

NOTICE -- Due to increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in the county, the W.Va. Molasses Festival will be canceled for September, and rescheduled Oct. 21-23. An official announcement will be made on Oct. 7, depending on the virus numbers at that time.



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More than 30 vehicles were entered into Saturday's Creston Food Pantry's car show at Calhoun County Park. Shown above is Calvin Wilson's 1950 Chevy Truck. Below is Donnie Pitts' 1962 Volvo PV544. Additional photos inside this issue.



Calhoun Drops To 86 New Cases; 5th Lowest In Seven-County Area

With most counties setting records across the state, new COVID-19 cases dropped from 140 to 86 in Calhoun County in the past week, according to W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Added to the previous 63 cases, the county has had 289 new cases in three

weeks. Calhoun, which had moved from 500 to 600 cases in four days, took seven days to reach 700 on Sept. 13.

The outbreak has caused disruptions in the school system, with in-school attendance not returning until Thursday,

or possibly later, depending on the number of cases this week.

The CCHS varsity football team had its Sept. 10 football game moved to Oct. 11, and the volleyball team has yet to start the season.

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Town To Issue Citations

\$200,000 Grant Accepted For Demolition Of Rainbow

After delaying last week's scheduled meeting due to COVID-19 protocols, the Grantsville town council meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Monday.

Present were council members Cheryl Cheesbrow, Judy Powell, Linda Staton and William Villers, and mayor Robert Petrovsky.

One of the agenda items discussed was the sale by public auction of the Rainbow Hotel property for delinquent taxes, along with other properties, by the State of West Virginia on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 9 a.m., in the courthouse little courtroom.

The mayor said that the minimum bid, according to the State auditor's

office, would possibly be \$30 to \$50.

Petrovsky said, "I believe I will go (to the auction) and try to buy it (on behalf of the Town). We have money to tear it down. When I called to talk to Luke Peters (Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council), he said that if anyone else would buy it, he thinks that we could enter into an agreement with them to give us easement to tear it down.

"The issue that we are going to get into is that if someone buys the (property), they are going to have to take on the liability.

"The other problem is, if someone buys the property, and it's not the (Town), and takes on the liability until the acquisition, then they cannot sell that property without a lean being put on it (for \$200,000 that the governor provided to tear the building down)." The 5,346 sq.ft. prop-

erty is located at the corner of Court and Mill St. in Grantsville.

In other matters: --Accepted CDC guidelines for employees who have been exposed to COVID-19. According to council member Judy Powell, the council met in special session in November and approved 80 hours paid leave for anyone testing positive and/or quarantined.

After 80 hours, employees must use their regular sick leave--80 hours for full-time employees and 40 hours for part-time employees.

Powell said that four employees had been affected since November.

--Reported that Melissa Keener would be helping in the office for two days a week until employees are back to work.

--The mayor reported that the town will start issuing citations. The judge, for bench trials only, (Continued on Page 5)



Eric W. Underwood ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



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Scholarship Honors Eric Underwood

Sidney and Judith Underwood of Parkersburg, formerly of Calhoun County, have pledged \$27,000 to create a scholarship in memory of their son, Eric, who died on July 29, 2020.

"The generous gift from the Underwoods is greatly appreciated. Their kind remembrance of their son will have a lasting benefit to Fairmont State students," said FSU Foundation president Gary K. Bennett.

The Eric W. Underwood Endowed Scholarship will provide support to full-time students in the College of Science and Technology.

"We choose to honor Eric with this scholarship because he would want future generations to con-

tinued to pursue advanced education in this field of study," said the Underwoods.

"As a young man, he collected model planes, ships, and enjoyed watching trains. He loved drawing, and it was natural that he studied drafting and engineering in college.

"Eric was fascinated with how machines, such as trains, worked. He studied them and could explain how the mechanics of their engines and brakes worked.

"As an avid rail fan and member of the B&O Historical Association, he also enjoyed riding all the scenic rail works of West Virginia. He loved music and learned to play guitar as an adult. He also

enjoyed nature; hiking, riding bikes and taking photos.

"During his time at Fairmont State, Eric held great respect for his instructors and the educational standards at the University."

He received an engineering technology degree from West Virginia University at Parkersburg before going on to complete a bachelor's degree from Fairmont State in mechanical engineering technology in 2018.

He also earned a master's degree in technology education from WVU. He was skilled in the areas of educational leadership and curriculum development.

"We are touched beyond words by the Under-

wood's generosity," said FSU president Mirta M. Martin. "Eric's love for science and technology will not only live on through this gift, but it will also help us to continue to fill the need for qualified engineering professionals throughout this region and beyond.

"The Eric W. Underwood Endowed Scholarship will honor Eric's passion for science and technology, and it will ignite and nurture that same passion in future Falcons."

The scholarship will be available to FSU students enrolled full-time in the College of Science and Technology. Applicants must be West Virginia residents with a minimum (Continued on Page 3)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 15
Calhoun County Schools' food distribution for students, Calhoun Middle/High School, 1 to 2 p.m.

Calhoun County Solid Waste meets at Mom's Place Too, Grantsville, 4 p.m.

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

Thursday, Sept. 16
Welfare of Animals Group will be trapping stray and feral cats in Big Springs, Arnoldsburg and Chloe areas to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped.

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

Friday, Sept. 17
CCHS football team plays at Tyler Consolidated, 7 p.m. (Not known at presstime if game will be played.)

Saturday, Sept. 18
Bingo, Grantsville Lions Club, 103 Stump

St., 6 p.m.
Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21
County commission meets in courthouse little courtroom and also virtually (using zoom), 9 a.m.; #5936021621, password, 1234; by phone, +13126266799 or +19292056099 (toll free).

CCHS volleyball team plays at Doddridge County, 6 p.m. (Not known at presstime if match will be played.)

Thursday, Sept. 23
Grantsville Farmer's Market, Wayne Underwood Field, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24
CCHS football team hosts St. Marys, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25
ATV Fall Poker Run, Creston Community Building; registration, 9 a.m. to noon.

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

OBITUARIES

RECTOR BROWN

Rector S. Brown, 98, of Winchester, Va., died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, at his home.

He was born in Chloe, the son of the late Albert Brown and Artie Suttle Brown. A life-long teacher and coach, he married Helen Carr Brown in 1946 after returning from his Naval service in World War II. They enjoyed 74 years of marriage prior to her death in 2020. He was a 1941 graduate of Calhoun County High School and earned a full football scholarship to W.Va. Wesleyan College. After playing two years, he and most of his teammates joined the military because of the war. Upon returning from the war, he and Helen returned to Wesleyan, where he completed his B.S. degree and college football eligibility. He later earned a M.S. degree from West Virginia University.

In 1949, he became assistant football and track coach at Dunbar High School and was named head basketball coach at in 1951. He coached in the W.Va. All-Star football game in 1954. While coaching at Dunbar, his team played East Bank High, which was led by Jerry West, and Charleston High, which was led by Hot Rod Hundley. In 1956, he became head football coach and head basketball coach at Spencer High School, where he built a winless football team into an undefeated squad in 1961. He also coached the Little Kanawha Valley All-Star football game in Parkersburg in 1958.

After a brief teaching and coaching stint in Florida, he was hired by Shenandoah College in Winchester, where he was tasked with starting the school's football program in 1964. Five years later, Shenandoah abandoned its football program and he was invited to join the coaching staff at Handley High School in Winchester, where he taught world history and coached 20 years, assisting in football, basketball and track. For his role in two decades of success at Handley, he was inducted into the school's Hunter Maddex Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. He was a member of Braddock Street United Methodist Church, where he served on the administrative board of trustees.

Surviving are four daughters, Diane B. Lewis of Fredericksburg, Va., Betsy B. Newlin of Winchester, Sarah B. Ramey of Madison Heights, Va., and Mary B. Browning of Wilmington, N.C.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Sherman Brown, Sheridan Brown and Shirley Brown, and two sisters, Vesta B. Stalnaker and Vada B. Duffield.



STEPHEN DALE JOHNSON

Stephen Dale Johnson, 77, of Elizabeth, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2021.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of the late Lloyd Johnson and Audra Idena Sleeth. He was a heavy equipment operator and owned several businesses over the years: Johnson Used Car Lot, Parkersburg, and Johnson Produce, J&W Equipment, and Johnson Enterprise, selling grocery store and restaurant equipment.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years Janet Loraine Riddle Johnson, whom he married on Jan. 29, 1966; two daughters, Erica Loraine Johnson Elmore of Lubeck and Jennifer Adair Johnson Shears of Williamstown; two sons, Steven Dale Johnson of Rockport and Bradford Dale Johnson of Washington; nine grandchildren, Ethan McPeck of Mineral Wells, Sara Adair McPeck Smith of Parkersburg, Ian Elmore of Vienna, Evan Elmore of Lubeck, and Chris, Eric, Justin, Clinton and Clay Johnson; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Holshue, Melanie Sleeth Myers and Mona Sleeth, all of Virginia; two brothers, Jimmy Stanley of Wisconsin and David Stanley of Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Amber Adair Riddle Johnson; one great-grandchild, Levi Scott Elmore; one sister, Delores Cox; and two brothers, Bruce Johnson and Roger Johnson.

A private celebration will be held, with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Calhoun County. Condolences may be shared with the family at castofuneralhome.com.



WILMA JANE BELL

Wilma Jane Bell, 74, of Grantsville, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2021.

She was born at her parents' home on Pine Creek, the daughter of the late Albert Husk and Geneva Bennett Husk.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Charles "Buck" Bell, whom she married in 1968; one son, Ray Bell and wife Melissa; one granddaughter, Ashlen of Jonesborough, Tenn.; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Mike Doherty officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Mt. Zion.



BRITTANY MARIE CUNNINGHAM

Brittany Marie Cunningham, 25, of Grantsville, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, as the result of an ATV accident.

She was born in Parkersburg, WV, the daughter of Iva Mitter-Cunningham of Toledo, Ohio, and Mark Cunningham of Parkersburg. She was a 2014 graduate of Calhoun County High School. She worked at Minnie Hamilton Health System.

Surviving are her children, Cameron and Kayden Tallhammer and Carter Richards; three siblings, Kiaya Cunningham and Justin Cunningham, both of Toledo, and half-brother, Elijah Cunningham of Gassaway; three nephews, Aiden, Karson and Bransen Cunningham; several aunts, cousins and uncles throughout seven states; grandfather in Orma; and great-grandmother, Edna Smith of Glenville.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Dave and Debbie Cunningham; great-grandparents, Alice and Frank Cunningham and Linda Cunningham; aunt, Sue; uncle, Bob; maternal grandparents, Delores and William Bradfield; and aunt, Michele Bradfield.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Pastor Steve Boggs officiating. Burial will be held in Big Springs, with her grandparents, at a later date.



