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Calhoun's Tristan Arnold (22), Joselynn Yeager (42) and Josie Montgomery (10) surround an offensive player in this file photo.

## Josie Montgomery Scores 33 As Lady Red Devils Advance To Holiday Tournament Final

On Monday afternoon, the CCHS girls basketball team advanced to the finals of a holiday tournament at Ritchie County High School, with a 61-48 win over Lincoln High School.

The Lady Red Devils were scheduled to play in the tournament finals on Tuesday. No results were

available because of the Chronicle deadline.

Josie Montgomery scored a game-high 33 points in the victory.

Lincoln jumped out to a five-point lead, 17-12, after the first eight minutes.

In the second period, the Calhoun defense held its opponent to three field

goals on the way to a 19-8 margin.

Montgomery scored 12 points in the quarter, as CCHS took a 31-25 lead by halftime.

With Montgomery scoring another nine points, Calhoun held a 15-11 advantage in the third, and led 46-36 heading into (Continued on Page 5)

## Carissa Yoak Completes Student Teaching, Named GSC Outstanding Intern

Carissa Yoak of Grantsville has finished her student teaching at Glenville State College.

She completed her student teaching in Early Education (PreK-K) at Pleasant Hill School, with Vicki Hardway, and Elementary Education (K-6) at PHS, as a clinical teacher of record, with mentor Amanda Morris.

Dr. Shelly Ratliff was Yoak's GSC supervisor.

Carissa, who is the daughter of Eddie and Donna Yoak of Grantsville, was also recognized as the Outstanding Student Teacher Intern for the fall 2021 semester.

Senior teacher education students take part in an internship during their final semester at GSC.

At the conclusion of their internship, students must complete a presentation illustrating their mastery of the Interstate New Assessment and



Glenville State College Fall 2021 Outstanding Student Teacher Carissa Yoak (left) is shown with Kappa Delta Pi advisor Dr. Gerda Kumpiene.

Support Consortium (INTASC) standards, as well as the standards of their particular area of study.

For information about the Teacher Education Program at GSC, call 462-4119.

## County Looked Promising In Fight Against COVID Pandemic A Year Ago

Calhoun's first cases of the coronavirus came on May 19, 2020, with the Dept. of Health and Human Resources reporting two positive cases in county residents --the 53rd of 55 counties to report cases.

By the end of 2020, the county had 127 cases, with 83 coming in the last five weeks of the year. It was still the lowest number of cases of any county in West Virginia.

The State's last "Alert Map" of 2020 (shown below) had Calhoun in green, with 53 counties in orange or red.

Cases continued to climb in the county, with 77 in January, 81 from May 5-18, and 369 from Aug. 25-Sept. 28, when the county lost its unofficial title as the "county with the lowest number of cases."

With Tuesday's report of one additional case, the county had 35 in the past seven days, and 1,210

### COVID-19 Cases For Calhoun Residents

10 Months In 2020	12 Months In 2021
Positive Cases For Residents <b>127</b>	<b>1,083</b>
Deaths of County Residents <b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

total, with 1,083 cases occurring in 2021.

Of the 35 cases reported by DHHR in the last week, 22 were confirmed cases and 13 were probable.

The 35 additional COVID-19 cases kept the county in the 30s for the fourth straight week: 30, 35, 37 and 35.

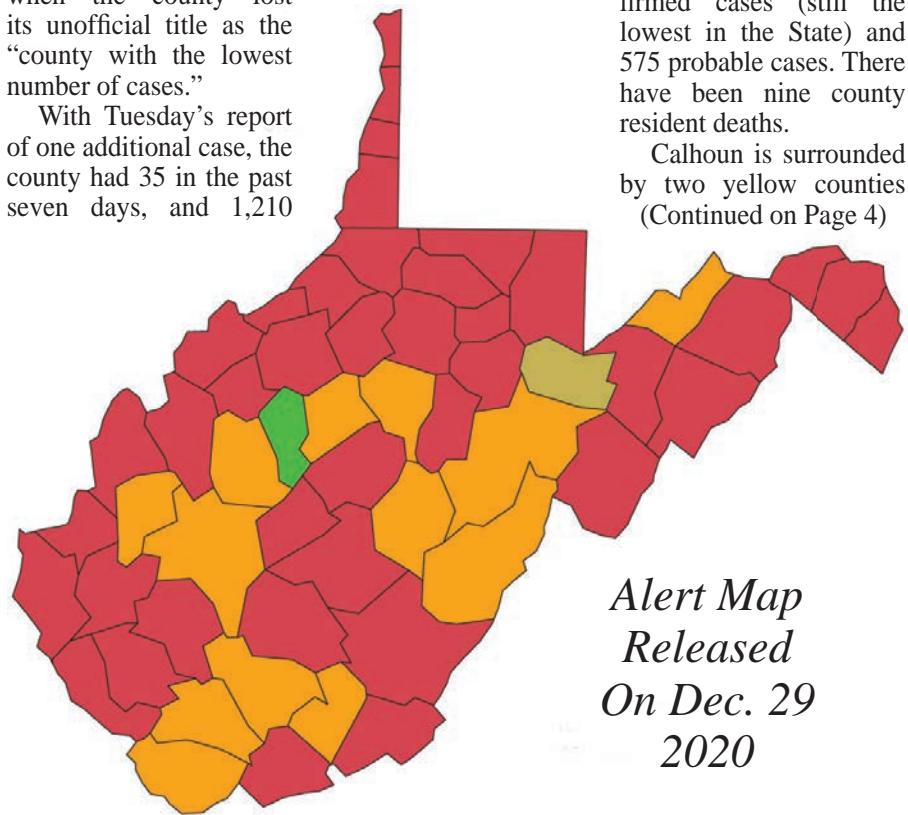
As of Dec. 22, DHHR reported 16 counties with

school outbreak cases, including Pleasant Hill School, 2; Arnoldsburg Elementary, 3; and Calhoun Middle/High School, 9.

