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We wish you a Merry Christmas



Josie Montgomery Signs With Concord

Calhoun senior Josie Montgomery has signed a "letter-of-intent" to continue her academic and basketball careers at Concord University.

The ceremony was held on Friday, Dec. 3, at Calhoun Middle/High School.

After averaging 19.9 points per game last season and helping lead the Lady Red Devils to the Class A semi-finals, Montgomery is averaging 24.4 through five games this season.



Scenes from the Calhoun Community Light Display at Calhoun County Park.



Board Keeps Mask Policy Mandatory

The Calhoun County board of education met at Pleasant Hill School with the Local School Improvement Council on Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

"Reconsideration of mask policy" is on the agenda of each regular meeting of the board. No changes were announced at the meeting.

Superintendent Kelli Whytsell gave recognition to eight students who are members of the school's recycling program.

Receiving certificates (and pictured below) were Aaron "A.J." Stevens, Brooke Tingler, Kaylee Sampson, Keegan Sampson, Natalie Miller, Paisley Harper, Kason Stamper and Miah Wolford.

PHS principal Ashley Cunningham led the LSIC's presentation.

Members of the school's LSIC include:

Jason Arnold, Larry Stinn, Brad Stevens, Sarah Tingler, community representatives; Maggie Probasco, Kevin Cunningham, Brad Stevens, parent representatives; Amanda Morris, Nikki Batten, Erica Jones, Lori Parsons, teachers; Kenny Dawson, Barry Miller, service personnel; Ashley Cunningham, principal, and Kevin Carr, assistant

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County COVID-19 Cases Keep Increasing

Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported 22 cases (six confirmed and 16 probable) on Wednesday, Dec. 15, and added 15 more cases over the next six days.

The 37 additional COVID-19 cases was the third straight week of increases, going from 27, 30, 35 to 37.

Calhoun remained on "orange alert" for each of the seven days.

The county's 1,175 cases since the pandemic began include 613 confirmed cases (still the lowest in the State) and 562 probable cases. There have been nine county resident deaths.

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

The county's infection rate on Tuesday was 33.16 (per 100,000), down from 36.17, with a percent positivity rate of 5.12, down slightly from last week's 5.22.

Cases in the seven-county area were 352, up from 302 and 294 the past two weeks, and now totaling 11,514.

New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 81 (2,593/29); Clay, 76 (1,570/25); Roane, 61 (1,986/27); Gilmer, 49 (1,550/15); Ritchie, 36 (1,658/24); Wirt, 12 (982/17); and.

New West Virginia cases were 7,406, up from last week's 6,865. Total

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Calhoun County Historical Society is grateful to Paul Mollohan for his donation of the Duck Alley street sign, which, for a short time, was located across from Stump Hotel in Grantsville, with another of the signs hanging in the old Price Barber Shop at the corner of Main and Market streets. The photo shows Mollohan holding the sign. The house he grew up in is on the far left. (See letter box inside this issue.)



Trista Arnold (22) looks to pass inside during the Calhoun-Doddridge game on Monday. See story on Page 5.



Receiving recognition during the Dec. 13 board of education meeting with Pleasant Hill School LSIC for their recycling efforts were, left to right, Aaron "A.J." Stevens, Kason Stamper, Natalie Miller, Miah Wolford, Brooke Tingler, Kaylee Sampson, Keegan Sampson and Paisley Harper.

OBITUARIES

KENNETH BELT

Kenneth J. Belt, 96, of Munday, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021, at his home.

He was born at Munday, the son of the late Cecil and Stella McIntyre Belt. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during World War II as a military police officer. He was employed for 30 years with General Motors, Euclid, Ohio, as an assembler. After his retirement, he moved back home to his place of birth, where he enjoyed farming and raising cattle.

Surviving are five children, Gary Belt and Charlotte Stoltz, both of Chardon, Ohio; Jerry Belt of Munday, Brenda Ward of New Matamoras, Ohio, and Diana Thaxton of Parkersburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 20 years, Stella T. Norred Belt; seven siblings, Virgil Belt, Robert Belt, Mitchell Belt, Barbara Belt Holbert, Jauita Belt McPeck, Cleota Belt Smith and Pauline Belt May.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville. Burial was in Maze Cemetery, Munday.



DIANA ROSEMARY 'Diane' BAILES LUDWIG

Diana Rosemary "Diane" Bailes Ludwig, 68, of Elizabeth, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2021.

She was the daughter of the late Okey and Leona Malouse Bailes of Parkersburg. She was a 1971 graduate of Parkersburg High School, attended WVU-Parkersburg, obtaining an associate of applied sciences degree, graduated from WVU's Institute of Public Affairs, Local Government Leadership Academy, University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute, and National Development Council's Certified Educational Facilities Professional. She worked as a programmer at Mountain State Blue Cross Blue Shield from 1999-2002 and was executive director at Little Kanawha Area Development Corp. from 2002-2019, serving Wirt and Calhoun counties. She belonged to Wirt County Lions Club, and was on the board of directors of Boys and Girls Club of Parkersburg and board of directors of Mountaineer Food Bank. She wrote grants for Wirt, Calhoun and Ritchie counties.

Surviving are one daughter, Laurie Chavez; one son, Daniel Ludwig; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose Ludwig; one special nephew, Jason Bailes; one brother, Bob Bailes; one brother-in-law, Jack Slonager; and other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Sue Bailes Slonager.

Per her wishes, there was no formal service.



CATHERN LUCILLE LOSH

Cathern Lucille Losh, 77, of Glenville, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Weston.

She was born in Gilmer County, the daughter of the late Gerald and Floda Jenkins Langford. She was a homemaker and a residential house cleaner.

Surviving are four children, Allen Rush and Sandra Kay Jenkins and husband Roy, all of Glenville, Roger Dale Rush and wife Denise of Fredericksburg, Va.; and Robert Rush and wife Heather of Bland, Va.; four siblings, Jessie Langford of North Carolina, James Langford of Stumptown, Charlotte Lattea of Glenville and Opal Glaspier of North Carolina; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Lee Rush, and three siblings, Patricia Sprouse, Jack Jenkins and Allen Langford.

Services were held at Ellyson Mortuary, Glenville, with Pastor Bryan Groves officiating. Following services, her request for cremation will be honored.

CHARLES WESLEY DUFF

Charles Wesley Duff, 93, of Petroleum, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, at his residence.

He was born in Ritchie County, the son of the late James Wesley and Icy Darlie Lawson Duff.

Surviving are six children, Marie Duff and Velvie Smith, both of Petroleum, Delford Smarr of Cairo, Roger Smarr of Brohard, Judy Carpenter of Spring Valley and Carl Smarr of Appomattox, Va.; one sister, Wanda Ellen Purvis of Harrisville; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace Irene Duff; one daughter, Icy Kirby; and two brothers, Coy Clair Duff and James Junior Duff.

According to his wishes, he will be cremated. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

GARY LEE KNIGHT

Gary Lee Knight, 68, of Grantsville, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021.

He was the son of the late Betty Knight Kendall and Lowell Edgell "Bud" Conway. He was a retired school teacher with 30 years of service.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Knight of Grantsville; one son, Graham Knight of Grantsville; three sisters, Pam Frederick of Mt. Zion, Susan Houchin of Grantsville and Phyllis Mineff of Rockford, Ill.; one brother, Chuck Kendall of Grantsville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Laura Kelly, and grandmother, Ruth Densmore.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Tim Davis officiating. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, near Grantsville.

EUGENE HELMICK

Eugene G. Helmick, 81, of Nicut, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021.

He was the son of the late Clyde an Estel May Helmick.

Surviving are one son, Wayne Helmick of Manassas, Va.; one daughter, Sandra Hoskins of Charles Town; four grandsons, Brad Helmick, Jonathan Helmick, William Helmick and Sgt. Cordell Hoskins, all of West Virginia; two great-granddaughters, Caroline Helmick and Addy Helmick; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ocie "Judy" Helmick; one sister, Betty Bourne; and one brother, William Harry Helmick.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, noon, at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Loren Price officiating, and burial in Metz Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, 11 a.m. to noon, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

SANFORD 'Sandy' SATTERFIELD

Sanford "Sandy" Satterfield, 75, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, at Minnie Hamilton long term care.

He was the son of the late Emmett Satterfield and Frances Richards Satterfield Scott. He was a 1965 graduate of Calhoun County High School and served four years in the United States Air Force. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Grantsville.

Surviving are three siblings, Stephen Satterfield of Grantsville, Stewart Satterfield of Doylestown, Ohio, and Sherry Satterfield Butt and husband Richard of Mt. Zion; one aunt; and several nieces and nephews.

Per his request, he will be cremated and burial will be held in Nobe Cemetery. Private services for the family will be held at a later date.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Excellent job on their part in putting this extravaganza together, putting it back together, and then holding it together whilst the Grinch tried to blow it all away.

I was totally incorrect. She seems to enjoy weather patterns that have a high probability of making some of us happy (warm weather buffs) while others feel let down (white Christmas buffs).

Checking the National Weather Service on the first day of winter, I saw where we stand for Christmas this year. Christmas Eve looks to be in the mid 50s and Christmas day is forecast to be just a tad warmer.

I personally don't mind nights with temperatures in the 20s. The frost covering the ground sparkles like the light from the eyes of thousands of spiders and other insects (or diamonds, if you prefer), as I walk the dogs one last time before settling into our warm beds for the night.

In my younger days, the cold never bothered me much at all, but, as I have "matured" (grown old), my hands really hurt like the dickens when they get cold.

That must be why Jeanne bought me a pair of really good gloves that are supposed to keep my hands warm all the way down to zero degrees.

Now, if my socks were also that warm, I would have it made, and I would have no excuse not to go outside on the coldest days of winter, if they ever get here.

Last weekend, the Christmas Light Show at Calhoun County Park was happening for the last time this year, after suffering through extremely high winds the weekend before.

Guess what? The wind returned for another visit, but the volunteers at the park were up to the challenge and managed to keep the displays of lights from flying through the air over to Gilmer County.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 22

Free hot cocoa bar and cookies, Calhoun County Library, to show thanks and appreciation.

CCHS wrestling team competes at Clay County, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 23

Free hot cocoa bar and cookies, Calhoun County Library, to show thanks and appreciation.

CCHS boys basketball team hosts Roane County, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE. Christmas Eve services, Chapel Baptist Church, Nobe, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Monday, Dec. 27

CCHS boys and girls basketball teams play in Ritchie County Holiday Tournament, times not announced.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

CCHS boys and girls basketball teams play in Ritchie County Holiday Tournament, times not announced.

Thursday, Dec. 30

CCHS wrestling team hosts Mike Stump Duals, with Clay County, Ritchie

County, Roane County, 11 a.m.

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

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Gun/Knife Show

Gun and Knife Show will be held at Arnoldsburg Community Building on Friday, Jan. 7, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be buying, selling, and trading. Tables available for \$30. Concessions will be sold.

