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Among the many visitors at this year's Christmas in the Village was Vivian Busch, daughter of Tim and Elizabeth Busch of Springfield, Va.



The former high school building in Grantsville, now known as Calhoun County Community Center, will host Old World Christmas Market on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas Market Includes 50 Vendors, Friday-Sunday

Old World Christmas Market opens Friday at Calhoun County Community Center. Located in the former high school building in Grantsville, 50 vendors, local and regional artisans, will have Christmas crafts, gifts and food.



Hours on Friday and Saturday will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with traditional pork sandwiches available starting at 11 a.m. Santa will be available after Friday's 6 p.m. Christmas parade in Grantsville, with a tree lighting and children's parade at 7:00. There will be soup from Happy Soup Cafe, Smores courtesy of Minnie Hamilton Health System, hot cocoa, and spiced cider. Children's bakery contest will be held on Saturday morning, with judging at 10 a.m. From 10 a.m. to noon, there will be a Christmas musical program and announcement of crafting contest and children's baked goods contest winners from noon to 2 p.m. Live auction of donations of vendor and craft items will be held on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. The market will be open on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., with hotdog sale, with band booster sauce, starting at noon.

Sixth Death Reported As COVID Cases Reach 20 Over the Holiday

Although the Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported that Calhoun had 20 COVID-19 cases over the Thanksgiving holiday, the county dropped to "yellow alert" on Tuesday for the first time since Nov. 9. The county had been gold, orange or red for 21 days. On Nov. 23, DHHR also reported the sixth death of a county resident --an 86-year-old woman. Cases in the last week totaled 27, comparative to the 10-week average of 29. The county is listed as having 1,073 cases since the pandemic began--569 confirmed cases (still the

lowest in the State) and 504 probable cases. Calhoun is surrounded by one green county (Gilmer), one yellow (Ritchie), one gold (Clay) and three orange (Wirt, Roane and Braxton). The six deaths attributed to county residents since the pandemic began is also the lowest in the State. Next lowest is Doddridge, with 11. The county's infection rate on Tuesday was 19.09 (per 100,000), down from (Continued on Page 2)



The granddaughters of Bob and Karen Bonar attended Christmas in the Village on Saturday. Left to right are Annelise Bonar, Clara Bonar, Hannah Bonar, Emma Bonar and Kathleen Bonar.

\$15,000 Grant

Gov. Jim Justice has announced that he has awarded \$1,184,284 in Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funds to 42 projects across West Virginia. The funds will be used to assist in carrying out programs to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. The projects include \$15,000 to the county commission to support the position of a prevention resource officer assigned to Calhoun Middle/High School. Funds are administered by the Justice and Community Services Section of the W.Va. Division of Administrative Services.



Calhoun's Joselynn Yeager (42) drives to the basket against a Parkersburg Catholic opponent in last week's home scrimmage with the Lady Crusaders. The Lady Red Devils are scheduled to open their season at Doddridge County on Tuesday at 7 p.m.



Shown are some of those present at the Christmas in the Village tree lighting ceremony on Saturday at Calhoun County Park.

OBITUARIES

MARGIE ELLEN BENNETT ROBERTS

Margie Ellen Bennett Roberts, 79, of Parkersburg, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Marietta Memorial's Belpre emergency room.

She was born in Walker, the daughter of the late Ruby Joy Bennett and Delbert F. Bennett. She retired from Wood County Board of Education as a school cook after 28 years of service. She was a Christian and attended First Church of the Nazarene, after many years of dedication to Broad Street Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are her children, Brian Roberts of Fate, Tex., and Marlene Colombo of Parkersburg; four grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Nicholas, Olivia and Rudy; two step-daughters, Cindy Clayborn of The Plains, Va., and Brenda Holbert of Grantsville; and one sister, Ruby Marie Wright of Parkersburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Charles L. Roberts; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services were held at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with Pastor Shane Hostutler officiating. Inurnment will be at Kanawha Baptist Cemetery.



HERALD GLEN FULKS, SR.

Herald Glen Fulks, Sr., 79, of Sycamore, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, at Camden Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg.

He was born in Calhoun County, the son of the late Joe and Alice Lamb Fulks. He served the United States Army from 1961-1964 and was stationed in Germany. He was a school bus driver for many years for Calhoun County Schools.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Evelyn Stump Fulks; four children, Herald Glen Fulks, Jr., Vickie Baker, Joanna McKown and Malisa Fulks; seven grandchildren, Samantha, Michael, Alisha and Rylee Fulks, William Baker, and Jacob and Justin McKown; two great-grandchildren, Mia and Kyler Starcher; four siblings, Glenna Perkins, Emogene King, Nellie Tiller and Stan Arnold; one sister-in-law, Marie Courie Fulks; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his step-father, John Arnold; one sister, Betty Metz and husband Thurl; one brother, Robert Fulks and wife Jean; and one brother-in-law, Garner Tiller.

At Mr. Fulks' request, he will be cremated. The family will announce plans for a memorial service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rush Run Baptist Church, Stumptown, or to your favorite charity in his memory. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



SUSIE JEWELL MURPHY WOOD

Susie Jewell Murphy Wood, 56, of Arnoldsburg, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021, at CAMC Memorial, Charleston.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Roscoe and Diana Starcher Murphy. She worked for W.Va. Choice, taking care of the elderly and disabled.

Surviving are her husband, Roy Wood; one daughter, Helenna Wood; one son, Derek Wood; two sisters, Diana Hager and Crystal Dye; one brother, James Murphy; and one grandson, Parker Lee Sowards.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Sam Murphy.

There will be no visitation or service, as she will be cremated.

GIFFORD DEO ROBERTS

Gifford Deo Roberts, 92, of Spencer, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, at Roane General Hospital.

He was born in Calhoun County, the son of the late Burley and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Wayne Roberts. He was a United States Korean War veteran and retired from Monarch Rubber after 37 years of service.

Surviving are three children, Anthony Roberts of Spencer, Randy Roberts of Parkersburg and Beverly Jefferson of Tampa, Fla.; four step-children, Lamire Fouty of Ripley, Cris Ash of Spencer, Kim Camp of Roane County and Holly Paul of Texas; one sister, Lela Carpenter of Cleveland, Ohio; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Holly Roberts, Guy Roberts and George Roberts, and two sisters, Geneva Stump and Jewell Vanke.

Graveside service will be held Thursday, 1 p.m., at Eventide Cemetery, Spencer. Memorial service will be held in the spring. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com.

Sixth Death Reported--

(Continued from Page 1) was 506,780, down from 519,912 and 579,613 the previous two weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 49,099,590.

Deaths in the U.S. were reported as 5,763, down considerably from last week's 8,872. Total deaths are 799,414.

New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 51 (2,386/24); Roane, 49 (1,790/25); Wirt, 28 (924/16); Clay, 27 (1,390/22); Ritchie, 19 (1,545/21); and Gilmer, 16 (1,458/14).

The only county in the state with under 1,000 cases is Wirt (655 confirmed, 269 probable).

New West Virginia cases were 4,768, compared to the previous week of 5,359. Total cases during the pandemic are 294,794.

The number of deaths reported was 98, up after three weeks of decreases. Total deaths in West Virginia are 4,868.

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New weekly worldwide cases were 3,980,322, up shapely from last week's 3,182,470. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 261,917,335.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 49,617, up from last week's 44,760. Total deaths are 5,225,471.

DHHR reported that 892,387 (49.8%) West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated, down from the previous 915,836 (51.1%). There have been 68,279 boosters administered, up from 55,924 last week.

The number of doses administered in Calhoun is reported as 3,167, 65 more than previously announced.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 3

Food giveaway, Broad Community Building, 3 to 4 p.m.; sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church; social distancing required, stay in vehicle.

Old World Christmas Market, Calhoun County Community Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; tree lighting and children's party, 7 p.m.

