

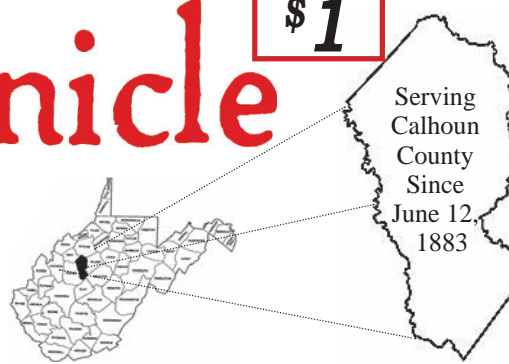


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Park Fundraising Light Show Will Be Held For Four Days



Two of the displays from last year's light show are shown above and below.

Parade and Market Declared 'Successful' and 'Best Ever'

The Calhoun Christmas Parade and the Old World Christmas Market were held in Grantsville last week.

Christmas parade winners included: Grand prize (overall winner of \$100), Dave's Auto Repair (jeep and truck);

Individual, Queen Flora Lexi Gregory; Group/Organization: Fairview Memorial; Commercial, Calhoun Banks; First Responders, Wirt VFD; Band, Calhoun Middle/High School.

The Christmas Market, sponsored by the 1982 Foundation at the Calhoun County Community Center (former high school in Grantsville), was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

According to Crystal Mersh of the foundation, "The crowd on Friday night was near 1,000, with over 300 kids getting bikes or rainchecks (we ran out of certain sizes), and the weekend traffic was around 900 through the building.

"We had 45 excess tricycles, which were provided to the Communities in Schools programs for kids not able to attend.

"We estimate that the vendors' revenue was in excess of \$30,000, and all were pleased with the event. John Coe, a craftsman of wooden bowls from Spencer, indicated this was the best show that they had attended in four years, and they do a lot of the very large highly promoted shows.

"There was very positive feedback, and a (Continued on Page 4)

The second annual Community Christmas Light Display will be held at Calhoun County Park on Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 10-11 and 17-18, from 6:00 to 9:00 each night.

With the help of numerous volunteers, organizations, businesses and students, last year's three-day light show raised \$4,200 to benefit the park.

Park chairman Donnie Pitts thanked all those who participated and attended last year's light display, and praised park board members and all the helpers, who made the event a huge success.

Pitts said that the funds raised "will be used to make improvements to the park and to provide maintenance."



Concessions will also be available this year, including Kettle Korn and drinks.

Listed on the event's program as contributors to last year's light show were Calhoun Banks, Victory Baptist, Cornerstone Praise and Worship, Minnie Hamilton Health System, CCHS Energy and Power class, Calhoun County Library, Calhoun County Committee on Aging, Calhoun Historical Society, Grantsville Lions Club, and CMS Empowerment Academy.

Eighth, Ninth Deaths Reported; Seven In Last Nine Weeks

The Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported that the first county resident to die from COVID-19 came on May 26, 2021.

At that time, the county had 366 positive cases.

In the six months since that date, the county has had over 700 additional cases and eight more deaths--seven in the last nine weeks.

The latest two were reported on Monday, as a 92-year-old female, and on Tuesday, as a 93-year-old male.

Since last week's update, DHHR reported that the county had 30 cases, sending the total to 1,103.

After three straight days of zero cases, the county had nine reported on Tuesday. The county average is still at 29 per (Continued on Page 3)

Parade Marshals



Roger and Linda Jarvis served as the 2021 Calhoun's Hometown Christmas parade marshals.

Linda is a graduate of Spencer High School, Glenville State College and Marshall University. She taught for 38 years, some in Roane County and near Cincinnati, Ohio, primarily in Calhoun County.

She said it brought her great pleasure to settle in Calhoun County, where her paternal lineage, the Schoolcrafts and Prines, lived on Nicut Road.

She has received "Teacher of the Year" at Pleasant Hill School and Calhoun Middle School. In the community, she serves at the First Baptist food panty, and previously served on town council for six years.

Roger is a graduate of Calhoun County High School and WVU. He retired after 40 years of employment with Calhoun General Hospital and Minnie Hamilton Health System.

He has coached and worked with Little League, T-ball, girls' softball and women's softball. He was a member of Grantsville Volunteer Fire Dept. for 20 years. He serves on the boards of Calhoun County Committee on Aging and Calhoun County Park.

Roger and Linda reside in Grantsville and are parents of two daughters, Emily and Amanda, and four grandchildren. They are members of Enon Baptist Church, where Roger serves as church treasurer and Linda serves as adult Sunday School teacher and song leader. Both are active members of Calhoun Historical Society and volunteer at Calhoun County Park.

Parade and Market Scenes

(additional photos
on Page 10)



OBITUARIES

JAMES EARL BUSH

James Earl Bush, 78, of Grantsville, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, at his home. He was the son of the late Holly and Artie Bush. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed as a surveyor until his retirement. He was a member of Victory Baptist Church, where he served as a trustee. Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Barbara C. Marks Bush; two children and spouses, Thomas J. and Deborah Bush and Robert D. and Brenda Bush; one grandson, Nicholas D. Bush; one brother, Guy Bush, Jr.; four sisters, Eleanore Skidmore, Lona Smith, Charlotte Sidwell and Judy Gant; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

James chose to donate his body to the WVU Human Gift Registry.

In accordance with his final wishes, there will be no services.

JEFFRO RALPH MARKS

Jeffro Ralph Marks, 64, of Elkins, formerly of Calhoun County, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, N.C. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., the son of the late Finley Ralph Marks and Flossie Mae Mackey Marks.



Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Laura Ann Marks; two sons, Jeremiah Ralph Marks and Jaden Lee Marks; two grandsons, Jensen Ames Ralph Marks and Jaden Lee Marks II; many nieces and nephews, including Joshua Lee Miller and Shannon Marie Miller, who they raised; great-nieces and nephews, Cierra Miller, Natallie Miller and Thor Miller; special great-great-nephew, Vincent Gillespie; two sisters, Peggy Ice and Darlene Villers; and five brothers, Dexter Marks, Sonny Marks, Larry Marks, Robert Marks and Chester Marks.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Bonnie Jean Miller; one sister-in-law, Debbie Marks; and four brothers, Jerry Marks, Ronald Marks and two infants.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Kevin Church officiating.

SHEILA McCULLOUGH WEASE

Sheila McCullough Wease, 68, of Creston, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

Per her wishes, there will be no service or visitation following cremation.

DORTHA WANETTA TINGLER DYE

Dortha Wanetta Tingler Dye, 92, of Grantsville, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, at Minnie Hamilton Health System.



She was born in Calhoun County, one of 10 children of the late Roscoe Lawrence and Nettie Jane Richards Tingler. She was a Christian and attended Five Forks Community Church.

Surviving are two children, Denzil Dye of Mt. Zion and Wanda Bryan of Parkersburg; four grandchildren, Douglas Dye of Washington, David Dye of Mineral Wells, Chandra Bolland of Woodbridge, Va., and Joanna George of Belpre, Ohio; eight great-grandchildren, Allison Dye, Cody Dye, Connor Dye, Devin Bolland, Paige Bolland, Madison George, Morgan George and Avery George; two sisters, Margaret Cox of Tilton, Ill., and Oleta Wilt of Vienna; and one brother, Alvin Tingler of Windham, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Orval Glen Dye, on Jan. 23, 2005; four brothers, Ona, Orval, Roma and Arlie Tingler; and two sisters, Ireda Tingler Hardman and Velda Tingler Kelley.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Alfred Hickman officiating. Burial was in Big Springs Cemetery.

FRANCES JEAN YOAK MILLER

Frances Jean Yoak Miller, 97, of Grantsville, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2021, at Ruby Memorial Hospice Care Unit, Morgantown.