DOLLIE EVELYN BASNETT MARKS

Dollie Evelyn Basnett Marks, 86, of Mt. Zion, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021.

She was the daughter of the late Everett and Gladys Bell Basnett.

Surviving are her children, Geneva and Leonard Schmidt, Jenevieve Dugger, Geneda Miller and Forest Marks; one sister, Eva Marks; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Foster Marks, and one sister, Betty Basnett.

Memorial service will be held Thursday, 2 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

AARON LEE SMITH

Aaron Lee Smith, 26, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., formerly of Mineral Wells, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at his residence.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of Mark Smith of Mineral Wells and Cheryl and step-father Dennis Bright of Myrtle Beach. He began serving the Mineral Wells community as a junior firefighter at the age of 16 and at age 18 served in full capacity. He also worked as an EMT for Roane County EMS, Camden Clark Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph Ambulance Service, Jackson County EMS, and Med Trust of Myrtle Beach. He moved to South Carolina and served previously as a South Carolina State Trooper and was currently employed with Horry County Police Dept.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Chelsy Smith of Conway, S.C.; two sisters, Kaylyn Smith of Belpre, Ohio, and Alicia Agnew of Mineral Wells; one brother, Benjamin Smith of Parkersburg; grandparents, James and Sue Arthur of Big Bend; grandmother, Vada Smith of Mineral Wells; one brother-in-law, Brad Agnew of Parkersburg; one niece; four nephews; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Alvie L. Smith.

Services were held at Vaughan-Kimes Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with Pastor Brian Arthur and Pastor Mark Dennis officiating. Burial was in Big Tygart Rockport Cemetery, Mineral Wells.



DONNIE GALE CONRAD

Donnie Gale Conrad, 69, of Canton, Ohio, died Thursday, July 15, 2021.

He was born in Orma, the son of the late William Denver and Pearl Norman Conrad. He was a retired laborer.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Graham and Debbie Losey, both of Canton; three brothers, Paul of Parkersburg, Robert "Butch" of Orma and James of Ravenswood; one sister, Betty Somerville of Springhills, Fla.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lynda; son-in-law, Buddy Losey; and niece, Nikki Conrad.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, 2 p.m., at 530 Crooked Run Road, Orma.

GILBERT BECKETT

Gilbert E. Beckett, 50, of Indore, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, at CAMC Memorial Hospital.

He was born at Gassaway, the son of Janice Dawson Beckett of Spencer and the late Elbert Virgil Beckett. He was a farmer.

Surviving in addition to his mother are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn Beckett and Ricardo Zeledon of California and Lucrieta and Stanley Truman of Maysel; one son, Roy Edkin of Indore; eight sisters and brothers-in-law, Elsie and Robert Bailey and Linda Nicholas, all of Spencer, Lucy Truman of Maysel, Mary and Jeff Jenkins of Lewisburg, Janet Snyder of Alabama, Ivy and Dewayne O'Neal of Chloe, Barbara Taylor of North Carolina and Margaret and Junior Rush of Sandridge; three brothers and sister-in-law, Okey Colegrove of Wallback, Danny Beckett and Sharon Naylor of Chloe and Elbert Beckett, Jr., of Spencer; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Kay Nicholas, Ruth Rhodes and Evelyn Beckett; one brother, Virgil Beckett; and three brothers-in-law, Stanley Truman, Frank Rhodes and Denver Nicholas.

Services were held at John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer, with Pastor Roy Huffman officiating. Burial was in Moore Cemetery, Wallback.

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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Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Jeanne and I decided to give our old shepherd's crook at least one attempt at straightening it out to see if perhaps some freak chain of events caused it to bend to a 90-degree angle.

It is now as straight as I can make it, and it has lasted four days without incident. Yippee!

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Where we placed it now is where we usually put it for maximum viewing angle throughout the winter months, so that it will stay there--no matter what the squirrels have to say about it.

They can no longer access the feeders directly and have been forced to once again collect their sunflower seeds from the ground beneath the feeders.

They are not happy about this turn of events, and they sit on the limb of the butternut tree, which used to be their access to the feeders, and yell at us, all the while flipping their tail at us in, what I am certain is meant as a taunt.

They should remember that squirrel season has started and they are tasty, especially after eating sunflower seeds all summer long.

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It seems that we have become just a trifle complacent about following rules to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In watching folks enter and exit stores in Grantsville, I noticed a lack of facial coverings on most of the people, both going in and coming out.

We can easily see what happened when the schools opened up around the state. Many of those schools had to immediately close to in-person education because of COVID-19 outbreaks.

Perhaps the educators need schooled in communicable diseases, and how to prevent the spread of viruses through common sense practices, and by following the guidelines set forth by the CDC and our own state offices.

Although Calhoun was the county with the least

spread of coronavirus in our population since the pandemic began in 2020, the virus has now found us and is running roughshod through our residents.

I sincerely hope that your ill-advised resistance to taking a vaccine or wearing a mask to prevent you from dying, or infecting your loved ones, doesn't cause you any heartbreak.

If you become infected, you will more than likely take up a bed that could have been open for someone who needs critical care for a disease that they did not catch by ignoring sound, medical advice.

For those of you who have ignored the advice from me, your family, your friends and everyone else who listens to scientific and medical advice, I will now leave you alone to suffer in silence.

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The Molasses Festival has been postponed until October, depending upon what COVID-19 allows us to do next month. Personally, I think that this increase in cases will continue unabated unless a change is made in vaccination and masking protocols.

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Next Wednesday will usher in the first day of autumn, signifying that the day is equally 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness--Equinox.

From now until mid-December, every day will become a little shorter. While I love colors and smells of fall, the lack of daylight hours wears on me and makes me tired.

Spring is right around the corner and just down the road. I will get over it.

Building Rental

Rental information for Arnoldsburg Community Building: \$150 per day, with a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit. For rental information, call Denise Carter, 377-9441, or Miranda Nelson, 655-8604. For other information, call Patty Hall, 588-6189, and Janet Marks, 655-7270.

This Week In History

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

1921, 100 years ago

L. John Fogle, a substantial citizen of Russett, was transacting business in Grantsville on Saturday.

Grantsville and vicinity was sorely grieved and shocked early Tuesday morning to hear of the death of John H. Hayhurst, an aged and respected citizen of Leafbank, which occurred suddenly at the home of his son, Jacob Hayhurst, on Pine Creek, about nine o'clock on Monday night.

His death was very sudden and was due to heart disease, with which he had been afflicted for some time.

Mr. Hayhurst had spent the greater part of Monday here, and had remarked to several friends that he never felt better in his life. He crossed on over the hill to the home of his son, Jacob, where he expected to visit for a few days. Shortly after the supper hour, he was stricken with the fatal attack, and in a few moments, he was lifeless.

Mr. Hayhurst was about 72 years of age, and was a lifelong citizen of this county. He was a first-class law-abiding citizen, and his kindly, generous disposition won him a host of friends, who were sincerely grieved to learn of his death.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Jacob of Pine Creek and John H. of Big Bend, and one daughter, Mrs. Sylva Geho, who preceded him to the Great Unknown several years ago.

Maybe Grantsville is to have a water system after all. It is reported that the State has again agreed to take the bonds voted some 18 months ago, and now that the dust has been brushed off the securities, they will be delivered to the state authorities the latter part of this week.

The money in turn will be passed over to the council, and if some other delay, such as waiting for enough water to freight the pipe in on, is not encountered, possibly the work will be started this year.

The deal with the state for the money was put through by Boyd B. Stutler, state printer, of Charleston, who heard of our difficulties and succeeded in persuading the Board of Public Works to take the bonds.

1946, 75 years ago

One of the most important business transactions at the meeting of Victor Hamilton Post No. 82, American Legion, on Tuesday night, was voting a donation of \$100 to the football lighting fund.

Vernon Ayers, newly elected post commander, presided at this meeting, and Bernard Knotts acted as adjutant in the absence of Holly Nester.

The post decided to remove the honor board from the courthouse lawn. Permission has been granted by the fire department for the Legion post to do whatever they deem proper regarding this board. A part of it has been lying on the ground for the past several months.

In lieu of the board, the Legion post plans to erect a bronze plaque with names of those who died while in service during the war. Holly Nester and Leavy Vanhorn were appointed as a committee to secure this plaque. The idea is to erect this inside the courthouse.

Vernon Ayers, A.G. Burns and I.H. Snyder were appointed as a committee to make an effort to see about securing a carnival to exhibit here sometime in September.

Present at the meeting were Cleo Kingsbury, Leavy Vanhorn, Gail Nutter, I.H. Snyder, Vernon Ayers, Bernard Knotts, Cleo Hathaway, Morford Johnson, A.G. Burns and Olin Barrows.

1971, 50 years ago

Calhoun County High School A Cappella choir, under the direction of Ronald J. Wilt, has begun its new year by rehearsing and making plans for this year's concerts and performances.

The A Cappella Choir has chosen its new officers. Joe Campbell is president, Roger Allen is vice president Lisa Zannoni is secretary, and Gordon Allen is treasurer. William Bailey and Cathy Jones are librarians.

The 80-member choir is planning to give several performances for the public, as well as providing music for assemblies at the school. During the year, the choir plans to present concerts at other schools on the exchange basis.