For information and table reservations, call Kenny Arnold, 655-8943, or Dip Mace, 354-6822.

Proceeds go to West Fork Community Action, Inc.

Courthouse

Calhoun County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 23, starting at noon, and all day on Friday, Dec. 24.

The courthouse will also be closed on Thursday, Dec. 30, at noon, and all day on Friday, Dec. 31.

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LETTER BOX

Calhoun Historical Society,

I want to contribute this street sign that, at one time, was the name of the street across from your location, Jarvis Street. I was raised in the first house on the left.

The story was that the street was named Duck Alley because John Harris, who lived on Simon Run, ran his ducks down the alley to the Little Kanawha River in the early 1900s. When Grantsville put up street signs in the early '60s, Duck Alley was the name given.

My mother, Elizabeth Stump Mollohan, and Millie Jarvis were very displeased, to say the least, with the name and told mayor Orville Barnett that the name had to be changed. At the next council meeting they did change the name to Jarvis Street.

The other sign was placed on the wall in Dink Sturm's barber shop and stayed there for years and was later moved to Bill Price's barber shop in the old post office. Bill's son, Donnie, still has the sign, and I have told him the history of how it came about.

I hope this will make an interesting piece of history for your organization. You do good work.

Paul S. Mollohan

This Week In History

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

1921, 100 years ago

Miss Opal McCormack and Rev. J. Smith Dye are helping out with the Christmas rush at Wiant & Barr Store.

R.J. Knotts of Dodrill was here on Saturday to deliver some mighty fine dressed hogs. He says it is about the only products of the farm worth bringing to town under the present administration.

Pittsburg, Kansas--The militant women marchers of the Kansas coal fields went into action and stopped miners from working at three mines of the Central Coal and Coke Co.

Several motor cars were wrecked in melees and several persons were injured.

Violence featured the attack of the women, who threw stones and red pepper. The dinner buckets of 85 working miners were seized and the contents thrown upon the miners and officers. The miners were driven away from their work.

Sheriff Milt Gould and a deputy were at No. 151 when the mob reached that mine. The women paid no attention to the sheriff, except to pelt him with bread and butter.

A mob of men larger than the mob of women remained in the background. The men took no part in the attack upon the miners, except that a few threw rocks at the buildings as they passed along the road, trailing the women on the way to No. 48 mine.

Another mob of women stormed several mines of the Sheridan Coal Co. at Mulberry and stopped men at work. Here, however, the women's number was smaller and they were repulsed in their attack on the Sheridan Coal Co.'s mines.

The women are relatives of miners who went on strike when Alexander Howat began serving a six-month jail sentence at Columbus, Kan., for a violation of the criminal provisions of the industrial court act.

1946, 75 years ago

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding over the change in mail service as outlined to you a few weeks ago through the Chronicle. For the purpose of clarifying the matter, and that you might have a better understanding, I am going to explain the matter to you insofar as time and space will permit.

First, let me say that no change has yet been approved or accepted by the Post Office Dept., except the rural route leaves Grantsville Post Office, traveling across the lower Pine Creek hill, up Pine Creek to Ivy Gainer's residence, then back to the forks at the Royce Fowler former residence, then up Pine Creek to Mt. Zion and follows the hard road back into Grantsville.

On the establishment of this route, it was proposed that, inasmuch as this rural route would supply these people, there would be no need of the Annamoriah-Mt. Zion carrier to travel this dirt road to Hur when he could reach Hur Post Office via the Barnes Run hard-surfaced road, and at the same time supply about six families who do not have any mail service, namely, those living on what is known as the John Slider fork of Barnes Run.

The people living on Barnes Run are supplied by Star Route No. 16337, which leaves Spencer at 8:30 a.m., arriving at Mt. Zion at 11 a.m. on his return trip. By doing this, you people on Barnes Run have no mail service that is daily connections. Your only connections are at Mt. Zion and Spencer, which is supplied by the same route, Parkersburg to Grantsville.

What was proposed is that the carrier to Annamoriah be moved to Barnes Run, and in so doing, he would not leave Mt. Zion until after he arrived back in Mt. Zion in the evening, thus supplying you people living along the hard road, not only with Hur, Annamoriah, Creston, Elizabeth and Parkersburg to the north, but with Grantsville, which has five additional routes coming from Glenville, Stumptown, Index, Big Bend and Ellenboro, which is the main line of the B&O, and four airmail flights daily.

You would still maintain your supply from the west which comes from Spencer. Under this set up it would be possible for a letter to reach you the same day, if mailed from any of the above named places, and air mail connections with 410 cities and towns in the tri-state area.

In other words, you could receive airmail the same day, and especially airmail if mailed at Charleston, Spencer, Huntington, Elkins, Morgantown, Clarksburg and even Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

1971, 50 years ago

Donnie Price added another to his growing list of awards on Friday, when he was named the best center in the state in Class AA high school football. Last week, he was tabbed the best in the Little Kanawha Conference, won the center berth over Gary Jackson of Northfork-Elkhorn and Jim Abshire of Ripley.

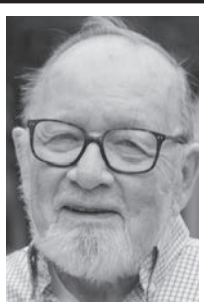
Also receiving votes were Beyer of Winfield, Melton of Sophia, Bowling of Fayetteville, and Defede of Linsly.

Price never missed a game in three years of varsity competition and has been an outstanding team leader. He will be hard to replace next season.

Jim Garretson was the only other Calhoun player mentioned on the ballots. He received honorable mention as a tackle. Usually, All-State teams consist of only juniors and seniors, but Garretson made it as a sophomore.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why does human hair seem to stop growing after a certain length, except for the head and men's faces? (Asked by a hairy column reader.)

Reply: Well, this particularly hairy question sent me to the human anatomy books, where I learned a great deal about hair. It's everywhere, it's everywhere! That is, except the sides and soles of the feet, palms of the hands, sides of the fingers and toes, the lips, and some genital regions.

The average human body has about 5 million hairs, with 98 percent of them on parts of the body other than the head. (This percentage has been increasing for me, if you get my drift.) Of some of the 100,000 hairs on the scalp, about 50-100 are lost each day. These are normally replaced by new hair. All hair goes through a growth cycle that may last 2-6 years.

Hair is generally classified as being of two types. Fine "vellus" hairs cover most of the body, while coarser "terminal" hairs are on the scalp, upper lip, eyebrows, etc. The terminal hairs grow much faster than the vellus hairs (for which barbers are thankful). So, our shorter vellus hair is growing--we just don't have to include it in our usual haircut.

Why different regions of the skin have different types of hair has to do with interactions between the epidermis and the dermis (the outer and next outer layer of the skin, respectively). Hair follicles develop where the dermis induces them to do so. For example, dermis from the hairy region of a mouse, when coupled with epidermis from the pads of the feet (where hair does not normally grow), produces hair follicles there.

So, such epidermal and dermal influences regulate the hair distribution over our bodies. The epidermis is responsible for the different types of hair and controls whether a region has fine vellus hair or coarse terminal hair. The reason for this is probably locked up in the genes somewhere.

Okay, I know some readers are wondering about alopecia . . . male pattern alopecia (or baldness), that is. Temporary increases in hair loss can be caused by a variety of factors, including drugs (such as chemotherapy), radiation, stress, high fever, etc. The male pattern baldness seems to be affected by changes in the levels of testosterone in the blood and the inheritance of a "baldness" gene.

Men, if you're having this problem like me, be of good cheer! We are not going bald. What is happening is that we are going through a transition. The coarse terminal hair is coming back as fine vellus hair. We aren't bald--you just have to look closer to see the hair.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "There's one thing about baldness: it's neat!" --Don Herold.

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.

Board Keeps Policy--

(Continued from Page 1) principal, administration.

The school's goals were listed as follows:

- Through continued support and instruction, using all resources listed, PHS students will increase academic growth proficiency by an average of 10% in all grade levels, in the areas of math and ELA from Aug. 2021 benchmarks to May 2022 benchmarks of iReady for math and Star for ELA.
- PHS will strive for a 5% attendance increase of planned student support and community events, as measured by family member participation per student, from the 2020-21 school year to the 2021-22 school year.
- PHS will maintain a 94% attendance rate for the 2021-22 school year as measured by ZoomWV.

Attendance to date was listed as 94.7%, with 12.6% of those absences called chronic.

After the presentation and a tour of some of the school's programs, the board meeting reconvened.

Under delegations, two parents spoke against continuing the mask policy in the schools.

After a career center report by board member Horst Motz, updates from Whytsell, and board acknowledgements, the board went into executive session prior to "Old business: Reconsideration of mask policy."

When the meeting reconvened, there was no change in mask policy.

Items approved under

new business were as follows:

- Finance: general fund invoices, \$424,979; supplements, \$74,014; transfers, \$518,692; and November financial statement.
- No semester exams for first semester.
- Homeschool requests: parent Heather Yoak, 8th and 10th grades; parent Seana Miller, 4th grade.
- Volunteers, county: Nikki Boatright, Mikaila Snider, Michelle Kellar, Alisha Laughlin, Twila Nicholas, Tina Hicks, Kelly Morgan, Andrew Wilson, Denise Carter, Beth Harris, Vanessa Harris.
- Surplus items: Bus 8, Bus 17, Bus 25.

Personnel items approved:

- Termination of contract: Anthony Dean, substitute custodian and substitute cook, failure to complete background check/newhirepaperwork; James Summers, substitute custodian, failure to complete background check/new hire paperwork;
- Resignations: professional, L. Tyler Fortney, multi-cat Sp.Ed. teacher, AES Resource RM; extracurricular, Kristie Ritchie, \$1 assistant band director for majorettes.
- Employment: professional, Monica Bush, substitute teacher, county; service, Holly Adams, substitute custodian, county; Alisha Persinger, substitute multi-classified aide II/supervisory/bus, spec. health care proce-

This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Dec. 23-29 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.



Dec. 23, 1987: Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme escaped from the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson, while serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford. She was captured two days later near the prison.

Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event marked the spot where the final spike was driven, the following words were carved upon the rock: Rosbbys [sic] Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852.

Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices ordered that Jehovah's Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies at the plant.

Dec. 25, 2002: Jack Whittaker, a Putnam County contractor, won the \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot. At the time, it was the largest single

lottery jackpot in history. Dec. 26, 1917: Instrument maker Harold M. Hayslett was born in Putnam County. His violins, violas and cellos have received awards for tone and workmanship, and are cherished by collectors and players alike.



Dec. 27, 1797: The county seat of Ohio County was moved from West Liberty to Wheeling.