She was born at White Pine, the daughter of Francis and Mary Della Grimm Kelley. She was a 1942 graduate of Calhoun County High School and married the late Arvin J. Yoak of Grantsville. She lived and worked in Akron, Ohio, during World War II. She was a "Rosie the Riveter" and worked at Goodyear Aircraft. She lived in Tallmadge, Ohio, until 1958, and then moved back to Grantsville. She worked at Rubber Fabricators, as a beautician, a nurse's aide, nursery aide at Minnie Hamilton, and a mother to 23 foster children. She was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and recently attended Cornerstone and Community Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Odus Miller, who is in a nursing home in Jackson, Ga.; three children, James Yoak, Carol Taylor and Rose L. Yoak; five grandchildren, Rebecca Taylor, Angela Yoak, Stacy Yoak, Catherine Rose Young and Jordan Young; four great-grandchildren, Micaiah Yoak, Josiah Yoak, Frances Yoak and Addison Welch; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Carolina Barr, Gladys Whipkey, Genevieve Ward and Geraldine Kelley, and three brothers, Virgil Kelley, Blenden Kelley and Donald Kelley.

Services will be held Saturday, noon, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, with Rev. Rick Metheny officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon, at the church. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Calhoun County Library, 250 Mill St., Grantsville, WV, 26147. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

GEORGE WAYNE GRIFFIN

George Wayne Griffin, 65, of Grantsville, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, at his home.

He was the son of the late Robert and Ethel Richards Griffin.

Surviving are one son, Jeremy Griffin; two brothers, Peter Griffin and Roger Griffin; one sister, Dorothy Griffin; and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Roland Griffin, and one sister, Shirley Richards.

George's wish for cremation has been honored and there will be no public service. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

KATHERINE 'Kat' BUNNER

Katherine "Kat" Bunner, 62, of Creston, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2021.



She was born in Hartford, Conn., the daughter of the late Vernon and Norma Jean Wilson King. She worked at Walmart, Southside and Spencer.

Surviving are her husband of 24 years, Randy Bunner; four children, Brett Martin of Florida, Jon Revel of Texas, and Abby Agan and Megan Revel, both of Iowa; six grandchildren, A.J., Taylor, Kylie, Chloe, Lilly and Roady; and one brother, Vernon King, Jr., of South Carolina.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Steven King and Tim King, and one sister, Debbie Gordon.

Services will be held Thursday, 6 p.m., at Matheny Whited Funeral Home, Elizabeth. Visitation will be held Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m., at the funeral home.

MARY 'HELEN' DODD SNIDER

Mary "Helen" Dodd Snider, 73, of Big Springs, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2021, at her residence.



She was born in Ritchie County, the daughter of the late Russell and Edna Heath Dodd. She was employed for several years with Ritchie County Garment Factories. She was a Christian and attended Five Forks Community Church.

Surviving are one brother, Ronald Dodd of Finch Community, Ellenboro; one sister, Peggy Jones of North Carolina; one step-daughter, Cynthia Howerton; three grandchildren, John, Brady and Alexis Howerton; one great-grandson, Charlie Crookshanks; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 40 years, Lyle "Wayne" Snider; five brothers, Nile Dodd, Max Dodd, Roy Dodd, Millard Dodd and James Dodd; and four sisters, Evelyn Whitehair, Pauline Stevens, Betty Blankenship and Nancy Dodd.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m., at Five Forks Community Church, with Rev. Alfred Hickman officiating. Helen was cremated and her ashes will be buried at Saunders Cemetery, Big Springs, at a later date. The family requests no flowers. Helen made monthly donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Memorial donations can be sent to Memorial Giving, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

CARL FRYMER

Carl W. Frymer, 79, of Spencer, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at Miletree Center, Spencer.

He was born in Rosedale, the son of the late Bill Frymer and Josie Mace.

There will be no public service at this time. Burial with his mother will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Last Friday evening, a Christmas parade was held in Grantsville, the likes of which had not been seen here, at least in my lifetime.

There were 65 entries in the parade, and the streets were filled with happy people waiting to see it in its entirety.

It was on par with the other big parade that hits the streets of Grantsville each year during the Calhoun County Wood Festival, but being held in the dark of night allows for float designers to make exceptional use of light.

I will admit that these are conditions that really challenge both my skills as a photographer and the abilities of my camera to shoot decent photos in darkness.

The parade was phenomenal, the float entries were highly creative, and the children made fairly safe forays into the streets, chasing after the candies that would energize them all evening until bedtime.

At the end of the parade, there were many folks heading over to the new Calhoun County Community Center to admire the lights on the old school and to witness the lighting of the Christmas tree in front of the grand old structure.

My traveling joint pain seems to be ameliorating somewhat. I hate to mention it, but the only joints that were spared, so far, by this mysterious malady, were both of my ankles and my right knee. All of my other joints suffered, sometimes more than once.

As of Tuesday morning, my left elbow and the index finger on my left hand are very stiff and sore. I can get by simply by not using the affected appendages, but the fatigue that I am experiencing is keeping me from doing anything that requires me to expend much energy.

Walking from the post office in Grantsville

to Dollar General, a few blocks away, makes me so tired that I want to sit down and rest a spell, both going there and back to work again.

We experienced very nice weather for December, at the end of last week, and now we are waking up to heavy frost and temperatures in the 20s.

On Friday and Saturday, the temperatures will really not feel like December once again, with a high of 63 on Friday and 69 on Saturday.

Not to worry though, winter weather will return before long and we will then have to deal with frosty windshields, black ice, and snowy roads.

I have already put my electric bicycle away for the winter. With my traveling joint pain, I couldn't ride it, and anyway, it hurts enough just walking.

Even though I wish that I didn't have to remind people, again, that COVID-19 is not only real, but is still killing people right here in Calhoun County. It is a virus and it will mutate over and over again.

It doesn't care if you believe in it or not. It doesn't care what political affiliations you may have. It couldn't care less what religion you follow or, for that matter, if you are religious at all.

I can tell you that if you succumb to this virus, you have waited way too long to get vaccinated and you will wish you had gotten the shot, possibly with your last breath.

Jeanne and I have family members who have tested positive. We are very frightened for them. I hope you don't have to go through this worrisome time. Get yourself and your loved ones vaccinated now.

Tomorrow may be too late, and you might then be known as "the late" whatever your name is.

Monday, Dec. 13 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). Calhoun board of education meeting, Pleasant Hill School, with Local School Improvement Committee, 5:30 p.m. (Continued on Page 5)

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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, Dec. 9
CCHS girls basketball team hosts South Harrison, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 10
Christmas Craft Show, West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community Christmas Light Display, Calhoun County Park, 6 to 9 p.m.

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

Saturday, Dec. 11
Christmas Craft Show, West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CCHS wrestling team competes in Gary Bender Raider Cup at Roane County, 11 a.m.

Community Christmas Light Display, Calhoun County Park, 6 to 9 p.m.

CCHS girls basketball team hosts Wirt County, 7 p.m.

This Week In History

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

1921, 100 years ago

The following poem, written by a Calhoun County "lad" and sent in to the Chronicle for publication, shows that there is no dearth of poetic talent in this county:

There's a spot in West Virginia
That's a little bit of Heaven,
Where the cedar and the laurel
Will never change their hue.
And my heart is like the laurel,
Like the pine tree by the river,
For her 'tis ever pining
And to her will e'er be true.

Where the dear old Kanawha's flowing,
Where the whispering pine tree grows,
Where my heart is I am going
To my West Virginia Rose.
And the moment that I meet her,
With a hug and kiss I'll greet her,
For there's not a girl more sweeter
Where the River Kanawha flows.