Also on Tuesday, Calhoun returned to "green alert" for the first day since Oct. 12.

The county's 1,210 cases since the pandemic began include 635 confirmed cases (still the lowest in the State) and 575 probable cases. There have been nine county resident deaths.

Calhoun is surrounded by two yellow counties (Continued on Page 4)



Calhoun's Joel Basnett (2) takes the basketball inside against Roane County last week.

# OBITUARIES

## MAVIS SIERS HOOVER

Mavis L. Siers Hoover, 89, of Parkersburg, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Ohio Valley Health, Parkersburg.

She was born in Milo, the daughter of the late Leon and Freeda Dewese Siers. She worked for Kroger, Parkersburg, as a cashier. She was a member of 14th Ave. Gospel Mission and Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are one daughter, Bonnie J. Flick of Broadway, Va.; three sons, Chester Hoover of Washington, George Hoover of Marietta, Ga., and Brian Hoover of Mineral Wells; three sisters, Betty Junk, Penny McCune and Ruth Cottrell; one brother, Thomas Siers; four grandchildren, Seth Hoover, Sadie Hitt, Morgan Hoover and Katie Liebau; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Maxford Hoover; three brothers, Ray Siers, Kenneth Siers and Rector Siers; and three sisters, Mae Grimm, Gladys Moss and Annalea Walker.

Services were held at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, South Parkersburg, with Pastor Tim Burch officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memory Gardens.



## RICHARD MARK 'Rick' PITTS

Richard Mark "Rick" Pitts, 69, of Grantsville, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at his residence along Little Kanawha Highway.

He was born in Baltimore, Md., the son of the late Loranza "Jack" and Glenna "Meme" Hardman Pitts. He was a 1970 graduate of Calhoun County High School and a United States Army veteran. He worked most of his life in the natural gas industry, having spent time as a compressor station worker and as a warehouse manager for Dominion Energy, before retiring in 2012. He was a member of Purple Haze in high school and Dixie Moon band later in life.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Anne Watkins Pitts, whom he married on Dec. 8, 1984; two grandchildren, Sophia Beam of Parkersburg and Max Beam of Grantsville; one sister, Jackie Blankenship and husband Ron of Grantsville; one brother, Barry Pitts and companion Maria of Jeanette, Pa.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Ashley Pitts, in August 2012.

Services were held at Ellyson Mortuary, Glenville, with Pastor Matt Sanders officiating. Burial was in Collins Community Cemetery, Stumptown, with full military honors provided by the United States Army.



## MARGARET 'Tyler' DENNIS

Margaret "Tyler" Dennis of Shallowater, Tex., died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021, at her home.

She was born in Charleston, the daughter of the late Dr. John S. Boling and Van Pruett Boling. Her father was the first permanent anesthesiologist in Lubbock, Tex., moving his family there in 1956 to work at Methodist Hospital. She graduated from Monterey High School and enrolled in Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa, to start her nursing education. She also attended Lubbock Christian College and graduated with a bachelor's degree from West Virginia Tech. She was director of Well Baby Clinic, Lubbock, before the family moved to West Virginia to help in her father's drug store in Grantsville. She worked in home health, serving patients in remote areas of West Virginia. She taught medical and nursing assistants at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. After moving back to Texas, she taught medical and nursing assistants and was a school nurse from 1994 to 2018 in Shallowater, retiring as nursing supervisor.

Surviving are her husband, Don K. Dennis, whom she married on July 11, 1970; one daughter, Susie Dennis Parker and husband Danny of Artesia, N.M.; one son, John T. Dennis of Lubbock; two grandchildren, Madison Parker and Jackson Parker, both of Artesia, Tex.; one brother, John Boling and wife Susan of Lubbock; one sister-in-law, Dorene Dennis DuLaney and husband Jack of Shallowater; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Susan Boling Stirman, and one nephew, Remington Lane Stirman.

Services were held at Resthaven Chapel, Lubbock, with Rev. Michael J. Elliott officiating.

## ALFRED 'Buck' ROSE

Alfred "Buck" Rose, 82, of Brohard, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021.

He was born in Calhoun County, the son of the late Archie and Dora Bell Rose. He worked in the oil fields and as a welder and dozer operator.

Surviving are three children, Glenna Rose Hoskins of Arnoldsburg, Brenda Rose of Mineral Wells and Alfred "Buckie" Rose, Jr., of Brohard; four grandchildren, Chyanne Rose and Makayla Rose, both of Elizabeth, Jeffery Hoskins of Arnoldsburg and Ryka Mangus of Mt Zion; five great-grandchildren, Kaislyn Jo Rose, Brianna Hoskins, Arianna Hoskins, Kianna Hoskins and Shay Hoskins; and one sister, Edith Mills.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Boggs Rose; two sisters, Elodene Prather and an infant; one brother, Archie Rose, Jr.; and two grandchildren, Kyra Jo Rose and Riana Todd Hoskins.

Services were held at Matheny Whited Funeral Home, Elizabeth. Burial was in Belt Cemetery, Calhoun County.

## IRWIN ROY 'Flash' YOAK

Irwin Roy "Flash" Yoak, 65, of Barbourville, Ky., formerly of Five Forks, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021.

He was the son of the late Adelpia and Joy R. Yoak. He was a 1974 graduate of Calhoun County High School and retired after many years in the oil fields and as an over-the-road truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Patsy Yoak, whom he married on Apr. 5, 1985; one sister, Bessie Hinzman Welch; two brothers, Lynn Robert Yoak of Five Forks and Derwin J. Yoak of Parkersburg; one uncle, Delmas Radabaugh of St. Clairsville, Ohio; best friend, Rick Shilling of Marietta, Ohio; four children, Karen Cumberledge, David Brannon, Joseph Kuehner and Eric Kuehner; nine grandchildren, Matt Brown, David Denver Brannon, Jacob Brannon, Kyle and Sharee Kuehner, Jordan Gomes-Kuehner, and Casey, Kayla and Joseph Cumberledge; six great-granddaughters; and four great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Cathy Sue Yoak, and two brothers-in-law, Kent Hinzman and James Welch.

