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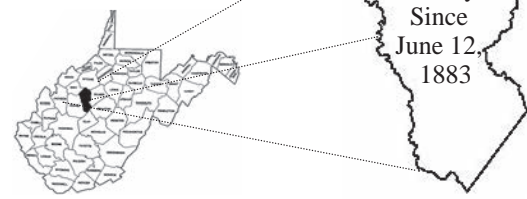
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Thursday, August 12, 2021

Virus Spreading Rapidly

After having only one COVID-19 case the previous week, the Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported that Calhoun County had 12 cases in the past week, including six reported on Tuesday.

It was the most in the county since May 12-18, when a week of 40 cases followed a week of 41 cases.

Since the pandemic began, Calhoun has now had 417 cases, which remains the lowest county total in the State.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Calhoun and surrounding counties for the week increased to 102 from last week's 41.

New cases in addition to Calhoun (and total): Gilmer, 26 (927); Roane,

23 (699); Braxton, 20 (1,076); Clay, 10 (558); Ritchie, 6 (786); and Wirt, 5 (479).

DHHR reported 19 counties in green last week, but as of Tuesday's report, only eight remained in green, while 11 were yellow, 13 gold, 16 orange and seven red.

Tuesday's cases left Calhoun in yellow--the first time out of green since May 24. Calhoun was the last of the seven-county area to leave the green designation.

Calhoun's 417 cases is followed by Wirt, 479; Clay, 558; Tucker, 566, and Webster, 628.

The percent positivity for Calhoun is at 3.70, with infection rate, 13.06.

West Virginia cases increased by 2,708, compared to 1,651 the previous

week (up 64.0%). The number of deaths was 18, the same as the previous week.

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia on Tuesday was 9.9 percent, the highest since it was 10.1 on Jan. 11.

The number of new cases in the United States in the past week was 882,899, up from 610,312 the previous week, an increase of 44.7%.

Worldwide totals showed 4,521,662 new cases, up from 4,214,512 the previous week. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 204,342,573.

According to DHHR, 49.5% of West Virginia's population has been fully vaccinated. In Calhoun, 2,671 doses have been administered.

Farmer's Market Vouchers Available; Valued At \$5,250

Senior farmer's market vouchers were made available for pickup by the counties late last week, and Calhoun was issued 175 vouchers at the Fairplains Distribution Center, Ripley.

Each voucher has a value of \$30 at designated farmer's markets.

Calhoun County Committee on Aging will distribute vouchers Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 11-13, at the Grantsville center from 12:30 to 3 p.m., and at the West Fork center from 1 to 3 p.m.

Distribution tables will be located outdoors on each center's front porch.

Because of the COVID Delta Variant, masks will be required at the distribution tables, and people desiring vouchers will

be asked to stay in their cars and away from the distribution area until it is their turn.

A car line will form at the Grantsville center by starting down Simon St. (on the left of the front of the center), around the back, briefly on River St., and back up Stump St. Cars will turn from Stump St. to the parking spots in front of the center as those spots become available.

At the West Fork center, a line of cars will be formed in the center's front driveway and along Milo Road, if necessary.

According to CCCOA, "We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding that these procedures are for everyone's safety and will allow everyone to participate, including those

who are unvaccinated, those who have particularly risky health conditions, or those who still feel uncomfortable about public COVID risks.

"The regulations that we have been given require voucher recipients to meet these requirements:

--Over 60 years of age, verifiable by driver's license or acceptable means.

--One Voucher packet per household, according to physical address.

--Income must not exceed these weekly amounts, according to household size: 1, \$459; 2, \$620; 3, \$782; 4, or more: \$943.

"Income verification will not be required beyond responding to the question and affirming via signature."



Schools Open Aug. 18-19 Watch For Buses and Children

Transportation Dept. Lists Bus Routes

Calhoun County Schools will welcome students back to school next week for the 2021-2022 school year, unless changes are made during the Wednesday, Aug. 11, board meeting.