Oh! For the hills I'm pining,
Where the rambling rose is twining,
And speed the day that finds me
With my West Virginia Rose.
Where the sycamore is growing,
My heart with love's o'erflowing,
To Grantsville I am going,
Where the River Kanawha flows.

Written by "Jack" Ayers.

A training school for recruits to the West Virginia state police has been established by Colonel Jackson Arnold at Kanawha City, a Charleston suburb. With its establishment, the West Virginia troopers follow in the footsteps of the Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York forces, which long ago realized the importance of rigid training for the exacting duties of law enforcement.

The school is housed in a two-story brick structure equipped with shower baths and other modern conveniences. It is 30 by 60 feet in dimension.

Seventeen men have been quartered there several weeks, receiving preliminary instruction under the guidance of Private A.E. Stine, a seasoned trooper.

1946, 75 years ago

William Henry Bickel, 69, prominent West Virginia oil producer and breeder of Arabian horses, collapsed and died on Nov. 28, just after attending a Thanksgiving day dance at the Butcher Hill Country Club, near Parkersburg.

Bickel was talking with friends when he was stricken. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital.

His estate just outside the city limits was famous for its colorful game preserve and horse shows. His Arabian steeds were a feature of many conventions in this and other states.

Bickel, who was born Jan. 27, 1879, at Red Hill, Wood County, was a director of Peoples National Bank of Parkersburg, Board of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Elks.

He drilled extensively for oil and gas in Canada between 1912 and 1915, and brought in one of the largest wells in that country, near Calgary, Alberta.

He returned to Parkersburg just before World War I to continue drilling operations in Wood, Ritchie and Calhoun counties.

Bickel is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mary Ann Bickel, a Parkersburg High School student.

1971, 50 years ago

A total of \$117,943 in federal funds for 33 new jobs in Calhoun County is a new program under the Emergency Employment Act that was approved last week.

Several officials were on hand for the signing, including Grantsville mayor Chester Fluharty, superintendent of schools Paul Siegrist, regional administrator A.M. Albers, Donald Bailey and Tom Gainer of the Department of Welfare, delegate Billy B. Burke, and administrator of welfare Earl Nicholson.

The Town of Grantsville, the board of education, and the county court will be employing the 28 persons in the program, which is to last 10 months. While some of the jobs are classified as general labor, a few are skilled jobs requiring educational qualifications.

Grantsville will have three positions of maintenance at a monthly rate of \$278, for a total of \$8,340. Fluharty said he expected these men would be used for upkeep of the town, cleaning streets, and other jobs.

The board of education has the most advanced program, with 17 positions, five for professional people.

The positions include a supervisor for special instruction projects, a recreation supervisor, a pupil personnel director, teacher of handicapped children, and nutrition coordinator. The non-professional jobs are secretarial and maintenance.

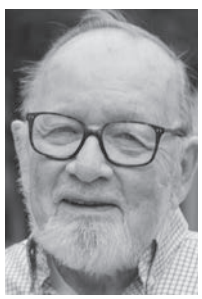
The county court was allotted five persons to work in solid waste disposal. Also allotted are two secretarial jobs, a librarian assistant, a social case worker for Community Action, a transportation worker under the welfare department, and two carpenter-maintenance men.

Under the program, the first priority for all positions goes to Vietnam veterans. All persons considered must be unemployed. The Dept. of Employment will screen applicants for some positions.

The application made by the three county agencies was approved as submitted. Some of the people are expected to be on the job very soon.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: What's the difference between the acre and the metric hectare? (Asked by a curious column reader.)

Reply: Both are units of land area. The acre is the common unit in the United States and the United Kingdom (UK). The hectare is used in metric countries, as in Europe and the Middle East. We buy the farm in acres and they buy it in hectares.

Our acre had its origin centuries ago. It began as the amount of land that could be plowed in a single day by a team of oxen. This area designated in units, called perches, was 40 perches long and 4 perches wide. Forty perches were roughly the distance a team of oxen could plow a furrow before having to rest, and was a "furrow-long," which became a furlong (220 yards), a unit still used in horse racing. The perch was later called the rod. An acre was 40 rods long and 4 rods wide or 160 square rods. The 4-rod width became the length of a surveyor's chain (another unit) and is the distance between wickets in cricket (sticky wicket).

The size of an acre has varied over the years because of the difference in length units. In the United States, the acre is currently based on the U.S. survey foot and is 4,840 square yards.

In the metric system, the special name for the unit of land area is the "are," which is 100 square meters (a square, 10 meters on a side) or about 119.6 square yards. This is a relatively small area, so the hectare (100 ares) is commonly used (hect- is the metric prefix meaning 100, analogous to centi- meaning 1/100). So, with all this, we have 1 hectare = 2.47 acres.

As you can see, the science of metrology (measurement) has a stormy history. This is primarily due to a lack of standardization because a lack of communications. In the old days, different regions adopted different standards; and, as commerce developed, there were mixed units. For example, different lengths for the same unit. Now we have international committees that set standards, so that everyone measures the same for the same unit. Also, we are going metric with the International System of Units (SI), which is much easier, because it is a decimal (base-10) system.

I dare say that some of you may not be too enthused about the metric system, but it is easier because everything is based on multiples of 10. You are already familiar with a decimal (base-10) system: our money.

\$1 equals 10 dimes, 1 dime equals 10 cents, and 1 cent equals 10 mils (if you pay taxes). Another way of looking at it: a penny is a centidollar (1/100 of a dollar), a dime is a decidollar (1/10 of a dollar), and a mil is a millidollar (1/1000 of a dollar).

Try setting up a money system with a base-12, similar to our base-12 length measurements: 12 inches equals 1 foot. Let's see, 1 dime equals 12 cents . . .

That will help you go metric.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Having ten fingers and ten toes for counting, we are born to use the metric system." --Anonymous.

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.

Eighth, Ninth Deaths--

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The number of deaths week over the last 11 weeks.

Calhoun was on "yellow alert" the first day, orange for three days, dropped to gold for two days, and returned to orange on Tuesday.

The 1,103 cases since the pandemic began-- 585 confirmed cases (still the lowest in the State) and 518 probable cases.

Calhoun is surrounded by one gold county (Gilmer), two orange (Clay, Braxton), and three red (Wirt, Roane, Ritchie).

The county's infection rate on Tuesday was 33.16 (per 100,000), up from 19.09, with a percent positivity rate of 5.16, up from 3.62.

Cases in the seven-county area were 294, the highest in seven weeks, and now totaling 10,860.

New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Roane, 69 (1,859/27); Braxton, 59 (2,445/27); Ritchie, 47 (1,592/22); Clay, 37 (1,427/24); Wirt, 26 (950/17); and Gilmer, 26 (1,484/14).

The only county in the state with under 1,100 cases is Wirt (671 confirmed, 279 probable).

New West Virginia cases were 7,326, up from 4,768 and 5,359 the previous two weeks. Total cases during the pandemic are 302,120.

The number of deaths reported was 153, up from 98 the previous week. Total deaths in West Virginia are 5,021.

The number of new cases in the United States was 870,266, significantly higher than the previous weeks of 506,780, 519,912 and 579,613. Total cases since the pandemic began are 49,969,856.

Deaths in the U.S. were reported as 9,349, much higher than the previous week of 5,763, but less than 500 higher than two weeks ago, when it was 8,872. Total deaths are 808,763.

New weekly worldwide cases were 4,366,359, up from 3,980,322 and 3,182,470 the previous two weeks. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 266,283,694.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 53,833, up from 49,617 and 44,760. Total deaths are 5,279,304.

DHHR reported that 900,909 (50.3%) of West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated, up from the previous 892,387 (49.8%). There have been 246,099 boosters administered, up from 68,279 last week.