Christmas parade, Grantsville, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Old World Christmas Market, Calhoun County Community Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; live auction, 2 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Old World Christmas Market, Calhoun County Community Center,

noon to 5 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 6

Town council meets in Main St. office, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

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

Thursday, Dec. 9

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

Friday, Dec. 10

CCHS boys basketball team hosts Van, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11

CCHS wrestling team competes in Gary Bender Raider Cup at Roane County, 11 a.m. CCHS girls basketball team hosts Wirt County, 7 p.m.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Last Friday morning, I stepped out of the house to take Shiloh for a walk and we both had a small surprise, a dusting of snow on our car and sticking to the grass in the yard. That is the kind of surprise that I like, since I like seeing snow, both on the ground and in the air.

The snow last Friday did not last very long, since it was about 36 degrees in the holler.

It seems that whatever it is that is attacking me by causing extreme pain in a variety of joints, apparently believes that a moving target is the best way for it to torment me. In a single day it can start in one of my wrists, then travel to a shoulder, and then one of my knees.

Interestingly, I have not suffered any injury to any of these affected body parts, and the pain can either go away or lessen without any treatment. The affected appendages can also be running a temperature of 99 to slightly over 100 degrees, when I use our infrared thermometer.

I have had quite enough of chasing this pain down, and I have been seeking the cause of this malady at Minnie Hamilton through blood tests, etc.

With any luck, the cause will be found and a cure can be had before it moves to my ankles or feet. I simply cannot tolerate this pain for much longer.

One of the things that I notice each year during, and after, deer season is the sudden lack of small herds of deer standing around in fields along the roadways.

Even down in the holler, the deer that used to just look at us if we stopped our car to say hello or take a picture, at this time of year they immediately turn around, flash their white tails at us, and hightail (I wonder if that has anything to do with the origin of the word) it out of sight into the woods.

It simply amazes me at just how fast a deer can run and how high they can jump when they fear for their life. They know that I only shoot them with my camera, but I think they have developed an innate fear of all of us two-legged creatures--gun or camera does not matter to them.

I don't blame them; fight or flight is the reflex action that enables some of them to survive to

perpetuate the species from year to year.

December has now arrived, but the weather is still a tad too warm for snow. It will be in the upper 50s to the low 60s this week, but this will not last. Next week will feel more like December, with temps topping out in the 40s.

There was quite the crowd in attendance at the Calhoun County Historical Society's Christmas In the Village last Saturday.

Everyone who I have spoken with said that it actually felt as if they were transported back to a time, when things were much simpler and the Christmas spirit was inside of each person, and not just a time of stress and worry over purchasing the right gift or gifts.

All in all, I don't think I have ever seen Grantsville look as good for the holiday season as it does now. The streets have been tastefully and beautifully decorated and the lights have been hung from the power poles, garlands of pine decorate the bridge, and on Friday there will even be a Christmas parade at 6 p.m.

There is also no need to purchase gifts from any online or big-box retailers, as there are places offering many unique gift choices right here in Calhoun County.

This enables us all a way to help support local retailers and crafters, as well as bring a smile to our friends, neighbors and family.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the old high school facilities will host an Old World Christmas Market, with more than 50 vendors and local artisans. That should help you have an old fashioned Christmas, just like it was in the last century.

I do not recommend that you give your children the things that children looked forward to back in the old days, such as a nice orange or perhaps a stick of peppermint candy. Ahh, those were the days.

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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.

Choose & Cut CHRISTMAS TREES



We will have a limited number of trees to sell beginning December 3. We have White Pine and Norway Spruce trees that are 5, 6 and 7 feet tall. We will also have fresh wreaths available for sale. The cost of trees is \$40 and wreaths are \$25.

Chip, Janice and Ivy Westfall
138 Lost Road - Mt. Zion
(300 yards off Route 16)
304-354-6424

This Week In History

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

1921, 100 years ago

The State Road Commission has let the contract for the building of the Phillips Run bridge and three miles of the Phillips Run road. The contract for the bridge was awarded to Ruby Hardman of Spencer, while the road was sold to a Charleston firm for the sum of \$43,825. It is understood that work will be begun on the building of the road soon after the beginning of the New Year. It is also likely that further contracts on the Grantsville-Arnoldsburg road will be let soon, and that the coming year will see most of the road completed.

The three miles contracted for by the commission extends from the south end of the bridge to a point on Phillips Run near the residence of Oscar Hathaway. It will cover the worst end of the road and will be a Godsend to the traveling public.

The editor of the Chronicle was laid up in bed for the past three weeks with a bad case of tonsillitis and quinsy during a part of which time he was afraid he was going to die, and the other part he was afraid he was not going to die.

The above accounts for the scarcity of news and the non-publication of several important articles during that time. Our correspondents are requested to send in their letters from now on with the assurance that they will be published regularly. During the editor's sickness, many important news articles, that have now lost their value, were necessarily omitted.

We are under great obligations to editor Charley Garretson of *The Grantsville News*, and his force, for helping us out during our troublesome times.

Mrs. Herbert Stump, who has been critically ill for several weeks, was taken to a Parkersburg hospital where she underwent a serious operation on Tuesday. Her husband, who recently was operated on for appendicitis, is recovering slowly.

1946, 75 years ago

Last Thursday morning, when Arling B. Stutler threw the switch that once more set a week's issue of *The Weston Democrat* rolling off the press, the veteran pressman and printer was marking his "silver anniversary" with the paper.

It was 25 years ago, on Nov. 7, 1921, that Mr. Stutler came to the Democrat from *The Grantsville News*. On that day, his new boss and publisher, Robert H. Prichard, who himself had purchased the paper only that year, was in the midst of setting an advertisement for the extinct Hile Drug Co.

"He had it about half done," Mr. Stutler recalled, "and when I walked in, he turned it over to me to finish."

"Stut," who calls himself a "country printer," donned an apron and went to work, and with very few exceptions, has been present every Thursday to start the press on its weekly run.

"We have made every 'run' with the exception of one," he said, "Once, the motor burned out and we had to run the eight page forms over to Grafton that week."

Mr. Stutler was a trained printer and pressman when he came to Weston, having served a long apprenticeship and journeyman period on many weeklies about the state.

Born at Cox's Mill, Gilmer County, he got his first smell of printer's ink at the tender age of 13 when he went to work as a "devil" on the old Calhoun Signal, a publication long since suspended and succeeded by *The Grantsville News*.

Mr. Stutler worked on various papers about the state, one being located in Winfield, Putnam County, where he met and married Miss Maude Childers. Later, he worked three years on the *Buckhannon Record* and three more years with the *Grantsville News* before coming to Weston.

Mr. Stutler and his wife have a home in Shadybrook and are the parents of two sons, Gordon, who owns and operates a service station in Toledo, Ohio, and Denver, who is working for his brother in Toledo.

For the past 20 years, Mr. Stutler has been scribe of the Golden Star Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an active member of First Baptist Church.

1971, 50 years ago

Members of Calhoun Farm Bureau heard about the pleasures of small town living from Stan Maseroll, editor of the *Glenville Democrat*, who was speaker at the annual dinner and meeting Saturday evening at Minnora School.

Mr. Maseroll told of his experience in previous positions in New Jersey and New York, his last position being editor of *Sports Afield*, but he and his family decided to seek out a small town in West Virginia to get away from the problems of long daily travel time, pollution, and over-crowding. Becoming a small town newspaper editor hasn't shortened his working hours, he said, but he and his family are enjoying their new life in West Virginia.

As an expert on hunting, fishing and camping, he told of some of his experiences at duck hunting off the New Jersey coast, shooting pheasants in Missouri, and camping in the Rocky Mountains.

Musical entertainment for the evening was by two groups, the McCauley sisters, Anita, Cheryl and Pam, of Pleasant Hill, and a quartet composed of Euell Stalnaker, Mrs. John Chenoweth, Harley McCoy and Fred Hicks, accompanied by Barbara Cruikshanks.

Directors re-elected to two-year terms were Rex Ward, S.R. Bee, Joe Cain, John Ball and Olin Hill. Also on the board of directors are Foster Poling, Ernest Poling, Francis Cain, Roy J. Stump and Euell Stalnaker.

Awards, presented by Loutellus Stout, secretary of West Virginia Farm Bureau, were made to Euell Stalnaker, Calhoun president. They were for being the second county in the state with the largest increase in members for the past seven years, and for having the highest percentage of farm families enrolled.

