



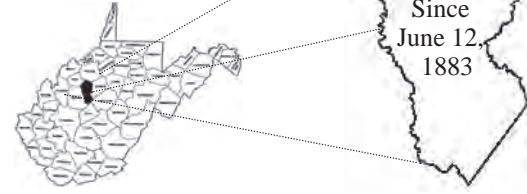
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Thursday, July 29, 2021



County clerk Jean Simers administers the oath of office to new school board member Tammy Yoak.

### First Day For Students, Aug. 18 Board Member Takes Oath; \$3.505M Grant Discussed

New school board member Tammy Yoak took the oath of office, administered by county clerk Jean Simers, during the board of education meeting on July 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Yoak replaces board member Richard Kirby, who also served as vice president. Elected to fill those duties was Kevin Cunningham.

Kirby was presented a plaque in recognition of his service on the board.

Also recognized was Austin Baker, now a sophomore, as a 2020 Golden Horseshoe winner.

Recognized for athletic performances in the 2021 State track and field competition were: Anthony Schoo, 11th place in 3200-meter run; Savannah Cunningham, 6th in 100-meter dash, 7th in 400-meter dash, and 10th in 800-meter run; and Savannah Cunningham, Cassie Fowler, Lacy Hicks and Grace Vincent, 11th in 800-meter relay.

The regular meeting was recessed for a public hearing on the “American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funding, Calhoun County.” (The condensed version begins below.)

### American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funding, Calhoun County

Superintendent Kelli Whytsell reported that there are four focus areas for the \$3,505,830 Emergency Relief grant over the next three years:

- Addressing learning loss/learning recovery and innovation (Minimum required, \$855,037);
- After-School programs (MR, \$42,742);
- Summer enrichment (MR, \$42,742); and
- Local Education Agency (LEA) discretionary/infrastructure, \$2,565,309).

Budgeted for the grant were the following:  
--Addressing learning loss/learning recovery and innovation:

Employment of an additional special education teacher at the elementary schools; an additional CMS math teacher; maintain multi-subject teachers in the elementary schools; additional aides in small kindergarten, first grade, fifth grade, and resource special education classrooms (total of 11 additional aides); elementary assistant principal to focus on student data, social-emotional needs, and grant supported ideas; and math coach to work with CM/HS math teachers. Cost, \$1,154,117, Aug. 1, 2021-June 30, 2024.

Parent resource facilitator to work with students and families to help access services needed for success; work with high school juniors and seniors to help with college and career readiness and FAFSA, grant and work applications; follow students for one-year post-high school graduation to continue to assist transition into college, post-secondary and/or work place. Cost, \$115,000, Aug. 12, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

Provide additional technology; purchase education programs to supplement classroom instruction, including tier 2, tier 3, and benchmarking oral reading programs; purchase a program that will allow students access to online library books and track library books checked out by students; provide low income students with materials needed in classrooms (notebooks, markers, pencils, pens, scissors, and bookbags); provide attendance incentives to students; and provide educational field trips for students. Cost, \$200,813.

Make commitment to expand to district-wide Empowerment Academy (supportive structures are empowered environment, experiential learning, and entrepreneurial mindset). Cost, \$150,000, Aug. 12, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

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### Calhoun Has 5 New Cases; State Cases Nearly Double Over Previous Week’s Total

After six days with only one new COVID-19 case, DHHR reported four new cases in Calhoun County on Tuesday. Those five increased the county’s total to 404 since the pandemic began.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Calhoun and surrounding counties for the week increased from 13 to 40, the highest number since May 19-25.

New cases in addition to Calhoun (and total): Braxton, 22 (1,047); Ritchie, 5 (772); Roane, 4 (671); Gilmer, 3 (893); Wirt, 1 (468); and Clay, 0

(544). DHHR reported a high of 54 counties in green on July 2, and on July 16, there were still 52, but on July 27, only 35 counties remained green, with 12 yellow, seven gold and one orange (Webster).

In the seven-county area, only Braxton (yellow) was out of the green designation. Calhoun has been green since May 20.

Calhoun’s 404 cases remains the lowest in the State, followed by Wirt, 468; Clay, 544; Tucker, 549, and Webster, 589.

The percent positivity for Calhoun is now at 2.14, with infection rate at 6.03.

West Virginia cases

### 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 31, Dixie Highway; Aug. 7, to be announced;
- Aug. 14, Jack Dunlap & \$2 Short;
- Aug. 21, Jack Dunlap & \$2 Short;
- Aug. 28 Dixie Highway.

increased by 1,038, nearly double the previous week’s 552. The number of deaths was up 17 from a total of 10 new deaths the previous week.

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia on Tuesday was 6.2 percent, the highest since it was 6.3 on May 17.

The number of new cases in the United States in the past week was 268,516, up from 252,349 the previous week.