Services were held at Nobe Chapel Baptist Church, Nobe Road, Five Forks, with Eric Kuehner, Jason Riggie and Kevin Church officiating. Burial was in Nobe Cemetery.

## EDGAR EUGENE WEEKLEY

Edgar Eugene Weekley, 91, of Doylestown, Ohio, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021.

He was born in Calhoun County, the son of the late Charles Ellsworth and Jessie Mae Siers Weekley. He attended school at Lower Nicut, joined the United States Army, and served in Japan before going to work in Ohio, where he retired from PPG. During his working years, he built three homes for his family. He and his wife returned to West Virginia, near Grantsville, in 1983.

Surviving are one daughter, Debra Craven of Glenmont, Ohio; one son, Douglas Weekley of Doylestown; four grandchildren, Jennifer Love, Josh Kerr, Jess Kerr and Dalton Weekley; nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and one sister-in-law, Lorene Carter Weekley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Jarvis Weekley, whom he married in 1955; three brothers, Boonie E. Weekley, Ronzel H. Weekley and Charles D. Weekley; and three sisters, infant Edith, Zella Brown and Ruth J. Stemple.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Mike Worf officiating, and burial in Fairview Cemetery, Orma. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.stumpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.stumpfuneralhomes.com).



## HOBERT RICHARDS

Hubert K. Richards, 86, of Big Springs, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, at his residence.

He was born in Big Springs, the son of the late Emory and Ora Bartlett Richards. He worked in the oil and gas industry as a laborer and equipment operator. He worked for Hope Gas and CNG and retired in the early 1990s. He was a Christian.

Surviving are his wife, Alta Nicholas Richards, whom he married on Dec. 15, 1956; five children, Loren Richards of Big Bend, Lyle Richards and Eric Richards and fiancée Jennifer, all of Big Springs, Neal Richards of Grantsville and Gretchen Boatright of Nobe; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by 12 siblings, Alta Huffman, Louie Collins, Lola Barrett, Genevieve Hardman, Lester Richards, Lee Richards, Park Richards, Cleo Richards, Lawrence Richards, Orla Richards, Woodrow Richards and Obed Richards.

Hubert's request for cremation has been honored.

## BETTY LOU BOURNE

Betty Lou Bourne, 80, of Calhoun County, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, at Clay Healthcare Center, Ivydale.

She was the daughter of the late Clyde and Estel May Helmick. She worked for more than 35 years as a contract school bus driver in Calhoun County.

Surviving are one son, Kenneth E. Bourne; one daughter, Krystal L. Bourne; one brother, Eugene Helmick (died Dec. 15, 2021); 11 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronzel Paul Bourne, whom she married on Nov. 28, 1958; one brother, William Helmick; one son, Keith Paul Bourne; one daughter, Karen A. Bourne; and one brother-in-law, Carol Bourne.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Rick Metheny officiating. Burial was in Metz Cemetery.



## CHARLES 'Charlie' CURTIS HATHAWAY

Charles "Charlie" Curtis Hathaway, 86, of Weston, died Saturday, Dec. 25, at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Grantsville, the son of the late Curtis and Dorfetta Hathaway. He was a 1953 graduate of Calhoun County High School and had a long career with Hope Natural Gas as a leaseman, retiring in 1995 with 38 years of service. He also served as Lewis County fiduciary commissioner and was a member of Masonic Grand Lodge of West Virginia AF&AM, Eureka Lodge #40 AF&AM, Grantsville, Nemesis Shrine, Bigelow #4 RAM, St. John's Commandery #8, Ohio Valley Shrine Club, Lewis County Shrine Club, Weston Chapter #40, Order of Eastern Star, and First Baptist Church, Weston. He served as a Lewis County councilman for several years.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Barbara Kimble Hathaway, whom he married on June 12, 1955; one son, Gregory Hathaway and wife Teresa of Weston; one daughter, Suzanne Simmons and husband Dan of Coxs Mills; seven grandchildren, Miranda Hawkins and husband Jason, Tara Smith and husband Josh, Chelsey McCarthy and husband Jay, and Abigail Hathaway, all of Weston, Andrew Simmons of Chicago, Ill., Hannah Simmons and fiancé Nick of Pt. Pleasant, and Emily Jeffries and husband Adam of Ashland, Ky.; two great-granddaughters, Sloane Smith and Josephine McCarthy; one brother, Darrell Hathaway and wife Sandra of Mineral Wells; one sister, Dixie Gregg and husband James of Norwich, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Scott, on Oct. 8, 2020.

Following Charlie's written wishes, no formal service will be held. His request for cremation has been honored at Pat Boyle Funeral Home, Weston. Private inurnment will be held at a later date at Lewis County Memorial Gardens, Weston.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thursday, Dec. 30**  
CCHS wrestling team hosts Mike Stump Duals, with Ritchie County, Clay County, Roane County, 10:30 a.m.  
CCHS boys basketball team hosts Wirt County, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 31**  
NEW YEAR'S EVE.

**Saturday, January 1**  
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

**Tuesday, January 4**  
Calhoun students return to school.  
CCHS boys basketball team hosts Clay County, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, January 6**  
CCHS girls basketball team hosts Roane County, 7 p.m.

**Friday, January 7**  
CCHS wrestling team at Nitro High School tournament, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, January 8**  
Gun and Knife Show, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 4 to 8 p.m.  
CCHS boys basketball team plays at South Harrison, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, January 9**  
Gun and Knife Show, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
CCHS wrestling team at Nitro High School tournament, TBA.

**Sunday, January 9**  
Gun and Knife Show, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Vaccinations

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

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

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# This Week In History

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

## 1921, 100 years ago

To wash a gold chain, put the chain in a small bottle with some warm water, some pulverized chalk, and a bit of grated castile soap. Cork the bottle and shake well, then rinse the chain in cold water and wipe with a towel. Gives a brilliant shine every time.