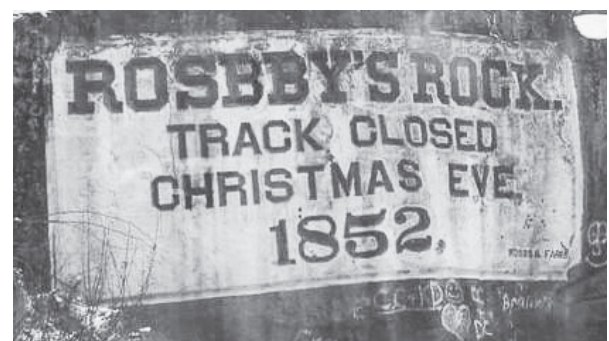
Dec. 28, 1879: Brigadier Gen. Billy Mitchell was born in France. As chief of the Army Air Force, he ordered aircraft of the 88th Squadron to perform reconnaissance during the 1921 Miners' March on Logan.

Dec. 28, 1978: The last trains ran on the Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Unlike most C&O branches in West Virginia, the Greenbrier Division was not a coal-hauling line, but served the valley's timber industry.

Dec. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt, but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.

Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song "Take Me Home, Country Roads." He performed "Country Roads" in West Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.

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The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River on Dec. 24, 1852, at Rosbys Rock, near Moundsville.

dures; Amber Byrd, substitute cook; extra-curricular, After-School: Jacob McCumbers, Kelley O'Harrow, substitute tutor/teachers; Trudi Anderson, tutor/teacher, CM/HS.

Expulsion reviews were scheduled for students 2021-22-05 and 2021-22-06.

A special board meeting was held on Monday, Dec. 20, at the Mt. Zion school board office at 5:30 p.m.

Items approved included:

--Employment: profes-

sional, Charlotte Squires and John Bugby, substitute teachers; Terry Jones, long term substitute, Special Education teacher, AES; extracurricular, Charlotte Squires, After-School substitute tutor/teacher.

Expulsion reviews for students 2021-22-2, 2020-21-2, 2020-21-1, and 2021-22-1 were listed on the agenda.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held on Monday, Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion board office.

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by Melody Walburn



The clock is ticking . . . Christmas is coming, and for the first time in quite a while, I think I am actually ready. Well, almost ready. I still have some cookies to bake and some presents to wrap, but that's about it. The tree and house are decorated, the presents are purchased, and plans have been finalized. Now, I am just counting down the days until I can say I am on Christmas break.

For teachers, December feels like running a marathon. Thanksgiving has come and gone, and the excitement of Christmas coming is fresh and new. We flip the calendar to December; four weeks doesn't seem so bad; it will fly by. The carols start to play, Hallmark movies seem to be on 24/7, and decorations are popping up all over town. We can do this!

I would like to say that the feeling of joy and hopefulness carries through the whole month, but by the end of week two, I imagine teachers feeling like runners at mile 13 in a 26-mile race. Our bodies are tiring, and we can feel the mental and physical fatigue setting in. There is nothing to do but push on through, so that is what we do. Trying to teach in December is not for the faint of heart.

I will say that it has been nice to have some happy distractions to look forward to this year. I have enjoyed watching our little town deck the halls and throw quite a spectacular Christmas parade. Add to that a tree-lighting ceremony and Christmas market, and you have a festive holiday on your hands. The light show at the park was the icing on the cake. I think it's safe to say that we know how to celebrate in Calhoun County.

To continue my marathon analogy, I would be happy to say that we are in the final stretch of our marathon. We have successfully completed week three and are staring at the finish line in the distance. This past week had some added excitement, as students were encouraged to take part in a holiday dress challenge.

Monday was wear your Christmas sweater and socks, Tuesday was a white out day to show support for the basketball team, Wednesday was wear your pajamas to school day (my personal favorite), Thursday was Christmas color by classes, and Friday was dress as your favorite Christmas character. It was fun to watch the kids come down the hall each morning. Some of our students are extremely creative, and really got into the holiday spirit.

While some schools are already on vacation, our school calendar continues until Wednesday for the students and Thursday for the teachers. I will cross the line and finish the marathon that is December officially at 3:30 on the 23rd. If you listen closely, you might just hear me singing "Joy to the World" as I exit the building and head home. I don't need to win the race; my goal is to finish strong.

You may be saying to yourself, "Melody, I think you might be being a bit dramatic." I would have to respectfully disagree. On top of the normal challenges that come with teaching, throw in making sure that your students are wearing their masks properly, a full moon, and a Tik Tok challenge that still has me wondering what our world is coming to. To say that I was tired when I left the building last Friday would be an understatement, but I was still running the good race, and there was birthday cake coming.

My birthday was on Saturday, but we didn't get to really celebrate until Sunday. Maricia and Andy made my favorite meal--lasagna, garlic bread, and salad. They know me well, and they even baked me a Mississippi Mudcake. Mom and Dad supplied the ice cream, and we celebrated my 52nd birthday with dinner at my home among the hills. When my birthday comes and go, I know Christmas is around the bend.

I will say, even in the midst of all the craziness and chaos, I have held on tight to the true meaning of Christmas. I love the scene in Charlie Brown's Christmas when Linus takes the stage to tell Charlie Brown what Christmas is all about. Did you ever notice that during this scene Linus drops his blanket? I read this is the only time he ever does so in the whole series. It makes sense. Listen to what Linus said:

"And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them! And they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all my people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, and good will toward men.'"

There is no better news! Merry Christmas, my friends. The race is over; relax, rest, and rejoice!

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)

This is from Amie's diary. She is living in Rocky Point, W.Va. March 7th 1865.

George has left Rock Point this morning. The day, to me, has been dreary & lonely.

10th This is a fast day. Mr. Houston¹ gave us an excellent sermon. He seems very hopeful & sanguine as to the termination of this war.

12th The Sabbath. I heard Mr Houston preach again to day. A large audience attended.

14th Tuesday. I accompanied Mrs. John Dunsmore² over to Mr George Dunsmore's to day. It is the first time I have been out of Rocky Point since I came here.

16th We have moved into Mr Hays' own house to day. It is a very disagreeable day, & I am very tired to night.

17th I have been very busy to day fixing up my own room as well as some of the other rooms.

18th I am much pleased with the change of residence. This is much more roomy, airy, & comfortable. I can have a little retirement now without fear of any officious or unwelcome intrusions.

19th The Sabbath, & a lovely day. After dinner I took a walk in the company of Miss Lizzy Waits³. We visited the grave yard. It is very much neglected, & overgrown. Lizzie accompanied me home & remind until nearly sunset. She is very agreeable company.

20th No equinoctial storm to day. In the contrary it has been the warmest & most delightful day of the month. Ella & I visited a spring not far distant from this place. It is a noble spring & unfailling. I took a most refreshing drink of the cool nectar, so much more pleasant at the fountain head, than when conveyed in pipes to our doors. Lydia Boyd was married to Mr. Barnett⁴ to day, & there is quite a jingling of bells to night in honor of the occasion. A proceeding, however, which I very much disapprove of.

21st Evening. We had quite a hard shower this afternoon. It is quite warm, & the grass is commencing to spring up in the door yards of our village. Mr Maze & lady from North Carolina reached R. Point this evening. They state that Mr Hays left the factory thirteen days ago, but that it will be sometime yet before he reaches here, owing to the state of the roads.

22nd I took dinner at Dr. J. Waits⁵ to day by special invitation. I found Rev Mr Maze & lady a very agreeable couple. I also met there with Miss Lucy Perry.

23rd We had here for dinner Mrs & Miss Wait⁶, & Rev Maze & lady. Mrs Chrisman was here also to dinner. The day has passed very pleasantly. The elements, however, [missing] very boisterous. The wind has blown very hard both yesterday & to day. I think this month rightly named, in honor of Mars.

24th The wind blew very hard nearly all night; & on rising this morning I found the earth again robed in a mantle of white. By noon, however, the snow had well neigh gone. Mrs Jim Waits came in on an errand this afternoon & sat with me sometime. We had a lively & very interesting conversation. After her departure I made a very brief call at Dr Anderson Waits, where I was introduced to Lieut. Burr⁷, C.S.A. He is a very good looking, pleasant young man. It is very cold to night. I think this must me the equinomial storm as black Dick⁸ says.

25th It is cold to day. I walked up to Dr. J. Waits this evening. They gave me some nice sweet apples which old Mr Curry had brought to Lizzie.

26th Ella & I went to church. Mr Houston gave us an excellent sermon. Captain Camel & Lizzie Waits called this evening.

27th Lizzie Waits called this morning for a needle. We had a nice little chat. I have been reading a novel entitled "Maria" published in Richmond in 1864. Mr Hays & his wagons reached here from N. Carolina.

28th The weather is delightful. The grass is springing up in our yards, every thing indicates an early spring.

29th I called at Mr J Dunsmore's this morning. I let her have two needles & she gave me six eggs. Mrs Mathew Mann & Mr James Mann & wife were here to day on a visit. I enjoyed their visit very much.

30th We had a shower last night, & all nature seems refreshed. On yesterday I finished reading John Marchmont's "Legacy" a southern novel.

31st Mrs John Perry called to see me to day. I have been spending a pleasant evening. Perry sat up late talking to me of home. He said "When you see Nedley, remember me very kindly to him." Tell him "I long for & trust the time will come when I can take him kindly by the hand & strike glad hands with him.

¹Mr. Houston: Samuel R. Houston, Presbyterian minister of Rocky Point.

²Mrs. John Dunsmore: Probably Mrs. Fanny Dinsmore.

³Miss Lizzie Waits: Elizabeth Waite, daughter of James Y. and Eliza-beth Waite

⁴Lydia Boyd and William Barnett, both about 25 years old.

⁵Dr. J. Waits: Dr. John W. Waite and wife Elizabeth. They moved to Calhoun County. He died in 1890 and she died in 1900. Both are buried in Old Bethlehem Cemetery.

⁶John W. Waite, James Waite and Anderson Waite were physicians. It is not always clear which one Amie is referring to.

⁷Lieut. Burr: Believed to be Aaron B. Burr of Co. A, 14th Cavalry.

⁸black Dick: Probably slave of Perry.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

Menu for the Senior Citizens Center (2% milk and margarine available daily):
Thursday, Dec. 23: pork rib sandwich, peas and carrots, fruit.
Friday, Dec. 24: closed.
Monday, Dec. 27: chicken tenders, broccoli cheese, french fries, pears, whole wheat bread.
Tuesday, Dec. 28: lasagna, vegetables, fruit, garlic toast.
Wednesday, Dec. 29: pinto beans, greens, fruit, cornbread.

Thursday, Dec. 30: pork roast, kraut, boiled potatoes, fruit.
Friday, Dec. 31: closed.

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.

County COVID-19 Cases--

(Continued from Page 1) cases during the pandemic are 316,391.

The number of deaths reported was 97, up from 93 the previous week. Total deaths in West Virginia are 5,211.

The number of new cases in the United States was 964,259, up from 831,599 and 870,266, the previous two weeks, and nearly the double the three weeks before, when the numbers showed 506,780, 519,912 and 579,613. Total cases since the pandemic began are 51,765,714.

Deaths in the U.S. were reported as 9,467, a slight increase over the last two weeks' 9,193 and 9,349. Total deaths are 827,323.