The number of worldwide cases showed 3,374,504 new cases, down from 3,958,029 the previous week.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Wednesday, July 28

Early voting period begins for Aug. 10 election; continues through Saturday, Aug. 7.

#### Thursday, July 29

Grantsville Farmer’s Market, Wayne Underwood Field, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Continued on Page 2)



Former board member Richard Kirby received a plaque on July 21 in recognition of his service as a member of the Calhoun County board of education.

### Solid Waste Grant

Solid Waste Authorities will receive grants totaling \$350,000 as a result of action taken by the Solid Waste Management Board.

The grants are designed to assist local SWAs in the job of properly managing solid waste within their respective counties or regions.

Calhoun County SWA will receive \$14,100 for utilities, insurance, bailing wire, and building improvements.

### Rush Run CEOS: The Final Chapter

The five remaining members of Rush Run CEOS Club met on June 18 at the Calhoun Historical Society’s Family History Museum, Main St., Grantsville, with Bob and Karen Bonar.

The CEOS members presented the historical society with all of the club’s scrapbooks and paperwork.

President Sue Collins also presented them with two checks from the club’s treasury, one for the historical society and

one for Heritage Village at Calhoun County Park.

Members said that it was a sad day to close down the club, but a good day to help a worthy cause.

CEOS members present were Collins and husband Tony, vice president and treasurer Ann McCartney, reporter and secretary Judy Wolfram, and members Carol Sloane and Michele Smith.

Wolfram said, “It’s time to sign off for good for the CEOS Club.”



The last five members of Rush Run CEOS presented two checks to Bob Bonar, one for Calhoun Historical Society and one for Heritage Village. From left to right are Carol Sloane, Judy Wolfram, Ann McCartney, Sue Collins, Robert Bonar and Michele Smith.

# OBITUARIES

## LOUISE MARIE CHEESBREW

Louise Marie Cheesbrew, 91, of Bull River Road, died Thursday, July 22, 2021, at home.

She was born the daughter of the late Lennie and Bessie Duskey Sturm. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and retired from the State of West Virginia.

Surviving are five children, Connie, Pat, Cheryl, Jenny and Mike; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two brothers, Dick and John.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Cheesbrew, and two brothers, Bob and Tom.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, with Rev. Gene Johnson officiating. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.



## ALTON RAVEN 'DOC' McCUNE

Alton Raven "Doc" McCune, 83, of Chloe, died Friday, July 23, 2021, at Charleston Area Medical Center.

He was the son of the late Earnest and Etta Harris McCune. He retired from W.Va. Dept. of Highways.

Surviving are four children, Dewayne McCune, Sharon McCune Boggs, Earnest McCune and Mary Husk; four grandchildren, Dennis McCune, Scotty McCune, Lisa Morrison and Mary Beth Cyrus; 12 great-grandchildren, Skylar McCune, D.J. McCune, Richard Raven McCune, Michael McCune, Riley McCune, Alecah McCune, Austin McCune, Jake McCune, Helen Morrison, Bryson Husk, Dakota Husk and Breanna Husk; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Ruth Tanner McCune; one son, James Raven McCune; four sisters, Marylee Tanner, Darlene Sampson, Gaye McCune and Ester Dale Siers; and four brothers, Shirley McCune, Alvie McCune, Foster McCune and Ike McCune.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Donald Dawson officiating. Burial was in McCune Cemetery.



## JANET LOUISE HERON

Janet Louise Heron, 87, of Vienna, died Thursday, July 22, 2021.

She was born in Reedy, the daughter of the late George Victor and Lula Hazel Huffman Heron. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Parkersburg.

Surviving are her half-sisters and their families, Alice Stewart, son Gerald and grandson Andy; daughter Wendy and grandchildren Summer and Dale, Jr., and great-grandchildren Eva, Dale III, Willow and Skyler; Brenda LeCourt, sons David and Adam and grandchildren Grace Ann and Emmalyn; and Linda Bentley; and one cousin, Larry Lee.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, with Rev. Fr. John Rice, Celebrant. Burial was in Two Run Cemetery, Palestine.

## JUDY INA SMITH

Judy Ina Smith, 68, of Clover, died Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Ressie and Emma Jean Minney. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Jimmie L. Smith; one daughter, Judy Ann Smith of Spencer; three sons, Michael Smith, Jimmie Smith and Adam Smith, all of Spencer; four sisters, Shirley Stewart of Ohio, Billie Jo Minney of Spencer, Emma Barnhouse of Rosedale and Sue Dunfee also of Ohio; three brothers, Junior Minney of Walton, John Minney and James Minney, both of Spencer; 10 grandchildren, Caleb, Ethan, Dylan, Wyatt, Adam Ryan, Hannah, GraceLynn, Sadie and Raelynn Smith, all of Spencer, and Stephanie Burdette of Spencer.

Services will be held Thursday, 1 p.m., at John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer, with Rev. Daniel R. "Danny" Whited officiating. Burial will be in Smith Cemetery, Island Run Road, Spencer. Visitation will be on Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Condolences may be shared at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com.