There have been some changes to the bus routes. The times listed are approximate, and it is recommended that students be at their bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the listed time and be prepared to wait up to 10 minutes after the pick up time. Times are subject to change due to changing ridership numbers or adjustments to routes to accommodate needs.

School Bus Routes

The following Calhoun school bus routes have been announced, starting on Wednesday, Aug. 18, for grades K, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 11; Thursday, Aug. 19, for grades 1, 3, 7, 8, 10 and 12; and Friday, Aug. 20, for all grades except pre-school, which will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 7:

Bus Route 1 -- Chris Lacy (Bus #3): A.M. run: 6:15, Big Root; 6:17, Yellow Creek (start Rt. 16, former New Testament Baptist Church); 6:40, Backfork (turning just past Hildreth Well Service); 6:57, Klipstine; 7:09, Nobe; turn at Nobe/Fingerboard, 7:13; 7:19, N. Calhoun Hwy.; 7:27, Pleasant Hill School; 7:33, Courthouse; 7:55, CM/HS; P.M. run: reverse of A.M. run. Loads students between 3:25-3:35 p.m. at CM/HS; departs PHS between 3:55-4:00 p.m.

Bus Route 2 -- Marshall Bever (Bus #4): A.M. run: 6:40, Buffalo Rock; 6:43, Hog Knob; 6:45, food pantry; 6:48, former Pro Hardware; 6:55, Lovada (Broomstick) Road; 7:00- 7:20, N. Calhoun Hwy.; 7:27-7:34, White Pine Road; 7:37, N. Rt. 16, 7:38, Pleasant Hill School; 7:45, Foodland; 7:52, CM/HS; P.M. run: reverse of A.M. run. Loads students between 3:25-3:35 p.m. at CM/HS; loads PHS students between 3:55-4:00 p.m., reverse of A.M. run.

Bus Route 3 -- Greg Hawkins (Bus #06): A.M. run: 7:05, Oka Road (horse

Phase-In Re-Entry Schedule

Date and grades reporting:
Wednesday, Aug. 18: K, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th grades only.

Thursday, Aug. 19: 1st, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 12th grades only.

Friday, Aug. 20: All students report except pre-school.

Tuesday, Sept. 7: First day for pre-school students.

ring); Rt. 16 N; 7:08, Sears Run; 7:11, former Minnora School; 7:15, Wolf Run; 7:22, Rt. 16 N; 7:22, Brannon Straight; 7:30, Rt. 16 N, AES; 7:45, CM/HS. P.M. run: reverse of A.M. run. Loads students between 3:25-3:35 p.m. at CM/HS. Loads students at AES between 3:45-3:50 p.m.

Bus Route 4 -- Rick Sampson (Bus #30): A.M. run: 6:05, start at PHS; 6:30, Leading Creek; 6:31, turn at Phillips residence; 6:33, turn at Coal Fork Road; 6:44, turn at Fred Jones residence; 6:53, Coal Fork Road; 6:59, Milliron residence; 7:02, N. Calhoun Hwy, (turn at top of the hill); 7:03, old store; 7:06, Bowser Road; 7:08, Williams Road; 7:09, Retriever Lane; 7:14, Klipstine Road; 7:22, Vaughn Road/Bramblewood (turn); 7:30, PHS; 7:50, CM/HS. P.M. run: reverse of A.M. run. Loads students between 3:25-3:35 p.m. at CM/HS. Departs PHS between 3:50-3:55 p.m.

Bus Route 5 -- Janet Summers (Bus #10): A.M. run: 6:30, turn at bottom of hill at the head of Walnut Road (Morton first pick up); 6:45, Rt. 16 N; 6:55, straight stretch Rush Run (on North Calhoun Hwy.), 7:00, Crummies Creek Road; 7:10, turn at Mouth of Bear Fork (Sully's Run Road); 7:20, Stewart residence; 7:25, former Arnoldsburg School; 7:30, Arnoldsburg Elementary; 7:45, CM/HS. P.M. run: Loads students between 3:25-3:35 p.m. at CM/HS. Load students at AES, 3:45-3:50 p.m., reverse of A.M. run.