Kansas City had the first electric streetcar in the United States. It was put into operation on May 1, 1885, on a line south of Westport, an extension beyond what was then known as the "Westport Horse Car Line."

A scientist has found that a kiss on the lips weighs five milligrams, and it is too bad he cannot state it in watts, volts and ohms, or something understandable.

**WILLIAMSON**--Willis David died of heart trouble and wounds received when state police raided a poker game.

**CLARKSBURG**--Thomas Frank, a minister, is in a hospital with a wound in his knee, inflicted, he says, at a dance, when he refused to accept an invitation to dance.

**CHARLESTON**--City Manager Bonner Hill has received bids from five different contractors for the work of equipping the new city hall with electric lights. The bids range from \$4,712.25 for the simpler style of lights, up to \$11,000 for the more elaborate and ornate style. No decision has been made as to the style which will be accepted.

**CLARKSBURG**--Coy Gainer and H.P. Campbell were injured when the automobile they were driving crashed into a telephone pole while going across a bridge. Gainer was thrown through the windshield and cut about the head, while Campbell's wrist was broken. They claim that they were trying to avoid running into a woman who was driving on the left side of the street.

**PT. PLEASANT**--Three boys from Chancey, Ohio, ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, were picked up in Baltimore & Ohio freight yards by chief of police Cheesbrow. They had started out to see the world, but were anxious to get back home by the time they were arrested.

## 1946, 75 years ago

Here in the area embraced by the Little Kanawha Regional Council, the first oil well in this section of the country was drilled, the first gravity oil pipeline was built, and Aaron Burr plotted his Southwest Empire.

Here, too, is to be found the grave of Jesse Hughes, noted border scout; the world's largest shovel plant, the world's greatest Oriskany sand gas field, and many other things that tourists would desire to see here in this beautiful valley.

This organization has plans, with the help of its county branches, to compile sketches of all such interesting places and things to show how tourists may reach them from the main arterial highways.

The county branches that are already organized are now busy compiling such data in their sections in order that it may be included in this promotional material that will be made up for this area.

In addition to all this, there are many things that tourists would like to obtain while visiting in the territory, and these, too, will be listed, and they will be told where such can be found.

We, who live in this area, know that there are no more interesting places from the tourist standpoint anywhere in the country.

The trouble has been that the world has not been told about them. This organization plans to do just that. In this work, we shall be able to lend a helping hand to the fine work that the chambers of commerce are already doing.

## 1971, 50 years ago

About \$932,000 will have been added to the Calhoun County economy by Jan. 3 in the form of food purchasing power as a result of the Federal Food Stamp Program, which will mark its fifth year of operation in the county on that date.

According to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, low income families in the county have paid about \$691,000 for food stamp coupons valued at \$1,623,000 since the program started in January, 1967.

The difference of \$932,000 represents the increase in food sales that has directly benefited county food merchants. About 1,900 persons participate in the program each month.

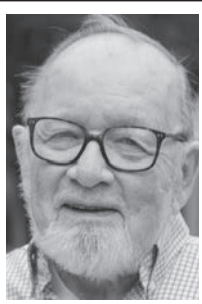
Currently, there are 34 food retailers in the county authorized by the USDA to accept coupons. Many of these grocers have increased their sales substantially in meat and dairy products, as well as in produce items, since the program started. USDA studies indicate that, in established food stamp areas, food sales increase substantially.

Under the program, which is administered jointly by the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service and the W.Va. Dept. of Welfare, eligible low income families invest the money that they would normally use to buy food each month in coupons that have a greater monetary value.

These coupons may then be spent like cash at authorized food markets. Coupons can only be used to purchase domestically produced food products and some specified imported foods. Food merchants redeem the coupons at face value at local banks.

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



**Question:** Why are races run counterclockwise? (Asked by an anonymous sports fan.)

**Reply:** The general thought is that this originated with foot races on circular or oval tracks. Most people are right-handed (as much as 90% of a population), and the right foot is also favored. Putting the right foot forward and leaning into a turn feels more comfortable and provides more power balance than the reverse direction, so races were run counterclockwise.

Dog races, horse races and even NASCAR races are also run counterclockwise. This may be a holdover from foot races; however, it tends to look more natural with race participants passing observers in the stands. We read or time something in a straight line from left-to-right. Think about watching a race or timing something going right-to-left, or clockwise.

Okay, I know someone is going to ask: Why do the hands of a clock go "clockwise?" I think I've answered that before, but to satisfy any curiosity, here it is again. The sundial was used for early time keeping. In most of the Northern Hemisphere (above 23½ N latitude), you have to face south to see the sun. As a result, the shadow of the sundial's gnomon (the vertical piece casting the shadow) moves from left-to-right, or clockwise, during the day.

When mechanical clocks were invented in the 14th century (in the Northern Hemisphere), the inventors naturally had the hands follow the sundial shadow or the sun's movement in the sky: left-to-right (clockwise), or east-to-west. Personally, I've gone digital.

Here's another curious point for you to think about. Clockwise is a sense, not a direction. A direction is a fixed space, no matter how you look at it. Think of looking at a clock face in space in front of you. The hands go clockwise. Then put yourself on the other side of the clock . . . the hands would be going counterclockwise. So, to be completely accurate, you should say that races are run counterclockwise, when viewed from above. If you viewed them from below, they would be running clockwise. Think about it.

**C.P.S.** (Curious Postscript): "Even a broken clock is right twice a day."

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](http://www.curiosity-corner.net), or email [jerry@curiosity-corner.net](mailto:jerry@curiosity-corner.net). Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

# Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

The ginkgo trees that adorned the corner of Florence and Main streets for more than 100 years have now been reduced to stumps that may be suitable for chainsaw art come the Wood Festival next June.

They were beautiful trees, with an ancient lineage going back to the age of the dinosaurs. Their leaves have been found as fossils dated to around 200 million years ago.