## VERNITA MOYERS

Vernita Moyers, 94, of Coks Mills, died Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at Stonewall Memorial Hospital, Weston.

She was born in Weston, the daughter of the late Eustace and Olena Radcliff Shakelford. She was a retired Gilmer County EMS ambulance driver.

Surviving are one son, Rymer L. Moyers; two brothers, Ray Shakelford and Larry Shakelford; one sister, Alma Montgomery; two grandsons, Shawn Moyers and Cody Moyers; and one great-grandchild, Cory Moyers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Moyers; one brother, Robert Shakelford; and three sisters, Mellody Cane, Emigene Baker and Janet Gill.

Graveside service will be held Friday, 2 p.m., at Pisgah Cemetery, Glenville, with Rev. Alfred Hickman officiating. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

## LARRY GENE WILSON

Larry Gene "Ol' Granddad" Wilson, 50, of Grantsville, died Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at his home.

He was the son of Darrel G. Wilson and the late Betty A. Wilson. He worked for Stump Funeral Home for many years and for Flying W Plastic.

Surviving in addition to his father are his daughter, Sinsara Wilson; two granddaughters, Darlynn and Zoey Pryor; one grandson, Ethan Hamilton; two brothers, Greg Nicholson and Aaron Wilson; three sisters, Tammy Thompson, Donna Nichols and Heather Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Tina Nicholson.

Graveside service was scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Hunt Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

## EURSEL 'SAM' ROBERTS

Celebration of life will be held for Eursel R. "Sam" Roberts at Chapel Baptist Church, 1710 Noble Road, on Saturday at 1 p.m. Bring a memory to share and wear camouflage. A meal will follow the service.

## PACF Offers Grants

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

PACF's application process is online, with an application deadline of Sept. 15. Organizations apply to PACF and/or any of the affiliates on the same online application form, www.pacfwv.com/grants.

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

Either the applicant or program to be funded must be located in the PACF 11-county geographic service area. Priority counties are Calhoun, Wood, Wirt, Doddridge, Ritchie, Roane and Gilmer.

PACF continues to prioritize support for capital and equipment projects, new program development, capacity building, and operating support needs.

Within these focus areas, PACF will also give special consideration to projects that build a strong, resilient, and inclusive community, including those that address on-going pandemic impact and recovery, substance use disorders, and related community impact, and the advancement of an inclusive community and/or the elimination of racism and bias.

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

PACF's provides information on eligibility for all types of grants. Visit www.pacfwv.com/grants to access guidelines and application forms, or call Marian Clowes, 428-4438 or visit info@pacfwv.com

## Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Doctors say that the most important thing that you can do to protect yourself from Delta is to get fully vaccinated. That means if you get a two-dose vaccine, like Pfizer or Moderna, you must get both shots, and then wait the recommended two-week period for those shots to take full effect.

Whether or not you are vaccinated, it is also important to follow CDC prevention guidelines that are available for vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

In everyone's life, there comes a time when you have to start believing in yourself and check the facts concerning life and death decisions for you and your family.

If what you are hearing from the internet, television or radio sounds like misinformation to you, it most likely is.

Get real facts (fact check.org), not rumors, lies, and half-truths. Talk to real medical professionals. Listen to folks who did not get vaccinated because they paid attention to people who were only interested in steering them in a direction that suited their own purpose, not public safety.

Survivors of COVID-19 who could have been vaccinated would be more than happy to tell you one simple thing: Get vaccinated today!

The dead ones, who shunned vaccination, evidently let their death from a disease that could have been avoided or lessened speak for them.

You cannot make a difference in the future, if you died from COVID-19.

One of the saddest things that I have been hearing from the medical community is that unvaccinated people who have contracted Delta, and are about to be put on a ventilator, desperately ask the doctors for the vaccine, but being told that it is too late for it to have any effect once you have the disease.

Many of the people who are talking against vaccination have already been vaccinated, because they do not wish to take chances with their and their family's lives. Be smart, don't let this disease win. The rest of your life depends on the decisions you make today.

My biggest fear is that children 11 years of age and younger are too young to vaccinate at the moment, and this Delta variant is here to stay. We have no idea what the next variant of this deadly virus will be.

I am now wearing my mask indoors with people of unknown vaccination status, such as stores, etc.

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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### SPECIAL EVENTS

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**Saturday, July 31**  
 Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

**Monday, August 2**  
 Town council meets in Main St. office, 4 p.m.  
 Ox Roast planning meeting, Mt. Zion Community Park, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 4**  
 Last day to request an absentee ballot for Tuesday, Aug. 10, Sale of Alcohol special election.