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Calhoun Youth football Little Red Devils C team (K-2nd grades) will open defense of its LKC South C team championship on Saturday at 1 p.m., when the team hosts St. Marys at Calhoun Middle/High School. The game will be followed by the B team (3rd-4th grades) and the A team (5th-6th grades). C team members shown above are, left to right, first row, Xander Carpenter (#4), Raines Riddel (1), Jett Persinger (15), Carper Summers (13); second row, Haygan Houchin (3), Colten Baker (27), Kyle Shook (7), Ryder Simmons (8), Quintin Parkin (38), Justin Cunningham (26), Jase Farley (9), Josh Hardbarger (29); third row, coaches Dustin Hardbarger, Jeff Goodrich, Rome Riddel and Nathan Allison. C team cheerleaders are shown on Page 10, along with schedules and rosters.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, August 11

Free COVID-19 testing, Calhoun Middle/High School, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Farmer's market vouchers available at Calhoun County Committee on Aging: Grantsville site, 12:30 to 3 p.m.; West Fork site, 1 to 3 p.m.

Calhoun board of education meeting, board office, Mt. Zion, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 12

Farmer's market vouchers available at CCCOA Grantsville site, 12:30 to 3 p.m.; West Fork site, 1 to 3 p.m.

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

Calhoun County Historical Society meets, history center, Main St., Grantsville, 6 p.m.

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This Week In History

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

1921, 100 years ago

Dr. Ralph Morford of Spencer and Arthur and Gene Davis and Jearl Balmer of Canton, Ohio, spent several days here this week fishing.

Ernest Gibson and I.S. Wright were here from Creston a few hours on Tuesday and interviewed local merchants on the question of freights and rates.

Mrs. George H. Simers returned to her home at Belpre on Monday, after a visit here with her daughter, Mrs. R.N. Marshall, and some White Pine relatives.

The Booger Hole ball team went down to Creston on Saturday for a game, but on account of rain, only six innings were played, at the end of which Booger Hole was leading by a score of 2 to 1. On Sunday, the Creston team took the boys from this county over by a score of several to a few.

Work on the Masonic Temple is progressing nicely. The excavating is practically finished, and the masons will arrive early next week and begin putting up the stone wall.

A great crowd of people from this place and surrounding community went to Arnoldsburg on Sunday to attend the dedication of the new Baptist Church at that place. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr. Albert S. Kelley, who was assisted in the service by Rev. Chenoweth Stalnaker, pastor of the Arnoldsburg church, and Rev. J. Smith Dye, pastor of the local church. The tidy sum of \$1,700 was raised and the church was freed from debt.

One of the severest storms in years swept the Mudfork section last Tuesday and did considerable damage to growing crops, as well as blowing down a number of haystacks, wheatstacks, fruit trees, and a few barns, outbuildings, etc. A few dwellings were slightly damaged, but none seriously, so far as we have heard to date.

Seldon West had a fine young mare killed by lightning a few days ago.

1946, 75 years ago

One of the most enthusiastic meetings held in the county for some time was the representative meeting of Calhoun County's organization for the betterment of this area. It was held in the private dining room of the Terminal restaurant in Grantsville on Tuesday evening. The tables in use were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and greenery.

The main address of the evening was made by Sattis Simmons of Ripley, temporary chairman of the area group. Mulford Smith of Parkersburg, temporary secretary, and J.B. Tate of Parkersburg, director of Farming for Better Living Program, also made interesting talks. All members of the group responded with inspiring talks and suggestions.

Sue Ayers, editor of *The Grantsville News*, acted as temporary chairman and introduced the speakers and members, and explained to the group the purpose of this called meeting.