Of course, our ginkgos only went back to the early 1900s, but I daresay that they were the oldest trees in town, if not the county.

I took some photos of the leaves lying thickly upon the ground some years ago, which I used as a backdrop on my laptop computer for quite a while.

Mother Nature seems to still be very confused as to what season we are in. One day, we seem to be in late October, the next day mid-November, and there still is no appreciable December snow.

All lovers of snow for Christmas (like me) will have to wait for next year to see if climate change will rule out white Christmases for the immediate future.

Temperatures in the southwest were unseasonably hot lately, while extreme blizzard conditions were occurring in the northwest.

Here is a headline that I copied on Tuesday morning from the Weather Channel: "California's Sierra Buried By Up to 10 Feet of Snow; More Ahead Through New Year's Eve."

I don't want to see

that much snow here, but considering that one inch of rain produces in the neighborhood of one foot of snow, that is a whole lot of water.

The west has been suffering through an extreme drought for a couple of years now, and perhaps this winter's snowpack will help alleviate that, if it doesn't cause extreme flooding and mudslides.

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The best watchdog and friend ever, Brownie, died this past fall. We now have a new dog at our house, which, coincidentally, is named Brownie. She is about four years old and just chock full of vim and vigor.

Our other little canine friend, 15-year-old Shiloh, is still trying to figure out how to get out of Brownie's way whenever she comes inside after a walk and decides to run amok for a minute or three.

Oh, well, with patience and practice these problems will work themselves out.

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Perhaps I am just more cognizant of such things now that I am on the downside of my 60s, but it seems to me that the obituaries are listing more and more people that I know and grew up with.

It seems that 2021 has taken away too many friends, classmates and relatives. They may be gone, but they will never be forgotten.

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The world, including us, is still in the grasp of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the omicron variant infecting record numbers of people.

Those who have been vaccinated and who have received their booster shot (Continued on Page 4)



# This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Dec. 30-Jan. 5 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

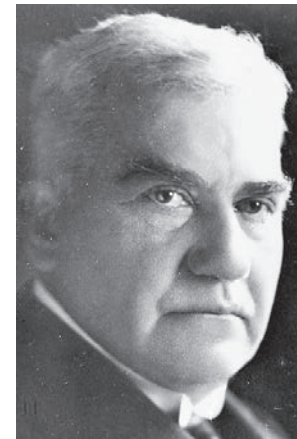
Dec. 30, 1917: The temperature in Lewisburg dropped to 37 degrees below zero. It is the coldest official temperature on record for the state.



Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Ford. She grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-wing groups and became an FBI informant. She spent part of her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.



Jan. 1, 1790: Claudius Crozet was born in France. As state engineer of Virginia, he was involved in numerous turnpike projects and made a significant contribution to the road network in western Virginia.



Jan. 1, 1859: Michael Joseph Owens was born in Pt. Pleasant. A skilled glassblower by age 15, he went on to mechanize the making of industrial glass products and launched a factory in Charleston that became the world's largest producer of window glass.

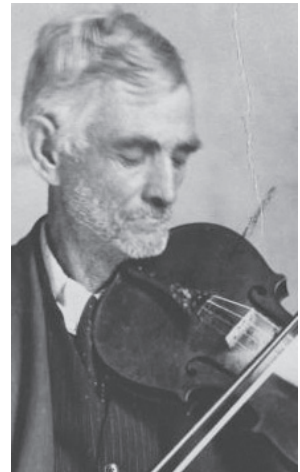
Jan. 1, 1888: Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was beaten.

Jan. 1, 1936: Don Nehlen was born in Canton, Ohio. He had a record of 149-93-4 at WVU, and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

Jan. 2, 1804: Mason County was formed from part of Kanawha County. It was named for the statesman George Mason.

Jan. 2, 1809: Cabell County was created by an act of the Virginia General Assembly from part of Kanawha County. It was named for William H. Cabell, governor of Virginia from 1805 to 1808.

Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.



Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.

Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire (shown below). A temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the "pasteboard capitol."

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution that was established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Jan. 5, 1810: The Virginia General Assembly recognized 20 acres of land owned by farmer and trader Thomas Buffington at the confluence of the Guyandotte and Ohio rivers as the new village of Guyandotte.

Jan. 5, 1887: Gov. Emanuel W. Wilson hosted a ball and banquet to formally open the new capitol in Charleston. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, incorporated the 1870 capitol.

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# My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



Christmas has come and gone once again, and I am sitting here by my Christmas tree wanting to hold on to the magic just a little while longer. I was a little late getting my decorations up this year, so I will be leaving them up for awhile to enjoy them as long as possible. Even when I take my Christmas décor down, my snowman collection will keep me company until at least Valentine's Day.

There is such a build-up to the holiday season. The day after Thanksgiving people start to decorate, the buying of gifts begins, the Christmas carols start to play on the radio and in the stores, and twinkling lights go up everywhere.

I have so enjoyed driving through town and around the area looking at all of the Christmas displays and decorations. I am really going to miss it all. I wish everything didn't have to disappear so quickly. One day it is there, and the next day it is all gone.

I have been thinking a lot about what made Christmas so magical when I was a child. I have come to the conclusion it had a lot to do with traditions. As soon as the calendar flipped to December, I began to anticipate so many wonderful activities.

There was decorating the tree at church, caroling around the neighborhood, visiting Roscoe Village, the candlelight service on Christmas Eve, and going to the Taylors' house afterwards, and staying in a cabin at Oglebay Park together.

Believe it or not, that is only a few of the traditions that my family had each year. No wonder Christmas was such a magical time. Hallmark had nothing on us.

As an adult, I have traditions too, but they don't compare to those of the past. There was so much to anticipate, and I think that was the key.

There is something special about counting down the days until an event or activity. That's why we have advent calendars for Christmas and a big count-down to the new year. The anticipation creates the magic.