**Thursday, August 5**  
 Grantsville Farmer's Market, Wayne Underwood Field, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Inside Flea Market, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Friday, August 6**  
 Inside Flea Market, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mix-It-Up Bingo, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, August 7**  
 Siers and Sears Reunion, Upper West Fork Park, noon.  
 Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, August 8**  
 Cedar Grove Church homecoming, noon; election of church officers.  
 Creston Community Building homecoming, 2 p.m.

**Monday, August 9**  
 Last day to receive hand-delivered absentee ballot for Tuesday, Aug. 10, Sale of Alcohol special election.





## Relief Funding--

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Create innovative learning opportunities for students; STEM labs; identify needs for school-wide improvement; classroom supply money that will allow for hands-on activities for students (tied to teacher's instructional plans and address identified weaknesses in instruction as identified on data; and experiential learning/entrepreneurship. Cost, \$250,000, July 1, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

Provide teachers time to review data to create, implement, and design learning opportunities for student success; professional development opportunities for teachers' stipends paid for attendance; and professional development and academic support for students. Cost, \$125,000, July 1, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

Employ a psych-social coordinator to provide a coordinated effort with the school system and partnering agencies to provide seamless services to students and families; employ secretary to assist student services in providing support to help students and families; provide additional psychological and behavior health services to students and families as they re-adjust to post-COVID; and provide counseling and support services to staff, such as exercise classes, yoga, work out equipment, and counseling services. Cost, \$225,000, July 1, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

Calhoun County used the services of a substitute school nurse to provide additional support to students and families; provide best practices information to student, staff and families; provide educational materials to be shared on social-media, flyers for students, and classes in schools; provide a safe storage place for medical supplies; provide health and safety equipment needed for student safety (classroom first aid kits). Cost \$200,000, July 1, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

Additional custodians employed to ensure that all areas of the school are maintained for cleanliness; additional cleaning supplies provided to all schools to ensure that the cleanliness is maintained; new mop machines purchased to increase efficiency, timing, and effectiveness of ongoing sanitation efforts in schools. Cost, \$265,000, July 1, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

### --After-School programs:

Calhoun County will offer 110 days of after-school activities (tutoring, healthy choices, exercise, homework help); suggested offerings at least once a month: Junior Ranger activities, W.Va. Parks VIP program, dance, exercise, social-emotional learning support, and gymnastics; offered by student interest may include ROTC, civil air patrol, woodworking class, archery team, outdoor recreation; operate four buses to aid student participation; breakfast and lunch offered on Saturdays; and day-time tutoring for high school students. Cost, \$175,000, Aug. 12, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

### --Summer enrichment:

Calhoun County Schools will offer comprehensive summer enrichment that includes recovering learning, credit recovery, and summer enrichment for all students; offered at all three schools for 6 weeks in the summer (instruction and camps); includes employment of 22 teachers, 1 counselor, 1 aide, 3 students as tutors, 4 bus drivers, 3 cooks; instruction in reading, math, driver's education; special camp for students who are entering kindergarten (kinderboost); pre-k jump start for students entering preschool; community in schools and social-emotional support; special education extended school year; meals provided through summer food program. Cost, \$225,000, June, 2021-Aug. 1, 2021.

### --LEA discretionary/infrastructure:

Calhoun County Schools will purchase additional air purifiers for classrooms and common areas; desk, tables or chairs to separate students in classrooms; lockers to store students' materials, so they can be separated; improve outdoor exercise areas at all three schools which will allow students to be able to exercise outside; development of outside classrooms for students' use. Cost, \$267,953, July 1, 2021-Aug. 30, 2024.

## \$3.505M Grant Discussed--

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County Schools will be reimbursed for expenditures upon submitting expenses.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

The 2021-22 school calendar shows that the first day of school for most students will be on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Preschool dates were announced as Sept. 7 to May 18.

Contracts approved included: Minnie Hamilton Health System, physical therapy; Linguicare Associates, Inc., speech services; Save the Children Federation, Inc., service contract; Ashley Lilly Queen, Thera-Pedics, Inc., occupational therapy

services; Debra Smith, community ambassador; James Mullins, school psychologist; and Joyce Williams, Special Education consultant.

Homeschool request for parent Jessica Riddel, kindergarten, was approved.

Personnel items approved included:

--Employment, professional, Ashley Cunningham, principal, PHS; Kevin Carr, assistant principal, AES/PHS, itinerant; Carrisa Yoak, elementary teacher, PHS; Janice Westfall, long-term substitute teacher, AES, 4th grade; Lorie Strange-Paylor, long-term substitute, multi-cat. spec. ed., gifted, CM/HS;

Rick Kinder, long-term substitute, math, CM/HS.

Service, Patrick Fowler, maintenance/custodian III/sanitation plant operator; Janet Summers, bus operator, bus rt. 5; Nancy Taylor, long-term substitute, literacy tutor, supervisory aide II, PHS; Erica Falls, literacy tutor, supervisory aide II, AES; Rick Sampson, bus operator, bus rt. 4; Carrie Collins, secretary I, central office/CM/HS; Megan Winkler, parent resource facilitator.