New weekly worldwide cases were 4,558,830, more than last week's 4,286,807, and significantly higher than four weeks ago, when there were 3,182,470 new cases. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 275,129,331.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 48,068, dropping from the previous two weeks, when there were 50,782 and 53,833 deaths reported. Total deaths from the pandemic are 5,378,154.

DHHR reported that 913,426 (51.0%) of West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated, up from the previous 908,806 (50.7%). There have been 297,589 boosters administered, up from 276,955 last week.

The number of vaccine doses administered in Calhoun is reported as 3,161, still down from 3,167 announced by DHHR three weeks ago.

DHHR reported no active cases at Minnie Hamilton Health Care, with cumulative cases of eight residents and nine staff.

Cocoa and Cookies

Calhoun County Library will have a free hot cocoa bar and cookies on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22-23, to show thanks and appreciation for the community it serves.

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Calhoun junior Joselynn Yeager (42) scores on a 12-ft. jumper during Monday's game against Doddridge County. Teammates are Savannah Cunningham (3), Makyla Jones (5) and Josie Montgomery (10).

Hanes Wins Week, Duskey Tops Mini

With two games postponed (Washington vs. Philadelphia, Las Vegas vs. Cleveland), final results of Week 7 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest was based on the remaining eight games.

Lou Hanes picked the most winners (6-2 record) and wins a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.

Three contestants finished with 5-3 records: Alice Cottrell, Levi Ferrell and Brenton Slider.

Final results of the 2021 Mini Football Prognostication Contest has William Duskey holding on to his lead, while finishing with a record of 48-19. He wins a \$25 gift certificate from Foodland.

He is followed by top contenders Levi Ferrell, 46-21; Angie Slider, 45-22; Lou Hanes, 43-24; Jim Erlewine and Mike Propst, 42-25; and Brenton Slider, 41-26.

Wrestling Team Places 3rd In Hardwood Duals

The Calhoun County High School wrestling team opened its season at Webster County High School's Hardwood Duals on Friday and Saturday.

Filling 10 of 14 weight classes, the Red Devils were 3-0 in their pool of four teams on Friday, before losing to the top two teams in the other pool.

On Saturday, the wrestlers competed in a combined bracket/round robin format, with CCHS finishing third of the nine teams.

Calhoun placed seven wrestlers in the top four of the two-day event.

Finishing first overall were Jett Sampson (126 lbs., 7-1 record) and Drue Goad, 195, 7-1). In second were Hunter Thacker (145, 7-2), Grant Sterns (152, 8-2) and Ian Persinger (160, 7-3).

Levi Stump (285, 6-3) placed third and Trevor Collins (220, 5-3) was fourth.

Also competing for the Red Devils were Chase Marks (120, 3-2), Isaiah Boggs (132, 3-4), Adam Lane (182, 4-6) and Joe Sampson (285, 2-2).

Calhoun was scheduled to wrestle at Clay on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. The only scheduled home match, the Mike Stump Duals, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m.

CCHS individual results at Hardwood Duals: 120 lbs. - Chase Marks, 3-2 record, 1 pin, 18 pts.

126 - Jett Sampson, 7-1, 5 pins, 41 pts., 1st place

132 - Isaiah Boggs, 3-4, 18 pts.

145 - Hunter Thacker, 7-2, 7 pins, 42 pts., 2nd place

152, Grant Sterns, 8-2, 6 pins, 48 pts., 2nd place

160 - Ian Persinger, 7-3, 5 pins, 39 pts., 2nd place

182 - Adam Lane, 4-6, 4 pins, 24 pts.

Girls Lose To Gilmer, Doddridge

The CCHS varsity girls basketball team played two games in the last seven days.

The team traveled to Glenville on Tuesday, Dec. 14, to take on Gilmer County in a rematch of last season's sectional finals.

The Lady Titans came out on top this time, 74-62.

Calhoun opened strong, with Josie Montgomery and Savannah Cunningham scoring seven each in an 18-9 opening period.

Gilmer came back to

tie the game and the teams were deadlocked at 32 at halftime.

CCHS fell behind after the third quarter, 47-43, and Montgomery's nine points in the fourth were not enough to keep Gilmer from pulling away, 74-62.

Montgomery (25), Cunningham (18) and Joselynn Yeager (11) led Calhoun in scoring. They added 13, 9 and 12 rebounds, respectively.

The teams are scheduled to meet again during the regular season on Feb.

3 at CCHS.

On Monday night, the Lady Red Devils had shooting problems and officiating problems.

Hosting visiting Doddridge, both teams got off to a slow start. The Lady Bulldogs led 14-10 after one quarter and 21-19 at the half.

Nine points by Montgomery rallied the team in the third, and CCHS led by five, 39-34, heading into the final eight minutes.

Calhoun was in front 45-41 midway through the fourth, but nine straight points from DCHS lifted the visitors into a 50-45 lead with 1:47 remaining.

A steal and driving lay-up by Cunningham and two free throws by Makayla Jones pulled the team to within one, 50-49, with 56 seconds left.

Montgomery matched a pair of free throws by the Lady Bulldogs to again pull to within one, but a field goal by Doddridge with 11 seconds gave the team the win 54-51.

Cunningham (14), Montgomery (14) and Yeager (11) once again led the team in scoring.

Yeager (10) and Montgomery (8) led in rebounds, and Cunningham had eight steals and six assists.

Calhoun plays in a holiday tournament at Ritchie County High School on Monday and Tuesday. No other details were available.

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Calhoun 18 14 11 19--62
Gilmer 9 23 15 27--74
 Calhoun scoring: Josie Montgomery 10 3-4 25, Savannah Cunningham 7 2-6 18, Joselynn Yeager 3 5-5 11, Trista Arnold 2 2-4 6, Ella Hess 1 0-0 2, Makayla Jones 0 0-0 0, Madison Westfall 0 0-0 0. Total 23 12-19 62. 3-pt.: Montgomery 2, Cunningham 2. Rebounds, Montgomery 13, Yeager 12, Cunningham 9; steals, Cunningham 4, Arnold 4, Montgomery 3; assists, Cunningham 5. Opp.: 30 7-13 74; 3-pt.: 7.

Monday, Dec. 20
Dodd. 14 7 13 20--54
Calhoun 10 9 20 12--51
 Calhoun scoring: Josie Montgomery 4 5-6 14, Savannah Cunningham 4 6-9 14, Joselynn Yeager 6 0-4 12, Trista Arnold 2 1-2 6, Madison Westfall 1 0-0 3, Makayla Jones 0 2-2 2, Abi Waldron 0 0-0 0, Ashlyn Boak 0 0-0 0, Ariety Hickman 0 0-0 0. Total 17 14-23 51. 3-pt.: Montgomery 1, Arnold 1, Westfall 1. Rebounds, Yeager 10, Montgomery 8, Cunningham 4, Jones 3; steals, Cunningham 8, Arnold 2, Montgomery 2; assists, Cunningham 6; blocks, Montgomery 3. Opp.: 22 6-10 74; 3-pt.: 4.

Calhoun County Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

December	
7	62 Doddridge 48 W
9	68 So. Harrison 32 . W
11	68 Wirt 41 W
14	62 Gilmer 74 L
20	51 Doddridge 54 L
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.	

JV scores	
December	
7	30 Doddridge 19 W
11	42 Wirt 28 W
14	41 Gilmer 44 L
20	41 Doddridge 17 W

2021-22 Calhoun Middle School Girls Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted

December	
2	Gilmer A
6	George Washington .. H
7	Braxton H
13	Spencer H
15	Walton H
23	Geary A

2021-22 Calhoun Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted

December	
6	George Washington ... A
7	Braxton A
9	Gilmer A
13	Spencer A
15	Walton 7:30 H
21	Gilmer H
23	Geary 7:30 A

Calhoun County Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

December	
10	49 Van 73 L
14	55 Doddridge 65 L
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
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Bulldogs Top CCHS

The Calhoun varsity boys basketball team got balanced scoring and came within 10 points of its first win of the season, when the team hosted Doddridge on Dec. 14.

The Red Devils fell behind by 16 points, 38-22, at halftime, but came back in third quarter for a 17-10 advantage, cutting the deficit to 48-39.

The Bulldogs edged out CCHS by one in the fourth, 17-16, to post the 65-55 win. Doddridge scored nearly half its points on three-pointers, connecting on 10-of-30 attempts.

Leading scorers for Calhoun were Caden Jones (17), Ian Richards (11) and Jose Basnett (10). Jones also contributed 12 rebounds.

Calhoun plays in a holiday tournament at Ritchie County High School on Monday and Tuesday. No other details were available.

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Dodd. 17 21 10 17--65
Calhoun 8 14 17 16--55
 Calhoun scoring: Caden Jones 7-13 3-5 17, Ian Richards 4-13 2-2 11, Joel

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JV Girls Defeat Doddridge, 41-17

The Calhoun JV girls basketball team split their last two games, losing to Gilmer JV, 44-41, on Dec. 14, and defeating Doddridge JV, 41-17, on Monday, Dec. 20.

Against Gilmer, the team fell behind 28-11 at halftime, but cut the deficit by 12, 32-27, with a 16-4 margin in the third period, as Abi Waldron and Ariety Hickman scored six points each.

Maycee Carter kept the team in the game with eight points in the fourth.

Carter (13), Waldron (13) and Hickman (11) did most of the scoring for the Lady Red Devils.

On Monday, the team shutout Doddridge JV in the first quarter, 5-0, and finished with a 16-2 margin in the fourth for the victory.

Nyla Warner led the team in scoring with 13 points and Lauren Lovejoy pulled down 18 rebounds.

The Calhoun JV is now 3-1 on the season.

Tuesday, Dec. 14
CHS JV 2 9 16 14--41
Gilm. JV 16 12 4 12--44

Calhoun JV scoring: Maycee Carter 6 1-2 13, Abi Waldron 5 2-5 13, Ariety Hickman 4 3-8 11, Ashlyn Boak 10-02, Lauren Lovejoy 10-12, Nyla Warner 00-00, Brealle Arthur 00-00. Total 17 6-16 41. 3-pt.: Waldron. Rebounds, Lovejoy 13, Hickman 13, Waldron 7, Boak 6, Carter 6; steals, Waldron 8, Hickman 4, Carter 3, Boak 3; assists, Carter 4, Hickman



Calhoun JV's Ariety Hickman (45) connects on a free throw during Monday's 41-17 win over Doddridge JV.

2. Opponents: 14 11-18 44. 1 1-2 3, Ariety Hickman 1 1-2 3, Ashlyn Boak 1 0-4 3, Brealle Arthur 1 0-0 2. Total 15 8-23 41. 3-pt.: Warner, Carter, Boak. Rebounds, Lovejoy 18, Hickman 7, Waldron 7, Boak 6, Carter 6; steals, Waldron 5, Warner 5, Lovejoy 3, Hickman 3. Opponents: 6 4-10 17. 3-pt.: 1.