I have never been one to make big New Year's resolutions, but this year I have decided that I am going to be more intentional about planning things to anticipate.

This pandemic has stolen a lot of joy and excitement from day to day life, and I am bound and determined to get some of it back. It is way too easy to fall into a routine and get stuck there. Wake up, go to work, come home, work some more, go to bed, and start all over again the next day. That is not a life, and I can do better.

I have already purchased a new calendar for 2022, and this coming week, I am going to begin planning events and activities to anticipate. Some of these will involve exercise and getting outside more. Maricia and I are going to hold each other accountable on this one. When I am tempted to skip a walk around the track or a hike in the woods, she won't let me, and I will do the same for her. I need to start taking better care of myself, and this is a great way to get started.

I also want to get back to traveling and exploring. I will still be cautious and careful, but it's time to get back out there and see the world around me. I have friends that I haven't seen in quite some time, and that needs to change. There is nothing like spending quality time together.

That is something I can really get behind planning and anticipating. Sometimes this will mean packing my Jeep and heading out, and other times it will be preparing my home among the hills and inviting my friends to come see me in wild and wonderful West Virginia.

Finally, I am looking forward to all that this new year has in store for us. So many exciting things are happening in our little community, and I am anticipating many more. I can't wait for our new coffee shop to open in town. I plan to be one of its most faithful patrons.

The new community center will also provide many new activities and events in the near future. The Christmas lights and decorations may be going away, but I believe the magic is just getting started.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year. May you have much to look forward to and anticipate in 2022. I challenge you to get your calendar and start planning. Traditions have to start somewhere.

# 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)

(1865)

April 2nd Ella rode to church to day with her Uncle Perry to hear Mr Maze, who preached in the Baptist church. It has been a beautiful day.

3rd Mrs Bickett from Bickett's [Knob], called here to day, also Mrs Jim Waits. Esther went home with Mrs Bickett. Mrs Jim Mann called to bid me good by. She brought Frankie with her.

4th Late at night. I have been very busy to night & the house is full of company. Mr Chrisman & wife, Mrs Nettie Hedrick & Miss Pierce & Pleasants Thompson.

5th I bid adieu to Rocky Point to day. We traveled by way of the Picaway Plains. We passed through beautiful country, saw many fine buildings. Crossed Second Creek, the Greenbrier River.

6th Staid at a Mr Jackson's last night not far from Frankfort.

7th Staid at Mr Wm. McClungs, the father of Anderson Waits wife.

11th On yesterday we traveled on the Cold Knob route. Staid last night at Mr Hinkle's.

12th Yesterday crossed Gauley, & staid last night at Mr Grove's in Nicholas Co.

13th Staid at Mr Duffy's, last night the Clay home guards were there.

14th Staid last night at Mr Frame's.

15th Staid last night at Mr Sams near the head of Cedar Creek in Braxton Co. Eat dinner to day at Mr Marks & reached Jeff Brannon's to night.

16th I came to Glenville to day.

17th A pleasant day. Every thing looks nice around Father Silcott's. The lilacs are in bloom. The peach & apple trees are in mid blossoms.

**Amie appears to be very despondent, and unclear about her relationship with George. She hopes her relationship with George has not changed. This is the last letter by Amie.**

**General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant at the Mclean home in Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on Apr. 9, 1865. Amie died on Nov. 30, 1865.**

Monday eve.

April 3rd 1865

Rocky Point [Monroe County, W.Va.]

Dear George

I expect to start for home Wednesday. I regret to leave Dix[ie], the land which contains my husband, but I do not know as I could see you were I to remain all summer.

How I wish you had never entered the Army, but gone into business somewhere here in the South. We could then have had a home together. I shall take Ella with me, & think I will let her Grandma keep her until the close of the war. It is better for a child to have a permanent home than to be tossed about from pillar to post.

I think I shall move our household effects to French Creek. I like this place much better than I did in the winter, & if you were here I could be quite happy. At times I long inexpressibly for my home. Yet when I reach it, it will be no home after all, you will not be there.

Still pleasant memories cling around that spot which attach to no other. There too, I often feel "that a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things."

Rocky Point is quite gay at present. Ladies & gentlemen are continually passing. We have quite a number of pleasant visitors recently. Mrs Mathew Mann, Mrs James Mann, Mrs Perry, Mrs Bickett, & others have often been to see me. Miss Lizzie Waite & her mother call often.

I may return in a couple of months. I hope then I shall have your society permanently.

Yet if it be long before we meet, I trust your affection will not be entirely obliterated, by either time, absence, or change.

"Love is not Love

Which alters, when it alteration finds,

Or bends with the remover to remove;

Oh, no! It is an ever fixed mark,

That looks on tempests & is never shaken!"

Perry is very kind to me & Ella. You should love & esteem him for nothing else but for the great kindness & respect he has shown your wife & daughter. I feel sad & gloomy to night. In vain I endeavor to shake off the [illegible] which clings to me as Sinbad's burdon. Will the future ever be bright for me again?

I have not heard from you since you bade me good bye.

Yours truly & affectionately  
Amie

**Hunter Armentrout's wrap up of Amie's story will be published next week.**

(Continued Next Week)

# Senior Citizens Menu

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

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

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

Friday, Dec. 31: closed.

Monday, Jan. 3: cook's choice.

Tuesday, Jan. 4: hamburger, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Wednesday, Jan. 5: chili with meat and beans, fruit, cornbread.

Thursday, Jan. 6: fish,

coleslaw, peas, juice, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Jan. 7: vegetable soup, cheese stick, banana pudding, crackers.

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 Looked Promising--

(Continued from Page 1) (Ritchie and Gilmer), two gold (Wirt and Clay), and two orange (Roane and Braxton).

The county's infection rate on Tuesday was 21.10 (per 100,000), down from 33.16, with a percent positivity rate of 2.12, down from last week's 5.12.

Cases in the seven-county area were 266, down from 352, 302 and 294 the past three weeks, and now totaling 11,780.