--Extracurricular, Michael Boatright, CMS baseball coach, pending completion of required classes; David Gibson, CMS head football coach, pending completion of required classes, AED/CPR and first aid; Hannah Wilson, CMS \$1 assistant girls volleyball coach; Raymond Ray, CMS wrestling coach, pending completion of required classes, AED/CPR and first aid.

The next regular meeting of the board will be on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion board office.

(As reported on the WVSSAC website)

## 2021 Calhoun Varsity Football Schedule

All games listed at 7 p.m.

August	27 Wirt County	..... Home
September	3 Valley (Wetzel)	. Home
	10 Doddridge Co.	... Away
	17 Tyler Con.	..... Away
	24 St. Marys	..... Home
October	1 Paden City	..... Away
	8 Open	
	15 Gilmer County	.. Home (Homecoming)
	22 Wahama	..... Away
	29 Clay-Battelle	.... Home
November	5 Ritchie County	. Home (Senior Night)

## Adopt-A-Highway

The 32nd annual Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m., at Tamarack Convention Center, Beckley.

W.Va. Dept. of Environmental Protection will host the day-long celebration of volunteers who pick up litter along West Virginia highways.

Festivities begin with bingo, broom making, painting class, children's games and other activities.

Volunteers will be served a catered lunch at noon. Afternoon activities include presentation of annual AAH awards, including the 2021 AAH Volunteer of the Year.

Volunteers with 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service will receive lapel pins and a special AAH safety vest imprinted with the number of years they have participated.

AAH's 40,000 volunteers remove four million pounds of trash from state highways each year, while recycling 10,000 lbs. of glass, 5,000 lbs. of plastic, and 8,000 lbs. of aluminum, while keeping more than 3,300 miles of West Virginia roads litter free.

## Creston

Creston Community Building will host homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 485-9873 or 275-0003.

## 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.

## Pandemic Assistance

### Timber Harvesters

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture is providing up to \$200 million to provide relief to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses that have experienced losses due to COVID-19, as part of USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative.

Loggers and truckers can apply for assistance through USDA's Farm Service Agency through Oct. 15. PATHH is administered by FSA, in partnership with U.S. Forest Service.

Consolidated Appropriations Act authorizes assistance for the timber industry. Timber harvesting and hauling businesses that have experienced a gross revenue loss of at least 10% from Jan. 1-Dec. 1, 2020, compared to the period of Jan. 1-Dec. 1, 2019, are invited to apply.

To be eligible for payments, individuals or legal entities must be a timber harvesting or timber hauling business, where 50% or more of its gross revenue is derived from one or more of the following:

- Cutting timber.
- Transporting timber.
- Processing of wood on-site on the forest land (chipping, grinding, converting to biochar, cutting to smaller lengths, etc.).

FSA will issue an initial payment equal to the lesser of the calculated payment amount or \$2,000, as applications are approved. A second payment will be made after the signup period has ended based upon remaining PATHH funds.

Loggers and truckers can apply for PATHH by completing form FSA-1118, Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers Program application, and certifying to their gross revenue for 2019 and 2020 on the application.

Additional documentation may be required. Visit [farmers.gov/pathh](http://farmers.gov/pathh) for more information on how to apply.

To find a local FSA office, loggers and truckers can 1-877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

### Livestock Producers

Livestock and poultry producers, who suffered losses during the pandemic due to insufficient access to processing, can apply for assistance for those losses and the cost of depopulation and disposal of the animals.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture announced the Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP) at the National Pork Industry Conference, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Livestock and poultry producers can apply

for assistance through USDA's Farm Service Agency until Sept. 17.

Consolidated Appropriations Act authorized payments to producers for losses of livestock or poultry depopulated from Mar. 1, 2020 to Dec. 26, 2020, due to insufficient processing access as a result of the pandemic.

PLIP payments will be based on 80% of the fair market value of the livestock and poultry and for the cost of depopulation and disposal of the animal.

A person or legal entity must have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) of less than \$900,000 for tax years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Eligible livestock and poultry producers can apply by completing the FSA-620, Pandemic Livestock Indemnity application, and submitting it to any FSA county office.

Visit [farmers.gov/plip](http://farmers.gov/plip) for a copy of the notice and information on how to apply.

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# The Destination

submitted by Judy Wolfram

A fellow came through our town a few weeks ago. Who he was, we didn't know.

He was pulling a wagon with all his possessions aboard. From where did he start, I want to know. Just where was it that he was planning to go.

His story from start to finish, I'd like to hear, But to us, it will remain a mystery, I fear.

He brought something to our town that was new. Things like that happen far between and few.

We all wish that his journey goes well to wherever, But most of all, we applaud his endeavor.

# Creston News

by Alvin Engelke  
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Craig Blankenship filled his regular appointment at Burning Springs M.E. Church and served Holy Communion.