Members of this year's choir are:
Sopranos, Nalani Vaughan, Toni Himes, Lillian Haskins, Vicki Fowler, Debra Kimble, Debra Jones, Beth Stalnaker, Mary Welch, Jill Gunn, Kimberly McKown, Patty S. Collins, Roberta Murphy, Pam Wilson, Sharlene Owens, Lila Richards, Cheryl Cheesbrew, Jeri Glendenning, Joan Bryner, Donna Glendenning, Terry Harris, Sharon Holbert and Cathy Jones;

Altos, Sherry Robinson, Patsy Gherke, Nancy Elliott, Janet Conrad, Lisa Zannoni, Mary Ann Yoak, Charlotte Robinson, Pier Zannoni, Tammy Shock, Candy Anderson, Barbara Wilson, Connie Fowler, Anita Fowler, Sue Stephenson, Donna Ward, Claire Cain, Ruth Kerby, Martha Hefner, Sherry Duskey, Peggy Sampson, Linda Collins and Jane Ritchie;

Tenors, Kevin Church, Barry Lynch, Wayne Gherke, Dwayne McCormick, Zane Gherke, Robert Vaughan, Dick Dawson, Rick Poling, Dana Godfrey, Mike Gherke, Gordon Allen, Joe Campbell, Roger Allen, Jim Sullivan, Jim Goff, John Myer and Glen McEndree;

Basses, Kennie Roberts, Gary Smith, Glen Siegrist, Roger Hamilton, Robert Morris, Roger Hoskins, Eddie Hannah, Ron Westfall, David Prusack, Steve Buck, William Bailey, Chuck Heine, Joe Morris, Perry Campbell, Kennie Kendrick, Dan Gainer and Sonny Holbert;

Section leaders, Lillian Haskins, Patty S. Collins, Janet Conrad, Candy Anderson, Gary Smith, William Bailey, Rick Poling and Joe Campbell.

CURIOSITY CORNER



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

Question: How is Appalachia pronounced?

Reply: First, let's get oriented. Appalachia is a region in the eastern U.S. that stretches from southern New York State to northern Georgia and Alabama. The Appalachian Mountain range, on the other hand, runs from southern Canada to Alabama. The Appalachia region generally refers to the central and southern portion of the range. The region has been a source of tales and characterizations over the years, such as hillbillies, moonshine, and clan feuds.

Now, back to the pronunciation. You hear both "Ap-uh-LATCH-a" and "Ap-uh-LAY-cha." (Which do you say?) It is a matter of choice, but in general the "latch" version appears to be more prevalent in the South, and the "lay" version in the North. My dictionary gives both pronunciations.

Another item is how many syllables you want to use. You have the previous four-syllable words, "ap-uh-latch-a" and "ap-uh-lay-cha," or, you might hear five syllables, "ap-uh-latch-chee-a" or "ap-uh-lay-chee-a."

These dialect differences occur frequently. For example, another mountain case--the Himalayas. Is it "Hih-MAHL-yuhz" or "Him-uh-LAY-uhz"? The English pronunciation generally prefers the latter. Then, not long ago in the news, you heard a lot about "I-RACK" or "I-ROCK" (Iraq).

We have a bunch of speaking dialect differences in the eastern U.S. between the North and the South. I don't know which is right, but those other people sure talk funny, don't they?

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age." --Lucille Ball.

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.

Scholarship Honors--

(Continued from Page 1) at his parents' home in Parkersburg.

He was born in Grantsville and graduated from Calhoun County High School in 1997. He had worked at National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium, Morgantown, as an instructor at WVU-Parkersburg, and for Thrasher Engineering, Bridgeport. He was a member of Stout Memorial United Methodist Church. He has a twin sister, Melanie McClain, and two nephews, Jackson and Eli McClain.

Eric, 42, was a resident of Bridgeport, and died

Commission Agenda

Calhoun county commission has announced the following agenda for Tuesday's 9 a.m. meeting in the courthouse little courtroom:

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approve minutes: Aug. 16.
- Delegations/requests: Countywide Gap Analysis for Broadband Last Mile Projects; Crystal Laughlin, The 1982 Foundation.
- Reports: E-911, LEPC and OES; ambulance service; Wood Festival; CRI; Calhoun County Park; 4-H programs; FRN; home confinement; sheriff; Little Kanawha Area Development Corp.; broadband committee, Horst Motz.
- New business: Halloween party requests.
- Old business: COVID -19 grant; Civil Service board.
- Personnel items.
- Appointments to boards and authorities.
- Grants, contracts, applications and resolutions: Mid-Ohio Valley Development board resolution.
- Erroneous tax assessments/consolidations.
- Fiduciary items.
- Financial items: Budget revision #2; In-house revision #1.
- Invoices paid, need to be approved.
- Financial statements: July and August.
- Bonds, wills, settlements and orders.
- Executive session.
- Adjournment: Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 12.

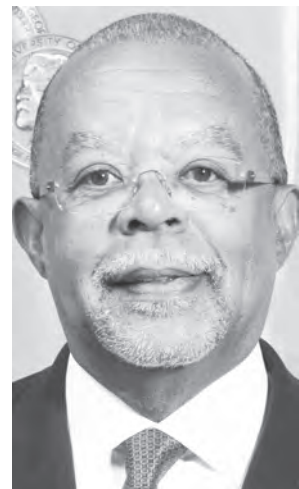
This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Sept. 16-22 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Sept. 16, 1876: The town of Milton in Cabell County was incorporated and named in honor of Milton Rece, a large land-owner at the time.

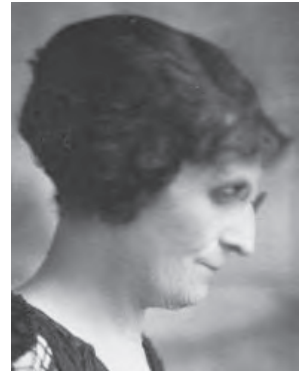


Sept. 16, 1926: Writer John Knowles was born in Fairmont. He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, "A Separate Peace."



Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. was born in Keyser. He is one of the leading African-American intellectuals in the United States, and has written several books, including "Colored People: A Memoir," which describes his experiences growing up in Mineral County.

Sept. 17, 1848: Artist Lily Irene Jackson was born in Parkersburg. She was best known as a painter of animal portraits and floral arrangements, and as an advocate for the arts.



Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.

Sept. 18, 1989: Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg. She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using Summers County people as actors.

Sept. 19, 1892: William

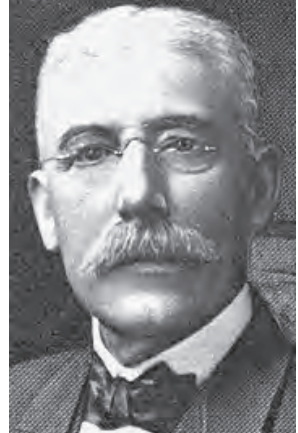
"Bill" Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. He became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.

Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, N.Y. He served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.

Sept. 21, 1895: Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. He was the first member of the West Virginia State Police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County.

Sept. 21, 1937: The West Virginia Conservation Commission acquired 6,705 acres in Kanawha County for the creation of Kanawha State Forest. Redevelopment of the land, which had been heavily mined and timbered, began the next year by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Sept. 21, 1970: Filming (shown below) began in Moundsville on the movie "Fools' Parade," based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.



Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A.B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901-05. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

Sept. 22, 1894: Louis Bennett, Jr., was born in Weston. He was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days, after assignment to his combat unit.

Sept. 22, 1970: The "Brinkley Bridge" in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded truck. The bridge was named for newscaster David Brinkley, who had filmed a 1960 news report about the poor condition of the span.

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Filming began Sept. 21, 1970, in Moundsville on the movie "Fools' Parade." Cast members included, left to right, Strother Martin, Jimmy Stewart, Kurt Russell and George Kennedy.

My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



Well, as weeks go, this one had its highs and lows. I guess this can be said for most weeks, but some are more noticeable than others. It is weeks like this past one that remind me to stop and smell the roses, to not sweat the small stuff, and to savor spending time with those I love.

I taught remotely this week, and while some might think this sounds easier than teaching in person, I would beg to differ. Thankfully, I have a year of practice under my belt, but it is still challenging in many ways. Anyone who has ever taught would tell you that the give and take between teacher and student is a key factor in the learning process. Teaching through a computer screen, while handy during a pandemic, requires a lot more effort on both sides.

For instance, when I am teaching remotely, I write my lesson plans twice. The first time is for me, and the second time is for the students. In order for everyone to be on the same page, it is necessary for me to put a detailed plan in Teams, which is our remote learning platform. By doing so, my students can stay up-to-date with their assignments, even if they can't attend the online class meetings.

After these plans are all made, recorded, and ready to be used, I begin to work on ways to make my lessons engaging and informative, even though I am not able to physically interact with my students. I am so appreciative that we are working to keep everyone safe and healthy, while striving to keep the educational process running smoothly, but engaging with students through a screen is not for the faint of heart.

I am not Tik Tok, YouTube, Snapchat, or Instagram. These are the apps that my students would gladly stare at all day. I cannot compete with these, but I am trying my best, and I know my colleagues are too.

As I sit to write this article, I have already spent a great number of hours preparing for this week. I will be teaching remotely again this week through Wednesday. I imagine if the situation in our county doesn't improve, that date could change too. Like many others, I feel stuck between a rock and a hard place. While I would love to be back in the classroom with my students, I am apprehensive about the health risks this involves.

Maybe I am thinking more about the fragility of life this week because two families that I care about lost a loved one quickly and unexpectedly. One minute there were healthy and full of life, and then they were gone.

My heart broke as I read the tributes to both of these men that appeared on social media. They were all beautiful and spoke of how they each touched so many lives. Their absences will leave a hole in so many hearts that will never be filled while their love ones are on this earth.

As I pondered the brevity and fragileness of life this week, the lyrics to a song kept popping into my head. It seems a strange song to think of in regards to what I was pondering, but, nonetheless, I found myself singing it over and over. Imagine my surprise, when on Sunday morning, I heard this same song coming from the television in my living room. It is not a current song; it comes from a musical called "Wicked."

The song, "For Good," is sung by Glinda the Good Witch and Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West. I know what you're thinking; what could this song possibly have to do with the fragility of life? Well, let me share the lyrics that kept playing in my head this week as I mourned for and prayed for my friends.

"I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn, and we are led to those who help us most to grow if we let them, and we help them in return. But I don't know if I believe that's true, but I know I'm who I am today because I knew you.

Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes a Sun. Like a stream that meets a boulder halfway through the wood. Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But because I knew you, I have been changed for good.

It well may be that we may never meet again in this lifetime, so let me say before we part so much of me is made of what I learn from you. You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart, and now whatever way our stories end, I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend."

These are scary and difficult times for everyone. We need to be patient and loving with each other, now more than ever. Let's look out for each other and remember that each day is a gift that we need to savor and cherish. Hug someone a little longer today. Call a friend you have been meaning to reach out to for awhile, but just haven't gotten around to it yet. Tell those you love that "because I knew you, I have been changed for good." I promise you won't regret it.

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)

I was sorry to hear that Freeman & Worthington had been so unwell. I hope you are all well now.

Tell Josephine¹ to congratulate her fine boy. I have not anything particular to write at this time, nothing interesting to communicate. I suppose Mr Fell will leave us shortly for Texas. Ella is complaining & I must take her now.