Monday, Dec. 20
Dodd. JV 0 10 5 2--17
CHS JV 5 10 10 16--41

Calhoun JV scoring: Nyla Warner 6 0-6 13, Lauren Lovejoy 4 1-4 9, Maycee Carter 1 5-5 8, Abi Waldron



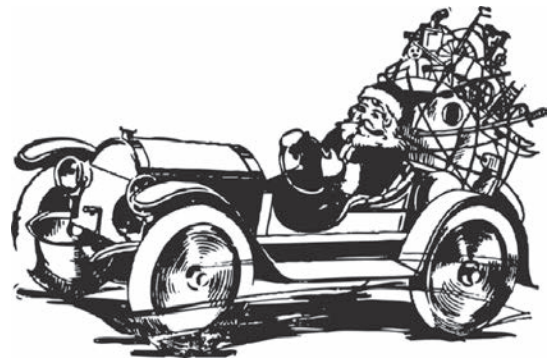
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notice of the adoption proceedings.

You are further notified that a final adoption hearing will be held on
January 20, 2022 at 9:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may
be heard, before the Honorable Anita Ashley, Circuit Judge, at the Cal-
houn County Courthouse, Grantsville, Calhoun County, West Virginia,
25268, and if it be necessary, the petitioners will then and there move
the appointment of a discrete and suitable person to serve as Next
Friend for your child, to consent to the child's adoption.

Copies of the petition for adoption may be obtained by contacting
counsel for petitioners at her address shown below.

Erica Brannon Gunn
402 Market Street
Spencer, WV 25276
Phone: 304-927-6161
Counsel for Petitioners

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

v. PETITION NO.: 21-P-17
2007 DODGE NITRO HON. ANITA H. ASHLEY
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO.:
1D8GU58KX7W662733

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: Mary Grace Kute
201 Pell Street
Grantsville, WV 26147

On December 1, 2021, officers with the West Virginia State Police
and Calhoun County Sheriff's Department arrested an occupant of a
2007 Dodge Nitro, Vehicle Identification No. 1D8GU58KX7W662733,
for possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance and
conspiracy to commit a drug felony at, or near Millstone, Calhoun
County, West Virginia. Said 2007 Dodge Nitro is a conveyance which
was used, has been used, or is intended for use, to transport, or in
any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or
concealment of a controlled substance in violation of Chapter 60A of
the West Virginia Code, and was therefore used to facilitate a violation
of West Virginia Code, Chapter 60A, and/or the laws of the State of
West Virginia. The 2007 Dodge Nitro was in the possession and/or
control of Mary Grace Kute and the same claimed ownership of said
property at that time.

The State of West Virginia has filed a *Forfeiture Petition* wherein
it has asked the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, to
forfeit the 2007 Dodge Nitro to the State and to vest title to the 2007
Dodge Nitro in the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department.

A copy of said *Forfeiture Petition* can be obtained from the Calhoun
County Clerk's Office. Any person having a claim upon the above-
described 2007 Dodge Nitro, shall make a claim on said property on
or before the passing of thirty (30) days from the first publication of
this legal publication.

Any claim must clearly identify the claimant and the address at
which legal process can be served upon the claimant.

All claims shall be delivered to Nigel E. Jeffries, Prosecuting Attor-
ney, P.O. Box 337, Grantsville, West Virginia 26147.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 8th day of December 2021.

Sheila R. Garretson
Sheila Garretson, Circuit Clerk
Calhoun County, West Virginia

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement
bearing the 9th day of March 2020, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now
being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction, Thurs-
day, December 23, 2021, at 10 a.m., the following described personal
property:

2004 Jeep Liberty UT
S/N 1J4GL48K64W248012

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale
Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks Garage, 253 Court Street, Grantsville
WV 26147

Terms of sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the
right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids
to be opened at the public sale.

Calhoun County Bank, Inc.,
P.O. Box 430
Grantsville, WV 26147
304-354-6116

Toy Safety

Holidays are a time for joy, but it is important to take precautions for a safe and poison-free season, according to the W.Va. Poison Center, which offers these toy safety recommendations:

--Vintage toys may contain lead. Keep older toys up and away from children.

--Disc, button, or coin batteries are extremely dangerous and can cause severe injury if swallowed. Make sure that all items that children play with have secured battery compartments, such as a battery area that requires a screwdriver to open. Keep all products containing accessible batteries up and away from children and pets.

--Some toys and novelty items contain small, powerful magnets that can cause serious injury if swallowed. Do not purchase toys with small, strong magnets for young children.

--If children are playing with toys, such as chemistry kits or art supplies, be sure to know where to find the ingredient list in case a poisoning occurs. It is also important to follow all directions on toys that involve mixing items.

--Even with safety measures in place, some toys are recalled. Before purchasing toys, check to see if they are on a recall list.

Call the medical experts at the Poison Center, 1-800-222-1222, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even during the holidays, if a potential poisoning occurs. Do not wait for symptoms to appear.

Library Hours

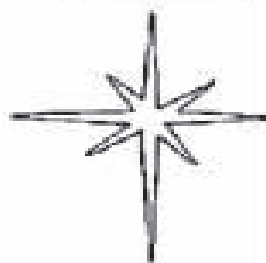
Calhoun County Library hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

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.

**Blessings
Of The
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'Tis the season to be Thankful for all the blessings the lord has bestowed upon us. We wish all our friends, family and everyone that patronized the Nu-Look, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With Love, Linda



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Praises*

May your heart be full of song and your home echo with the sounds of laughter as we give thanks to our Lord for the miracle of Christmas.

To all our patrons and friends,
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Happy "Holy" Day

From
Calhoun Auto Care

Wesley & Amy Rogers and Family

Do You Hear What We Hear?

The Christmas bells are ringing, signaling the start of another Holiday season. May you reach out to others this year and be blessed in return.

Calhoun County Committee on Aging

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 | 0.8 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**

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

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 large back yard | Outbuilding for storage and garage attached! | **\$119,900**

S. Calhoun Highway | Orma | 14.7 Acres +/- | 40x60 Cabin on a perfectly laid out farm! | **\$249,900**

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, stone fireplace, ceiling stone fireplace, huge open living room that flows into the kitchen/dining room and much more! | **\$395,900**

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 +/- | 2 or 3 BR | 1 BA | 2 Car 2 Story Detached Garage, Wood Working Shop, and Cellar | **\$69,500**

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**

255 Court Street | Grantsville | Old Calhoun Banks Drive-Thru | Bullet Resistent Glass, 6 Safes, 3 Drive-Thru Phneumatic Tubes, 4 Lanes, and much more! | **REDUCED TO \$29,900**

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



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Help Wanted

THE Mt. Zion PSD is accepting applications for a part-time office/bookkeeper for 20-24 hrs./week at \$12.00/hr. Apply with resume at the PSD office located at 4418 South Calhoun Highway, Grantsville. Background checks will be performed. For more information, call 304-354-7799. 1tc/12/23

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FREE to good home, mixed breed, medium-small dogs. Some are already house broken. If interested, please call 304-377-4141. 1tf/12/23

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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, \$800, plus deposit. Lease required. Close to Grantsville, Minnie Hamilton Health System. Call 304-532-8117. 9/2/rtn

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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for all of the cards and gifts for Tom's retirement party. We truly appreciate you all. Thanks again, God Bless Always Tom and Karen Law

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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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Winter Sun Protection Tips Offered

Library Hotspots

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Food Pantry

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

As autumn turns to winter, many places in the country are experiencing cooler weather and less sunlight. While it may be tempting to slack off on sun protection when the rays aren't beating down, it's imperative to stay vigilant through the darker winter months.

"Most ultraviolet rays from the sun can penetrate

cloud cover and fog," said Deborah S. Sarnoff, MD, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "So you can still sustain sun damage--which can lead to skin cancer and premature skin aging--during winter months."

Ultraviolet B (UVB) rays, which are mainly responsible for sunburn, are the strongest in the

summer, but UVB rays can burn and damage your skin year-round, especially on reflective surfaces, such as snow or ice. Snow reflects up to 80 percent of the sun's UV light.

Winter sports enthusiasts should take special care: Skiers and snowboarders are at an even greater risk, because these sports take place at a higher altitude, where the thinner atmosphere absorbs less UV radiation.

Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays, which lead to tanning, dark spots and wrinkles, remain constant throughout the year and can penetrate through clouds and fog. UVA rays can also penetrate glass, so it's still possible to damage your skin while spending a bright winter day indoors.

Winter Sun strategies:

Your first line of defense against this sun damage is clothing.

Covering up is easier in the winter--it's cold! Your face, head and neck tend to remain exposed year-round, and this is where most skin cancers occur.

Don't forget your wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses before heading out. A hat keeps you warm while keeping UV rays from damaging your face and scalp, and sunglasses protect your eyes while also fighting snow glare.

Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 or higher daily to all exposed skin, and make sure to cover often-missed spots, like the tops of your ears, around the eyes, and near the hairline.

Consider choosing a moisturizing sunscreen, with ingredients like lanolin or glycerin to combat dry winter skin.

Try to avoid the peak sun hours (generally be-

tween 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the winter months), and seek shade when you can.

Winter is approaching, but that's no reason to let up on the sun-safe habits that you practiced during the summer.

Continuing sun protection efforts through the colder, cloudier months of the year reduces your risk of premature skin aging and developing the world's most common cancer.