A permanent organization was formed and officers named were Olin J. Burrows, chairman; Sue Ayers, co-chairman; James McFadden, secretary; and Merle Faulkner, Lewis Smith, Fred Smith and Fred Burroughs were appointed to the general committee of the county group.

Members present other than those named were Lewis Smith, Z.N. Connolly, Merle Faulkner, B.A. Hensley, Fred Burroughs, Ernest Kelley, Abbie Russell, Gary Conley, Victor Brannon, George Strader, and James H. McFadden.

1971, 50 years ago

Pre-registration for the first grade of Grantsville Graded School was held last May. At that time, 33 students were enrolled by their parents.

The children are Diane Dawn Ball, Randall Ernest Ball, William Gregory Barr, Herbert Roy Bell, Deeana Rena Cunningham, Deborah Lyn Deuley, Jamie Lynn Erlewine, Boyd Lee Hood, Tammie Kaye Howell, Dana Gene Frederick, Allison Lynn Johnson, Robert James Kipe, Jeffrey Ken Law, Sherry Lynn Lemley, Richard Dale Mace, Jennifer Dawn McCartney,

Tina Sue Morton, Helen Jeanette Murphy, Ola Lou Norman, Leslie Dawn Parsons, Eric Dean Richards, Michael Edward Richards, Mitchell Edwin Richards, Timothy Fredrick Richards, Franklin Dale Rogers, Lori Jane Rollison, James Mitchell Starkey, Letisha Renee Stevens, Ronda L. Stump, Scarlett Ann Sturm, Jeffery Allen Walker, John Eugene Walker, and Franklin D. Yeager.

LKADC Offers Services

Little Kanawha Area Development Corp., a non-profit, supports the creation, expansion and on-going operations of small businesses in Calhoun and Wirt counties with its Mobile Business Enhancement Project.

Current or prospective businesses can take advantage of the project by working with LKADC staff, who use portable technology to help business owners gain access to online services and funding.

LKADC received funding from Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. The funds will be used to purchase mobile equipment and supplies to assist businesses that may not have access

to modern technology or high-speed internet services needed to create and organize data used for online applications when applying for funding.

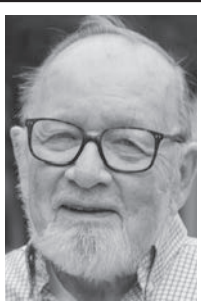
Director Shelia Burch has been bringing information and technology to business locations throughout the area that have taken advantage of the Paycheck Protection Program funding, and other state and federal loan and grant programs.

LKADC also provides assistance to individuals who want to create new business plans, adopt procedures and forms that facilitate organization, and input documentation onto devices that can be used for online access to financial funding sources.

For information, call Burch, 483-4679.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Quiz Time

Groups of animals and birds are given special names. Below are a collection of those group names. See if you know which animal or bird they describe.

Animals:

1. A sleuth
2. A clowder
3. A tower
4. A tribe
5. A pride
6. A troop
7. A drift
8. A prickle
9. A colony
10. A dray

Birds:

11. A wake
12. A murder
13. A dule
14. A parliament
15. A rafter

Answers:

(Animals)

1. Bears
2. Cats
3. Giraffes
4. Goats
5. Lions
6. Monkeys or kangaroos
7. Pigs
8. Porcupines
9. Rabbits
10. Squirrels

(Birds)

11. Buzzards
12. Crows
13. Doves
14. Owls
15. Turkeys

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Be a good listener. Your ears will never get you in trouble." -Frank Tyger
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.

Waste Not/Want Not

by Judy Wolfram

The last pest that I will write about this year is the raccoon--which I had one, then I had four, and now I have three. One baby disappeared.

Since I don't have a garden, I don't mind them, but you might. First of all, they love fresh, sweet corn--yours! An electric fence is usually good, but raccoons have thumbs and can go between the wires.

If you put snow fencing or chicken wire all around the bottom of the electric fence, that usually deters the varmints. Maybe a living fence is better. The oldest method is to put pumpkins, cucumbers, watermelons, or squash close together around the edge of the rows of corn.