Officers re-elected by the board of directors

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: We hear a lot about college football's Heisman Trophy. Why is it called the Heisman? (Asked by a curious football fan on the 50-yard line.)

Reply: The Heisman Memorial Trophy Award (less formally known as the Heisman, or the Heisman Trophy) was created in 1935 by New York City's Downtown Athletic Club, and was originally called the DAC Trophy. It was intended to honor the best college football player east of the Mississippi River. Today, however, the trophy is awarded annually to the player deemed the most outstanding player in collegiate football in the country.

The Heisman name came about in 1936 when the DAC trophy was renamed following the death of the club's athletic director John Heisman, who had a long athletic career. He played for Brown University and University of Pennsylvania. He served as the head football coach of Oberlin College, Auburn University, Clemson University, Rice University, and University of Pennsylvania. He also served as a football, basketball and baseball head coach and athletic director at Georgia Tech.

The trophy itself is a bronze statue that depicts a football player side-stepping and straight-arming a tackler. It is awarded by the Heisman Trophy Trust each year in early December before the post-season bowl games. The Heisman is one of the oldest and most prized awards in college football.

You are probably wondering how the winner is selected. It's done by voting, with three categories of persons eligible to vote for the award winner:

--Sports journalists. There are 870 media voters; 145 voters from six regions.

--Previous Heisman winners.

--Fans. A survey collected by ESPN.com constitutes one Heisman vote.

Each voter identifies three selections, ranking them in order. The top ranking is given three points, the second is given two points, and the third is given one point. An accounting firm is responsible for the tabulation of points.

There you have it. Who's your pick for this year's Heisman?

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Football isn't a contact sport. It's a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport." --Vince Lombardi.

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.

Cedar Creek

Cedar Creek State Park Gift Shop, 2947 Cedar Creek Road, off Rt. 33/119 in Gilmer County, will be open for holiday shopping on Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 19, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is accepting phone orders, plus shipping, at 462-8517 or 462-4806. Santa will be there on Saturdays, Dec. 11 and 18, 2 to 5 p.m. You can get your picture with Santa put into a water snow globe for \$8.

Adopt an Angel

Adopt an Angel is available at Minnie Hamilton Long Term Care.

If you would like to sponsor a resident for Christmas by adopting an angel, call Cheryl Cain, 354-9700, ext. 5165.

On the back of the angel is a list of needs and wants.

All gifts are due back to Cain by Wednesday, Dec. 15. Thank you for helping give residents the best Christmas.

were Euell Stalnaker, president; Ernest Poling, vice president; and Ila Grey Snider, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Stalnaker is also chairman of the Legislative committee.

Winners of door prizes were Ray Reading, Mrs. Charles Duskey, Jr., and Helen Cooper. They were from The Quality Shop, Grantsville Florists, and Farm Bureau.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Stump, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Poling, Euell Stalnaker, David Umstead, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper, Ray Reading, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Ball, Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holiday, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Thurl Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Orvan Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duskey, Jr., Voras Haynes;

Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Deel, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Deel, Opal Riddel, Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Bennett, Mary Ann Barrows, Gladys Stump, Lonnie Oles, Mrs. James R. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Poling, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Bennett, Barbara Cruikshanks, Mr. and Mrs. John Chenoweth, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francis, Harley McCoy, Fred Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Bee, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kerby, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Whisman;

Dora Ball, Mona Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Parsons, Mrs. Olin Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Siers, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ward, Dale Martin, James A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Maseroll, Judy Maseroll, Irene Gunn, Arlis C. Miller, Loutellus M. Stout, Pamela, Anita and Cheryl McCauley, and Ila Grey Snider.

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This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Dec. 2-8 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 2, 1859: John Brown was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later nicknamed "Stonewall," was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing guard at the execution of the abolitionist, who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

Dec. 2, 1933: Charles Town Race Track (shown below) opened shortly after West Virginia legalized racing and pari-mutuel betting. The Jefferson County complex contained 22 buildings and included 12 stables.

Dec. 3, 1787: James Rumsey demonstrated the steam engine that he invented on the Potomac River near Shepherdstown. This was 20 years before Robert Fulton's boat, though the Fulton design was more practical, and it is Fulton who is honored today as the inventor of the steamboat.



Dec. 3, 1871: Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, he served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921. He oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.



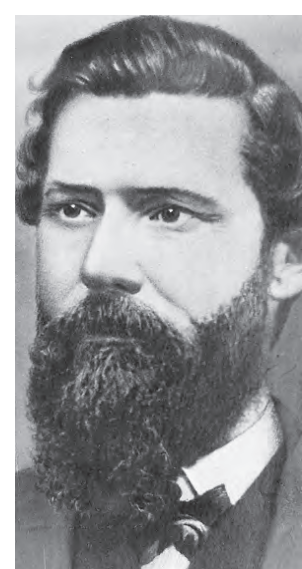
Dec. 3, 1921: Operatic soprano Phyllis Smith Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and modern repertoire.

Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game. The television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

Dec. 4, 1901: Construction of the present Cabell County Courthouse was completed. An extensive remodeling was finished in 1940.

Dec. 4, 1883: Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremeans in Pt. Pleasant.

In the 1940s, Fuller opened a relief operation on Huntington's Washington Ave. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area's largest haven for the disadvantaged and homeless.



Dec. 5, 1892: Daniel D.T. Farnsworth died at the age of 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, he succeeded Gov. Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term, after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state legislature.

Dec. 6, 1814: Tyler County was formed. It was named for John Tyler, governor of Virginia (1808-11) and father of President John Tyler.

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts, as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as "The Moonshiner."

Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games.

Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS West Virginia suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain, and 103 crew members died.



Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born. As West Virginia's 26th governor, he achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his term, but his accomplishments were overshadowed by the fact that he was the first governor in state history to be indicted or convicted of a major crime.

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Charles Town Race Track opened on Dec. 2, 1933.

My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



Whew, the dust is settling after a very busy week, and I can honestly say that I am exhausted, but a good exhausted. I know what you are probably thinking. Didn't she have the whole week off? Why yes, I did, but it feels like I packed three weeks' worth of activities into that time.

Monday and Tuesday were spent getting my home among the hills ready for the holidays and for my company coming to town. My sister Missy and my two nephews Michael and Landon were already here; they came in early to help with the preparations for Thanksgiving and for Christmas in the Village. There was still lots to be done, and we were appreciative of the help.

Tuesday morning, Missy and I made a final trip to the grocery store to complete our Thanksgiving shopping. I also needed to stock my cupboards and refrigerator, so we killed two birds with one stone. By the time everyone was in town, we would be spread out amongst three households. Thanksgiving dinner would be taking place at the Mlyneks' house, but other meals would take place at my parents' house and my house. This meant that the food we purchased needed to be delivered to three different locations. With Missy's help, the lists were completed and the food delivered to the proper places.

My niece Hannah had college classes until Tuesday, so her dad agreed to drive her to St. Marys to meet us that evening. Missy and I ate dinner and then headed off to pick up Hannah. We listened to Christmas music and enjoyed looking at the Christmas lights as we headed north.

We met Dave and Hannah at Wendy's and were soon on our way home again. When we reached Grantsville once again, I was ready for a hot shower and my comfy, warm bed. The rest of our company was arriving the next day, and then the holiday activities would be in full gear.

Wednesday morning was spent working in the village, completing some of the last-minute details and checking items off our to-do list. The goal was to have as much as possible finished by the time the rest of the family arrived that evening. This way, we could just relax and enjoy Thanksgiving Day and Friday with everyone. My friends Tim and Elizabeth and their three children were driving in from Springfield, Va., that afternoon, and my sister Mindy and her husband Scott were coming from Canton, Ohio. By dinner time, the whole family would be in town and ready to start celebrating.

We spent Wednesday evening at my house, eating delicious food, talking, and just being together. It was great to all be in one place again. There is nothing like having the people you love the most all under one roof. I went to bed that night tired, but so happy to have a full house of family. I always sleep better when all my beds are full.

