads. We are trying to produce some events to attract people to the park, some for free and some for a small expense, and what we are seeing is not a lot of participation from the people of the county.

"We recently held our Fourth of July event, and I personally think that was our third fireworks event and our second music event. Of course, last year was down because of COVID-19, etc.

"We also didn't lose money this year, but we also didn't really make any money. We have three more concerts scheduled for this summer. On Sept. 11, we have a car show coming that we hope will bring a lot of folks to the park.

"I guess what I'm here today to say to you is that we are a little bit frustrated and disheartened that we have worked so hard to keep the park up and keep things going and produce events that we feel are very reasonable for the community, and still we cannot get people to come.

"We are working with Alice's Attic to produce some bluegrass events on the first and third Fridays of each month, and so far we have only seen a turnout of 20 or 30 people.

"You know, we have some of the best bluegrass

people in the country and, although it is not a formal concert, it's still an opportunity for people to come to the park and enjoy some very good music. We just can't get people out to the park."

Pitts said that help is needed keeping the park in good shape. New roofing is needed for the shelters, concrete pads need to be poured for the shelters, and the playground equipment is original equipment, and really needs replaced.

Commissioner Matt Walker told Pitts and the other commissioners that he had gotten an estimate for the materials to seal the basketball court and to paint the lines and poles which totaled \$500, and if he were to do the work himself that would save labor costs.

Commissioners passed a motion to give the park \$500.

Julie Sears gave the E-911 report for June; Grantsville Police, 4 calls (3 for traffic stops); sheriff, 44 (9); State Police, 75 (16); DNR, 12 (2); Grantsville VFD, 21 (11 for landing zone); Upper West Fork VFD, 1; Arnoldsburg VFD, 7; total of all calls, 415.

Sears thanked the highway department for its hard work keeping the roads open throughout the recent flash flooding episodes, fixing washed out culverts, and clearing debris from the roads.

Sears said that renovation of the E-911 center will begin next week.

County clerk Jean Simers informed the commission that she cannot close out fiscal year 2020-21 until she gets the May and June financial statements from the sheriff's office.

Treva Fulks of the sheriff's office said that the delay in preparing the financial statement is due to the changeover this year to new software for the preparation of taxes and receipts.

The new software was put into use on July 1, and it is taking longer than anticipated to get all of the information to align between the programs.

She assured the commissioners that she is working on the issue each day, and will continue to do so until she achieves success and is able to submit the required information to commissioners and the county clerk.

She also assured the commissioners that once everything has been switched to the new program, there should be no more problems.

The commission went into executive session at 10:22 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The next commission meeting is scheduled Monday, Aug. 9, at 9 a.m.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke

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Rev. Craig Blankenship brought the message at Burning Springs M.E. Church. He also recounted highlights of his recent trip in the western states.

He gave great examples of the scenic beauty of God's creation, and when the chariot acquired new noises, he prayed for divine help. He ended up at a repair place in San Antonio that then had one "Anglo" customer couple.

The crew told them where to get a good ethnic meal (across the street) and fixed the three serious problems, while the couple visited the Alamo, and then got back on the road again.

John and Debbie Gregory visited Tom and Barb Wright. They, along with many others, went to the ice cream social and patriotic event in Elizabeth on July 3.

Creston Community Building will sponsor a car show on Saturday, July 31, in front of Advance Auto in Elizabeth. There will be prizes, food served, etc. More details later.

The second Creston ATV poker run was set for Sept. 25, so mark the calendar.

W.Va. Attorney General's office will have a public meeting on Monday, July 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Judge Black Annex to Wood County Courthouse in Parkersburg. Folks are urged to come and participate.

Japanese beetles have showed back up on the scene, feasting on all sorts of plants. Because of political correctness, there are no more gypsy moths since, it is said, some of the Roma people objected.

There is a trap along the Richardsonville road that is checked by the Mothman, a fellow with Creston roots, who lives at Freeport.

The invasive pest, by whatever name, is a threat to the forests. W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture has a moth suppression program, and folks can sign up before Aug. 31 by checking at the county agent's office or calling 558-2212.

Glenn Hanlin's ashes were laid to rest on Saturday at the Lamb graveyard on Walker beside his wife Connie. A former Calhoun county commissioner and state road boss, Glenn was a former marine and, thus, there were full military rites, with two active duty marines and the Braxton County color guard. He died in 2018.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Marks and Thomas, J.P. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Cooter Marks, and Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Marks and daughters Rylynn and Brooklyn spent time at the camp and attended the Marks and Jett Reunion.