Raccoons like to be able to stand up and look around the large leaves, and tangles of vines make that difficult. If you decide to plant one of these living fences next spring, don't leave any gaps, or the bandits will find them and slip right through.

A few more ideas are:

--Plant a Kentucky wonder bean or a cucumber seed when you plant each kernel of corn. The vines will climb the stalks and deter the varmints.

--Use a three- or four-foot fence of chicken wire, leaving a loose overhang of wire about two feet high at the top. The shaky wire keeps the brave raccoon from climbing over.

--Sprinkle red or black pepper on the corn stalks. It will not affect the taste of the corn. If the ears are not too large, slide a panty hose leg over each one.

--Light the corn patch at night. If it is too far from a source of electricity, use a lantern to see them to shoot them.

--Run barefoot around the patch each night, as they don't like the human smell.

--Place a transistor radio in a plastic bag and turn it on to an all-night station. If the raccoons are not frightened, they will at least have dinner music.

--Encourage the kids in the family to sleep out in the garden in their sleeping bags when the corn is nearly ripe. Boys will love it. Girls, not so much.

--Press cloves of garlic into the ground around all of your vegetables.

--If you have grass around your garden, spray it lightly with a mixture of kerosene and diesel oil. Raccoons are tidy creatures and dislike having that oily substance on their coats.

--Place dog droppings between the plants. Of course, it was mentioned in a garden book that "lions or tigers or bears" would be the best for using their droppings, but, as you know, we could forget everything but the bears. Good luck with that.

Never put off picking corn until tomorrow. The corn that is ready today the raccoon will inevitably beat you to it.

Happy gardening next spring.

Sweepstakes

Joyce Underwood of Grantsville was announced on Tuesday to be a "Do it for Babydog: Save a life, Change your life" vaccination sweepstakes winner of a custom hunting shotgun.

Cremo's 104th

Cremo 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.

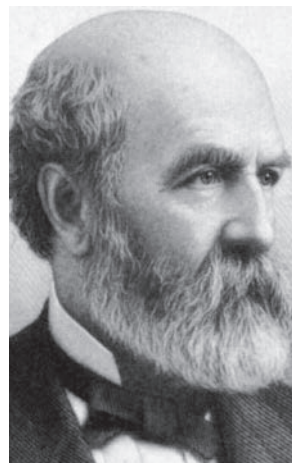


This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Aug. 12-18 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Aug. 12, 1937: Author Walter Dean Myers was born in Martinsburg. In January 2012, he was named the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress.

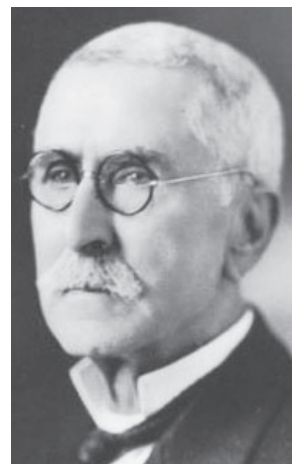
Aug. 12, 1997: The Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel strike ended when 79 percent of the workers approved a new contract. The 10-month walkout by steelworkers was the longest steel manufacturing strike on record when it concluded.



cornerstone for the first building of the Fairmont Branch Normal School was laid at the corner of Adams and Quincy streets in the heart of town. The first class of students occupied the new building in April 1869. That school evolved into Fairmont State University.

Aug. 15, 1906: The Niagara Movement began a five-day meeting at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. The organization was founded in 1905 by a group of African-American intellectuals, including W.E.B. DuBois.

Aug. 15, 1946: The first FM radio station in the state, WCFC of Beckley, began regular programming.



Aug. 16, 1851: William Hope "Coin" Harvey was born in Buffalo, Putnam County. A social reformer, he was nominated for president of the United States by the Liberty Party in 1932.