Louisa had intended to have sent the remainder of the money she owes for her bonnet & for Mrs Stevenson's by Allan. But she did not know Allan was going so soon, & she has not got it now, although she has had it all along up to this time, & Perry has gone to Richmond to pay his revenue², or she could get it of him.

She says she will send it soon in a letter. I have got the pay for the bonnet Mrs Robinson got & Laverna Webb³ has paid all but a little for hers. I expect Mr Erwin will go on to Baltimore for goods week after next.

My love to all enquiring friends.

Your Affectionate Daughter, Amie

Ed⁴ brought two dollars & a half back with him if not more. I have forgotten just how much. Perry says he did not know how you traveled so cheap, that no person ever did.

I sent a piece of a worsted dress I made for Louisa. Also a piece of my dress, & the baby's too.

Amie mentions the war and how people are patriotic.

Arnoldsburg Jan 1861

My Dear Mother

I am not much in a mood for writing this morning, yet as you no doubt are anxious to hear how we are prospering by this time I will endeavor to give you a few lines. I am happy to inform you that we are all in the enjoyment of pretty good health.

My health is very nearly restored. Indeed I think I should feel quite well but my strength has not been fully restored. I am able to walk around the house some. I go down stairs once or twice a day. I am entirely free of the rheumatism most of the time. I have it more at night than during the day.

My babe is nearly always well. She has been more troublesome than usual the last few days. I think her gums are hurting her considerable. She looks very nice in her apron Grandma sent her, & for which I thank you very much. Almira's present also was very acceptable.

I am just getting so I can sew pretty well again, but Ella wont let me keep very close to my work. When Ella wants to coax me a little she says "ma's baby."

[bottom of letter torn off/ continued on reverse]

People are generally well in this vicinity, & I believe all in fine spirits, & I think generally sufficiently patriotic to be ready to shoulder their knapsacks & away to the wars on a word from the chief officers.

George will have on, in a few days, a very large stock of new goods. Erwin went to Baltimore & purchased the goods, about three weeks ago.

Jane George is quite well this winter. I think she has her hands full taking care of her two children. The baby is a great deal of trouble. It is right pretty. Louisa was over there & made her a visit yesterday. She would not have gone as she is very busy this week, but Jane sent her a pressing invitation to come & take dinner, as Mrs Jones & her sister Mary Alvis were to be there. Louisa said Jane had a very fine dinner.

I sent Lydia Ellen a letter this week, in answer to one I received from her not long since. Has Uncle Festus returned from New York state yet, & what does he say of his trip?

I am very sorry I could not have seen Uncle Jason & Aunt Betsy. Did Uncle Jason ever hear from his trunk?

I suppose none of you will ever get any of the presents if he did intend any. I wish you could write every week. Do write as frequently as possible. Give my love to Freeman & family & Worthie & family. I hope all my friends are [bottom of letter torn off]

Amie talks about hers and Louisa's "babes." She is glad that Virginia has joined "the Southern confederacy." The official date of the start of the Civil War is Apr. 12, 1861.

Arnoldsburg

Thursday eve

[April 25, 1861]

Dear Mother

Ella⁵'s eyes are closed fast in sleep, & I embrace the little leisure thus obtained in penning a few lines to you. We are all in our usual health. Louisa's babe⁶ will be four weeks old next Sunday. It is a very good child, sleeps a good portion of the time, is no trouble nights. He is a pretty babe, & almost always sleeps with his hands clasped upon his breast.

Louisa is able to walk around the house & attend to things & occasionally walks into the garden, yet she is rather feebler than she usually is.

¹Josephine Phillips Brooks, married to Adolphus Brooks. He and his sons were Naturalists. Brooks Hall, location of the biology department at WVU, is named for one of his sons.

²Perry was the sheriff of Calhoun County in 1860 and was required to transport the county taxes to Richmond, Va.

³Laverna Webb: Wife of John Webb.

⁴Ed: Edwin Hays, son of Othello Hays. Served in the 31st Virginia Infantry; mortally wounded at Winchester and died a few days later.

⁵Ella: Amie and George's daughter, Ella Louisa, but called Nellie.

⁶Louisa's babe: Samuel Augustus Hays, born Mar. 31, 1861; named for both of his grandfathers.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Thursday, Sept. 16: pinto beans, onions, turnip greens, applesauce, cornbread.

Friday, Sept. 17: cook's choice.

Monday, Sept. 20: mixed vegetable soup, cheese slices, brownie, crackers.

Tuesday, Sept. 21: lasagna, raw vegetable salad, whole wheat garlic toast.

Wednesday, Sept. 22: barbecue chicken, potatoes, green beans, apricots, whole wheat bread.

Thursday, Sept. 23:

salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, mexican style corn, apple slices, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Sept. 24: cheese salad, potato salad, crackers, vanilla pudding, fruit, whole wheat bread.

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.

Dining Hall Closed This Week

Due to a continuing rapid rise in active COVID cases in the county, the Calhoun County Committee on Aging dining hall will be closed through Friday, Sept. 17. If conditions stabilize or improve, congregate dining will resume and the dining hall will reopen the week of Sept. 20.

We will send further notifications regarding reopening the dining hall. Home meal delivery, drive-by meal pickup, and in-home service will continue without interruption.

Rick Poling, Director

Calhoun Drops To 86--

(Continued from Page 1) ber of cases has caused Molasses Festival officials to postpone the event until at least Oct. 21-23.

The county's 289 cases were announced as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 6

Thursday, Aug. 26, 8

Friday, Aug. 27, 12

Monday, Aug. 30, 14

Tuesday, Aug. 31, 23

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 24

Thursday, Sept. 2, 26

Friday, Sept. 3, 32

Monday, Sept. 6, 30

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 28

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1

Thursday, Sept. 9, 19

Friday, Sept. 10, 37

Monday, Sept. 13, 26

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 3.

Calhoun set a record for infection rate on Friday with 193.92 (based on 100,000 people).

The county's 86 cases in the past week was fifth lowest in the seven-county area--as the area total increased from 613 to 652 cases.

New cases in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals) are: Braxton, 146 (1,510); Clay, 121 (934); Ritchie, 114 (1,068); Roane, 88 (1,003); Wirt, 56 (631); and Gilmer, 41 (1,089).

The counties with cases under 1,000 are as follows: Wirt, 631; Calhoun, 725; Tucker, 797; Webster, 835; Pocahontas, 901; Doddridge, 902; Clay, 934; and Pendleton, 952.

West Virginia cases increased by 12,871, up from 10,618 the previous week. The number of deaths was 110, up from 67 the previous week.

The number of new cases in the United States in the past week

was 1,274,976, up from 919,086 the previous week. Total cases since the pandemic began is 42,140,770.

Deaths in the U.S. were reported as 13,723, up from 10,166 the previous week. Total deaths is 680,282.

Worldwide totals showed 4,092,364 new cases, up slightly from the previous 4,046,006. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 226,242,703.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 62,641, down from the previous two weeks of 66,298 and 68,208. Total deaths was listed as 4,660,683.

According to DHHR, 51.9% of West Virginia's population has been fully vaccinated, the same percentage as the previous week.

School News

Calhoun County Schools will remain on remote learning through Wednesday, Sept. 15. Students will return on Thursday, Sept. 16. Food distribution will be on Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at CM/HS. According to superintendent Kelli Whytsell, "Continue to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and get tested if you are experiencing any symptoms."

Farmer's Market

Grantsville Farmer's Market will be open at Wayne Underwood Field on Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items include lettuce, kale, honey, eggs, pies, baked goods, etc.

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Ian Persinger
32 carries, 170 yards



Grant Sterns
37 carries, 238 yards



Levi Stump
9 punts - 35.2 avg.

Calhoun At Tyler Consolidated?

At presstime, it was not known if the CCHS varsity football team would be able to play its game on Friday, at 7 p.m., at Tyler Consolidation, due to COVID-19 protocols.

It may not be announced officially until the county board of education meets on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Mt. Zion board office.

According to the W.Va. Secondary Schools

Activities Commission, last week's scheduled game at Doddridge County will now be played Monday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m.

The Red Devils have a record of 1-1. Leading the offense are Ian Persinger with 170 rushing yards on 32 carries (5.3 avg. and 2 TDs) and Grant Sterns, 37-238 (3.7 avg., 3 TDs, 2 EPs).

Owen Taylor has completed six-of-10 passes for 12 yards, including four receptions for 17 yards by Sterns. Levi Stump is averaging 35.2 yards on nine punts.

Steve Rogers and Taylor and have recorded interceptions, and Sterns and Persinger have recovered fumbles. Tackles, if being kept, have not been submitted.

Calhoun Varsity Football Schedule

All games listed at 7 p.m.

August	28	0	Wirt Co.	53	.....	L
September	3	28	Valley	6	.....	W
	17		Tyler Con.		.....	Away
	24		St. Marys		.....	Home
October	11		Paden City		.....	Away
	1		Doddridge Co.		.....	Away
	15		Gilmer County		.....	Home (Homecoming)
	22		Wahama		.....	Away
	29		Clay-Battelle		.....	Home
November	5		Ritchie County		.....	Home (Senior Night)

Winner Misses One

With 12 games counted (Clay at Roane was postponed), Samuel Dennison had an easy win during Week 3 of the 2021 Football Prognostication Contest. He picked 11 of 12 winners and earned 20 bonus points and a \$25 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.

Six contestants were 9-3. Shara Arison had the best tie breaker of the six, predicting that Alabama would defeat Mercer, 56-10, 12 points off the exact winning score of 48-14. She receives 10 bonus points for second place.

Rick Blankenship, who guessed that Alabama would win, 35-10, 17 points off, receives five bonus points for third place.

Two 9-3 contestants had the same margin in the tie breaker. Jessa Ferrell's prediction was 36-20, 18 off, and Brenton Slider wrote 55-3, 18 off. Each receives 1.5 points for fourth place.

Finishing at 9-3, but just short of bonus points were William Duskey (58-0, 24 off) and Joe Dennison (61-27, 26 off).

Weekly winners receive a \$25 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland. The contestant with the most points after 10 weeks will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Foodland. Entry is on page five.