New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 75 (2,668/31); Clay, 43 (1,613/25); Roane, 39 (2,025/28); Gilmer, 32 (1,582/15); Ritchie, 21 (1,679/24); and Wirt, 21 (1,003/17).

New West Virginia cases were 7,147, down from 7,406 last week. Total cases during the pandemic are 323,538.

The number of deaths reported was 77, down from 97 the previous week. Total deaths in West Virginia are 5,288.

The number of new cases in the United States was 1,456,710, more

than 50% higher than the 964,259 and 831,599 during the previous two weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 53,222,424.

New deaths in the U.S. were reported as 10,531, more than a thousand over the last two weeks of 9,467 and 9,193. Total deaths are 837,854.

New weekly worldwide cases were 5,288,849, up from 4,558,830 and 4,286,807 the previous two weeks. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 280,418,180.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 46,048, dropping from the previous three weeks, when there were 48,068, 50,782 and 53,833 reported. Total deaths from the pandemic are 5,424,202.

DHHR reported that 917,204 (51.2%) of West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated, up from the previous 913,426 (51.0%). There have been 312,649 boosters administered, up from 297,589 last week.

The number of vaccine doses administered in Calhoun is reported as 3,173.

# Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

(Continued from Page 3) are not even safe from this variant, although the viral infection in this population seems to be milder and more survivable.

I cannot stress enough the fact that, unless you have a medical condition that prevents you from being vaccinated, you are risking your life, and perhaps the lives of those whom you love, if you are unvaccinated simply because you have a problem with the science of vaccination.

Do us all a favor; look at the history of vaccinations. Look at all of the vaccinations that you have already received in your lifetime. Have you ever had lockjaw, whooping cough, measles, chickenpox, smallpox, etc. That is because you were

vaccinated against those diseases.

Wake up! Don't be one of those people who beg to be vaccinated while they are dying in intensive care, on a respirator, unable to have family with them as they die.

The quackery of those who confuse real medicine with that which cannot do you any good against COVID-19, although I suppose they can kill your intestinal worms or prevent malaria, or even kill you, should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, and I hope it comes to that before this is all over.

Stop hesitating. Listen to medical science. Get yourself vaccinated, and convince those you know who aren't vaccinated to take another shot at life.

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# Montgomery Scores 33--

(Continued from Page 1) the final period.

The Lady Red Devils were held to a lone field goal in the quarter--a 3-pointer by Joselynn Yeager--as Lincoln tried to play catch-up by sending Calhoun players to the free throw line.

Montgomery (6-of-6), Savannah Cunningham (4-of-6) and Yeager (2-of-2) hit an excellent 12-of-14 foul shots in the period to extend the final margin to 13 points, 61-48.

Montgomery added 10 rebounds to her point total, while Yeager had 13 points, six rebounds and two blocks, and Cunningham had 11 points, six rebounds, five steals and four assists.

Calhoun will host Roane County on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 27**

**Lincoln 17 8 11 12--48**

**Calhoun 12 19 15 15--61**

Calhoun scoring: Josie Montgomery 11 8-9 33, Joselynn Yeager 5 2-2 13, Savannah Cunningham 3 5-9 11, Trista Arnold 1 0-0 2, Ashlyn Boak 1

0-0 2, Lauren Lovejoy 0 0-2 0, Madison Westfall 0 0-0 0, Makayla Jones 0 0-0 0, Abi Waldron 0 0-0 0, Ariety Hickman 0 0-0 0, Allison Stevens. Total 21 15-22 61. 3-pt.: Montgomery 3, Yeager 1. Rebounds, Montgomery 10, Cunningham 6, Yeager 6, Hickman 3, Boak 3; steals, Cunningham 5, Montgomery 4; assists, Cunningham 4, Yeager 3; blocks, Yeager 2. Opp.: 18 8-14 48; 3-pt.: 4.

## Josie Among State Leaders

Nationally recognized MaxPreps does not have all of Calhoun's results; therefore, the team is not ranked in West Virginia, and CCHS' individuals are not listed in the statistics.

Prior to Monday, the sports site had the leading scorers in West Virginia as averaging 24.8 and 24.0 points per game. After Monday's win, Montgomery is averaging 25.8.

The state leader in free throws is listed as 36-of-52 (69.2%). Montgomery has connected on 29-of-33 (87.9%).

## 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 61 Ritchie 48 ..... W  
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



**Freshman Lauren Lovejoy (33) stretches for a rebound.**

## Calhoun individual wrestling results at Clay County:

120 lbs. - Chase Marks, 4-1 record, 1 pin, 24 pts.  
126 - Jett Sampson, 3-2, 1, 18  
132 - Isaiah Boggs, 3-2, 0, 18  
145 - Hunter Thacker, 3-2, 2, 18  
152 - Grant Sterns, 2-3, 1, 12  
160 - Ian Persinger, 2-3, 0, 12  
195 - Drue Goad, 4-1, 2, 24  
220 - Trevor Collins, 2-3, 0, 12  
285 - Levi Stump, 3-2, 2, 18

## 2021-22 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

All matches away, except Dec. 30  
December  
30 Mike Stump Duals 10:30  
January  
7-8 Nitro, 4 p.m. & TBA  
14-15 Braxton Co. .... TBA  
22 Williamstown .... 11:00  
February  
4-5 Single A Challenge at Ritchie . 4:00 & 10:00  
12 LKC at Williamstown  
19 Regional at Millwood  
March  
3-5 States at Huntington

## 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  
January  
5 Spencer ..... A  
10 Geary ..... H  
19 Ravenswood ..... A  
27 Walton ..... A  
February  
1 Wirt ..... H  
3 Gilmer ..... H  
8 George Washington ... A  
8 Wirt ..... A  
10 Ravenswood ..... H

## 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  
January  
5 Spencer ..... H  
10 Geary ..... 7:30 H  
19 Ravenswood ..... H  
27 Walton ..... 7:30 A  
February  
1 Wirt ..... A  
8 George Washington .. H  
8 Wirt ..... H  
10 Ravenswood ..... A

## Boys Lose To Roane and Lincoln

The CCHS varsity boys basketball team lost to visiting Roane County on Thursday, 59-23.