Aug. 13, 1900: Railroad mogul and founder of Huntington, Collis Potter Huntington, died. Raised in poverty, he went west when gold was discovered in California, and became rich, not from mining, but by selling supplies to miners.

Aug. 13, 2018: The House of Delegates adopted articles of impeachment against all justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals.



Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. He rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of the company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at Beaver, near Beckley. Located on an 80-acre campus, it is the world's largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, he bought the George Ort Dept. Store on Capitol St. in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A.W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the W.Va. Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; 304-346-8500 or www.wvencyclopedia.org.



Aug. 14, 1943: Astronaut Jon Andrew McBride was born in Charleston. He became an astronaut in 1979 and piloted the space shuttle Challenger on an eight-day mission in 1984.

Aug. 15, 1867: The

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Calhoun Youth Football Schedule and Rosters

(Start times are for C games. B and A teams will follow. If there is a flag football game, it will start one hour prior to listed start time.)

Sunday, Aug. 15, 1 p.m., host St. Marys
 Sunday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m., host Clay
 Sunday, Aug. 29, noon, play at Gilmer.
 Sunday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m., host Braxton.
 Saturday Sept. 18, 1 p.m., play at Roane.
 Sunday, Oct. 3, noon, play at Webster.
 Sunday, Oct. 10, 1 p.m., host Ravenswood.

Football Rosters

Jersey number and player

Flag (ages 3-5):

- 1 - Owen Baker
- 2 - Zander McCumbers
- 3 - River Parsons
- 5 - Aaron Cunningham
- 6 - Thorin Gungle
- 7 - Axton White
- 8 - Kayleb Harris
- 9 - Brantley Davis
- 10 - Braxton Carter
- 11 - Lydia Hill
- 12 - Scarlett Probasco

C Team (grades K-2):

- 2 - Haygan Houchin
- 9 - Carper Summers
- 16 - Jace Farley
- 17 - Colton Baker
- 32 - Josh Hardbarger
- 43 - Ryder Simmons
- 44 - Jett Persinger
- 45 - Xander Carpenter
- 47 - Kyle Shook
- 60 - Quintin Parkin
- 75 - Raines Riddel
- 84 - Justin Cunningham

B Team (grades 3-4):

- 2 - Grayson Laughlin
- 8 - Tyler Mayle
- 9 - Cooper Summers
- 17 - Chandler Cottrell
- 21 - Tristian Rogers
- 33 - Payden Yeager
- 40 - Liam Yeager
- 43 - Silas Cunningham
- 44 - Bentley Snodgrass
- 50 - Kyler Starcher
- 52 - Mark Plumby

- 83 - Mason Cunningham
- 85 - Kason Stamper
- 93 - Carter Thompson

A Team (grades 5-6):

- 4 - Michael Richards
- 8 - Coby Staples
- 10 - Trevor Mayle
- 16 - Evan Collins
- 22 - Ezra Anderson
- 23 - Jace Lemon
- 45 - Gavin Hicks
- 51 - Tucker Sampson
- 54 - Evan Burch
- 61 - Braedyn Warner
- 66 - Sam Bailey
- 70 - Duke Persinger
- 73 - Nic Butler
- 74 - Clayton Foster
- 84 - Avery Wood
- 87 - Zac Smith
- 91 - Cohen Blankenship
- 92 - Wattson Nichols
- 93 - Camden Carpenter

Cheerleading Rosters

Flag (ages 3-5):
 Natalia Bremar, Henley Cunningham, Sadie Goodrich, Talia Mayle, Avery Norman.

C Team (grades K-2):

Baylee Allison, Raelyn Arnold, Trinity Baker, Sophia Bartelt, Kaylin Conley, Sophia Goodrich, Embree Gungle, Rylee Harris, Kenlie Jarvis, Paislee Jarvis, Maggie Kellar, Kenlee Nelson, Kinsley Parsons.