Bonus points after Week 3 are as follows:

Samuel Dennison ..	20	Rick Blankenship ..	5
Mike Propst	20	Jesse Davis	5
Louise Wolverson ..	20	Gary Sturm	3
Shara Arison	10	Jessa Ferrell	1.5
Joe Dennison	10	Missy Cunningham	1
Kason Hupp	10	William Duskey	1
Brenton Slider	6.5	Angie Slider	1

\$200,000 Grant--

(Continued from Page 1) will be Carl Ballengee. Council was in the process of removing all penalties for jailable offense from the ordinances.

--The council approved the adoption of a \$20 court cost fee, which would be in addition to magistrate court costs, and a \$50 reinstatement fee, if the defendant does not respond to court in 90 days, and has to have their license reinstated. Violations of State law will go to magistrate court and/or circuit court.

--Fireworks in the town would only be allowed on July 3, 4 and 5, except for those qualified. The second reading was approved. The fine will be \$200.

--Tim Meeks of MOVRC was present to ask for drawdown of invoices totaling \$4,096, which was approved.

--Council approved the lease of FEMA properties for six-year terms.

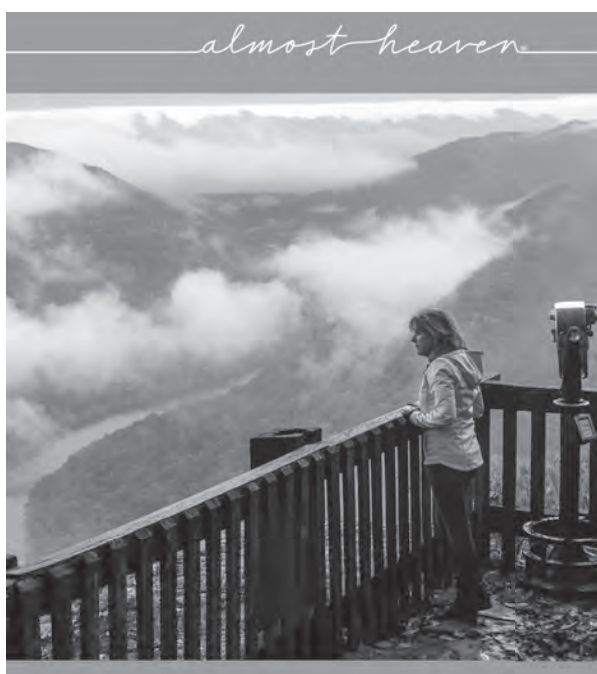
--Documents were

signed to accept a grant of \$200,000 for demolition of the former Rainbow Hotel building, which has been "an eyesore and dangerously deteriorating structure" for many years. MOVRC administrative fee for the grant will be \$3,000.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. The next regular council meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m.

2021 Calhoun Varsity Volleyball Schedule

September	21	Doddridge	...	A	6 p.m.
	28	Ravenswood		A	6 p.m.
	29	Webster Co.	..	A	6 p.m.
October	4	Webster Co.	H	6 p.m.	
	5	St. Marys	.....	A	6 p.m.
	7	Gilmer Co.	..	H	6 p.m.
	11	Braxton Co.	..	A	6 p.m.
	13	Ritchie Co.	..	A	6 p.m.
	14	So. Harrison		A	6 p.m.
	19	Gilmer Co.	...	A	6 p.m.
	20	Roane Co.	A	6 p.m.
	21	LKC Placement...		TBA	
	23	LKC Champ.	TBA	
	26	Wahama	A	6 p.m.
	28	Clay Co.	A	6 p.m.



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The purpose of this notice is to inform you that a \$7,200,000.00 class-action settlement (the "Proposed Retailer Settlement") has been reached with the four Retailer Defendants in a lawsuit regarding the sale and use of Super S Supertrac 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, Super S 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, Cam2 ProMax 303 Tractor Hydraulic Oil, and/or Cam2 303 Tractor Hydraulic Oil ("303 THF Products"). The Proposed Retailer Settlement settles claims against Retailer Defendants Tractor Supply Company, Orscheln Farm and Home LLC, Rural King, and Atwood, together with each of their affiliates, divisions, subsidiaries, and assigns (collectively referred to as "Retailer Defendants") that were asserted in a Multi-District Litigation ("MDL") lawsuit. Plaintiffs believe that the primary claims in the MDL are against Smitty's Supply, Inc. and CAM2 International, LLC (collectively referred to as "Manufacturer Defendants"), and those claims are proceeding in the MDL and have not been settled.

The Proposed Retailer Settlement may affect your rights. For comprehensive information about the lawsuit and settlement, including the longer notice of settlement and the Retailer Settlement Agreement and Release with the precise terms and conditions of the Retailer Settlement, please see www.303tractorhydraulicfluidsettlement.com or call 1-866-742-4955. You may also access the Court docket in this case through the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system at www.mow.uscourts.gov/ or by visiting the office of the Office of the Clerk of Court, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 400 E. 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Court holidays. The MDL lawsuit is titled *In Re: Smitty's/CAM2 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid Marketing, Sales Practices, and Product Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2936, Case No. 4:20-MD-02936-SRB, pending before the Honorable Judge Stephen R. Bough in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Please do not telephone the Court or the Court Clerk's Office to inquire about the Proposed Settlement or the claim process.

In the MDL lawsuit, Plaintiffs allege (1) that the Manufacturing Defendants' 303 THF Products did not meet the equipment manufacturers' specifications or provide the performance benefits listed on the product labels, (2) that the 303 THF Products were made with inappropriate ingredients, including used transformer oil, used turbine oil, and line flush, and (3) that use of the 303 THF Products in equipment causes damage to various parts of the equipment. Because of the used oil and line flush contained in the 303 THF Products, Plaintiffs allege that those 303 THF Products should not be used as tractor hydraulic fluid and that the fluid should be flushed from equipment systems if one can afford the cost of doing so.

The Manufacturer Defendants have denied the allegations and claims of wrongdoing, and the claims against those Manufacturer Defendants are ongoing. The Retailer Defendants deny any allegations and claims of wrongdoing on their part. The Court has not decided who is right or made a final ruling on Plaintiffs' claims. Plaintiffs and the Retailer Defendants have agreed to the Proposed Settlement as to the Retailer Defendants' liability to avoid the risk and expense of further litigation.

You may be a member of the Retailer Settlement Class if you purchased the above-listed 303 THF Products from December 1, 2013, to the present from Tractor Supply Company (including its Del's Feed and Farm Supply locations), Orscheln Farm and Home, Rural King or Atwood. If you are a member of the Retailer Settlement Class, you may need to submit a Class Membership Form to be eligible for benefits, and you also may be eligible to submit a Repair/Parts/Specific Equipment Damage Claim Form. Please see www.303tractorhydraulicfluidsettlement.com for a copy of the Class Membership Form and Repair/Parts/Specific Equipment Damage Claim Form or call 1-866-742-4955 to request a Class Membership Form and Claim Form be mailed to you. The deadline to file your claim is December 29, 2021. In order to maximize efficiency, proceeds from this Retailer Settlement will be held for distribution at such a point in time after monies, if any, have been received in settlement or judgment for the Litigation Class claims against the Manufacturer Defendants. Please be patient and check the website for updates.

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Proposed Retailer Settlement, you must exclude yourself by December 29, 2021. If you do not exclude yourself, you will release any claims you may have against the Retailer Defendants, as more fully described in the Retailer Settlement Agreement. You may object to the Proposed Retailer Settlement by December 29, 2021. The Long Form Notice, available at www.303tractorhydraulicfluidsettlement.com or upon request, explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will decide whether to approve the Proposed Retailer Settlement at the Final Fairness Hearing on January 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Class Counsel also will ask that the Court award up to \$2,300,000.00 in attorneys' fees, \$300,000.00 in expenses, and an incentive payment of \$500 for each of the class representatives. The amounts awarded for attorneys' fees, expenses, and incentive awards come out of the Retailer Settlement Class Fund. This date for the hearing may change; see www.303tractorhydraulicfluidsettlement.com



BY ORDER OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT

FOOTBALL Prognostication CONTEST



Pick the most winners each week and win a \$25 gift certificate

Season champion wins a \$50 gift certificate

Drop off your entry at

FOODLAND Deli

OR

The Calhoun Chronicle

Entry Deadline is 4 p.m. Friday

Last Week's Winners

1st Place	Samuel Dennison	\$25 gift certificate	20 bonus points
2nd Place	Shara Arison	10 bonus points	
3rd Place	Rick Blankenship	5 bonus points	
4th Place tie	Jessa Ferrell	Brenton Slider	1.5 bonus points each

Valley (Wetzel)	--	Clay-Battelle
Gilmer	--	Wirt
Wahama	--	Ritchie
Clay	--	Roane
Oregon	--	Ohio State
Iowa	--	Iowa State
Washington	--	Michigan
South Carolina	--	East Carolina
N.C. Central	--	Marshall
Long Island	--	WVU
Minnesota	--	Cincinnati
Cleveland	--	Kansas City
Pittsburgh	--	Buffalo

Tie Breaker Score

Mercer	14	Alabama	48
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CONTEST RULES

Circle the winning teams on the entry printed below. Persons playing the FOOTBALL PROGNOSTICATION CONTEST must submit their entries on the official entry form only. No other entry forms will be accepted. Entries will be judged by members of the newspaper staff who are ineligible to enter the contest. All decisions are final. A tie breaker is used only in the event of a tie. Weekly entries must be submitted to Grantsville Foodland Deli or the Chronicle office by 4 p.m. Friday. Only one entry per person.

A PROGNOSTICATION PRIZE of \$25 gift certificate will be awarded for the best entry each week. \$50 gift certificate will be awarded at the end of the season to the person who earns the most bonus points after 10 weeks. Bonus points will be awarded as follows:

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st place	20	20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30	40
2nd place	10	10	10	10	10	15	15	15	15	20
3rd place	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	12
4th place	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	8

Games played after Sunday will not count.

Calhoun	--	Tyler Con.
Wahama	--	Gilmer
Wirt	--	Ravenswood
St. Marys	--	Ritchie
Michigan State	--	Miami (F)
Alabama	--	Florida
Auburn	--	Penn State
Glennville State	--	UNC Pembroke
East Carolina	--	Marshall
Virginia Tech	--	WVU
Cincinnati	--	Chicago
Houston	--	Cleveland
Las Vegas	--	Pittsburgh
Tie Breaker Score		
New Mexico	_____	Texas A&M

Name _____
Phone _____

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

Tariff Form No. 8
(Tariff Rule 10.1.a et seq.)
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES
WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE**

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc., dba Dominion Energy West Virginia ("DEWV" or the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, revised tariff sheets containing new terms and conditions for furnishing gas service to approximately 112,000 customers within its service territories in Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia.