Thursday was grey, gloomy and rainy, but we didn't let that damper our holiday spirits. The Busch Family was staying with me, so I enjoyed watching the Macy's Parade through the eyes of three little ones, as I sipped my coffee and ate breakfast. We made our way over to the Mlyneks' in the afternoon and spent most of the day there. The food was delicious and the company even better.

The weather was better on Friday, so we took a trip out to the park and village. We let the little ones run around outside and play on the playground, while we checked a few more items off the to-do list. The Busches wanted to take a walk around town, so we stopped there on our way back. It was great getting to point out all of the changes and additions that have been taking place in town over the past few months. I took them into the history museum and Stump Hotel, and then we stopped in at J&B Drugstore for their annual visit.

Christmas in the Village took place on Saturday, and we couldn't have asked for a prettier day. It was so wonderful to see the village full of happy people enjoying all of the activities that we had worked so hard to make happen.

The event culminated with our tree lighting ceremony, which I feel is the perfect way to begin the Christmas season. It was a great day and a great end to my Thanksgiving vacation. I'm going to stop here, so I can get ready for bed. I'm back to the real world tomorrow.

Three and a half weeks until Christmas Break.

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 expect to have a small family in my house this winter, & that Almira will stay with Louisa. Almira & Louisa are both well. You dont know how much pleasure your letter gave us. We received it Friday (the day I was expecting to start) & getting your letter well repaid me for not getting off on my trip as soon as I had hoped.

You need not trouble yourself about not giving me more money. I am very glad you did not. I have all that I need. Unexpectedly I got a little that was due to George, which covers all my necessities. Louisa & I were talking only yesterday, that when we needed money the most, & did not know where to get it from, it always was provided us, & just at the right time.

There is one who knoweth all things & careth for us, of that I am sure, or we would never have got so well as we have under all circumstances. And we believe that a mother's prayers, interceding for us, has obtained us so many blessings.

I got Ella a pair of good, nice shoes, & some aprons in Weston, & myself a few notions I needed. I have made up one of my flannel dresses, & taken a good deal of pain in making it. It is much admired. I have got me a very nice fashionable winter bonnet. I will close now. I hope you will write often to Louisa & Almira, & they can occasionally write to me.

Your ever affectionate daughter
Amie Eva

Amie appears to be writing from Rocky Point, Monroe County.

Jan 10th 1865

Dear Sister Almira

I think of you often, very often. I think what nice times we had in my own home, & that we did not appreciate them as we ought. I fear my home will be destroyed or very much injured if I should remain long absent. I would sooner go back there & live in it than it should be destroyed.

I would still prefer returning in the Spring & living on the West Fork, though Perry says I must not speak of such a thing. I know I should be lonely with Louisa gone from there, but it is a valuable home, & a dear one to me.

I know I can never love this place. Yet there are many nice families living near, & plenty of preaching on the Sabbath. Perry still thinks he will return to his old farm when the war is over, yet he has so much property here, I dont know how he could leave.¹

Perry is making money very fast. You have no idea how much property he has. He needs a wife here to maintain his household for him. He has bought a great many nice things which he wont have used till his wife comes. He has bought enough to set Louisa & me both up in housekeeping. He thinks perhaps we cannot move our things through the lines.

He told me when I first arrived that he wished me to stay with him this winter, but if I was not willing I could go to housekeeping, as he has a plenty for Louisa & me both. If I could forget my dear home far away I could be contented here. But I love that spot.

I cant tell yet what I shall do when Spring comes. I think of you very often, & fear that you are sick, or very unwell. If I only had you here! Ella says very often "I want to see Aunt Mira, I want to stay with her." She gets homesick pretty often & teases to go & see Sammie². You would hardly believe your own eyes if you were to see what a pretty niece you have got.

I would freely give a hundred dollars if I could step in & spend one evening with you all. Oh! how much I want to see you & hear you all talk. I wish much to hear from father & mother, & the rest.

I remain your ever loving sister.

A.E. Silcott

This is one of the last letters we have by Amie. It is long, and will be continued the next two weeks.

Rocky Point

Jan 15 1865

Dear Sister Louisa

This quiet Sabbath night I seat myself to pen a few lines. This has been a very cold day. But this evening is pleasant to me. Sitting alone by a pleasant fire, Ella asleep, Uncle Jimmy³ & Mr Watkins gone down the street, & Bennie & Warrie⁴ at the prayer meeting.

Perry is absent--he started last Thursday (the 12th inst) for North Carolina. I suppose he will be absent near four weeks. Mr Watkins has been spending some days with us, & I think him one of the most agreeable gentlemen I ever met with. If he should ever call upon you treat him with particular respect.

I wrote you a long letter immediately after my arrival, yet have had no opportunity of sending it. I had a safe journey through. The second night I staid at Peter Duffy's. The third night I staid at Mathew McClungs, the fourth day at Grisby McClung's, the fifth day was so cold I did not travel far, & staid at Mr Thomson's within six miles of Mr Johnson's near the blue Sulphur.

I called at Mr Johnson's, & they insisted so much upon my spending the day & night with them, that I consented. From Mr Johnson's I went to Mr Mathew Mann's, which place I reached before dinner. I found all apparently glad to see me.

¹Perry believes he will return to Arnoldsburg when the war is over. He has made very much money--mostly Confederate money.

²Ella wants to see Sammie, son of Louisa and Perry Hays. His name is Samuel Augusta Hays.

³Uncle Jimmy: Possibly James McCallen of Calhoun County.

⁴Warrie: George Warren Hays, son of Perry and Louisa, born July 29, 1851.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

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

(Dining hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

Thursday, Dec. 2: baked beans and wieners, potatoes, greens, fruit, cornbread.

Friday, Dec. 3: cheesy potato soup, broccoli, peaches, crackers.

Monday, Dec. 6: pasta and chicken, vegetables, fruit, wheat bread.

Tuesday, Dec. 7: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, wheat bread.

Wednesday, Dec. 8: meatloaf, scalloped pota-

toes, broccoli, whole wheat bread.

Thursday, Dec. 9: cook's choice.

Friday, Dec. 10: barbecue chicken, potato, green beans, pineapples, whole wheat bun.

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

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

From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,
Chairman of Public Service Commission

Natural Gas Prices Are Rising

You've heard it on the news. It comes as no surprise that natural gas prices around the country will be higher this winter.

Now is the time to prepare in order to minimize the effect of those rising prices. You may need to adjust your budget, but you should definitely take action to lower your heating bills.

First, let me explain why this is happening:

There are two components that make up a natural gas utility bill. One is the base rate, which covers all expenses the utility incurs in providing service, except the cost it pays to obtain the gas itself.

The other is known as the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA), which is the cost that the utility pays to obtain natural gas, and does not include any profit for the company.

The PSC does not regulate the price of natural gas--that price is determined by competitive markets.

Every year, gas utilities tell the PSC how much they expect to pay their gas suppliers from Nov. 1-Oct. 30 of the following year.

Our analysts examine the utilities' gas purchasing practices, review the reasonableness of the requested rates, and ensure that each utility did everything possible to secure a reliable gas supply at the lowest possible price.

If the actual price turns out to be higher or lower than the estimate, the utility must include a true-up the following year.

There are steps you can take to offset the cost of higher heating bills. Start by making sure that your home is well insulated. Cover any air leaks with weatherproofing--pay special attention to the attic.

Use weatherproofing strips and caulking around all windows and exterior doors to seal air leaks. A door snake is a quick fix for drafty door sills. Hang thick, insulated curtains over windows and keep them closed, and plug the chimney when it isn't in use.

You may also want to consider contacting your utility about a budget billing plan, which is based on your average usage and anticipated energy prices for the coming year, to avoid extremely high utility bills during the heating months.

Some utilities offer a set monthly amount and adjust your plan with an annual true-up bill. Other companies make more frequent adjustments.

The specifics vary between companies, but the end result for the customer is a stable bill amount throughout the year.

These simple steps will keep you--and your budget--more comfortable this winter.

Vaccinations

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available to all West Virginians ages 5 and older.