B Team (grades 3-4):

Chiara Brennaman, Ari Bremar, Addison Caudill, Elizabeth Collins, Stormie Cunningham, Melanie Ferrell, Catelynn Foster, Alliana Hill, Mandy Johnson, Lillian McCumbers, Sadie McGlothlin, Rylyn Ross, Karlie Simmons, Isabella Staples, Gracee Turner, Laynie Wolford.

A Team (grades 5-6):

Addison Collins, Lilly Falls, Emma Frail, Riley Hupp, Karlee Nelson, Nevaeh Nichols, Mollie Parkin, Gwen Sampson, Ellie Tawney, Eliana White.



Calhoun Youth C team cheerleaders are, left to right, first row, Baylee Allison, Kenlee Nelson, Raelyn Arnold, Kaylin Conley, Paislie Jarvis, Sophia Goodrich, Trinity Baker; second row, Kinsley Parsons, Kenlie Jarvis, Maggie Kellar, Rylee Morris, Embree Gungle, Sophia Bartelt; third row, Michelle Kellar and Melissa Jarvis.

Local Volunteers and Blood Donors Needed

According to American Red Cross, many weather experts predict a destructive wildfire and hurricane season this year. Red Cross needs volunteers to help on the ground and blood donors to roll up a sleeve to maintain a stable blood supply in the face of emergencies.

"We're preparing for another extremely busy disaster season, and it's critical to have a trained, ready volunteer workforce to make sure we can provide relief at a moment's notice," said Sharon Kesseling, executive director, Ohio River Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"This year's wildfire season is already very active and dangerous because of the severe drought and dry woodlands across the west, and experts are predicting that we could see 10 or more hurricanes in the upcoming weeks."

The Red Cross needs new volunteers to support disaster shelters. Volunteers will help with reception, registration, food distribution, dormitory, information collection, and other vital tasks inside disaster shelters. Both entry- and supervisory-level opportunities are

available.

The Red Cross also needs volunteers who can work in disaster shelters to address people's health needs and provide hands-on care in alignment with their professional licensure (registered nurse and licensed practical nurse/licensed vocational nurse).

Daily observation and health screening for COVID-19-like illness among shelter residents may also be required. Associate and supervisory level opportunities are available.

If you are an RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with a current and unencumbered license, this position could be right for you.

After most disasters this year, the Red Cross plans to open group shelters. In some communities, hotels may be more appropriate, if the risk of COVID-19, including the delta variant, is particularly high.

The Red Cross will also continue many of the safety precautions implemented in 2020, including masks, enhanced cleaning procedures, health screenings, and encouraging social distancing.

Local Disaster Action teams provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, particularly home fires, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities, such as food, shelter and clothing.

If you are team-oriented and want to help your neighbor, the DAT responder may be just the thing for you.

Last year, the Central Appalachia Region provided immediate emergency assistance to over 1,200 families who experienced home fires and other disasters.

If you want to make a difference and are interested in helping your community should a disaster occur here at home or across the country, visit redcross.org/volunteer, call 340-3650, or email carvolunteerservices@redcross.org.

Wildfires, record-breaking heat, and a busy hurricane season can also impact the nation's blood supply. On top of the toll extreme weather events take on the lives of millions, disasters can cause blood drive closures or prevent donors from being able to give safely.

Eligible donors can help overcome the critical

need for blood and ensure blood is readily available by making an appointment to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank you, those who come to donate throughout the month of August will get a free four-month special offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include: Thursday, Aug. 19, 12:30 to 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, Glenville.

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.

Town Website

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

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Jaiden Francis, a CCHS sophomore, was inducted into the Society of Torch & Laurel on June 27.

She said that she is "proud to be a part of this society that honors and elevates high achievers to help and mentor those who strive to be the best they can be."

The society represents integrity, respect, and leadership, with its laurel serving as a reminder to members that they are part of a long and noble tradition of distinguished scholars. The torch represents the ability for each member to serve as a guiding light to others.

Francis is also a featured twirler for Calhoun Middle/High School Marching Band. She continues to strive for only the best, and to lead others on their journey to success.