The number of doses administered in Calhoun is reported as 3,117, down(?) from 3,167 announced previously by DHHR.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Dec. 9-15 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia, and the first Democratic governor of the state.

Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist, and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville.



Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.

Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from West Virginia State Police Academy. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute from Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.



Dec. 11, 1905: "Pare" Lorentz, known as "FDR's filmmaker," was born in Clarksburg. In 1933, he created "The Roosevelt Year: 1933," a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.



Dec. 12, 1942: Internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist Bob Thompson was

born in Jamaica, Queens, N.Y. He studied music at West Virginia State College (now University) and is the house pianist on the Mountain Stage radio program.

Dec. 12, 1953: Chuck Yeager set a speed record by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A. Yeager, who grew up in Hamlin, had broken the sound barrier six years earlier on Oct. 14, 1947.

Dec. 13, 1861: Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. He was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.

Dec. 14, 1910: The accidental death of a Chesapeake & Ohio engineer near St. Albans led to the popular train song, "Billy Richardson's Last Ride."



Dec. 14, 1857: Coal operator Justus Collins was born. He owned coal mines at Glen Jean and Whipple. The octagonal Whipple company store survives today as a local landmark.

Dec. 15, 1879: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint was born in Pickens. He was responsible for the building of many religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling (now the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston).

Dec. 15, 1967: The Silver Bridge at Pt. Pleasant collapsed (shown below), killing 46 people. The Silver Bridge was built by the American Bridge Co. of Pittsburgh, and opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program.

Dec. 15, 1972: An explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial accident in Weirton's history.

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Wreckage of the Silver Bridge at Pt. Pleasant, which collapsed on Dec. 15, 1967, killing 46 people.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



As the old song goes, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go!" Our little town is really coming alive with the holiday spirit. I love the twinkling snowflakes on every pole and all of the other Christmas décor that has been appearing around town over the past few weeks. There is even holiday music being piped in the streets. Hallmark, eat your heart out.

When I returned to school on Monday, I decided to get in the spirit and decorate my classroom. I pulled out my Charlie Brown Christmas tree, placed it on my bookshelf, and gave it a garland tree skirt. Then, I hung up a wreath and put Christmas lights around both of my whiteboards.

Finally, I placed my Peace sign on my desk. I pray for peace in my classroom every day, and this little sign is a friendly reminder. I have my students making December acrostic poems and winter haikus to round out the decorations.

I loved driving home each afternoon and seeing the new decorations that had gone up that day. There were candy canes, and pine swags, and cute, little lanterns in wooden barrels. In addition to the town decorations, I enjoyed seeing the local businesses get into the Christmas spirit.

I may be a little biased, but I think Stump Hotel and the History Museum both look lovely. This weekend, we put the finishing touches on both buildings. We added a pine garland over the museum door and some more bulbs to the tree in the right window.

Speaking of the weekend, it was quite a festive one in Grantsville. I will admit that by Friday night I was feeling pretty rundown and tired, but there was no way I was going to miss the biggest parade Calhoun County has seen in a long time.

The plan was to meet at the parents' house to eat dinner and then walk up to town. We decided to have breakfast for dinner. Andy made scrambled eggs and bacon, while I made toast with butter and jelly. Maricia finished up the meal by making coffee and hot chocolate. Our bellies were nice and full when we bundled up and headed out the door.

I had heard that this was going to be a great parade, and I was not disappointed. There was something for everyone. It seemed like every time a new entry came around the corner of the courthouse, I changed my mind about which one was my favorite. The Red Devil Band sounded great, the royalty all looked beautiful, and the floats were terrific.

I enjoyed that the parade took place at night; I really liked the twinkling lights, and who knew how great Christmas lights would look on souped up Jeeps and trucks? I was particularly fond of the Peanuts float, created by the library, and was thrilled by the choice of Roger and Linda Jarvis as parade marshals.

After the parade, we walked back down the hill, said goodbye to Mom, Dad and Rascal, and headed over to watch the tree lighting. We actually parked up at the Mlynks' house and walked down to the bottom of the hill. We had a great view from across the street. The tree looked great, and I liked the lights around the top of the building too. It is lovely to see this old building coming back to life.

I think it's safe to say that the Christmas Market was a huge success, and it was so nice to see all of the posts on Facebook about people seeing old friends, making new memories, and kids enjoying their new bikes.

I had a busy weekend, but I finally had some time on Sunday afternoon to get some work done at my home among the hills. I did a little cleaning, managed to get my laundry done, and filled the bird feeders. I can't let my little, feathered friends down. When those tasks were finished, I began the process of taking down my fall decorations and putting them away.

I traded my fall bins for my Christmas ones. I definitely got some exercise going up and down the steps carrying one bin after the other. It took a few hours, but I managed to get everything upstairs and unpacked. I started with the wreaths and candles, and then moved on to my snowman collection and Christmas knick knacks.

Maricia and Andy came over for dinner, and they graciously helped me with the pine garlands, putting up the Christmas tree, and stringing the lights. I am too tired to finish it tonight, so tomorrow evening, I will put on the decorations, and then it truly will feel like Christmas. I am starting to count down the days!

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)

Ella seemed highly delighted with my return¹. She was so fleshy I could scarcely believe it was my Ella. She is as fleshy as Nettie Mann. In the evening I came up to the Rocky Point where I found Perry, Warrie & Uncle Jimmy all looking much pleased on my arrival.

Perry said he was glad I had come, & he wished very much that his wife & children would come also. He said he would rather Louisa had made a good deal of sacrifice of property than to not have come. We will look for you all early Spring.

We are still living where Perry lived in September. We may move in Anderson Waite²'s house. We are living quite comfortably here. We keep good fire, & Ella & I sleep by the fire, & I have a great abundance of bed clothes. I suppose Mr Hays has bought over fifty nice blankets. I slept on a fether mattress. Perry has bought cover lids, quilts, &c. I don't like this country as well as Old Calhoun. It aint home you know. The winters are too cold for me. The wind blows so cold here.

If I can make up my mind to stay here next summer I intend going to housekeeping before very long, or after the coldest of the weather is over. Perry has bought enough to set us both up in housekeeping. He thinks perhaps we may not be allowed to move our things through the lines.

Dont bring any bed steads, tables, or stands, he has an abundance. He has a beautiful set of chairs, a beautiful bottom settee, beautiful stands, &c. He purchased them at the sale of the Salt Sulphur³.

He has any amount of bedding & bedsteads. He bought you a beautiful silver castor which I have put carefully away for you, & given me one washed with silver, which looks almost as well as yours. He has another right nice bureau which he & I use in partnership. He has a good many books &c. He has bought you some fine Irish linen table cloths & towels. But enough of this. Bring more clothing than any thing else. Bring us a plenty of Coffee & Tea & a little Orleans Sugar.

Rocky Point

Jan 15 1865

Dear Sister Louisa

I often think I will go back to Arnoldsburg as soon as the roads will admit. I know I shall be lonely there with you away, but how can I give up my own dearly loved home, for a home in a strange land which I do not love.

Uncle Jimmy says tell you Perry bought at the sale of Salt Sulphur upwards of thirteen thousand dollars worth. I did not mention the beautiful sofa he bought there, much prettier than the first one he bought, & some splendid side tables. None of these things are in use. Ever thing in waiting & in readiness for that "wife" of Perry's. There is to be another sale at the Salt Sulphur. Goodness only knows what he will buy next.

And now my dear sisters Louisa & Almira, let me tell you that you have no idea how much I wish to see you, or how freely I would give one hundred dollars in Confed, if I could spend one night with you all at Arnoldsburg. "The dearest spot of earth to me, is home, sweet home!"