Anyone interested in being vaccinated is urged to visit Vaccinate.wv.gov or call the West Virginia Vaccine Info Line, 1-833-734-0965, which is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Decorations

Calhoun County Committee on Aging is working toward a goal of "decking the halls" for the holidays. It is asking for donations of old trees, festive garlands, red bows, or other random decorations.

Call CCCOA, 354-7017, or email office@cccoa-wv.org for information.



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Winner is 9-1

The best entry in Week 4 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest was Levi Ferrell, who finished with a record of 9-1. He wins a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.

Other top finishers were William Duskey, Jim Erlewine and Angie Slider, 8-2; and Shara Arison and Mike Propst, 7-3.

After four weeks, William Duskey, 31-8, maintained his one game lead over Jim Erlewine, 30-9; followed by Levi Ferrell, 29-10; Shara Arison, Mike Propst and Angie Slider, 28-11; and Brenton Slider, 27-12.

The Mini Football Prognostication Contest entry for Week 5 is on page five. Weekly winners receive a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland. The contestant with the best accumulated record after seven weeks will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Foodland.

2021-22 Calhoun Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted

December	
6	George Washington ... A
7	Braxton
9	Gilmer
13	Spencer
15	Walton
21	Gilmer
23	Geary
January	
5	Spencer
10	Geary
19	Ravenswood
27	Walton
February	
1	Wirt
8	George Washington .. H
8	Wirt
10	Ravenswood

2021-22 Calhoun Middle School Girls Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted

December	
2	Gilmer
6	George Washington .. H
7	Braxton
13	Spencer
15	Walton
23	Geary
January	
5	Spencer
10	Geary
19	Ravenswood
27	Walton
February	
1	Wirt
3	Gilmer
8	George Washington ... A
8	Wirt
10	Ravenswood



Returning starters for the CCHS wrestling team are, left to right, Grant Sterns, Jett Sampson, Drue Goad, Hunter Thacker, Levi Stump and Isaiah Boggs. Newcomers include Trevor Collins, Adam Lane, Chase Marks, Ian Persinger, Joe Sampson and Silas Wotring. The team is scheduled to open its season on Saturday, Dec. 11, at Roane County High School.

Calhoun Girls Open At Doddridge, Dec. 7

The Calhoun County High School varsity girls basketball team is scheduled to open its season on Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Doddridge County High School.

The Lady Red Devils prepared for the season opener by hosting Parkersburg Catholic in a scrimmage on Nov. 24.

The Lady Crusaders were undefeated in last year's abbreviated season until losing in the finals of the Class AA championship game.

The Lady Red Devils (14-5) won their opening round game in Class A, 75-34, over River View, before losing in the semi-finals, 44-28, to Cameron.

Calhoun had defeated Gilmer, 73-62, in the sectional finals, and advanced to the state tournament with a 60-46 win over Tolsia in the regionals.

Calhoun's four losses before the playoffs were to Class A top-ranked Gilmer, twice (by 21 and 10), and to Ritchie, twice (by 7 and 2).

This year's scrimmage with Catholic was played in eight-minute quarters, with the CCHS varsity winning one of three quarters, and the JV losing its quarter.

CCHS will have home games on Dec. 9 with South Harrison and Dec. 11 with Wirt County.

Calhoun team picture is on Page 10.

2021-22 CCHS Girls Basketball Roster Seniors (Jersey No.)

- Savannah Cunningham(3)
- Ella Hess (00)
- Makayla Jones (5)
- Josie Montgomery (10)
- Allison Stevens (55)

Juniors

- Ariety Hickman (45)
- Akeara Webb (23)
- Madison Westfall (30)
- Joselynn Yeager (42)

Sophomores

- Trista Arnold (22)
- Nyla Warner (14)

Freshmen

- Brealle Arthur (11)
- Ashlyn Boak (32)
- Maycee Carter (12)
- Lauren Lovejoy (33)
- Abigail Waldron (25)

Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

December	
7	Doddridge Co. . . A 7:00
9	So. Harrison H 7:00
11	Wirt Co. H 7:00
14	Gilmer Co. A 7:00
20	Doddridge Co. . H 7:00
27	Ritchie Tour.A TBA
28	Ritchie Tour.A TBA
January	
6	Roane Co. H 7:00
11	Webster Co. H 7:00
13	Braxton Co. A 7:00
18	Clay Co. H 7:00
26	Wirt Co. A 7:00
28	HIT Tour. TBA 7:00
February	
1	So. Harrison A 7:00
3	Gilmer Co. H 7:00
4	HIT Tour. TBA 7:00
8	Roane Co. A 7:00
10	LKC Placement ... TBA
11	HIT Tour. TBA 7:00
12	Night of Champ. .. TBA
15	Ritchie Co. H 7:00
16	Williamstown .. A 7:00
19	HIT Tour. TBA 7:00
Most JV games at 5:45p.m.	

Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

December	
10	Van
14	Doddridge
21	Gilmer Co. H 7:00
23	Roane Co. H 7:00
27	Ritchie Tour.A TBA
28	Ritchie Tour.A TBA
30	Wirt Co. H 7:00
January	
6	Williamstown .. A 3:00
7	So. Harrison A 7:00
11	Van
12	Webster Co. A 7:00
14	Braxton Co. H 7:00
19	Clay
24	Paden City
27	Doddridge
28	Wirt Co. A 7:00
February	
9	So. Harrison H 7:00
11	Gilmer Co. A 7:00
17	LKC Placement ... TBA
19	Night of Champ. .. TBA
22	Ritchie Co. H 7:00
24	Paden City
Most JV games at 5:45p.m.	

2021-22 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

All matches away, except Dec. 30

December	
11	Roane Co. 11:00
17	Webster Co. 1:00
18 12:45
22	Clay Co. 11:00
30	Mike Stump Duals 10:00
January	
7-8	Nitro
14-15	Braxton Co. TBA
22	Williamstown 11:00
February	
4-5	Single A Challenge at Ritchie . 4:00 & 10:00
12	LKC at Williamstown
19	Regional at Millwood
March	
3-5	States at Huntington

Upper West Fork

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

Dec. 4, Dixie Highway; Dec. 18, Ruff Cut; Dec. 25, closed.

LETTER BOX

I would like to commend Bob, the mayor of Grantsville, for the great job you are doing to beautify our town. The trees on River Street are no longer scratching our cars as we travel to and from our homes. The potholes are getting fewer, thanks to the patching. Last, but not least, there is less debris around town. Grantsville looks like a place where outsiders may now want to live and visit. Keep up the good work. Grantsville is shining bright.

Gail Ford

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Submit entries on official form only. May be deposited at Grantsville Foodland Deli or Chronicle office by 4 p.m. on Friday. A tie breaker will be used only in the event of a tie. Decisions of sports department are final. Only one entry per person.

Mini Football Prognostication contest

Pick the most winners and win **\$10** Grocery Certificate From Grantsville Foodland

Contestant with the most correct picks after seven weeks will be the overall winner of \$25.

Circle the winning team: **ENTRY DEADLINE IS 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY Deposit at Foodland Deli or Chronicle office.**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Oregon -- Utah

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Michigan -- Iowa

Pittsburgh -- Wake Forest

USC -- California

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L.A. Chargers -- Cincinnati

Baltimore -- Pittsburgh

Tie Breaker Score

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Name _____

Phone _____

Chronicle Christmas Contest

Find the Christmas image shown below in this issue of The Calhoun Chronicle and you could win



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When you find the image, clip it and paste it into the box below, and return your entry to the Chronicle office or mail to: The Calhoun Chronicle, P.O. Box 400, Grantsville, WV 26147. All entries must be received by December 11, 2021 Limit one entry per week.

All submissions received will be entered in a drawing and winners will be announced in the December 16 issue.