DEWV is proposing the following new terms and conditions for furnishing gas service:

- Revisions to Tariff Sheet No. 8 that require a landlord or rental agent to enter into an automatic transfer agreement when new service is initiated to a rental property.
- Revisions to Tariff Sheet No. 32 that require a telemetering agreement for transportation service customers, and provides that DEWV may install telemetry at the customer's expense.
- Removal of language in Tariff Sheet No. 36 that authorizes DEWV to adjust a transportation customer's nominations if the customer fails to comply with a transportation scheduling order.
- Revisions to Tariff Sheet No. 36 that require an executed telemetering agreement to remain in effect when a natural gas transportation customer returns to sales service.

The Company provides resale service to the following customers: Standard Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Company, Southern Public Service Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville), and Peoples Gas WV LLC.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to October 7, 2021 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Company: Jo Carol Farmer, Director - Regulatory and Pricing, 102 Cambridge Place, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Preparedness

With "Prepare to Protect" as this year's theme, Gov. Jim Justice has proclaimed September as West Virginia Preparedness Month.

As part of National Preparedness Month, the W.Va. Emergency Management Division joins partners at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as state and local agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector, to recognize the need for preparedness.

With outreach education sponsored by FEMA's Ready Campaign, EMD and its partners are committed to increase preparedness in the community by sharing these vital lessons with West Virginians.

"With the severe weather that we have faced already this year-flooding, an ice storm, extreme heat, and the remnants of Hurricane Ida-we must be prepared to protect our families from the destruction of these events," said Justice.

The theme this year is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love." It encourages citizens to take actions now: take time to build a kit, make a plan, and check insurance policies and coverage for such hazards as floods, torrential rains and damaging winds.

"Preparedness can seem like common sense, but it's common sense that saves lives," said EMD director G.E. McCabe.

"Involving your family in planning, creating a savings plan so you're prepared for emergency costs, and knowing how to complete practical tasks, like shutting off water and gas to your home, are steps you can take now to better prepare for emergencies."

As West Virginia continues to combat COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved than this September. Use #WVPrepared with your posts to join the conversation, and follow EMD on social media for preparedness tips and more.

Spread Help & Hope To Prevent Suicide

You can Be the One to Save a Life

West Virginians can learn how to save lives for National Suicide Prevention Month, and Week (Sept. 5-11).

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for West Virginians aged 10-34, and a significant cause of preventable deaths across all age ranges. Between 2010 and 2019, 3,445 people in the state died by suicide. This year, everyone is encouraged to be part of suicide prevention by recognizing they can "Be The 1 To" help those around them in emotional pain.

The campaign, which includes the hashtag "#BeThe1To," emphasizes that anyone can save a life. Although seeking treatment from a professional therapist is beneficial to many, research shows that having a friend with whom to talk frankly about emotional issues can decrease the incidence of suicide.

Ways anyone can "Be The 1 To" prevent suicide include these:

--Ask directly about thoughts of suicide. Listen to them and acknowledge their pain.

--Avoid telling someone not to talk about suicide or dismissing their feelings by telling them they will be fine, or others have it worse.

--Be there for them, even if it's not possible to be there in person. Let them know that you will make time to listen to them.

--Keep them safe. If they are actively planning suicide, this may mean talking to others around them about their plans, securing lethal means, such as firearms, or getting them to a hospital or treatment center.

--Help them connect with support and resources. This might mean connecting them with support groups, social services or mental health resources. A good place to start is with the National Suicide Lifeline, 1-800-

273-TALK.

--For children and youths in crisis or needing behavioral health support, another resource to get connected with services in their communities is the Children's Crisis and Referral Line of Help4WV, 1-844-435-7498.

--Follow up with them. Don't assume that having one conversation is enough. Send a text, email, postcard, or make a call to let them know that you care.

Calls to the National Suicide Lifeline from people in West Virginia have increased significantly this year. In July, there were 1,052 calls for help, a 43% increase over last July.

Ann Hammond, program director with First Choice Services, the company that answers the National Suicide Lifeline in West Virginia, said that the increase in calls may indicate a positive trend:

"It means that people are recognizing that they need help, and they are taking action. There has been a worldwide movement to decrease the stigma associated with seeking help for mental health issues.

"It's becoming increasingly common for celebrities and athletes to talk publicly about their mental health struggles, and how seeking help improved their lives."

Hammond urges anyone who is depressed or considering harming themselves to call the National Suicide Lifeline, available 24/7, 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Upper West Fork

Upper West Fork Park will sponsor Jack Dunlap and the \$2 Short Band on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

The kitchen opens at 5:00. Everyone is welcome. Admission is \$5.

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.):

Sept. 18, Jack Dunlap & \$2 Short; Sept. 25, Frank Conn & Co.; Oct. 2, Retro Country; Oct. 9, Mud Bog; Oct. 16, Ruff Cut; Oct. 23, Tygart Junction; Oct. 30, Halloween Party.

Eastern Star

Order of Eastern Star, Grantsville Chapter No. 73, will celebrate its 100th year on Monday, Sept. 27, 6 p.m., at the Masonic Hall.

All past and present Masonic Brothers and Eastern Stars are welcome, and are invited to bring any new prospects to join in the evening of fellowship. Bring your favorite covered dish.

For information, call Tom or Dawn Fox, 354-7686.

Fall Poker Run

ATV Fall Poker Run will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, with registration from 9 a.m. to noon at Creston Community Building.

Entry fee is \$10, with 1st place, 30%; 2nd, 10%; and 3rd, 10%, of the door. No two-wheelers allowed.

There will be door prizes and 50/50 drawing, and the kitchen will be open for breakfast and dinner. For information, call 275-3578 or 275-0003.

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Elected officials are looking to make big changes

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

- Delinquent tax lists
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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 30	167,016	2,953,133	2,946	5.4	6.4
Aug. 31	189,690	3,203,536	3,084	5.6	9.5
Sept. 1	191,156	3,217,131	3,106	5.6	9.6
Sept. 2	192,788	3,234,278	3,117	5.6	11.0
Sept. 3	194,863	3,248,994	3,124	5.6	10.7
Sept. 6	199,300	3,291,752	3,148	5.7	14.6
Sept. 7	200,308	3,295,830	3,151	5.7	18.0
Sept. 8	201,660	3,302,016	3,169	5.8	10.7
Sept. 9	203,403	3,320,547	3,189	5.8	11.6
Sept. 10	205,783	3,338,348	3,207	5.8	12.1
Sept. 13	211,706	3,386,286	3,238	5.9	15.9
Sept. 14	213,179	3,394,463	3,261	5.9	12.2

*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 extra 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 (2,175), Berkeley (15,410), Boone (2,774), Braxton (1,510), Brooke (2,644), Cabell (12,042), Calhoun (725), Clay (934), Doddridge (902), Fayette (4,775), Gilmer (1,089), Grant (1,693), Greenbrier (3,948), Hampshire (2,435), Hancock (3,323), Hardy (1,987), Harrison (7,979), Jackson (2,912), Jefferson (5,707), Kanawha (19,817), Lewis (2,129), Lincoln (2,150), Logan (4,335), Marion (5,913), Marshall (4,437), Mason (2,877), McDowell (2,171), Mercer (6,844), Mineral (3,695), Mingo (3,662), Monongalia (10,921), Monroe (1,759), Morgan (1,617), Nicholas (2,704), Ohio (5,221), Pendleton (952), Pleasants (1,174), Pocahontas (901), Preston (3,697), Putnam (6,938), Raleigh (9,212), Randolph (4,146), Ritchie (1,068), Roane (1,003), Summers (1,119), Taylor (1,707), Tucker (797), Tyler (1,083), Upshur (3,138), Wayne (4,315), Webster (835), Wetzel (2,005), Wirt (631), Wood (10,355), Wyoming (2,887); 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; last to reach 400 positive cases, July 22; last to reach 500 positive cases on Sept. 1; reached 600 positive cases on Sept. 6; reached 700 cases on Sept. 13. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 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
May 31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June 28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 31	35,688,506	629,064	198,207,725	4,232,644
Sept. 1	40,114,099	657,910	218,787,387	4,542,119
Sept. 2	40,331,336	659,930	219,481,397	4,554,117
Sept. 3	40,519,397	662,934	220,175,725	4,565,977
Sept. 4	40,703,674	664,935	220,792,550	4,575,548
Sept. 5	40,765,356	665,858	221,301,380	4,583,357
Sept. 6	40,805,259	666,219	221,704,428	4,590,159
Sept. 7	40,865,794	666,559	222,150,339	4,598,042
Sept. 8	41,211,878	669,057	222,942,831	4,608,788
Sept. 9	41,399,532	671,239	223,609,408	4,618,480
Sept. 10	41,562,429	674,589	224,205,941	4,629,080
Sept. 11	41,741,693	677,017	224,805,286	4,638,572
Sept. 12	41,816,668	677,737	225,246,515	4,646,290
Sept. 13	41,853,362	677,988	225,610,775	4,651,757
Sept. 14	42,140,770	680,282	226,242,703	4,660,683

Cases by states and territories: California 4,482,126, Texas 3,834,286, Florida 3,452,700, New York 2,340,950, Illinois 1,573,538, Georgia 1,500,176, Pennsylvania 1,350,719, Ohio 1,304,193, North Carolina 1,303,390, Tennessee 1,154,966, New Jersey 1,119,051, Michigan 1,088,201, Arizona 1,050,878, Indiana 910,013, Virginia 811,079, South Carolina 798,553, Missouri 793,070, Massachusetts 777,032, Wisconsin 757,913, Alabama 750,298, Louisiana 712,574, Minnesota 669,176, Colorado 634,888, Kentucky 620,356, Washington 597,732, Oklahoma 584,962, Maryland 511,646, Utah 484,192, Arkansas 475,647, Mississippi 464,075, Iowa 417,152, Nevada 404,801, Kansas 390,764, Connecticut 380,281, Oregon 296,825, Nebraska 253,080, New Mexico 239,886, Idaho 233,907, West Virginia 211,706, Puerto Rico 177,088, Rhode Island 166,811, South Dakota 137,300, Montana 134,935, Delaware 125,549, North Dakota 122,736, New Hampshire 111,111, Alaska 96,635, Wyoming 80,643, Maine 80,513, Hawaii 72,352, D.C. 56,966, Vermont 30,264; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

WAG In Big Springs, Arnoldsburg, Chloe

Welfare of Animals Group will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in Big Springs, Arnoldsburg and Chloe areas on Thursday, Sept. 16, 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, Sept. 15, as we will be trapping on Sept. 16.

"Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours), we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation.

"So far, we have spayed and neutered 558 community cats (314 females and 244 males).

"Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them Thursday, Sept. 16. If you have questions, call Linda Buchanan, 354-7506.

"If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only five or six cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to county residents at no cost to the caretaker."

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

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Craig Blankenship attended his 50th high school reunion in Uniontown, Pa., so he did not bring a message at Burning Springs M.E. Church.

The Creston Food Pantry car show at Calhoun County Park was a success.

A good crowd was on hand at Creston Community Building for the Grim Reunion, with several "honorary" Grim members present.

Susie (Mrs. Lanny) Meadows is home after having double bypass surgery.

Regina Mowrey is a hospital patient. Folks from Grantsville and Elizabeth are also hospitalized, some being very sick.

Joe Cunningham, 68, of Chestnut Run, died after an extended illness. The son of Ray and Hallie Cunningham, he was retired from the state road.

The fall Creston ATV poker run will be held Saturday, Sept. 25. Plan for a day of fun and adventure. There will be biscuits and gravy at Creston Community Building to start out one's day.

Those who want to help lay out the route should come to the community building at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, with tools, a dinner pail, etc.

Creston Area Neighborhood Watch actually works. A local resident was going home after working the cat eye shift and saw lights at a facility that should have been dark and unattended.

Within minutes, responsible folks were there to get answers from those who were "just out riding our four-wheelers."

The other day, there was one lone whippoorwill calling out to the world. Packs of coyotes have obviously been celebrating, considering all the noise that they have been making. It is time for some population control.

The boys over in the Pee Wee and Garfield neighborhoods must have all failed trigonometry class, as there is now a bunch of the invasive black buzzards residing in that area.

Buckeye Oil Producing did a refrac on its horizontal Bera Grit well on Yellow Creek.

UGI, a Pennsylvania utility, has purchased Mountaineer Gas, the utility that provides natural gas to Creston residents (and 225,000 other state customers). The price was \$540 million.

Local folks received a book in the mail titled "The Great Controversy," which states "original text by E.G. White." A little investigation showed that to be Ellen G. White, one of the founders of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She was born in 1827 and died in 1915.

The U.S. Post Office announced that it is hiring, but one must be able to pass the tinkle test. Elsewhere, there are help wanted signs up while millions remain on the unemployment and welfare rolls.

The labor participation percentage remains low, and perhaps this is part

of the plan of the "great reset."

There is now much more of a furor over vaccine mandates, especially after we were told that such would not happen and were illegal. Over 100 million in the U.S. have already had the genetically modified virus and should need no vaccine.

We were told that when 70% of the nation got the shot or the virus, there would be herd immunity, but, apparently, we are not to remember such, for now it is the 3rd shot, the 4th shot, etc.

Australia has "quarantine" camps and barriers between states, and there is a push for the "passports" here. "Your papers please!"

In Australia, the guns were confiscated so that folks must comply, and would-be despots here are measuring how autocratic they can be.

It is supposed to be the ignorant rednecks who won't take the shots, but hospitals are having to shut down some of their operations, as medical staff, who know about such things, continue to refuse to "comply with the mandates."

While one vaccine received "approval," it is not the one that is being put in the arms of the subjects. There is concern that the messenger RNA (m-rna) that is being injected could reverse transcript, and make DNA (the genetic material), and change the individual.

It has been noted that the vaccines could be described as tools for gene therapy. There are lots of questions and, apparently, such questions are not supposed to be asked. Just obey. OSHA has been ordered not to report any vaccine side effects.

The National Park Service took down signs put up by the Big Eared One that the glaciers would be gone by 2020, since it is 2021 and the glaciers are still present.

Much to the dismay of the green weenies, the amount of ice in the Arctic Ocean has increased. Al Gore, Jr., had said that it would be all gone, New York City would be under water, and the polar bears would now have all drowned.

Of course, he and the Big Eared One purchased ocean front properties, so they really didn't believe the stuff that they were touting. The Creston area is experiencing cool nights, which make for much better sleep.

The National Archives has put up warning signs stating that the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence all contain "potentially harmful language." Obviously, we face trying times with folks like that in the government/deep state.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil inched up to \$68.72/bbl., with condensate, \$54.72, Marcellus and Utica light, \$59.72, and medium, \$68.72.

The Henry Hub (Louisiana) price of natural gas for October hit a seven-year high of \$5.03/mmbtu (dekatherm).

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HUNTING PROPERTY

Rowels Run Road | 695 Acres +/- | Streams, Bottom Pasture, and ATV trails! | Wild Game HEAVY! - \$1,100,000

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

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

Leading Creek Road | 60 Acres +/- | 70 Acre +/- | 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 S to w/ Utilities | \$25,000

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

839 Lovada Road | 25 Acres +/- | **UNDER CONTRACT** \$22,000

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 +/- | **SALE PENDING** \$1,000,000

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**

1685 Ripley Road | 1 Acre +/- | 3 BR - 1 BA | 1.5b Home | Backup Solar Power | 3 Outbuildings | \$98,500

45 Blackberry Lane | 1.63 Acres +/- | Beautiful WELL MAINTAINED Home | High Speed Internet | All One Level Living | 2 Car Garage | \$209,900

848 Laurel Run Road | 3 BR - 2 BA | Creekside Retreat | Great Starter Home - \$49,500

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407 High Street | 4 BR - 3 BA | 2 Master Suites | Central Heating and Cooling | BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC HOME HIDDEN IN THE MIDDLE OF GRANTSVILLE | \$95,000 - **REDUCED!**

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2418 Sassafras Ridge Road | House **SOLD** 4 bedrooms sitting on 3 Acres +/- | \$65,000 **PRICE REDUCED!**

3143 N. Calhoun Hwy | 5 BR - 3 BA | 1.51 Acres +/- | 2 Garages | **FREE GAS!** | \$324,900

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

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**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**

George O Cooper
287 Annamoriah Road
Annamoriah WV 26141
Plaintiff

Civil Action No. 21-M07C-00032

v.
Tammy Lynn Baker
860 Freed Road
Brohard WV 26138
Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment against the defendant in the amount of \$10,000.00 plus interest and court costs incurred in the filing of this action.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that even after due diligence, the plaintiff was unable to discover the residence or whereabouts of the defendant and the process, delivered to the Sheriff of the county in which the defendant resides was not served either personally or by way of service upon an appropriate family member, after service was twice attempted by the Sheriff of the county.

It is ordered that Tammy Lynn Baker do serve upon Lora Davis, magistrate, whose address is 363 Main Street, Suite 104, Grantsville, WV 26147, and answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before October 16, 2021, otherwise, judgment by default will be taken against Tammy Lynn Baker at any time thereafter.

A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court
September 7, 2021.

Handan Smith
Magistrate Court Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE: Petition of Ethan Wayne Heiney Case No. 21-A-10
and Megan Diane Heiney 21-A-11
for the adoption of CRB and OJB

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

To: Randall Luke Baker

The object of the above styled action is to adopt the minor children, CRB and OJB.

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the said Randall Luke Baker is a nonresident of the State of West Virginia, it is ORDERED that you do appear and serve upon Tony Morgan, petitioners' attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 557, Grantsville, West Virginia, an answer or other response to the petition filed herein on or before the 20th day of October, 2021, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against you at any time thereafter and your parental rights to the aforesaid minor children may be terminated.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located in Grantsville in said county and state.

Entered by the said Court on this 13th day of September, 2021.

Sandra R. Huntington
CLERK

Molasses Festival Postponed

(Due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in the county, the West Virginia Molasses Festival will be canceled for September, and rescheduled for Oct. 21-23. An official announcement will be made on Oct. 7, depending on the COVID-19 numbers at that time.)

The West Virginia Molasses Festival is now scheduled on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-23, with the theme "It's Time to Stick Together Again."

Events will include a carnival, cake, pie and cookie bake off, pretty baby contest, car show, and cornhole tournament, and

Heritage Days.

Quilts will be accepted on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Best of show in the quilts exhibit will receive a \$100 cash prize.

Pancake Supper is on Oct. 22 and Chicken BBQ is on Oct. 23.

Festival contact information: commercial vendor, pretty baby contest, car show, Kelli Coon Collins, 481-0213; parade information and entry form, Michelle Fitzwater, 588-7049 (\$5 entry fee); country store, Barb Jarvis, 655-7248, or Patti Hicks, 655-8515; volunteer or general questions, Patty Hall, 588-6189; exhibits, Norma Collins and Crystal Conley, 655-8167.