I still think I will come back to you in the Spring, yet I cannot tell what I shall do until I see George⁴, & he is to be here the last of this month. I have not seen him yet, but received a letter from him a week ago.

Louisa, make your preparations to come early. Do not disapoint Perry again. He expects you early. He cannot help you to move. I do not think there will be any raid in there during the Spring. Almira--I shall never forget the dear sweet hours we spent together in my own home, or your kindness & patience. I am sorry you had to work so hard. May God reward you for your goodness--I never can.

Oh! if peace was made, & we could live 'neath our own vines & fig trees, I would not care if we had not so much fine furniture, or so many luxuries. And Amie, we are expecting you along early, & I think you will be pretty well pleased with your Dixie. You can go to school, & go to church, & to prayer meetings, & take walks & rides, & when you choose you can ride a mule as Perry has near a dozen fine ones.

We would like to see you very much. There is scarcely an evening but Perry talk of you or Floyd, & French & Sammie. Uncle Jim says he would rather see Sammie than all the ship's crew. He says he wants French & Sammie to come here early in the Spring.

And Mary Murphy⁵ I want you to fly around & fix up things & get ready for a visit to the "promised land." I want you to see my little rebel girl who says "tell Mary Murphy I have got a gray flannel dress which Uncle Perry gave me." She is very proud of her Gray flannel.

¹It is unclear where Ella was staying with Mathew Mann, possibly in Rocky Point.

²Anderson Waite was a physician in Monroe County. He also served as a surgeon in Thurmond's Partisan Rangers.

³Salt Sulphur was located about a mile below Union, Monroe County. It opened as a resort in 1820, owned and operated by William Erskine, who died in 1863. Salt Sulphur was used as a headquarters by General Albert G. Jenkins, who had visited Amie at Arnoldsburg.

⁴George Silcott was serving in the 19th Virginia Cavalry, but it is not clear where he was.

⁵Mary Murphy was about 28, born in Braxton County. At one time, she lived with Given Lynch.

(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. 9: cook's choice.

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

Monday, Dec. 13: fish sandwich, green beans, fruit.

Tuesday, Dec. 14: hamburger, potatoes, fruit, tomato juice.

Wednesday, Dec. 15: cook's choice.

Thursday, Dec. 16:

ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, whole wheat roll.

Friday, Dec. 17: chili, cheese salad sandwich, applesauce.

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.

Parade and Market--

(Continued from Page 1) lot of desire to do it again it seems."

The following is reprinted from the 1982 Foundation Facebook Group:

(To put on the market), it took:

--2,500 twinkle lights to light the tree,

--200 S'mores kits (provided by Minnie Hamilton Health System),

--55 vendors, 30+ volunteers, 80 pounds of smoked pork, 100 jars of canned food, 25 gallons of soup,

--30 old dudes who were able to keep a secret, 299 bicycles, 49 rain checks, 3 gallons of Band Booster hotdog sauce,

--1 Santa and his beautiful wife, and a very well-organized and beautiful parade.

The outcome:

--Over 1,000 people enjoyed the spirit of a community holiday while seeing old friends and making new ones, total collected revenue of over \$32,000 for the Christmas market.

--The 1982 Foundation

raised \$7,000 from the sale of food, T-shirts, memory bricks and generous donations.

There was, according to some people who were there, a Christmas miracle when Santa and his reindeer was spotted flying across the sky (it was actually the latest group of Starlink satellites that had launched on Thursday), as a string of lights crawling slowly towards the northeast.

Mersh said that not only was she and the volunteers happy with the outcome of the event, but they were able to achieve their three key objectives:

--Create memories for kids that are positive and will connect them to the Calhoun County Community Center;

--Provide evidence that Calhoun County has plenty of talent and skills that are marketable and have a basis for economic development;

--And promote a spirit of togetherness and community across multiple activities, organizations and venues.

Waste Not/Want Not

by Judy Wolfram

This is part 2 of last month's ways to help save you money during the winter.

Using your windows to help keep your heat bill down works well. When it is cold and snowy or dreary outside, pull your blinds down or use heavier curtains in the winter and keep them closed.

If it is sunny, let the sunshine in. Storm windows are a plus. If you can't afford them, make your own out of Plexiglas. If you can't do that, put plastic on the inside of the windows on the storm side of your house.

Check your insulation and think about adding more, especially if your house was built before 1980. I would guess that a lot of them in my neighborhood were.

If you can talk to a professional about adding more insulation, they can help you determine what is right for your house.

Use compact fluorescent light bulbs, instead of conventional bulbs, and remember to turn off the lights when you leave a room. Don't leave lights on in a room that nobody is in.

Think outside of your home and think about solar lighting for patios and walkways. There are a lot of inexpensive types that work very well.

Last, but not least, do not leave outside Christmas lights on all night. Turn them off at bedtime. Do the same with your Christmas tree--off at bedtime. If you have a live tree, make sure you keep it watered. Dry trees and Christmas lights can cause fires.

You have to use extension cords outside for lights, so make sure it is a good one--no cuts or taped. Do not use an extension cord for the tree in the house. They lay on carpets or rugs and can get very warm, and start a fire. Put the tree where you can plug it into an outlet.

So, I hope these tips help you to stay warm this winter. Merry Christmas to all!



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The 2021-22 CCHS boys basketball team includes, left to right, first row, Landon Bennett, Landon Church, Ian Richards, Brayden Wood, Antonio Matteredo, Anthony Staples; second row, assistants Jake Perkins and Matt Sampson, Joel Basnett, Owen Taylor, Caden Jones, Levi Morris, Jacob Marks, and coach Marcus Davis. The Red Devils open their season on Friday by hosting Van at 7 p.m. The team will host Doddridge County on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continued from Page 2)

Tuesday, Dec. 14
CCHS boys basketball team hosts Doddridge County, 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 15
Last day to return Adopt an Angel to Minnie Hamilton Long Term Care.

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

Free community event "Pancakes & Pajamas," Calhoun Middle/High School, 4 to 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17
CCHS wrestling team competes in Hardwood Invitational at Webster

County, 1 p.m. Community Christmas Light Display, Calhoun County Park, 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18
CCHS wrestling team competes in Hardwood Invitational at Webster County, 12:45 p.m.

Toy giveaway, Upper West Fork Park, 3 p.m.; kids up to 15 years of age, regardless of family income level, are welcome to participate.

Community Christmas Light Display, Calhoun County Park, 6 to 9 p.m.

Christmas bingo, Lions Club building, Grantsville, 6 p.m.; free hot chocolate and cookies; plus, Ugly Sweater Contest.

Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

December	
10 Van	H 7:00
14 Doddridge	H 7:00
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	
4 Clay	H 7:00
6 Williamstown	A 3:00
7 So. Harrison	A 7:00
11 Van	A 3:00
12 Webster Co.	A 7:00
14 Braxton Co.	H 7:00
19 Clay	A 7:00
24 Paden City	A 7:00
27 Doddridge	A 7:00
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	H 7:00

Most JV games at 5:45p.m.

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.

Only 1 Over .500

With a weekend of upsets, only one contestant had a winning record in Week 5 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest.

William Duskey finished at 6-4 and wins a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.

Following at 5-5 were Alice Cottrell, Levi Ferrell, Lou Hanes, Mike Propst, Angie Slider, Dusty Wolverton and Louise Wolverton.

After five weeks, William Duskey, now 37-12, has taken a three-game lead in the contest. He is followed by Levi Ferrell, 34-15; Jim Erlewine, Mike Propst and Angie Slider, 33-16; Shari Arison, 31-18; and Lou Hanes and Brenton Slider, 30-19.

The Mini Football Prognostication Contest entry for Week 6 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.