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LEGAL NOTICE

List of tax liens sold in the County of CALHOUN on the 19th day of November, 2021 for the nonpayment of taxes thereon for the year 2020, and purchased by individuals or certified to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia:

Person Charged with Taxes	Description	Quantity of Land	Bid Price
DISTRICT-CENTER			
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	1/8 20 YELLOW 1/3 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	1/8 40 YELLOW 1/3 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	1/32 106 YELLOW MEGAN J W HOLBERT #1 W-60 1/3 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
JKB REAL ESTATE LLC	5.66 AC SUR LK	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	2287.61
WHIPKEY P D	30 SPRING FORK	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	90.80
WILSON JOHNSON FAMILY LLC	1/10 150 SPRING FORK H KIGHT BUCKEYE W-110 BUCKEYE W-90	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	90.80
WILSON JOHNSON FAMILY LLC	1/20 150 SPRING FORK W-57	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
DISTRICT-LEE			
BARKER JAMES	23.59 AC SUR HENRYS FORK TRANSFERRED FROM ROANE CO 2003	PHILLIP OR AMANDA MCKAUGHAN 1484 BLENNERHASSETT HTS PARKERSBURG, WV 26101-0000	1714.29
BARKER JAMES	11.55 AC SUR HENRYS FORK TRANSFERRED FROM ROANE CO 2003	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	225.25
BRIGHT TIMBERLANDS LLC	13 AC OGM BEECH	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	1295.00
BRIGHT TIMBERLANDS LLC	40 AC OGM BEECH	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	4187.70
CARPENTER LOTTIE M	INTERSECTIONS ROUTES 9 & 18 .65 AC	JEFFERY &/OR CHRISTINA JONES 441 FREED RD BROHARD, WV 26138-0000	1840.46
KLINE LAURA J	BARNES RUN 108 SQ RDS SUR SUMMER HOME	JEFFERY &/OR CHRISTINA JONES 441 FREED RD BROHARD, WV 26138-0000	1935.98
MACE RICHARD D & HILDA L	LEATHERBARK 22500 SQ FT SUR 150X150	NORMA COLLINS 558 JAKES FORK RD ARNOLDSBURG, WV 25234-0000	90.07
MACE ROGER	1.5 ACRES SUR HENRY'S FORK	JEFFERY &/OR CHRISTINA JONES 441 FREED RD BROHARD, WV 26138-0000	91.17
MCKOWN PHILLIP	ARNOLDSBURG LOT #2	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	123.02
MCKOWN PHILLIP	LOT NO 3 ARNOLDSBURG 50X165	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	256.53
MCKOWN PHILLIP	LOT 6 50X190	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	131.39
MCKOWN PHILLIP K	.09 AC SUR ARNOLDSBURG NEW PARCEL CREATED	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	86.72
MORRIS JOHN I	1/7 66 ROAD RUN	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
WELCH SHANNON MARIE	HENRYS 10.2 AC SUR	P. KEITH MCCUMBERS 2087 HENRY'S FORK RD ARNOLDSBURG, WV 25234-0000	6706.85
DISTRICT: SHERIDAN			
BURROWS DANNY H	BROOKSVILLE 133 SQ RDS 1/2 INT	GARY FERRELL 48 E LUBECK HILLS DR WASHINGTON, WV 26181-0000	631.71
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	40 LEADING 1/3 INT SEE LEGAL	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	225/560 119 BIG ROOT ES-310 1/3 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	225/560 44 BIG ROOT 1/3 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	225/560 47 BIG ROOT OGM 1/3 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	225/560 51 BIG ROOT #40593A DOM-170 1/3 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	1/6 45 BIG ROOT 1/3 INT WOLVERTON	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	91.17
COLLINS ROSS HRS	33 LEADING OGM 1/2 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	4094.69
COLLINS ROSS HRS	1/30 53 COAL FORK OGM DOM 1/2 INT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
HERRON SUSAN D	3/8 315 L K OGM PRIM #823 HAMILTON W-1260	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	1495.00
SHIMER PHILLIP	25 TRIPPETT RUN OGM 1/24 INT	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	85.58
DISTRICT: SHERMAN			
BEALL ROBERT J JAMES H & DANIEL M	1/6 50 L K #38375 DOM-100	BARBARA AYERS PO BOX 109 GRANTSVILLE, WV 26147-0000	85.58
BEALL ROBERT J, JAMES H & DANIEL M	HOG KNOB 1.5 AC SUR	BARBARA AYERS PO BOX 109 GRANTSVILLE, WV 26147-0000	1387.33
BISSELL DONALD	LAUREL FEE 42 AC 1/3 INT	JEFFERY &/OR CHRISTINA JONES 441 FREED RD BROHARD, WV 26138-0000	3406.27
MCCOY MARY E	1/10 205 STEER CREEK S STUMP SYLVESTER STUMP W-57	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
MORRIS JAMES J	4.3 AC FEE	WILLIAM OR TRACY HAKES 403 MAIN ST MIDDLEBOURNE, WV 26179-0000	99.01
ROBERTS EFFIE HRS	1/10 102 LAUREL MEGAN DOM-57	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
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BOWLING JOE	LEFTHAND 7.47 AC SUR	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	2323.01
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CONLEY RAY	HARDWAY 17 AC FEE 1/7 INT	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	981.89
CROWLEY JOHN J JR	2/15 85 MEADOW RUN	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	1595.00
DICKS ALZORA	HARDWAY 17 AC FEE 1/7 INT	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	3481.89
DICKS ALZORA	HARDWAY 5.5 AC FEE 1/7 INT	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	1294.84
DUFFIELD CORA & MARY MILLER	1/5 85 MEADOW RUN	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	86.88
DUFFIELD CORA & MARY MILLER	1/16 39 NICUT	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

A jolly old fellow from the polar region arrived, along with Mrs. Claus, to bring presents to children at the Creston Christmas party, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Burdette came down from Ohio for the event, as did Heather Cortez, who lives in Elgin, Ill. Ted Grimm and Debbie drove down from Erie, Pa., and others came from far and near.

The community would like to thank Rosie White, who was the main ramrod, decorator and organizer, and all those who helped, brought, and served food, provided door prizes, and helped in other ways.

After being advised of the craters in the surface of the Little Kanawha River bridge, the bridge crew came up with the "hi-grade" cold mix and filled the worst of the "imperfections in the surface of the roadway."

Freddie Bush, who is timbering on the Bessie Arthur property, had a narrow escape from death. He was unloading his bulldozer from the trailer that he had behind one of his log trucks, when the trailer tipped and the 'dozer flipped and landed on its side in Little Creek.

He was able to jump to safety. Another logger brought his skidder, and, along with Freddie's end loader, was able to get the damaged 'dozer back on the trailer to be hauled away.

Diane Ludwig, who had been director of Little Kanawha Area Development Corp. for many years, died at age 68. Although not from Creston, she helped at many Creston events.

A new bridge is being built across Little Spring Creek, where it joins main Spring Creek, just up from the mouth of Tom's Run. Also, the rock quarry near the former Victor Kirby home is back in operation.

Wilma Mowrey's daughter Kim came to visit, but ended up on the sick list.

Local residents consulted with their medical providers. One local family tested positive for the virus and obtained ivermectin to treat the disease. They have been doing well.

The ruling elites do not want anyone questioning what they say is true. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., has a new book out concerning the background of the virus. Seems for the past 20 years, there have been "table top" dry runs for biosecurity mass events in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Europe, and that biosecurity has been the tip of the spear of U.S. foreign policy.

After three accidents sometime around 2014, the Big Eared One's government ordered the research to stop, but, of course, it did not.

A professor from North Carolina taught a Chinese scientist how to do the

gain of function research. Of course, the rest is history.

It was made clear that the pandemic would be used to establish total government control, as is, apparently, the case in Australia, certain European nations, and is proposed in New York state.

The government says that in 55 years, we can see the data from the tests, but it becomes more obvious that the jump in heart problems, especially with boys and formerly healthy young men, is related to the vaccine.

Dr. Collins, who was the head honcho when the Great Barrington report came out, signed by actual scientists and researchers advising that lockdowns were wrong, told Fauci to "trash it quickly."

J.P. Marks was having chariot troubles.

Some local folks received Christmas cards from a prominent family from Palm Beach, Fla.

In addition to inflation, there has been a "supply chain problem." Folks in Creston and elsewhere have been waiting months for parts and all sorts of things are "in short supply."

Some local folks learned that inspection stickers are in short supply at various inspection stations: "We are out of stickers."

Whittle Corp. (Warren Haught) acquired the wells that HG operated in the Hartley (Brohard) field.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that in October, the daily production of natural gas was 95.1 billion cubic feet/day, and that by next December, the number will have increased to 97.5 bcf/day.

This means that more wells need to be drilled to have this increased volume of natural gas.

In West Virginia, several new Marcellus and Utica (Pt. Pleasant) wells have been permitted.

Tracy Robinson of TC Energy/TransCanada/Columbia Gas, one of the Rockefeller family of companies, noted that by 2030, natural gas demand would increase by 25%.

Apparently, Robinson is ignoring the screams from the green weenies, who are likely funded by her friend Vladimir, who does not want competition for his natural gas and crude oil.

Hunter's friends in Peking want America to be weak and dependent on others for energy--that's how one starts down that road.

Older folks will remember Jimmy Carter, his buddy Bert Lance, and his Arab friends, and how all that worked out. At that time, drilling in the area came to a complete halt, with one well at Speed, south of Spencer, being halted before being drilled in.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude slipped to \$69.86/bbl., with condensate, \$55.86, Marcellus and Utica light, \$60.86, and medium, \$69.86.

New at Library

Calhoun County Library has the following new items: Adult Fiction: Chain of Command, by Marc Cameron; Just Haven't Met You Yet, by Sophie Cousens; Gated Prey, by Lee Goldberg; The Secret of Snow, by Viola Shipman; The Becoming, by Nora Roberts; Autopsy, by Patricia Cornwell; Fear No Evil, by James Patterson; Flying Angels, by Danielle Steel; Wish You Were Here, by Jodi Picoult; Game On, by Janet Evanovich; The Midnight Lock, by Jeffery Deaver.

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DUFFIELD CORA & MARY MILLER	1/8 29 WALKER	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENNVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
DUFFIELD CORA & MARY MILLER	1/8 98 SENG RUN	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENNVILLE, WV 26351-0000	85.58
FACEMYER LUMBER COMPANY	25 AC SUR BLOWN TIMBER	RICKY L JARVIS 1083 LITTLE OAK RD CHLOE, WV 25235-0000	2140.46
GIAR JAMES M	.11 AC SUR WF	RICKY L JARVIS 1083 LITTLE OAK RD CHLOE, WV 25235-0000	85.58
HAWKINS HARRY L & JOYCE M	BEECH 22.73 AC SUR	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	3488.20
HIRSCHFELD GERALD & MARJORIE	W F SUR 1.25 AC	RICKY L JARVIS 1083 LITTLE OAK RD CHLOE, WV 25235-0000	498.87
PARSONS ETHEL HRS	HARDWAY 17 AC FEE 1/7 INT	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	1981.89
POLING MAE	1/15 64 BEECH OGM	RICKY L JARVIS 1083 LITTLE OAK RD CHLOE, WV 25235-0000	1495.00
POLING MRS THOMAS	1/5 64 BEECH	EDCO MINERALS LLC 6394 US HIGHWAY 336 GLENNVILLE, WV 26351-0000	2695.00
RAMSEY JOHN L & VIVIAN M	1 AC SUR WF RT FK OF RUSH RUN	SUNSHINE ST INVESTMENT GRP LLC PO BOX 100 PRINCETON, WV 24740-0000	990.69
ROWLETT CHERYL	.44 AC SUR WF TRACT 2	RUSSELL WADE 26 WASHINGTON ST REEDY, WV 25270-0000	83.35
VOGELSANG SCHWAN	HARDWAY 17 AC FEE 1/7 INT	RICKY L JARVIS 1083 LITTLE OAK RD CHLOE, WV 25235-0000	1481.89
VOGELSANG SCHWAN	HARDWAY 7 AC FEE 1/7 INT	RICKY L JARVIS 1083 LITTLE OAK RD CHLOE, WV 25235-0000	494.84
WHITE DONZIL RAY	W F 1.5 AC SUR	JEFFERY &/OR CHRISTINA JONES 441 FREED RD BROHARD, WV 26138-0000	1158.29
ZECH ELOISE CONLEY	49 & 117 SQ RDS BEECH	RUSSELL WADE 26 WASHINGTON ST REEDY, WV 25270-0000	381.71