Creston Community Building will sponsor a Car and Truck Show in front on Advance Auto, Maze Plaza, Elizabeth, Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entry fee is \$15 and awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

There will be dash plaques to the first 20 entries, as well as door prizes, 50/50 and food. The event is free to the public. Come out and look at all sorts of chariots that folks have fixed.

Kathryn Walker, 84, died after a long illness. She was the widow of Ervin Walker. She was

laid to rest in Big Bend Cemetery beside her husband, who, when 82, renewed his CDLs.

Tommy Wright, 68, was laid to rest in McCray (Snyder) Cemetery on the hill overlooking Creston.

His sister, Nancy, has been spending time visiting the local folks. Barb's niece and comely daughters came from Alabama. It was understood that she makes Glocks, and as one fellow said, "She has to be okay."

A couple of weeks ago, the Interstate Battery truck was robbed on Yellow Creek, and the armed thieves have not been caught.

Recently, local license plate 66L532 was stolen and Creston Area Neighborhood Watch is assisting law enforcement in looking for the stolen tag. If the license plate is spotted, call one's favorite law man.

Charles Russell's tiger lilies are in their glory and many glads presently are blooming, as is Queen Anne's lace, otherwise known as wild carrot. Buckeye leaves are starting to turn.

Equipment has been brought in for a paving job on Rt. 5, below Creston. It is hoped that the problems with the roadway are fixed before they are covered up with new blacktop.

Recently, there was a paving job on Turkey Fork, going from Garfield toward Odaville. A resident in that neighborhood asked if the bad culvert under the big dip in the road would be replaced before the new top was applied, and he was told "No."

Now the dip is back and drivers should be careful there. Rt. 5, between mileposts 7 and 12, is "different."

A couple of years back,

First Energy, which is now the Creston electric company, made the news when the feds indicted powerful Ohio politicians connected to former Ohio governor Kasich.

They were alleged to have taken \$63 million in bribes to pass special Ohio legislation to "bail out" the company's, said to be failing, nuclear power plants. The legislation added \$billions to Ohio electric bills.

Now, the company has been fined \$230 million and has agreed to develop "an ethics program," and Ohio customers are said to not be charged.

No doubt, West Virginia customers will discover that there is a rate increase.

When the Ohio legislature passed the "relief bill" in Columbus, similar legislation was passed down at the Mouth of Elk "to save the Willow Island Power Plant in Pleasants County."

No doubt, it was "greased" as well as the same folks who did the deal. Of course, our folks are purer than the driven snow.

Wirt County Fair runs from Aug. 4-7.

A lawsuit in Union County, Ohio, has folks concerned about the future of agreements to set aside farmland to never be developed.

In 2003, a 231-acre farm was given an agricultural easement. Thereafter, a request for a 72" sewer line and a 36" water line going through the property were denied.

Now, Columbia Gas

wants to put a 12" gas line through the land and has threatened eminent domain. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, which is supposed to be the defender of the agricultural easement, has "recused itself to prevent the perception of impropriety."

It is obvious that West Virginia is not the only state that has government folks who are supposed to represent the citizens while on someone else's payroll.

On the local scene, one has only to read the terms of the proposed forced pooling bill that Del. Kelley introduced in the last legislative session for "Exhibit A."

A large number of DNR men were spending time in the Little Kanawha River at Burning Springs Oilfield Park for at least two days. Some assume that they were looking for freshwater mussels.

Along with rampant inflation, the price of gasoline has taken a big increase, and the ruling Junta (those who tell the senile fellow what to say) determined that they had a problem.

While promoting the green new deal in America, they told the Russians, Iranians and the Sheiks of Araby to increase oil production. Now, one can purchase gasoline for \$2.85.9/gal.

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**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 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, and is available each Wednesday, from 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.

**Churches are listed alphabetically**

**KEEPING THE FAITH IN CALHOUN COUNTY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Chapel Baptist Church**  
Nobe - 354-6747  
Interim Pastor: Harold Francis  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Dinner - 4th Sunday 6 p.m.

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

**Community Baptist Church**  
Grantsville  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 p.m.

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

**Cremo Community Church**  
Rowles Run - 354-7394  
Sat.: Preaching 7 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Enon Baptist Church**  
Grantsville  
Pastor: John Vannoy  
Sun.: Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Fairview Freewill Memorial Church**  
1182 Lower Nicut Rd., Chloe  
Pastor: Tom Law - 354-6685  
Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
High St., Grantsville - 354-7574  
Pastor: Ron Chesser  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Freedom Baptist Church**  
Big Springs on Rt. 16  
Campus Pastor: Steve Boggs  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Afternoon Service 1 p.m.

**Full Gospel Lighthouse**  
Big Bend  
Pastor: Mike Doherty  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Wed: Worship 7 p.m.  
Sat: Worship 7 p.m.