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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	TBA
14-15 Braxton Co.	TBA
22 Williamstown	11:00

February	
4-5 Single A Challenge	at Ritchie . 4:00 & 10:00

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Seattle -- Houston	
Atlanta -- Carolina	
Dallas -- Washington	
New Orleans -- N.Y. Jets	
Las Vegas -- Kansas City	
San Francisco -- Cincinnati	
Baltimore -- Cleveland	
Tie Breaker Score	
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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 maintained home on 1 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 a back yard | Outbuilding for storage and garage attached! | **\$119,900**

UNDER CONTRACT

S. Calhoun Highway | Orma | 14.7 Acres +/- | Fox 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**

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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!**

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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 | **\$69,500**

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

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Wanted to Buy

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

Personals

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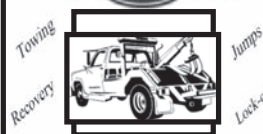
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Commission Lists Agenda

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

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approve minutes: Nov. 8.
- Delegations/requests: Glenn McEndree, Good Jobs Challenge Grant; Luke Peters and Donnie Pitts, engineer for Calhoun County Park bathroom.
- Reports: E-911, LEPC and OES; ambulance service; Wood Festival; CRI; Calhoun County Park; FRN; home confinement; sheriff; Little Kanawha Area Development Corp.
- New business: Calhoun County Public Library, audit, June 30, 2021; ARPA funding, Anthony Woods, State auditor's office; ARPA Grant applications, Upper West Fork Park and Friends of Animals; ARC drawdown #6.
- Old business: Civil Service board.
- Personnel items.
- Appointments to boards and authorities: Little Kanawha Transit Authority, Rick Sampson, 3 years; Teresa Ward, 2 years; Jean Simers, 1 year; Dale Cunningham, Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority.
- Grants, contracts, applications and resolutions: HAVA Grant, reimbursement for printer and scanner, new voters' registration program.
- Erroneous tax assessments/consolidations.
- Fiduciary items.

- Financial items.
- Invoices paid, need to be approved.
- Invoices to be approved.
- Financial statements: August, September, October and November.
- Bonds, wills, settlements and orders.
- Executive session.
- Adjournment: Next meeting is Monday, Jan. 10.

Toy Giveaway

Upper West Fork Park will have a toy giveaway on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. All kids up to 15 years of age, regardless of family income level, are welcome to participate.

According to Anita West, there are tons of toys to give away, so you can go through the line again and again until toys are gone. Kids must be present to receive toys. There are lots of games.

"If you want to help or donate new toys, just show up and we will put you to work. This is our way of giving back to the community in which we serve," said West.

The park board would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Library Hours

Calhoun County Library 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. Maintain social distancing when visiting library. If you feel sick, please stay home.

Hunting & Fishing License Giveaway

Gov. Jim Justice has announced that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources' third annual hunting and fishing license giveaway is open.

Anyone who purchases an annual 2022 hunting, trapping, or fishing license in December will automatically be entered to win one of several prizes, including the grand prize of a combination hunting, trapping and fishing lifetime license for a West Virginia resident.

Other prizes include \$200 State parks gift cards; Pipestem Resort State Park zipline tour tickets, with a three-night lodge stay; two-night cabin stays at State parks, and gift bags with exclusive merchandise.

The prize drawing is sponsored by WVDNR and W.Va. Dept. of Tourism. Winners will be announced in January.

"It's always an honor to share the great things our WVDNR does for those who love hunting and fishing in Almost Heaven West Virginia," said Justice. "This license giveaway is an especially exciting opportunity and I absolutely encourage all West Virginians and visitors to our beautiful state to get their licenses early so that they will be entered to win some great prizes."

Eligible resident license purchases are the Class A, Class B, Class AH, Class X, Class XP, Class X3, Class XP3, Class XJ, and

Class AHJ.

Eligible non-resident license purchases are the Class E, Class EE, Class AAH, Class XXJ, and Class AAHJ.

Licenses can be purchased through WVDNR's electronic licensing system at WVdnr.gov or at authorized license agents.

Annual licenses can also be purchased as gifts by calling the WVDNR licensing team, 558-2758. If the recipient has previously held a license, only the recipient's name and date of birth will need to be provided.

"The Hunting & Fishing License Giveaway has been a success for years now, and this year we are thrilled to expand the giveaway to include non-resident entries as well," said WVDNR director Stephen McDaniel.

"We appreciate the governor's support of efforts like this one that promote outdoor recreation and encourage more and more people to take up hunting and fishing in West Virginia."

For information about the giveaway, including

official rules and prize descriptions, visit WVdnr.gov/licensegiveaway.

WVDNR reminded hunters and anglers to follow all hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations, and to always practice safety when engaging in outdoor activities.

Hunters are also reminded of another opportunity to win prizes. The Big Buck photo contest

is open to submissions until Monday, Dec. 27.

Upload a photo with your buck harvest from the 2021 hunting season, as well as a short written account of the hunt, to the entry form at WVdnr.gov/photocontest.

A valid 2021 WV hunting license and 13-digit DNR-issued game check number are also required to participate.

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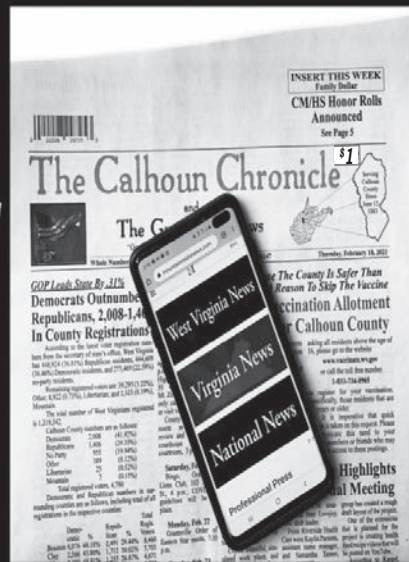
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Upper West Fork

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. 18, Ruff Cut; Dec. 25, closed.

Food Pantry

Calhoun FRN Food Pantry and Thrift Store hours are Monday-Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is closed on Fridays.

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LIEAP Applications

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources has announced that applications for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted through the close of business on Monday, Jan. 31, or until funds are exhausted.

The federally-funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size, and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill.

To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines, which includes an applicant's annual income being at or below 60 percent of the state median income.

In situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must contact a DHHR worker for case evaluation.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for emergency LIEAP Fiscal Year 2022 are listed below:

Household size (monthly allowable income limit): 1 person (\$2,005), 2 (\$2,621), 3 (\$3,238), 4 (\$3,855), 5 (\$4,472), 6 (\$5,088), 7 (\$5,204), 8 (\$5,583), 9 (\$6,150), 10 (\$6,718), each additional, add \$567.

Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP. Social Security and veterans income will be excluded for the current LIEAP application period.

Applications are available online at www.wvpath.org and may also be obtained at local DHHR offices, Community Action agencies, or senior centers operated by an Area Agency on Aging.

Completed applications should be delivered or mailed to the DHHR office located in the applicant's county of residence. The Calhoun office is located at 85 Industrial Park Road, East of Grantsville. For information, call 354-6118.

Mailing the application to any other office or to a utility company may delay the receipt by DHHR and prohibit processing the application.

College News

Fairmont State

Students have been honored for their academic achievement at Fairmont State University, after completing the fall 2021 semester.

Dr. Mirta Martin, president, and Dr. Dianna Phillips, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, have released the President's List and the Dean's List to recognize high-achieving students.

Full-time students who earned a 3.4 or better grade point average are named to the Dean's List. Full-time students achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average are named to the President's List.

Named from Calhoun County to the Dean's List were Arla Cunningham and Alexis Petrovsky.