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Person Charged with Taxes	Description	Purchaser	Amount of Sale
DISTRICT: CENTER			
BIGLER GRANT D	1/35 104 LEADING R T BIGLER #1-4 W-57	State of West Virginia	.00
BIGLER GRANT D	2/35 5 LEADING	State of West Virginia	.00
BIGLER JANE A	2/35 5 LEADING	State of West Virginia	.00
BIGLER JANE A	1/35 104 LEADING R T BIGLER #1-4 W-57	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAE	1/45 25 YELLOW OGM	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAE	3/45 30 YELLOW OGM	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAE HRS	1/280 33 YELLOW OGM MEGAN M A WILSON	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAY	1/45 6 YELLOW OGM	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAY	1/45 21 YELLOW OGM	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAY	1/45 1 YELLOW OGM	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAY	1/385 89 YELLOW OGM	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAY	1/45 32 YELLOW OGM	State of West Virginia	.00
CUNNINGHAM TOSSIE GAY HRS	1/385 76 YELLOW OGM MEGAN EVERETT WILSON	State of West Virginia	.00
HAYS R E ETAL	6 BENNETT MILL SE-90	State of West Virginia	.00
HERRON SUSAN D	13/20 270 PINE R M MARSHALL W-57	State of West Virginia	.00
HERRON SUSAN D	30 L K HW-1200 R M MARSHALL #1 W-1410	State of West Virginia	.00
LINVILLE SCOTT	1/27 33 YELLOW OGM M J SNIDER .003375	State of West Virginia	.00
SNYDER MICHAEL PATRICK PAUL & CATHRYN WILDT-ANITA FOURQUREON	12/34 59-1/2 YELLOW E SNYDER MEGAN W-1450	State of West Virginia	.00
WILSON JOHNSON FAMILY LLC	7/110 76-3/4 YELLOW MEGAN EVERETT WILSON W-60	State of West Virginia	.00
WILSON JOHNSON FAMILY LLC	1/55 89 YELLOW MEGAN M A WILSON W-57	State of West Virginia	.00
WILSON RUFUS P HRS	38 YELLOW MEGAN W-410	State of West Virginia	.00
DISTRICT: GRANTSVILLE			
WHYTSSELL RICHARD	LOT 21 HATHAWAY 200X50	State of West Virginia	.00
DISTRICT: LEE			
BARNES M SUSAN	1/2 1 SANDRIDGE	State of West Virginia	.00
BARNES M SUSAN	1/2 1200 FT SANDRIDGE	State of West Virginia	.00
BRIGHT TIMBERLANDS LLC	3 AC OMG BEECH	State of West Virginia	.00
CRAWFORD LARRY	7/72-150 WF STARKEY MORGAN S-159-1	State of West Virginia	.00
CRAWFORD LARRY V	2/72 150 AC STARKEY MORGAN S-159-1	State of West Virginia	.00
CRAWFORD LARRY V	8/72 135 W F	State of West Virginia	.00
GAINER C J HRS	1/2 103 DANIELS GAINER #2 ROGERS	State of West Virginia	.00
GAINER C J HRS	103 DANIELS	State of West Virginia	.00
GAINER C J HRS	1/8 49 SPRING RUN DON HARRIS #1-2 ROGERS W-4730	State of West Virginia	.00
GAINER C J HRS	1/8 8 SPRING RUN	State of West Virginia	.00
GAINER C J HRS	1/4 100 SPRING RUN	State of West Virginia	.00
GAINER C J HRS	3/16 70 SANDRIDGE HARRY ALTIZER LEASE W-57	State of West Virginia	.00
MOUNTAINEER NATURAL RESOURCES BRYAN KAREN S	1/4 1 CRUMMIES	State of West Virginia	.00
MOUNTAINEER NATURAL RESOURCES BRYAN KAREN S	1/4 59 CRUMMIES	State of West Virginia	.00
MOUNTAINEER NATURAL RESOURCES BRYAN KAREN S	3/4 58 CRUMMIES #56318	State of West Virginia	.00
STURM TRESSIE M	4/135 2 W F	State of West Virginia	.00
DISTRICT: SHERIDAN			
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	5 LEADING 1/3 INT	State of West Virginia	.00
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	3 LEADING & BIG ROOT 1/3 INT	State of West Virginia	.00
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	1/6 14 BIG ROOT 1/3 INT	State of West Virginia	.00
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	1/6 14 BIG ROOT 1/3 INT	State of West Virginia	.00
CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY	1/6 3 BIG ROOT 1/3 INT	State of West Virginia	.00
COLLINS CHARLES ROSS	1/6 43 L K OGM 1/2 INT	State of West Virginia	.00

From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,

Chairman of Public Service Commission

It all happened quickly. Jenny (not her real name) was hospitalized after suffering from large bites from bedbugs, dehydration, and disorientation.

The hospital's social worker, a mandated reporter of abuse and neglect, had to follow up on why she was in that condition.

Adult Protective Services in the Dept. of Health and Human Resources completed an investigation of her mental state and living conditions at home.

They determined that Jenny lacked the capacity to take care of her daily hygiene, medications, food intake and related health matters. Another person was needed to help her by assuming that oversight responsibility.

Her husband's health was also poor, and their nephew James had been helping them.

Through a court hearing, it was approved that James would be appointed as her legal guardian. He would have authority to make, or assist with making, all medical decisions for Jenny and handle the conditions she was living in.

Her financial matters would still be handled by her husband at that point. No legal conservator was needed.

In West Virginia, the legal roles of a guardian for health/daily living issues and a conservator for financial matters have been part of our system for a long time.

Whether for a minor child or an adult who is found to be incompetent, those serving as conservator and guardian hold a specific legal duty, called a fiduciary duty, to act in the protected person's best interest.

In addition to the DHHR handling such legal steps, any adult may petition the court to serve as conservator or guardian for another by providing a factual basis for that request.

To facilitate appropriate handling of these roles, the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals provides online training for conservators and guardians.

Recent news stories about Britney Spears' legal efforts to terminate her father's conservatorship have focused on her own competence and the lack of need for someone else to act on her behalf.

Having a conservator or guardian appointed should be viewed as a last resort. There are often less restrictive options available.

Those options are often less costly, such as signing powers of attorney while the person is competent or a voluntary "watchdog" person or group that agrees to help the protected person in different ways.

Unfortunately, it's also been found that a person with lower levels of capacity is a prime target for scammers or outright theft. The thief feels they can get away with it because no one is "minding the store."

To protect their Social Security income, an individual can designate in advance who they want to be their representative payee for handling their benefits at a future time if needed. Anyone currently receiving Social Security benefits can do this through their My Social Security Account online.

The legal process for approving the appointment of a guardian or conservator for a protected person in West Virginia requires a court hearing. The person can dispute the allegations of incompetency in person or through an attorney. Also, testimony from a physician or psychologist can be involved.

These legal protections vary considerably from state to state.

No judge wants to impose restrictions that are not needed, but protections for a person unable to handle their own affairs are crucial for their well-being.

State residents age 60 or over can talk to an attorney at West Virginia Senior Legal Aid for free about planning for their futures, avoiding guardianships, protecting their autonomy, and other legal issues. Call 800-229-5068.

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Governor's Updates

Anniversary of Vaccine Arrival in West Virginia

Gov. Jim Justice and members of the West Virginia COVID-19 pandemic response leadership team held a new briefing last week to update the public on the State's latest pandemic response efforts.

Justice commemorated the one-year anniversary of the arrival of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in West Virginia.

"West Virginia led the way for the entire nation right out of the gate," said Justice. "While other states spent weeks cutting through federal red tape, West Virginia was getting the vaccine out to our most vulnerable people."

West Virginia was the first state in the nation to offer vaccines to residents of all long-term care facilities across the state and was also the first state in

the nation to launch an online, statewide COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration system.

The governor touted the success of vaccination incentive campaigns like the Do it for Babydog sweepstakes, Beat 588 . . . Bad, the Call to Arms initiative, and others.

"Fast forward to today--one year later--and we've administered more than 2.2 million doses of the vaccine to West Virginia residents. We've vaccinated 82.4% of our people 50 and older and 90.2% of our people 65 and older," said Justice. "We've still got a bunch of folks out there that we need to get across the finish line, but we truly have saved a lot of lives."

"I'd like to take this time to really thank our doctors, our nurses, health departments, pharmacies, medical providers, and everyone who has helped us get shots in arms, especially DHHR, National Guard, and our Joint Interagency Task Force.

"It has taken a real effort to coordinate all this,

and these folks have done an incredible job."

The governor went on to once again encourage all eligible West Virginians to get their initial vaccinations or their booster shot as quickly as possible.

Omicron Variant of COVID-19 Found

Also last week, Justice and state health officials announced that a case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 had been identified in West Virginia for the first time.

"It's not good news, but we knew it was coming. It's running across the entire country and the entire globe," said Justice.

"We know that the Omicron variant has been here, and now it's starting to grow in West Virginia like other places," said State coronavirus czar Dr. Clay Marsh.

"We have never experienced a form of COVID-19 that can spread as rapidly as the Omicron variant, and (it) is a bit different than Delta in that it appears to be about twice as infectious inside of families and about three times as infectious overall.

"It also seems to be able to infect people who have been either previously infected with another form of COVID-19 or people that have been vaccinated, but not boosted.

"The truth is that we need to pay particular attention because the Omicron variant is a worse form of COVID-19 than we've seen before, related to its ability to spread person to person.

"Given our vulnerable population and given what's going on around the rest of the country, we are in the bullseye, right now, of a very, very large storm that could be coming right at us and at our hospitals and our communities and our citizens."

"We need to get you vaccinated," said Justice. "I've said it over and over, I don't care what you're doing today, there is nothing more important than getting vaccinated or getting your booster shot."

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available and approved for everyone ages five and older. West Virginians interested in being vaccinated or having their children vaccinated are encouraged to visit Vaccinate.wv.gov or call 1-833-734-0965.

The FDA and the CDC both recommend booster doses for all Americans ages 18 and older, provided that at least six months have passed since receiving their two-dose Pfizer/Moderna vaccine series or that at least two months have passed since receiving their one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

West Virginians can go to any location offering COVID-19 vaccines with their vaccination card to receive their booster.

If your card has been lost, you can request a new one from DHHR.