**Hur Community Church**  
Hur, W.Va.  
Sun.: Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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

**Leatherbark Community Church**  
Leatherbark  
Pastor: Phil Lawrence  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

**Louisa Chapel U.M.C.**  
Arnoldsburg - 655-8245  
Pastor: Shelly Mace  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

**Minnora U.M.C.**  
Minnora  
Pastor: Tim Hickman  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

**Mt. Zion U.M.C.**  
Mt. Zion  
Pastor: David Weaver  
Sun.: Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Mud Fork Church**  
Stinson - 655-7509  
Pastor: John Fowler  
Sun.: Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

**New Life Baptist Fellowship**  
Arnoldsburg - 655-8108  
Pastor: Mark Dudley  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

**Orma U.M.C.**  
Orma - 354-7365  
Pastor: Tim Hickman  
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 11 a.m.

**Pleasant Hill U.M.C.**  
Pleasant Hill - 354-6277  
Pastor: Rick Metheny  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

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

**Rush Run Baptist Church**  
Stumptown  
Pastor: John Vannoy  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Spruce Hollow Church**  
Yellow Creek  
Pastor: Carroll McCauley  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Wed.: Worship & Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Stoney Point New Hope Church**  
Altizer Road  
Pastor: Garry Bowen  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

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

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

**Walnut Grove Community Church**  
Barnes Run  
Pastor: Rev. Clark Samples  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Thur: 7 p.m.

**Walnut Memorial Church**  
Chloe  
Pastor: Lester Tanner  
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

**Walker U.M.C.**  
Chloe  
Pastor: Tim Hickman  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

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Two of the four CCHS 4x800 relay team members, Grace Vincent (left) and Lacy Hicks, were honored for their performance in the State track and field competition during the July 21 board of education meeting. Not able to be present were Savannah Cunningham and Cassie Fowler.

**Teen Queen**



Emily Grace Anderson, 15, competed in the Nicholas County Potato Festival Pageant in Summersville on Saturday, July 24. She was crowned Teen Queen and Miss Photogenic, and will reign over the festival on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10-11. She is the daughter of Shannon and Trudi Anderson of Big Bend.

**Ox Roast Meeting**

Mt. Zion Community Park will host an Ox Roast planning meeting on Monday, Aug. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Public is invited.

**Town Website**

The Town of Grantsville has a new website for things going on in the town and county: townofgrantsvillemunicipality.squarespace.com.



Anthony Schoo was recognized for his athletic performance in the State track and field competition.

**57th Birthday**



Willie R. Jones of Pleasant Hill will celebrate his 57th birthday on Saturday, July 31. He is a 1985 graduate of Calhoun County High School. He is the son of the late Floyd and Leona Bell Jones and foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCormick of Phillips Run, who said that "he is a good Samaritan that helps his neighbors, friends and family."

**Flea Market**

Inside Flea Market will be held, rain or shine, on Thursday, Aug. 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Arnoldsburg Community Building.

**Stalnaker/Wagner**

Kateelynn McPeek Stalnaker of Coolville, Ohio, and Jacob William Wagner of Vincent, Ohio, were married on Saturday, June 5, at the home of the bride's parents, Robert Michael Stalnaker and Kitty Dawn McPeek-Stalnaker, of Coolville.

The rural background of green hills and large garden of blooming flowers created a rustic setting for the event, which was officiated by Pastor Dan Hess.

The bride is from two longtime families of Calhoun County. She is the great-granddaughter of the late William A. and Zanna Jean Stalnaker of Annamoriah and the late Hale J. and Marguerite Basnett of Lemuels Run, and granddaughter of Robert Neal and Georgia Dale Stalnaker of Lemuels Run and the late Patricia Ann McPeek of Belpre, Ohio.

The groom is the son of Michael and Teresa Wagner of Vincent, grandson of the late Leeroy and Dorothy Wagner of Vincent and the late John and Joan Oliver of Williamstown.

The 175 guests were treated to hayrides from the parking area to the ceremony site. Upon arrival, personalized wedding fans and child activity books were given to guests by the bride's cousins, Sophie and Lily Romage, daughters of Dr. Joshua and Rachel Romage of Annamoriah.

Instead of a guest book, the bride's great-aunt, Sharon Gherke of Grantsville, invited guests to sign their names in a Bible next to a favorite verse. Following the wedding, the bride's parents presented the Bible to the newlyweds for guidance, as well as revisiting memories of those who shared their wedding day.

The bride's great-uncle, Rodney Roberts of Mineral Wells, accompanied on guitar by his son, Rev. Derek Roberts of Charleston, sang "Amazing Grace," the bride's favorite hymn, as she was escorted to meet her bridegroom.

"An Irish Blessing" was read by the bride's great-aunt, Beth Alltop of Creston, to honor the Irish heritage of the bride's maternal family, the McPeeks, and the paternal great-grandmother's family, the McKowns.