Rain continues to come to Creston and environs. The Cains were able to get up some second cutting hay at Brooksville.

The forgetful one said that his minions were to go door-to-door to make sure that everyone had the vaccine against the virus. Of course, such a thing would be illegal, but, as one of the promoters said,

"Get over it!"

Some fear that at the same time, there might be an attempted gun grab, as was done some years back in New Orleans.

A serious study of deaths because of the virus shows that most of those dying are either very old or have other serious health problems.

Mike McFee brought his new guitar and had a pickin' and grinnin' session at Creston Space Dock.

Roger Conley, a Parkersburg business man and legislator, who has ties to the Creston area, asked for citizens thoughts on "how to spend" the money that was sent to West Virginia "because of the virus."

On the internet, he received lots of comments, with several noting that prior funds had, for the most part, been wasted.

Several noted the problem with the intersection of I-77 and U.S. 50, where a lane has now been closed for an extended period.

Education was also mentioned. There is enough cash to break up the unholy alliance of the unions with W.Va. State Dept. of Education, and allow for real teaching and education, not lip service and "compliance" with "mandates."

Speaking of education, Little Kanawha Valley Christian School at Brooksville is looking for a teacher. The school has brought shame on state-run schools with quality education being, along with moral growth, a priority.

Clayton Burch, state school superintendent, was the speaker at the Sen. Donna Boley breakfast.

He actually gave a good presentation, and said that CRT (critical race theory, a communist initiative) is not being taught in West Virginia, even though the big teachers unions are both promoting such, and threatening those who would object in any way.

He noted that the historical teachers colleges, like Glenville, which is now run by a Manchin, no longer turn out teachers, and that there are none to be found.

He also claimed that Common Core was no more, but he was told about a recent happening in Vienna, where the computer was down at Wendy's and the clerks were unable to add up the bills, calculate the 6% tax, and come up with a total.

Obviously, Common Core arithmetic does not work. One might conclude that evil people somewhere want an uneducated populace that is helpless and dependent on wise ones from somewhere else.

Brings to mind when the Babylonians brought Daniel and the other bright Hebrew boys (as slaves) to help them run their affairs. Dictator Xi will likely have a different approach, should he get a chance.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dipped to \$73.56/bbl., with condensate \$53.56, Marcellus and Utica light, \$64.56, and medium, \$73.56.

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Good weather helped make the Summer Sizzling Celebration a success on Saturday at Calhoun Middle/High School. It was sponsored by Calhoun County Schools as a special treat for summer school students and their families.



Melanie Ferrell, Arnoldsburg third grader, gets a running start at the foam slide on Saturday. The result is shown on the right.



Sam Bailey's power slide took him to the end of the inflatable, and left him with 68,220 bubbles (but who's counting). He is a fifth grader at AES.



FIVE GENERATIONS -- Clockwise from bottom left are Marie Cheesbrew, Connie Cheesbrew Raber, Amber Raber Welch, Bailey Welch and Marilee Ruth Welch.

Red Cross Asks For Donations At Drive

American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Donors are needed, especially Type O, to ensure blood is available for patients in need of life-saving care this month.

Blood drive will be held at Grantsville Fire Dept. on Tuesday, July 20, from 1 to 6 p.m. Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

As a thank-you, all who come to give will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, and receive automatic entry for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5,000 value), and entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry Farm.

Individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by law), weigh at least 110 lbs., and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, and infants and children up to 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.

WIC clinic is located at 300 Mill St., and is available Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for appointments by phone.

Call the office, 354-6898, if you have an appointment or a question about benefits.



Emily Grace Anderson competed in Buckhannon from July 9-11 in the state Miss West Virginia Teen USA.

She had three phases of competition: interview, active wear and evening gown, and was selected in the Top 10. She competed again in active wear and evening gown, and was named to the Top 5.

She was named fourth runner up to Miss West Virginia Teen USA.

Anderson expressed thanks to all of her sponsors and supporters, as she represented Calhoun County.

Emily, 15, is the daughter of Shannon and Trudi Anderson of Big Bend. She is a sophomore at Calhoun Middle/High School, where she is co-feature twirler for the marching band.

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Calhoun County FRN Grand Re-Opening

The Calhoun County Family Resource Network has moved! Join us Monday, July 19, as we celebrate the Grand Re-Opening at the NEW location (the former Oshway Building). The day will include: Tours of the Facility, Refreshments, SALES, and a Ribbon Cutting for the Thrift Shop at 10 a.m.

Call Tina Persinger, FRN Director, at (304) 354-7177 for more information!

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