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COLLINS ROSS HRS	1/6 53 COAL FORK C COLLINS 06159 DOM-340 - 1/2 INT	State of West Virginia
COLLINS ROSS HRS	3 LEADING & THREE MILE OGM ROSS COLLINS 1/2 INT	State of West Virginia
HERTZ DORIS LEE HRS	179 NORMAN RIDGE BUCKEYE M J WEBB W-57	State of West Virginia
HERTZ DORIS LEE HRS	1-1/2 NORMAN RIDGE	State of West Virginia
KELLEY CLARA M	3/32 127 ANNAM J JONES 5650 DOM-57	State of West Virginia
KELLEY CLARA M	1/24 13 KATYS RUN	State of West Virginia
MCCRAY LULA L	1 & 25 RDS THREE MILE	State of West Virginia
SHIMER PHILLIP	29 2/5 LEADING OGM 1/24	State of West Virginia
SHIMER PHILLIP	1/4 LEADING OGM 1/24	State of West Virginia
WENTZ JACKSON	1/9 14 2/10 ANNAM	State of West Virginia
WENTZ JACKSON	1/9 3 1/2 ANNAM	State of West Virginia
WENTZ JACKSON	1/27 34 ANNAM	State of West Virginia
WENTZ JACKSON	1/9 56 ANNAM CALHOUN W-57	State of West Virginia
WENTZ JACKSON	1/18 65 ANNAM	State of West Virginia

DISTRICT: SHERMAN

BARNES M SUSAN	83 TAV LANDS GULF W-410	State of West Virginia
BARNES M SUSAN	20 TAV LANDS	State of West Virginia
FRANCIS R C HRS	61 BENNETT MILL DOM-670 #40112	State of West Virginia
HERRON SUSAN D	116 TAV LANDS PRIME-EG #1017 W-12780	State of West Virginia
HERRON SUSAN D	73 TAV LANDS PRIME-EG #1016 W-8980	State of West Virginia
HERRON SUSAN D	1/2 26 TAV LANDS R M MARSHALL PRIME-EG #1014 W-1660	State of West Virginia
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ROBERTS EFFIE HRS	1/10 2 LAUREL	State of West Virginia
ROBINSON KAIL	1/9 58 BIG RUN H ROBINSON W-57	State of West Virginia
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CROWLEY JOHN J JR	1/3 15 WALKER	State of West Virginia
CROWLEY JOHN J JR	1/12 2 WALKER	State of West Virginia
CROWLEY JOHN J JR	1/6 11 POND RUN	State of West Virginia
CROWLEY JOHN J JR	2/3 26 W F W K DUFFIELD #1 W-760	State of West Virginia
CROWLEY JOHN J JR	1/12 31 W F	State of West Virginia
CROWLEY JOHN J JR	2/3 3 WALKER	State of West Virginia
DUFFIELD CORA & MARY MILLER GAINER C J HRS	1/8 17-1/2 BEECH	State of West Virginia
GAINER C J HRS	3/32 160 WOLF RUN JAMES DRILL HAYS-HINZMAN-MEADOWS	State of West Virginia
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SIERS JOHN MARTIN	31 W F TANNER 18.6 & 22.62 PRIME OPER CO	State of West Virginia
SIERS JOHN MARTIN	1/2 33 W F	State of West Virginia
STARCHER DOTTIE D	1/2 21 W F - REGISTRY A PERINEAU #1	State of West Virginia
STARCHER DOTTIE D	1/2 31 W F	State of West Virginia
STARCHER DOTTIE D	1/2 7 W F	State of West Virginia
STARCHER DOTTIE D	1/4 30 W F	State of West Virginia
STARCHER DOTTIE D	1/8 46 HICKS RUN ROY MACE W-80 ELK RIVER GAS LTD W-57	State of West Virginia
SWIGER ANNE	2/200 170 BIG RUN KNOTTS 1-8 OGM	State of West Virginia
SWIGER ANNE	2/200 87 BIG RUN LSE 7175 #124 E KNOTTS #8546 CNG OGM	State of West Virginia
SWIGER ANNE	1/200 550 W F ALLEGHENY KNOTTS #1 OGM	State of West Virginia
SWIGER ANNE	2/200 21 L NICUT CRESTON OIL O ARMINTA EISMON	State of West Virginia
SWIGER ANNE	2/200 197 LEFTHAND EC KNOTTS 1 U P L) - #1029 OGM	State of West Virginia
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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. 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	8.6
Dec. 8	303,173	4,315,443	5,036	6.6	8.1
Dec. 9	304,355	4,328,597	5,055	6.6	11.3
Dec. 10	305,418	4,336,632	5,085^	6.6	11.8
Dec. 13	308,204	4,366,405	5,107	6.6	10.3
Dec. 14	308,985	4,372,587	5,114	6.6	7.5
Dec. 15	310,245	4,386,207	5,142	6.6	8.5
Dec. 16	311,524	4,402,047	5,142	6.6	12.6
Dec. 17	312,692	4,409,805	5,164	6.6	11.7
Dec. 20	315,571	4,440,726	5,191	6.6	11.1
Dec. 21	316,391	4,446,806	5,211^	6.6	10.0

*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 (3,138), Berkeley (22,571), Boone (4,177), Braxton (2,571), Brooke (3,570), Cabell (16,946), Calhoun (1,172), Clay (1,566), Doddridge (1,520), Fayette (7,416), Gilmer (1,546), Grant (2,642), Greenbrier (5,593), Hampshire (3,973), Hancock (4,876), Hardy (2,858), Harrison (13,015), Jackson (4,471), Jefferson (8,397), Kanawha (28,093), Lewis (3,560), Lincoln (3,413), Logan (6,075), Marion (9,542), Marshall (5,960), Mason (4,198), McDowell (3,395), Mercer (10,610), Mineral (5,236), Mingo (5,201), Monongalia (15,070), Monroe (2,487), Morgan (2,661), Nicholas (4,729), Ohio (7,135), Pendleton (1,299), Pleasants (1,549), Pocahontas (1,321), Preston (6,202), Putnam (10,289), Raleigh (13,445), Randolph (5,756), Ritchie (1,656), Roane (1,978), Summers (1,646), Taylor (2,814), Tucker (1,285), Tyler (1,489), Upshur (4,680), Wayne (6,346), Webster (1,495), Wetzel (2,908), Wirt (978), Wood (14,948), Wyoming (4,104); 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

	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. 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
Dec. 8	50,270,136	812,205	267,600,307	5,296,115
Dec. 9	50,422,410	813,904	268,306,042	5,304,278
Dec. 10	50,535,791	815,269	268,967,263	5,312,313
Dec. 11	50,705,257	817,326	269,551,334	5,320,232
Dec. 12	50,771,062	817,834	270,124,227	5,325,516
Dec. 13	50,801,455	817,956	270,570,501	5,330,086
Dec. 14	51,018,282	819,315	271,252,195	5,337,896
Dec. 15	51,136,442	821,335	271,909,364	5,345,794
Dec. 16	51,290,979	823,390	272,619,925	5,353,808
Dec. 17	51,435,652	824,520	273,386,761	5,361,577
Dec. 18	51,610,281	826,719	274,091,108	5,369,033
Dec. 19	51,696,205	827,206	274,635,200	5,373,965
Dec. 20	51,765,714	827,323	275,129,331	5,378,154
Dec. 21	52,059,667	828,836	275,943,533	5,385,638

Cases by states and territories: California 5,206,956, Texas 4,432,018, Florida 3,782,883, New York 2,969,167, Illinois 1,944,056, Pennsylvania 1,894,514, Ohio 1,847,140, Georgia 1,691,674, Michigan 1,614,141, North Carolina 1,589,054, Tennessee 1,348,635, New Jersey 1,345,717, Arizona 1,336,806, Indiana 1,181,554, Wisconsin 1,054,191, Virginia 1,013,390, Massachusetts 1,005,470, Minnesota 979,283, Missouri 966,955, South Carolina 936,207, Colorado 866,477, Alabama 857,844, Kentucky 825,692, Washington 800,329, Louisiana 780,668, Oklahoma 685,906, Utah 617,697, Maryland 592,697, Iowa 557,029, Arkansas 543,648, Mississippi 522,455, Kansas 498,614, Nevada 468,953, Connecticut 455,566, Oregon 405,292, New Mexico 336,790, Nebraska 327,301, West Virginia 314,791, Idaho 313,967, Rhode Island 208,753, Puerto Rico 196,301, Montana 194,764, New Hampshire 183,056, South Dakota 173,655, North Dakota 169,435, Delaware 165,621, Alaska 154,639, Maine 136,401, Wyoming 113,584, Hawaii 92,746, D.C. 71,219, Vermont 58,695; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

Postal Hours

Post Office locations nationwide will be closed on Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1.

All post office locations will be open, and regular mail delivery will resume, on Monday, Dec. 27, and Monday, Jan. 3.

Some post office locations may have limited hours on Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24.

There are currently no plans for limited hours on New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31. Customers are advised to check with their local post office for hours of operation.

Blue collection boxes with final collection times before noon will not be affected by an early closing on Dec. 24.

If a box has a final collection time after noon, its mail may be picked up earlier. For mail pickup on Dec. 24, customers are asked to either put their mail into blue collection boxes by noon, regardless of the final collection times posted on the box, or take their items to a local post office location.

Customers should visit the online postal locator tool at tools.usps.com to find post office locations and hours, as well as collection box locations and pick up times.

As a reminder, blue collection boxes are not serviced on Sundays.

Building Rental

Rental information for Arnoldsburg Community Building: \$150 per day, with a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit.

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They have three children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren and one on the way.

The family said, "Thank you for being the greatest example of love and devotion to us all!"

Humanities Council Grants

The West Virginia Humanities Council announces its upcoming Feb. 1, 2022, grant deadline for three grant categories: Major grants, which are awarded twice a year for projects requesting up to \$20,000; Fellowships of \$3,000, which are awarded annually for scholarly research projects; and Minigrants, which are awarded four times a year for projects requesting \$1,500 or less.

The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities.

A variety of matching grants are offered by the Humanities Council year-round to nonprofit organizations in West Virginia that support educational programming.

Complete descriptions of grant applications due Feb. 1 are as follows:

Major grants. This category supports public programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Major grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. Applicants must allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Fellowships. Stipends of \$3,000 are awarded once a year to West Virginia college and university humanities faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the study of interpretive archaeology; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; history; jurisprudence; modern and classical languages; linguistics; literature; philosophy; comparative religion; and philosophical and historical approaches to the social sciences.

Minigrants. Humanities Council minigrants support small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits and brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects.

Minigrant deadlines are Feb. 1, Apr. 1, June 1, and Oct. 1 for projects requesting \$1,500 or less. Applicants must allow six weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Throughout 2022, the Humanities Council is especially interested in projects that address civic engagement and civics education.

For information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program, contact grants administrator Erin Riebe, 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

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U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin urges West Virginians without health insurance to apply for coverage during the Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment period, which ends on Saturday, Jan. 15, which is the last day to enroll in or change plans for coverage in 2022.

According to Manchin, health insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act can make healthcare more affordable by increasing premium tax credits, which continue to help lower premiums and support cheaper health plans for West Virginians.

Free enrollment assistance is available to all in-state residents through acanavigator.com/wv/home or 1-844-WV-CARES.

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.

WIC Program

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

WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the program or to receive information, call the local office, 354-6898, or the main office in Parkersburg, 428-3688. The WIC clinic is located at 300 Mill St., Grantsville, and is available each Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments by phone. Call the office, 354-6898, if you have an appointment or a question about benefits.

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