Entry forms should be sent to:
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NEW LISTINGS

429 High Street | Grantsville | 3 BR - 2 BA | Modular home on permanent foundation, true master bedroom and bathroom, private parking, double lot, in town, all on one level within walking distance to hospital and other amenities | **\$149,900**

1151 Big Root Road | Big Bend | 3 BR - 1 BA | All one level with an open floor plan and close to town! | **\$129,900**

452 Sycamore Road | Millstone | 3 BR - 2 BA | FREE GAS! | Split level home with 2 Garages and plenty of storage space! Huge easily maintained yards | **\$199,900**

4443 S. Calhoun Highway | Grantsville | 3.81 Acres +/- | 3 BR - 2 BA | Beautiful well maintained home w/ partial basement, equipment garage and easily maintained yard. | **\$189,900**

Bell Run Road | Brohard | PRIME HUNTING LAND! | Monster whitetail bucks on this property! Perfect land for a farm and is currently fenced in running cattle | **\$249,900**

117 Old Miller Hollow Road | Chloe | 1.08 Acres +/- | 3 BR - 2 BA | Easily maintained yard, open floor plan home with an oversized garage to house your vehicle and hobby shop | **\$129,900**

SALE PENDING

1395 Big Root Road | Big Bend | 3 BR - 2 BA | Just minutes from town! | With around 1,344 Sq. Ft. | Well Equipped Doublewide on 1/2 acre +/- | **\$149,900**

UNDER CONTRACT

250 Industrial Park Drive | Grantsville | 3 BR - 1 BA | Every hobby and car enthusiast's dream! | Home over garage with a 4-bay garage attached! | **\$224,900**

215 Mill Street | Grantsville | 3 BR - 2 BA | Hidden gem in the middle of Grantsville! Beautiful brick home with private back yard | Outbuilding for storage and garage attached! | **\$119,900**

UNDER CONTRACT

S. Calhoun Highway | Grantsville | 1.72 Acres +/- | Cabin on a perfectly laid out farm! | **\$249,900**

UNDER CONTRACT

4481 S. Calhoun Highway | Grantsville | 2 BR - 1 BA | Perfect starter home for a small family! This home is just minutes from Grantsville and the High School. | **\$64,900**

55 Hummingbird Lane | Mt. Zion | 3 BR - 2 BA | Privacy! Privacy! Privacy! This home has fruit trees galore! Inside the home you have a huge open floor plan with a full basement for storage! | Full home generator! | **\$129,900**

334 Main Street | Grantsville | BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY! | This building has untapped potential! Downstairs you have a fully functional kitchen with several dining rooms. Upstairs are several apartment spaces that can be used as steady income producing rentals. | **REDUCED TO \$140,000**

579 Shelter Rock Drive | Orma | 59 Acres +/- | 4 BR - 3 BA | WOW! This home is nothing short of breathtaking! Huge vaulted ceiling floor to ceiling stone fireplace, huge open living room that flows into the kitchen/dining room and much more! | **\$395,900**

UNDER CONTRACT

Rowles Run Road | Mt. Zion | 695 Acres +/- | Beautiful bottom land and trails throughout | All contiguous land! | **\$1.1M**

Nicut, Timber and Land | 237 Acres +/- | Hunting and Recreation w/ 2 FREE GAS rights! | **\$250,000**

4654 North Calhoun Highway | 3 BR - 1 BA | 2 Car Garage | If this sounds interesting then add 22 acres that fronts North Calhoun Highway and Road Fork to make it more appealing. **REDUCED TO \$49,500!**

Little Rowles 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

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

Stumptown/Bear Fork | 95 Acres +/- | \$95,000 - MAKE AN OFFER

22 Poplar Lane (off of Pine Creek) | 4 Acres +/- | 1000 3 BR 1 BA | 2 Car 2 Story Detached Garage, Wood Working Shop, and Cellar | **\$69,500**

UNDER CONTRACT

182 River Street | Grantsville | Block Office/Warehouse | Approx. 2,500 Sq. Ft. | **\$18,500**

320 Highland Street | Grantsville | 2 City Lots Overlooking the Town of Grantsville | **\$12,000**

Corner of Court & Mill Street | Grantsville | Apartment Building with Storefront | **\$25,000**

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

CLASSIFIEDS

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

Sales

GARAGE SALES and Craft Sales, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 2-3, located in Arnoldsburg Community Building from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1tp/12/2

ESTATE SALE -- Thursday and Friday, Dec. 2-3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the old Arnoldsburg School gym, 90 Spring Run Road, Arnoldsburg. Antiques, furniture, glassware, collectibles, too much to list. Questions, call 304-655-6724. 1tp/12/2

For Rent

FOR RENT -- Rivers Edge Apartments, unfurnished, utilities included except wifi and phone; 2-bedroom, 1 bath, with loft, \$725, plus deposit; 3-bedroom, 1 bath, \$825, plus deposit. Lease required. Close to Grantsville, Minnie Hamilton Health System. Call 304-532-8117. 9/2/rtn

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For Sale

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Wanted to Buy

WANTED To Buy -- Standing timber trees, 40%, in Calhoun County, off of ladies. Send photo and address to Box Holder, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. 4tp/12/2-23

Personals

WANTED -- Mature woman, 30s, with nice figure, for girlfriend with computer and house. Send photo, phone, address to Box Holder, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. 4tp/12/2-23

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How to Drive in Snow and Ice

10 Winter Driving Tips

As the days grow shorter and the weather turns cooler in much of the U.S., everyone begins slowly preparing for winter weather conditions.

Warmer clothes come up from the basement, fireplaces are cleaned out and prepared, and plans for the holidays begin taking shape. Before the snow falls, it's important to review some safe winter driving tips.

You will want to begin with the car itself. Be sure to have a mechanic check the basics, including tire condition, battery, brakes, lights, and wipers.

Remember that cold temperatures may decrease your tire pressure, so checking more frequently may be warranted, especially since under-inflated tires mean less steering control. If you are in an extremely cold climate, now's the time to find those tire chains.

Below, you will find a list of 10 tips that will help you safely drive in winter conditions, such as ice and snow. Inclement weather can throw many unexpected things at a driver, and being patient and extra cautious are keys to safety:

--Prepare Your Vehicle: Before the winter weather hits, be sure you get your vehicle serviced and have your tires checked. A safe level of tread is critical for winter weather driving. Make sure your fluids are topped off. It's safer to have at least half a tank of fuel, and be sure your windshield fluid is always full.

Road salt tends to increase your need during the winter for cleaning your windshield. You may also want to pack some extra blankets, snow chains, a small shovel, and other emergency items into your trunk for the winter, just in case you get stranded.

--Avoid Driving in Inclement Weather: Young people tend to have an invincibility about themselves, believing that nothing bad will happen to them. If the roads are particularly icy or are covered with snow, stay off of them.

Schools, employers, and other organizations

often cancel or delay start times for this very reason. There is often no excuse for simply waiting out very bad weather safely.

--Give Yourself Extra Time: When the immediate danger has passed and people are slowly getting back on the road, remember to give yourself plenty of time to get to where you are going.

When driving in winter, you should not be in a hurry, trying to weave around other cars because you left your home too late. Driving in snow and icy conditions is stressful enough; don't worry about being late on top of that.

--Remember the Driving Basics: Don't forget to buckle up and ensure that you are in a physical and mental state that's safe for driving. Being too tired, distracted, or under the influence of even a legal level of alcohol can pose extra risks during winter driving.

--Watch Your Speed and Increase Following Distance: Slowing down is critical in winter driving conditions. Be a little cautious to avoid hitting other cars or stationary items by reducing your speed.

Another way to be safer is to increase the distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. Instead of the usual three-second following

distance, stay back at least five seconds in winter driving conditions.

This will allow you more time to stop should something unforeseen happen. For example, in icy conditions, the stopping distance can be up to 10 times longer compared to when driving on a dry road, so you need that extra safety margin to stay safe. Reduce your speed by half, if driving on packed snow.

--Keep Your Low Beam Headlights On: Using your headlights isn't only about allowing you to see better, but it will help you be seen by others. Especially during the winter, any extra visibility can be a safety precaution.

Remember that high beam headlights aren't necessarily better than low beams. In bad weather conditions, high beams can actually make you see less instead of more.

--Select the Right Gear: If you have manual transmission, winter is the time to use those rarely used lower gears. The purpose of these gears is to turn your tires more slowly, providing additional traction when driving in icy and snowy conditions. Do not use cruise control during bad weather; you will want all the manual control possible.