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Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT NO	YEAR SOLD	NAME1	NAME2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT
071621	2017	KEENER DENNIS		LOT #3 STUMP ADDN 100X100X53X100X50X100	CENTER
071622	2017	KEENER DENNIS		LOT #4 STUMP ADDN 30X70X100X56X20X100X25X40X36X55X50	CENTER
071623	2017	KEENER DENNIS		LOT #7 STUMP ADDN 25X118X100X100X100X47X90X42X75	CENTER
071624	2017	WAGER BERNARD M	LITTLE HARLAN (2018)	1/8 1-1/2 BIG ROOT OGM	CENTER
071625	2017	BENDER IVA		1/4 INT 1 ROWELS	LEE
071626	2017	CNG DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ATTN: TAX DEPT.		1/2 O G STEEL RUN	LEE
071627	2017	DOAN JAMES F TRUSTEE		2/7 11 AC FEE ROWELS RUN	LEE
071628	2017	SEAMAN KARA		13% 20 ROWELS RUN .1629	LEE
071629	2017	WELCH GLADYS DEAN		1/112 50 LITTLE	LEE
071630	2017	NIPPER GWENDOLINE		1/192 160 WOLF RUN JAMES DRILL HAYS-HINZMAN-MEADOWS	WASHINGTON
071631	2017	HAUGHT EDWIN FORD & MARGARET R		1/2 O & G MARY MALONEY 1 & 2	SHERIDAN
071632	2017	KENDALL DALE		1/15 5 RUSH RUN OG	SHERIDAN
071633	2017	KENDALL DALE		1/30 24 RUSH RUN OG	SHERMAN
071634	2017	MORRIS JAMES		2/110 63.06 AC PHILLIPS RUN	SHERMAN
071635	2017	MORRIS JAMES		3/88 28 PHILLIPS RUN	SHERMAN
071636	2017	MORRIS JAMES GILBERT LYNN C		10/2904 28 PHILLIPS RUN O & G	SHERMAN
071637	2017	MORRIS JAMES GILBERT LYNN C		1/24 28 PHILLIPS RUN	SHERMAN
071638	2017	SEAMAN KARA		1/12 INT 1 AC OG STEER CREEK	SHERMAN
071639	2017	SEAMAN KARA		1/12 INT 1 AC OG STEER CREEK	SHERMAN
071640	2017	YOUNG SUZANNA S	YATES ANNA ENGELKE	1/3 1 STEER CREEK L J TRIPPETT W-280	SHERMAN
071641	2018	CUNNINGHAM KENNETH		PLEASANT HILL 1 AC SUR	CENTER
071642	2018	GREEN ALVA		1/2 4 PINE OGM	CENTER
071643	2018	SATTERFIELD STEPHEN L		LOT #8 STUMP ADDN SUR 100X100X42X100X40X100	CENTER
071644	2018	SATTERFIELD STEPHEN L		LOT 9 STUMP ADDN 100X100X40X100X35X100	CENTER
071645	2018	ENGELKE ALVIN & NANCY ELIZABETH (2018)	TACKETT JIMMY & STELLA (2019)	LOT 10 BLIZZARD ADDN	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071646	2018	GROVES ROBERT		PT LOT 7 CALHOUN	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071647	2018	MASIARCZYK FRANK J III		5346 FT COURT & MILL 100X58X99X50	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071648	2018	MORRIS JAMES J GILBERT LYNN C		.695 AC FEE BURROWS BK 174 PG 185 1/20 INT	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071649	2018	MORRIS JAMES J GILBERT LYNN C		.695 AC FEE BURROWS 1/20 INT	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071650	2018	MYER JAMES & RUBY		PT LOT 55 PINE ST	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071651	2018	MYER JAMES & RUBY		PT LOT 57 PINE ST	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071652	2018	MYER JAMES & RUBY		PT LOT 18648 PINE ST	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071653	2018	SATTERFIELD STEPHEN		232 FT BURROWS BK 174 PG 185 1/4 INT	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071654	2018	SATTERFIELD STEPHEN		.695 AC FEE BURROWS BK 174 PG 185 1/4 INT	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071655	2018	ZAKAIB SHANNON & STEFAN		1/4 OF LOT MILL & FLORENCE 232 MILL ST 52X114	GRANTSVILLE CORP
071656	2018	DAVIS ROGER L-NICHOLAS R-AARON JENNIFER STOCKSTILL		3/27 31/160 JESSES RUN O&G	LEE
071657	2018	GIBSON AMOS HRS		9 HUGHES	LEE
071658	2018	GIBSON VERL D		1/11 8 HUGHES FEE	LEE
071659	2018	GIBSON VERL D		1/11 8 HUGHES W FORK GAS CC STARCHER #2	LEE
071660	2018	MCNEAL DORIS		1/15 1 DANIELS	LEE
071661	2018	MCNEAL DORIS		1/15 1 DANIELS	LEE
071662	2018	SWIGER ANNE		1/320 110 DANIELS RUN UPL ENOCH LEACH 7-8 OGM	LEE
071663	2018	DONALD SHIMER		2 LEADING OGM SHIMER (CRICHFIELD) W-490 1/2 INT	SHERIDAN
071664	2018	MORRISON BLAINE		2/60 21 TWO MILE	SHERIDAN
071665	2018	MORRISON BLAINE		3/100 50 TWO MILE MORRISON W-57	SHERIDAN
071666	2018	SHIMER PHILLIP		25 LEADING BB SHIMER #1 (SMITH) W-20 1/24 INT	SHERIDAN
071667	2018	SHIMER PHILLIP		2 LEADING OGM SHIMER (CRIFIELD) W-490 1/24 INT	SHERIDAN
071668	2018	SHIMER PHILLIP		ROYALTY - 1/7 INT SHIMER #3, 4 & 5	SHERIDAN
071669	2018	SHIMER PHILLIP		11 TRIPPLETT RUN OGM 1/24 INT	SHERIDAN
071670	2018	SHIMER PHILLIP		2 LEADING OGM 1/24 INT	SHERIDAN
071671	2018	SHIMER PHILLIP		14 LEADING OGM 1/24 INT	SHERIDAN
071672	2018	GILBERT LYNN C		INT 1-1/2 AC SUR SYCAMORE	SHERMAN
071673	2018	JOHNSON VIRGIE		1/128 16 AC O&G STUTZ 1A-W804 W-1800	SHERMAN
071674	2018	MCNEAL DORIS		1/30 23 SYCAMORE	SHERMAN
071675	2018	MORRIS JAMES J GILBERT LYNN C		INT 2-1/2 AC SUR SYCAMORE	SHERMAN
071676	2018	MORRIS JAMES J GILBERT LYNN C		INT 2-1/2 AC SUR SYCAMORE	SHERMAN
071677	2018	REED EUNA	METZ JASON P-MICHAEL-MICHELLE (2019)	16000 SQ FT LAUREL LOT 296X228X250XSUR	SHERMAN
071678	2018	SWISHER ROBERT E & MARCIA R		BENNETT MILL 1.68 AC SUR	SHERMAN
071679	2018	WEAVER OPAL HRS		1/2 6 ZEKES RUN E WEAVER #1 W-57 AA WEAVER W-150 O D WEAVER #15 W-57	SHERMAN
071680	2018	DEEL OKEY HRS		1 2/3 W F	WASHINGTON
071681	2018	HARMON DONNA JEAN	KEENER DARRELL EVERETT (2019)	WALNUT .82 AC SUR	WASHINGTON
071682	2018	MANN RICHARD L TRUST		CROOKED RUN 1/4 61 AC SUR	WASHINGTON

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed.

Given under my hands this 25th day of August 2021.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered
Lands for Calhoun County

Spay/Neuter

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

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

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

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

W.Va. Trappers

W.Va. Trappers Association will hold its 52nd annual convention on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18, at Barker's Field at 969 Prunty Road, Smithville. There is no admission and all events are free.

W.Va. Muzzleloaders Association will teach tomahawk throwing and muzzleloader shooting. Other events are Civil War living history encampment, trappers education classes, blacksmithing, basket making, bow-drilling a fire, turkey calling, bushcrafting, beekeeping, roots and herbs, trotlining, turtle butchering, coonhunting, etc. Benefit auction will be held on Saturday. Gates open at 10 a.m. on Friday.



1965 Chevy Truck - Eugene King



1969 Chevrolet Camaro - James Riggs



1969 Mustang Mach 1 - Leon Proctor



1951 Ford - Rat Patrol - David Reed



1930 Coupe - Randy Yoak



1965 Ford Mustang - Louis Rader



1965 Olds Cutlass - Kenneth Tolliver



1965 Chevy Impala - Ron Vannoy

Governor's Updates

During a briefing, Gov. Jim Justice announced that 852 West Virginians are currently hospitalized with COVID-19; breaking the all-time record high number of active hospitalizations for the entire pandemic.

The number of West Virginians in ICUs has once again set a new record high of 267 patients, and the number of West Virginians on ventilators reached a record high of 164 patients.

The statewide death toll from COVID-19 reached 3,261 on Tuesday, with 23 more deaths being reported since the governor's previous briefing just three days ago.

The total number of active COVID-19 cases in West Virginia has now reached 27,607; an increase of more than 3,000 new cases since last Friday.

The County Alert System map showed that 47 of the state's 55 counties were in the highest-risk Red category.

Outbreaks

Justice reported that, per the W.Va. Dept. of Education, there are 89 active outbreaks in 33 counties within the state public school system.

Five schools across the state are currently closed due to COVID-19.

A total of 51 county school systems have either face covering requirements or a criteria for requiring face coverings. The remaining four counties--Mingo, Ohio, Pocahontas and Putnam--do not have face covering requirements at this time.

Additional Outbreaks

There are now three active outbreaks associated with churches in West Virginia. The churches are located in Monroe, Raleigh and Wayne counties.

There are 77 active outbreaks in long-term care facilities.

There are 164 active inmate cases and 45 active staff cases across the W.Va. Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation system.

Highest Rates

A new report by the health news website stat news.com shows that West Virginia currently

has the highest rate of acceleration of new COVID-19 cases in the country, with 2.69 cases per 100,000 people per week per day; more than 60% higher than the state with the second-highest rate of acceleration.

"Our hospitals are still overwhelmingly inundated with cases of people that are not vaccinated," said Justice. "Ninety percent of people in ICUs are unvaccinated."

"For God's sake, how difficult is this to understand? What we should be doing is right there in front of us. We just need to use good sense and get ourselves vaccinated."

New Scam Announced By P.S.C.

The Public Service Commission is warning customers about reports of a new phone call scam in West Virginia that has been seen in other areas of the country.

In most instances, the caller identifies themselves as a Suddenlink representative, and explains that the company is upgrading customers' equipment in order to improve the quality of service.

The caller is promised a \$40 credit and free service for November and December. The caller then informs the customer that they must pay \$200 for the new equipment and requests the customer's banking information.

"If a caller claims to be from Suddenlink, or any utility, and makes an offer that sounds too good to be true, hang up on them and call the company at the customer service number that appears on your bill," warned PSC chairman Charlotte Lane.

"These scammers are criminals, and customers should never interact with them. Do not share your banking or credit card information with anyone you cannot confirm is a legitimate utility representative."

"Never share your personal information, including your Social Security number. If you receive a call such as this, call the police and report it immediately."

Historical Society Meets

by Mellody Walburn
Calhoun County Historical Society held its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 9.

One of the main items on the agenda was a program that will take place at Stump Hotel and History Museum on

Saturday, Oct. 23.

Members have been hard at work decorating and planning for this event, which will feature harrowing tales and local legends.

Tours will take place at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. Admission will be \$5 and tickets will be available at the door.

Christmas in the Village is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Nov. 27. Preparation for the event will be a key item on next month's agenda.

The next meeting of the historical society will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14, 6 p.m., at the history museum on Main St., Grantsville.

Library Contest

Can you guess how many books are available to check out at Calhoun County Library?

Stop by the library to put in your guess. The person with the closest answer will win a \$25 Walmart gift card, provided by Calhoun Banks.

The winner will be announced on Monday, Oct. 4. You must come in to put in your guess.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m., at Mom's Place Too, Grantsville.

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