Specialty Crop

W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture is seeking applications for FY-2022 Specialty Crop Block Grant program. Funds will be awarded to enhance the production, processing, and consumption of specialty crops in West Virginia.

Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.

"Specialty crops are vital to expanding, diversifying, and enhancing the impact agriculture has on our state's economy," said commissioner of agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

"The department is looking for projects that highlight how innovative programs and rural development groups can help West Virginia agriculture expand. Our maple industry is a perfect example of a niche crop that has benefited from specialty crop funding."

The state Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is funded by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and administered by WVDA. Recipients have two years to plan, implement and gather data on their respective projects.

RFA, application, instructions, and other information can be found at agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/specialty-crop-block-grant/. Applications are due by Jan. 12.

'Pancakes & Pajamas'

A free community event, "Pancakes & Pajamas," will be held at Calhoun Middle/High School on Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 7 p.m.

There will be photo opportunity and gift-giving with Santa, door prizes, giveaways, cookie decorating, Christmas music, hot cocoa bar, pancake bar, and vendors.

The event is sponsored by 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program and Save the Children.

New at Calhoun County Library

Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Adult Fiction: The

WIC Program

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

WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the program or to receive information, call the local office, 354-6898, or the main office in Parkersburg, 428-3688.

The WIC clinic is located at 300 Mill St., Grantsville, and is available each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments by phone.

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

Judge's List, by John Grisham; No Words, by Meg Cabot; The Party Crasher, by Sophie Kinsella; Shiner, by Amy Jo Burns; Better off Dead, by Jack Reacher; Dark Tarot, by Christine Feehan; The Dark Hours, by Michael Connelly; The Sentence, by Louise Erdrich; The Nameless Ones, by John Connolly; Mercy, by David Baldacci; The Devil's Sea, by Dirk Cussler.

Juvenile Non-Fiction: Science Superstars, by Jennifer Calvert; Threads of Peace, by Uma Krishnaswami; Accused: My Story of Injustice, by Adama Bah.

Adult Non-Fiction: The Case for God, by Karen Armstrong.

Children's: Noodleheads do the Impossible, by Tedd Arnold; Not Little, by Maya Myers; Faraway Things, by Dave Eggers; Wounded Falcons, by Jairo Buitrago; Inside Cat, by Brendan Wenzel; Road Crew, Coming Through, by Sherri Duskey Rinker; Monet's Cat, by Lily Murray.

Friends Sponsor Dove Tree

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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Calhoun County Magistrate Court Case Disposition Nov. 1 to Nov. 30

Case 20-M07M-00085, Jarod Tyler Webb, No Joshua Wayne Parsons, MVI sticker; no contest Driving while license suspended or revoked, plea.

Case 21-M07M-00435, Derek Paul Keyes, Expiration of registration and certificates of title; Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; applicability of article to farm and road equipment; no contest plea.

Case 20-M07M-00331, Ronald Lee Sampson, Receiving or transferring stolen goods; guilty verdict.

Case 20-M07M-00332, Ronald Lee Sampson, Receiving or transferring stolen goods; not guilty verdict.

Case 20-M07M-00333, Ronald Lee Sampson, Receiving or transferring stolen goods; guilty verdict.

Case 20-M07M-00334, Ronald Lee Sampson, Receiving or transferring stolen goods; guilty verdict.

Case 20-M07M-00340, Keith Allen Lamp, Trespassing; no contest plea.

Case 20-M07M-00346, Craig Arthur, Driving under the influence; dismissed, deferred sentence.

Case 20-M07M-00348, Ronald Lee Sampson, Receiving or transferring stolen goods; guilty verdict.

Case 21-M07M-00141, Richard Gay Fields, Interference with officers or members (W.Va. State Police), false information; proceedings deferred.

Case 21-M07M-00301, Laura Jean Acevedo, Speed limitations, generally; proceedings deferred.

Case 21-M07M-00301, Laura Jean Acevedo, Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; proceedings deferred.

Case 21-M07M-00378, Sam Begay III, Domestic Battery, Unlawful physical contact of insulting/provoking nature, family/house; guilty, plea agreement.

Case 21-M07M-00404, Joshua Wayne Parsons, Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription (2); no contest pleas.

Case 21-M07M-00409, Ethan A. Calfayan, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00410, Walter Eugene Dailey II, Speeding, Actual Speed 78; guilty plea.

Case 21-M07M-00412, Judy L. McCumbers, No registration/expired registration; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00413, Dannielle L. Wise, No seatbelt; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00430, Stephen R. Griffith, Speed limitations, generally; penalty, 10 mph or less above; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00431, George W. Settles, Lying during an investigation; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00433, Jarod Tyler Webb, No MVI sticker; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00435, Derek Paul Keyes, Expiration of registration and certificates of title; Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; applicability of article to farm and road equipment; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00437, Trenton Allen Church, Expired Registration; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00439, Robert J. Lung III, Simple possession, less than 15 grams; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00443, Christina Lee Ferrell, Speed limitations, generally; penalty, 10 mph or less above; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00446, Frederick Collins, Operation of vehicles with safety belts; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00448, Robert S. Patterson, Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00448, Robert S. Patterson, Simple possession, less than 15; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00449, Timmy Gene Cadle, Failure to obey stop sign; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00454, Daniel L. Hall, Speeding, general, 53 mph in a 40 mph zone; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00455, Ethan Rodrick Crites, Loaded firearm in motor vehicle; hunting wildlife from a motorized vehicle; guilty pleas.

Case 21-M07M-00456, Dewayne Keith Bischoff, Display of license, etc., by persons in possession of hunting, fishing, etc., paraphernalia; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00457, Joshua Mikel Tanner, Loaded firearm in motor vehicle; Unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife, without license or permit; Hunt from a motor vehicle; no contest pleas.

Case 21-M07M-00460, Evon Marie Batten, Immediate reports of accidents; Duty upon striking fixtures upon a highway; Speeding; Unlawful injury to or destruction of property; guilty pleas.

Case 21-M07M-00461, James Howard Adkins, Jr., Unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife without license or permit; Illegal Possession; no contest pleas.

Case 21-M07M-00463, James Michael Allen Rose, Unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife without license or permit; no contest plea.

Case 21-M07M-00464, James Carpenter, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; applicability of article to farm and road equipment; no contest plea.

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.

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	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	9.1
Dec. 1	295,949	4,246,613	4,895	6.5	9.1
Dec. 2	297,415	4,260,639	4,945^	6.5	9.3
Dec. 3	298,659	4,272,660	4,962	6.5	11.7
Dec. 6	301,349	4,298,820	4,990	6.5	11.1
Dec. 7	302,120	4,304,203	5,021	6.6	9.1

*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 (3,028), Berkeley (20,829), Boone (4,023), Braxton (2,443), Brooke (3,437), Cabell (16,320), Calhoun (1,094), Clay (1,427), Doddridge (1,458), Fayette (6,962), Gilmer (1,484), Grant (2,505), Greenbrier (5,328), Hampshire (3,777), Hancock (4,701), Hardy (2,742), Harrison (12,477), Jackson (4,330), Jefferson (7,703), Kanawha (27,074), Lewis (3,421), Lincoln (3,273), Logan (5,845), Marion (9,186), Marshall (5,796), Mason (4,012), McDowell (3,254), Mercer (9,954), Mineral (5,059), Mingo (5,056), Monongalia (14,593), Monroe (2,302), Morgan (2,444), Nicholas (4,423), Ohio (6,809), Pendleton (1,261), Pleasants (1,504), Pocahontas (1,282), Preston (5,983), Putnam (9,888), Raleigh (12,679), Randolph (5,570), Ritchie (1,586), Roane (1,845), Summers (1,555), Taylor (2,649), Tucker (1,255), Tyler (1,468), Upshur (4,521), Wayne (6,113), Webster (1,414), Wetzel (2,847), Wirt (947), Wood (14,441), Wyoming (3,972); 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; 54th county to reach 1,100 cases on Dec. 7. 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; seventh death on Dec. 1, 2021, 56-year old female; eighth death on Dec. 6, 2021, 92-year old female; ninth death on Dec. 7, 2021, 93-year old male.