--Clear All Windows: Be sure to leave enough time to clear all your windows of snow and ice, as well as defrost them, before you begin to drive. It can be tempting to just chip away enough so you can barely see and hope that the warmth of the car will take care of the rest during the trip.

Clear visibility is really important to stay safe in winter weather. Snow can also fly off your vehicle and create a road hazard for drivers behind you.

--Don't Slam Your Brakes: If you happen to lose control of your vehicle on an icy road, it can be hard to know what to do quickly enough. The most important thing is to take your foot off the gas pedal, so that your vehicle reduces speed.

It can be difficult to regain control because you often instinctively want to do the wrong things, like slam on your brakes and counter-steer. If your vehicle has anti-lock brakes, that can help you from skidding. Regular brakes may need to be pumped to keep them from locking.

--Be Extra Careful Around Curves and Shaded Areas: Curves and shaded areas are known to hide spots of ice, making them very dangerous during winter.

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GSC Marching Band Ends Season

Members of the Glenville State College Pioneer "Wall of Sound" Marching Band have wrapped up their 2021 season.

"The band was happy to be back to mostly normal and performing our field show for Pioneer fans. We hope everyone enjoyed the performances as much as we enjoyed presenting them," said Nic McVane, field commander.

"Members of the band are also appreciative to all of those who helped raise money for our new band uniforms."

In addition to performing at GSC home football games, the band hosted members of the Braxton County and Calhoun County bands at the last home game as part of their "Band Day," an opportunity for high school marching band members to visit the campus, see a college football game, and perform alongside college band members.

New this year, the band helped celebrate the arrival of the football team to Morris Stadium on game days with a new

tradition known as "The Pioneer Way."

After arriving at the stadium via charter bus, the band, GSC cheer squad, and tailgaters, formed a pathway to cheer for the team, as they made their way from the parking lot to the field house before the games.

A highlight of the season came when the band performed as the featured exhibition band for an estimated crowd of over 5,000 people at the Jim Kessell Big Red Band Invitational in Parkersburg.

"On behalf of the Pioneer 'Wall of Sound' Marching Band, thank you to everyone who came out in support of our students and the program this season. Thank you for your care and assistance --we could not have done it without you!" said Dr. Lloyd Bone, Jr., band director.

For information about the GSC Marching Band, call the Dept. of Fine Arts, 462-6340.

Safe Shopping

W.Va. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey reminds consumers to use caution, shop wisely, and protect their personal information, as the holiday shopping season is underway.

"Scammers often take advantage of increased consumer activity during the holidays, and every transaction could be an opportunity for a fraudster to steal your money or identity," said Morrisey.

"Whether you choose to shop for gifts in-store or online, be on the lookout for seasonal scams to avoid personal information ending up in the wrong hands. Remember, any deal that looks too good to be true is most likely untrue."

Morrisey recommends that consumers limit their use of debit cards, pay close attention to holiday credit card offers, and be aware of fraudulent websites or coupons that resemble the real thing.

Credit cards, whether shopping online or in store, provide the best protection to dispute charges when goods or services do not arrive as promised. Debit cards, in contrast, are no different than cash and come with no special protection.

In-store shoppers also should leave Social Security cards and other non-essential information at home, lock presents away in the trunk, watch for skimming devices, and use an RFID blocking sleeve or wallet to protect credit/debit cards from electronic pickpockets.

Consumers should rely upon secure payment systems, avoid money transfers to unknown people, and make sure any payment website starts with "https://," as the "s" indicates a secure page.

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Friends of Minnie Hamilton would like to announce the return of its Dove Tree fundraiser. A tree is placed in the lobby at Minnie Hamilton Health System and individuals are honored or memorialized with their names on doves.

The dove-covered tree is set up in December and left through the end of January. The suggested donation is \$5 (the form is below). Funds collected are used to provide equipment and other needs within MHHS. Mail your completed form and donation to Carol Sloane, c/o FOMH, 186 Hospital Dr., Grantsville, WV 26147. For information, call Sloane, 354-9484.



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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. 30	240,459	3,623,522	3,670	6.2	10.6
Oct. 29	270,984	3,957,070	4,426	6.4	10.8
Nov. 1	273,030	3,984,084	4,450	6.4	8.8
Nov. 2	273,659	3,990,044	4,475	6.4	6.3
Nov. 3	274,508	4,001,726	4,490	6.4	6.9
Nov. 4	275,396	4,013,475	4,511^	6.4	6.6
Nov. 5	276,267	4,025,899	4,518	6.4	9.2
Nov. 8	278,578	4,050,697	4,548	6.4	16.2
Nov. 9	278,837	4,054,068	4,568^	6.4	6.7
Nov. 10	279,694	4,068,613	4,592	6.4	6.5
Nov. 11	280,727	4,082,607	4,610	6.4	7.6
Nov. 12	281,865	4,373,684	4,610	6.4	10.1
Nov. 15	283,561	4,116,455	4,636	6.4	9.0
Nov. 16	284,165	4,122,348	4,676^	6.4	7.8
Nov. 17	285,135	4,133,187	4,698	6.5	7.8
Nov. 18	286,249	4,146,239	4,717	6.5	8.8
Nov. 19	287,612	4,156,122	4,726	6.5	11.4
Nov. 22	289,524	4,181,701	4,757	6.5	10.5
Nov. 23	290,026	4,186,969	4,770	6.5	7.5
Nov. 24	290,909	4,197,402	4,817	6.5	13.1
Nov. 29	294,014	4,229,456	4,837	6.5	11.0
Nov. 30	294,794	4,235,663	4,868	6.5	8.8

*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.

As of Sept. 20, total cases by county are not listed by DHHR. Each county must be totaled separately; therefore, the following numbers are as of Monday, instead of the usual Tuesday total:

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (2,962), Berkeley (20,218), Boone (3,958), Braxton (2,387), Brooke (3,342), Cabell (15,981), Calhoun (1,070), Clay (1,386), Doddridge (1,436), Fayette (6,771), Gilmer (1,458), Grant (2,372), Greenbrier (5,230), Hampshire (3,641), Hancock (4,574), Hardy (2,693), Harrison (12,221), Jackson (4,245), Jefferson (7,419), Kanawha (26,514), Lewis (3,287), Lincoln (3,215), Logan (5,712), Marion (8,952), Marshall (5,989), Mason (3,920), McDowell (3,158), Mercer (9,624), Mineral (4,933), Mingo (4,926), Monongalia (14,321), Monroe (2,240), Morgan (2,348), Nicholas (4,261), Ohio (6,626), Pendleton (1,221), Pleasants (1,472), Pocahontas (1,257), Preston (5,832), Putnam (9,699), Raleigh (12,366), Randolph (5,478), Ritchie (1,545), Roane (1,779), Summers (1,531), Taylor (2,587), Tucker (1,232), Tyler (1,446), Upshur (4,437),

Wayne (5,977), Webster (1,383), Wetzel (2,769), Wirt (922), Wood (14,058), Wyoming (3,883); 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 cases, Jan. 23; last to reach 300 cases, May 6; last to reach 400 cases, July 22; last to reach 500 cases on Sept. 1; reached 600 cases on Sept. 6; reached 700 cases on Sept. 13; reached 800 cases on Sept. 27; reached 900 cases on Oct. 21; 54th county to reach 1,000 cases on Nov. 13. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second death on Sept. 15, 2021, 73-year-old woman; third death on Sept. 29, 2021, 79-year-old man; fourth death on Sept. 30, 2021, 73-year-old man; fifth death on Nov. 1, 2021, 73-year-old woman; sixth death on Nov. 23, 2021, 86-year-old woman.