The bride wore a white, A-line gown featuring a sheer off-the-shoulder bodice, with transparent long sleeves of lace appliques. The gown, with deep V-neck back and skirt of layers of mesh decorated with pearls and lace appliques, created a silhouette of a princess dress. The bride paired the gown with a fingertip veil with intricate lace applique edge. She carried a bouquet of maroon peonies, roses of cream and rose gold, and baby's breath, bound with maroon ribbon. A special charm with a picture of the bride's late grandmother, Patricia Ann McPeek, hung from the bouquet on a blue ribbon.

The bride's sister, Celeste Marie Baker-Stalnaker, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were her great-aunt, Shirley Jean Basnett of Parkersburg; the groom's sister, Laura Rose Wagner of Vincent, and his sister-in-law, Tanya Renee Wagner of Marietta, Ohio. Melissa Cominsky of Coolville, long-time friend of the bride, was matron of honor. Flower girl was Breanna Renee Wagner, niece of the groom.

A knee-length formal dress of pink lace was worn by the maid of honor, which coordinated with the rest of the bride's attendants, who wore knee-length formal dresses of maroon lace over white crinolines to emphasize the design of a fit and flare style.

Each carried a bouquet of silk flowers in the colors of maroon, rose gold, and cream, bound with maroon ribbon. The flower girl wore a formal pink,



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wagner

tea-length satin gown with small embroidered roses along the neckline of the bodice. The flared skirt had double-folded pink tulle overlay, which allowed silk flower petals to lay between the layers. The dress was a keepsake of the bride, who wore it as a child.

The groom chose his childhood friends, David Richard Arbuckle of Greenville, S.C., and Zach Tyler Barnes of St. Marys, Ohio, to serve as co-best men.

Other groomsmen were his brothers, Daniel Lee Wagner of Marietta, Ryan Mathew Wagner of Caldwell, Ohio, and Michael Andrew Wagner of Marietta. The groom's nephews, Braxton Lee Wagner and Bronson James Wagner, were ring bearers. The attire selected for the groom and his men consisted of maroon vests with gray lapels and trim over a white button-down shirt, tucked into dark jeans, and Vans shoes.

Following the declaration of marriage, the bride introduced her great-aunt, Connie Roberts of Mineral Wells, who offered a prayer of thanks for the blessings that God bestowed upon the families of the newlyweds, and asked for His continued love, strength and guidance for Kateelynn and Jacob, as they face their future together.

A buffet meal was presented. A two-tier powder shade wedding cake, covered with smooth buttercream frosting, and adorned with live roses and baby's breath, was created for the wedding by Rosa Lee Klingenberg of Coolville. The newlyweds sliced the cake and fed each other a nibble. Chocolate and white sheet cakes were served to the guests.

A dance floor was available for newlyweds and guests to dance to their favorite songs played by the D.J. The first dance song for the couple was "Prayed for You," by Matt Stell. "Cinderella," performed by Steven Curtis Chapman, was played for the father-daughter dance, and "Simple Man" by Jason Manns, featuring Jensen Ackles, was played for the groom and his mother.

The bride and groom are graduates of Warren High School, Vincent, and attended Washington State College, Marietta. Jacob graduated from WSC with an associate's degree in business, and continued his studies at Marietta College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He works at American Producers, Marietta, in the financial department.

The couple recently purchased a home in Marietta, and have been busy with renovations and training their terrier puppy, Dorothy. They will honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C., later in the summer.

**Crema's 104th**

Crema Community Church will celebrate its 104th year with a Homecoming Service on Sunday, Aug. 22 (time not announced). Preaching services will be held, with dinner on the grounds to follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Resale Shop**

West Virginia Caring has announced that its non-profit organization will open a new Resale Shop at 77 Mike & Ike's Plaza, Rt. 5 West, Burnsville, off I-79 at exit 79. It is next door to W.Va. Caring's office.

It is the third resale shop in WVC's service area. The new shop has 2,000 sq.ft. and will offer a variety of gently used or new donated items, including clothing, shoes, home goods, toys, furniture, videos, and books.

Donations of items, especially furniture, are needed to stock the new store. If you want to give a new home for some of your belongings, WVC is accepting donations on Mondays and Thursdays. Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WVC is looking for volunteers to assist in the operation of the new shop. Volunteers assist with sorting, pricing, and displaying donated items. Hours are flexible.

If you want to volunteer, stop by the Burnsville office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to pick up an application.

W.Va. Caring is a community based non-profit corporation, that offers hospice and counseling. Its purpose is to provide funding for terminally ill patients and families. Proceeds from the stores goes to offset costs for patient care.

For information on volunteering or donating, call Marissa Fox, 853-2279, ext. 602.

**Bickmore Closed**

Bickmore Tire & Auto Repair, Russett Road, will close until further notice due to Robert Siers' heart attack and other health problems: "We want to thank all our customers, and we hope to re-open again."

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

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