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
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
Dec. 1	49,428,913	803,045	263,236,536	5,242,349
Dec. 2	49,573,122	805,004	263,943,825	5,250,813
Dec. 3	49,716,825	806,398	264,569,863	5,258,389
Dec. 4	49,878,049	808,116	265,345,966	5,266,707
Dec. 5	49,934,791	808,608	265,810,923	5,274,292
Dec. 6	49,969,856	808,763	266,283,694	5,279,304
Dec. 7	50,149,325	810,254	266,915,454	5,287,310

Cases by states and territories: California 5,123,693, Texas 4,353,966, Florida 3,741,058, New York 2,783,680, Illinois 1,835,076, Pennsylvania 1,779,151, Ohio 1,731,003, Georgia 1,668,875, North Carolina 1,544,544, Michigan 1,517,325, Tennessee 1,323,222, Arizona 1,292,054, New Jersey 1,275,717, Indiana 1,188,335, Wisconsin 997,688, Virginia 983,055, Massachusetts 935,844, Missouri 928,307, Minnesota 926,931, South Carolina 921,722, Alabama 848,779, Colorado 838,587, Kentucky 794,816, Washington 780,835, Louisiana 773,621, Oklahoma 674,758, Utah 601,952, Maryland 592,679, Iowa 534,623, Arkansas 533,356, Mississippi 516,486, Kansas 475,304, Nevada 459,957, Connecticut 425,275, Oregon 394,569, New Mexico 320,520, Nebraska 316,013, Idaho 308,869, West Virginia 301,349, Rhode Island 194,858, Montana 192,236, Puerto Rico 189,325, South Dakota 168,763, New Hampshire 165,574, North Dakota 164,811, Delaware 156,454, Alaska 151,984, Maine 123,118, Wyoming 111,812, Hawaii 88,295, D.C. 67,430, Vermont 53,131; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

Creston News



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Rev. Craig Blankenship brought the message at Burning Springs M.E. Church.

Katherine "Kat" Bunner, 62, died as a result of ticker problems. She was the wife of Randy Bunner.

Shelia Wease, 68, wife of Kevin Wease, died as a result of complications from the coronavirus. She was part of Kevin's band. Several local folks were in Grantsville participating in the events involving the old high school building. There is real enthusiasm that "things are now happening" in Calhoun County, and that is a good thing. One of the items in Grantsville is the saving of the Ginko trees that are on Main St.

Wilma Mowrey and daughter Kim motored to Parkersburg to see the Christmas parade. Some family members were involved.

The feeble one said last year that the prior president should resign as he "allowed" over 200,000 to die from the virus.

Now, under the new folks, with three "vaccines" and drugs to treat the disease, over 300,000 have succumbed.

Fully vaccinated people catch the virus and end up in the hospital, while those who had the disease have 27 times more resistance to the virus than do the vaccinated.

The push is for mandates, masks that are proven not to work, and vaccines for little children. This, no doubt, means that the virus is only the excuse to take complete control of all that people do world-wide.

In Australia, one gets to go to the "camp," and in Europe, there are huge riots that do not make the "news" in this country.

A review of the study "that proves masks work" has fatal flaws and really proves nothing, except some folks spent some time in villages in what was formerly called East Pakistan, now Bangladesh.

N-95 masks work, but

the filters need changed often. Folks who created the virus vaccines noted that it was "evil" to give the experimental vaccine to children.

Apparently, several at the Elizabeth school got the shots so that the school could get money from the "fat dog program."

Authorities in Japan have raised serious concerns about the cardiac risk for many who receive the vaccine.

More local folks, and family members of local folks, have tested positive. Some are using the proven treatments that Dr. Fauci wants banned, and doctors cannot afford to lose their medical licenses.

It was learned that former mail carrier "Johnny" Miller is one of the virus patients at Minnie Hamilton's long term care unit.

Joe Ferrell has been hauling hay.

Saunders Logging has a double load of fine logs parked at Creston, and Freddie Bush has a bigger (and no doubt better) log truck.

A local resident asked about aspirin, and was told that it was "on back order." Others were told that tires are to become scarce, because there is a lack of rubber.

Synthetic rubber is made from n-butane, a component in natural gas, and Marcellus and Utica natural gas production has been hitting record volumes recently.

Such might be part of the reason for the drop (crash) of the natural gas price, which fell 25.5% to \$4.06 for the Henry Hub price, while locally the price is roughly 50 cents/dekatherm lower.

The reasons for the price drop were said to be warm weather and questions about the new virus variety. It should be crystal clear that from now until the end of time, there will be new variants.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude fell to \$65.26/bbl., with condensate, \$51.26, Marcellus and Utica light, \$56.26, and medium, \$65.26.

Tire Collection

Tire collection will be held on the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Cabot Recycling Station, two miles west of Grantsville on Rt. 5.

Tires will be accepted free of charge. Tires on wheels will not be accepted. Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, will be accepted. A limit of 10 tires per person will be accepted.

Tire round up is for residents of Calhoun County only. Bring valid W.Va. ID (such as driver's license). It is sponsored by W.Va. Dept. of Environmental Protection and Calhoun Co. Solid Waste Authority.

Christmas Bingo

Lions Club will host Christmas bingo on Saturday, Dec. 18, 6 p.m., in its building in Grantsville. There will be free hot chocolate and cookies. There will also be an Ugly Sweater Contest.

Food Pantry

CRI operates a food pantry, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., providing free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) at 309 Court St., Grantsville.

Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste's monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m., at Mom's Place Too, Grantsville.



The Family Crisis Intervention Center
Domestic Abuse Response Team
(304) 354-9254
HOTLINE 1-800-794-2335
P.O. Box 585, Grantsville, WV 26147

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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
- Property sales
- Election ballots
- Voting changes
- Tax increases
- Project bids
- Family court
- Government budgets
- Government financial statements
- Zoning changes and other public notices

Contact your legislator today and tell them you want your legal ads



Parade and Market Scenes



Challenge Graduate

Mountaineer Challenge Academy has announced Class 2-21 as the 57th class to complete the W.Va. National Guard Program.

Commencement exercises were held on Friday, Nov. 19, at Camp Dawson, Kingwood.

A total of 106 graduates from 35 counties successfully completed the requirements for graduation. MG William E. Crane congratulated the cadets and gave the commencement address.



Cadet Ryan Sillaman

Included was Cadet Ryan Sillaman, son of Daniel and Gail Sillaman of Chloe, who was in Platoon 5.

Sillaman was recognized for receiving the Honor's List, Mentorship, and S2C, as well as obtaining the six Individual Values Recognition ribbons.

All graduating cadets have completed the residential phase of Challenge, which includes activities in eight core component areas, ranging from service to community to employability skills.

provided 3,864 hours of service to community for such organizations as Operation Gratitude, Trout for Cheat, Adopt-a-Highway, Reedsville VFD, Patriot Gardens, and Arthurdale Heritage.

Following graduation, the cadets will begin a one-year post-residential phase of Challenge that includes placement activities in education and/or employment.

Applications are being accepted for Class 1-22 North that begins in January. Call toll-free, 1-800-529-7700, for information.

Second Annual COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY

Calhoun County Park
6:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Dec. 10, 11 & 17, 18th

Refreshments Available
Kettle Korn
and Drinks