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

	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept.28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov.30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec.28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb.22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar.29	30,966,974	562,551	127,963,064	2,799,992
Apr.26	32,824,618	586,152	148,006,342	3,127,343
May31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 31	35,688,506	629,064	198,207,725	4,232,644
Aug.31	39,946,708	656,393	218,104,333	4,531,744
Sept.30	44,200,421	713,953	234,173,044	4,795,746
Oct.31	46,799,970	766,117	247,382,939	5,018,389
Nov. 1	46,823,938	766,299	247,565,400	5,022,823
Nov. 2	46,889,795	767,056	247,774,889	5,025,088
Nov. 3	46,999,771	768,847	248,429,613	5,037,430
Nov. 4	47,105,468	770,854	248,991,759	5,045,990
Nov. 5	47,187,256	772,315	249,506,102	5,053,716
Nov. 6	47,280,449	774,673	250,008,462	5,062,487
Nov. 7	47,313,412	775,095	250,385,227	5,068,146
Nov. 8	47,336,577	775,218	250,725,097	5,072,844
Nov. 9	47,453,950	776,311	251,230,529	5,086,408
Nov.10	47,536,536	778,316	251,740,414	5,094,913
Nov.11	47,647,745	780,236	252,337,529	5,097,498
Nov.12	47,693,516	780,775	253,069,501	5,104,277
Nov.13	47,834,810	782,933	253,371,697	5,113,139
Nov.14	47,896,749	783,481	253,807,052	5,118,702
Nov.15	47,916,190	783,565	254,187,872	5,123,407
Nov.16	48,072,898	784,779	254,754,543	5,131,094
Nov.17	48,161,377	786,268	255,300,662	5,139,048
Nov.18	48,289,391	788,012	255,951,575	5,148,248
Nov.19	48,398,455	789,155	256,544,481	5,156,392
Nov.20	48,528,020	791,184	257,140,836	5,164,295
Nov.21	48,558,229	793,539	257,567,002	5,171,400
Nov.22	48,592,810	793,651	257,937,013	5,175,854
Nov.23	48,748,557	794,864	258,585,902	5,183,996
Nov.24	48,835,216	796,319	259,242,602	5,192,761
Nov.25	48,972,550	798,245	259,933,044	5,201,318
Nov.26	48,999,737	798,551	260,526,724	5,208,422
Nov.27	49,050,917	799,138	261,071,890	5,215,289
Nov.28	49,077,695	799,312	261,497,827	5,220,690
Nov.29	49,099,590	799,414	261,917,335	5,225,471
Nov.30	49,301,070	801,326	262,581,538	5,233,860

Cases by states and territories: California 5,061,240, Texas 4,321,134, Florida 3,721,503, New York 2,715,335, Illinois 1,784,900, Pennsylvania 1,731,154, Ohio 1,677,741, Georgia 1,659,491, North Carolina 1,524,078, Michigan 1,447,230, Tennessee 1,309,931, Arizona 1,264,848, New Jersey 1,249,454, Indiana 1,084,488, Wisconsin 968,291, Virginia 967,208, South Carolina 916,535, Massachusetts 909,705, Missouri 908,715, Minnesota 895,229, Alabama 845,284, Colorado 821,859, Kentucky 777,858, Louisiana 769,051, Washington 768,151, Oklahoma 662,220, Utah 592,130, Maryland 584,899, Arkansas 527,587, Iowa 522,858, Mississippi 512,632, Kansas 462,057, Nevada 454,980, Connecticut 418,473, Oregon 387,485, Nebraska 308,384, New Mexico 308,091, Idaho 305,762, West Virginia 293,995, Montana 190,071, Rhode Island 188,561, Puerto Rico 188,433, South Dakota 164,865, North Dakota 161,453, New Hampshire 155,711, Delaware 152,670, Alaska 150,087, Maine 118,748, Wyoming 110,264, Hawaii 87,514, D.C. 66,510, Vermont 49,756; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

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Rev. Craig Blankenship brought the message at Burning Springs M.E. Church and served Holy Communion.

Thanksgiving was celebrated by many in the Creston area, with meals with family and friends. Barb Wright and Kathleen Cervone motored up into Ohio to celebrate with family and friends.

The Engelkes went to visit Adam and Anna Yates at Asheville, N.C. Cap'n and Mrs. Spock dined with Cooter and Sis at Millstone. The Creston area had some snow, but it went away.

Shelia Wease remains a patient in University Hospital.

Creston, like the rest of the nation, is getting to "enjoy" the inflation that works like a tax on those who do not have unlimited resources.

First, the government denied that such was happening, and then the spokesbabes said, "Actually, it is a good thing!"

Most can afford the higher prices and too many have been living "too high on the hog," driving cars, visiting historic and scenic places, visiting family, eating good cuts of meat, etc.

One might conclude that "they" want us to use only public transportation (hard to do in Creston --harder in Cremona), eat "lab grown meat" and quit dreaming the American dream.

It was suggested that we should learn how to live like folks do in Europe, where there are constant lockdowns and restricted freedoms.

Living like folks in Europe may mean living like the peasants in Albania and Romania.

The first family and son Hunter spent Thanksgiving at a \$20 million spread on an island in New England, owned by a billionaire friend.

Nacero, Inc., announced that the firm intends to build a \$6 billion refinery in Luzerne County, Pa., to make gasoline from Marcellus and Utica natural gas. Is anybody down at the Mouth of Elk awake?

The Pennsylvania DNR leased some land under the Susquehanna River for \$4,000/acre.

West Virginia DNR received 20% gross royalty when they leased land under major rivers.

The federal government raised the royalty rate on federal lands from 12.5% (1/8th) to 18.75%.

Some West Virginia legislators want to reduce royalties in West Virginia for world class fields to 1/8th net, when the rate should be 25% gross. Obviously, there need to be some legislators and other W.Va. officials "retired." Signups for the primary will be in January.

Putin's "private gas company," Gazprom, announced that Appalachian natural gas, which has cut into his world market share, is "dirty."

No doubt that is why Sen. Warren, a/k/a Faux-cohantas, requires Russian gas to heat her wigwam in Massachusetts.

Rusty Hutson, Jr., who is the head honcho at Diversified Energy, stated that most of his 69,000 gas wells will still be producing 50 years from now.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude inched up to \$77.39/bbl., with condensate, \$63.39, Marcellus and Utica light, \$68.39, and medium, \$77.39.

Gasoline prices are "all over the place," with some stations charging \$3.45. In Kentucky, it is less than \$3/gal.

The Henry Hub price for natural gas was said to have gone up to \$5.55/mmbtu.

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Left to right, first row, Allison Stevens, Josie Montgomery, Ella Hess, Savannah Cunningham, Makayla Jones; second row, Brealle Arthur, Macy Carter, Madison Westfall, Trista Arnold, Nyla Warner, Ariety Hickman; third row, Akeara Webb, Joselynn Yeager, Ashlyn Boak, Lauren Lovejoy; fourth row, coach Kevin Boak, manager Pepper McCormick, and assistant Rex Yoak.



Josie Montgomery, Calhoun senior, puts up a two-point attempt over the Parkersburg Catholic defense last week. Teammate is Ashlyn Boak (32).



CCHS senior Savannah Cunningham is crushed on all sides by Catholic defenders during a scrimmage with the Lady Crusaders.



In memoriam of Jim Bell, the Calhoun Historical Society acknowledges his countless efforts to help the society and Heritage Village.

PROCLAMATION

BE IT KNOWN to all that the Calhoun County Historical Society honors James A. Bell with this proclamation:

WHEREAS, James A. Bell has been a dedicated fixture for decades in Calhoun County's history and culture; WHEREAS, James A. Bell has devoted many years of hard work to the development of Heritage Village; WHEREAS, James A. Bell has donated equipment, machinery and materials vital to the construction and restoration of historic structures; WHEREAS, James A. Bell was recognized as a History Hero by West Virginia Humanities Council; WHEREAS, James A. Bell has organized and motivated many groups of volunteers; WHEREAS, James A. Bell has sought and procured numerous items for display; WHEREAS, James A. Bell has used his design and carpentry skills to repair, renovate and create structures and furnishings; WHEREAS, James A. Bell continues to be a tremendous asset to Calhoun County in general and the Historical Society in particular.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that Calhoun County Historical Society recognizes and honors James A. Bell for his tremendous contributions to the Society's purposes and programs.

Presented this 18th day of October, 2014



Conor Nicholas, son of Chris and Amy Nicholas of Grantsville, tells Santa all about how good a boy he has been all year and what he wants for Christmas. Santa was seeing children at Alice's Attic on Main St., Grantsville.

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