Calhoun was behind by seven, 13-6, after the opening period, but the Raiders went on a pair of 10-point runs in the second, and were up 35-10 at halftime.

Roane scored 12 in each of the third and fourth quarters, while holding Calhoun to 13 for the 59-23 win.

Levi Morris led CCHS in scoring with 10 points.

On Monday, Calhoun played Lincoln County in a holiday tournament at Ritchie County High

School.

Although the Red Devils lost, 72-51, Ian Richards, who had missed the previous game, scored 20 points and Morris added 15 points and 13 rebounds. Owen Taylor pulled down eight rebounds.

Calhoun was scheduled to play in the tournament's consolation game on Tuesday.

The CCHS boys will host Wirt County on Thursday, Dec. 30, and Clay County on Tuesday, Jan. 4, with each game starting at 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 23**  
**Roane 13 22 12 12--59**  
**Calhoun 6 4 7 6--23**

Calhoun scoring: Levi Morris 5-9 0-2 10, Caden Jones 1-7-5-6-7, Joel Basnett 2-11 0-0 5, Landon Church 0-5 1-3 1, Owen Taylor 0-7 0-0 0, Landon Bennett 0-1 0-0 0, Jacob Marks 0-5 0-0 0, Owen Grose 0- 0 0-0 0. Total 8-45 6-11 23. 3-pt.: Basnett 1. Rebounds, Jones 6, Taylor 4, Morris 4; steals, Taylor 3; assists, Church 2, Jones 2. Opponents: 19-51 16-31 59. 3-pt.: 5.

## Holiday Tournament At Ritchie County Monday, Dec. 27

**Lincoln 21 15 20 16--72**  
**Calhoun 8 14 12 17--51**  
Calhoun scoring: Ian Richards 8-19 1-2 20, Levi Morris 7-12 1-2 15, Landon Bennett 2-6 0-0 6, Caden Jones 2-6 1-2 5, Owen Taylor 2-5 0-0 5, Joel Basnett 0-5 0-1 0, Landon Church 0-0 0-2 0. Total 21-53 3-9 51. 3-pt.: Richards 3, Bennett 2, Taylor 1. Rebounds, Morris 13, Taylor 8, Jones 5, Basnett 4; assists, Morris 4, Taylor 3. Opponents: 32-72 2-6 72. 3-pt.: 6.

## Calhoun County Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

December  
10 49 Van 73 ..... L  
14 55 Doddridge 65 ..... L  
23 23 Roane 59 ..... L  
Results not submitted  
27 51 Lincoln 72 ..... L  
Results not submitted  
28 Ritchie Tour. ....A TBA  
30 Wirt Co. .... H 7:00  
January  
4 Clay ..... H 7:00  
6 Williamstown .. A 3:00  
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## Fire Season

During fall fire season, burning is prohibited from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If burning has occurred during permitted hours, the fire must be completely extinguished by 7 a.m.

## Toys Distributed

Over 180 children received presents on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Upper West Fork Park.

Thanks were expressed to the Greenbrier's Dream Tree for Kids program, which helped with 385 toys donated, and also Christmas Connection at First Baptist Church, Grantsville, the Calhoun county commission, and Calhoun Banks.

# Wrestlers Will Host Mike Stump Duals, Thursday, Dec. 30

The CCHS wrestling team competed in the Bob Stover Duals at Clay County High School on Dec. 22 and finished with a team record of 1-4.

The team lost to Johnson Central, Ky., Sissonville, Buffalo, and Doddridge, and defeated Richwood.

Finishing with 4-1 records in individual matches were Calhoun's Chase Marks (112 lbs.) and Drue Goad (195).

At 3-2 were Jett Sampson (126), Isaiah Boggs (132) and Hunter Thacker (145).

Calhoun will host the Mike Stump Duals on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 10:30 a.m. Other teams participating are Ritchie, Clay and Roane.

## Wednesday, Dec. 22

### Bob Stover Duals at Clay County

#### Johnson Central 84 Calhoun 0

106 lbs. - lost by forfeit  
113 - lost by forfeit  
120 - Chase Marks, lost by pin  
126 - Jett Sampson, lost by pin  
132 - Isaiah Boggs, lost by pin  
138 - lost by forfeit  
145 - Hunter Thacker, lost by pin  
152 - Grant Sterns, lost by pin  
160 - Ian Persinger, lost by pin  
170 - lost by forfeit  
182 - lost by forfeit  
195 - Drue Goad, lost by pin  
220 - Trevor Collins, lost by pin  
285 - Levi Stump, lost by pin

### Calhoun 48 Richwood 12

106 - double forfeit  
113 - double forfeit  
120 - Chase Marks, won by forfeit  
126 - Jett Sampson, won by pin  
132 - Isaiah Boggs, won by forfeit  
138 - double forfeit  
145 - Hunter Thacker, won by pin  
152 - Grant Sterns, won by forfeit  
160 - Ian Persinger, won by forfeit  
170 - double forfeit  
182 - lost by forfeit  
195 - Drue Goad, won by forfeit  
220 - Trevor Collins, lost by pin

## Calhoun County High School

### 2021-22 Wrestling Statistics

Following are individual records, pins, and points earned by members of the CCHS wrestling team:

Weight	Wrestler	Record	Pins	Points
120--	Chase Marks	7-3	2	42
126--	Jett Sampson	10-3	6	59
132--	Isaiah Boggs	6-6	0	36
145--	Hunter Thacker	10-4	9	60
152--	Grant Sterns	10-5	7	60
160--	Ian Persinger	9-6	5	51
182--	Adam Lane	4-6	4	24
195--	Drue Goad	11-2	7	66
220--	Trevor Collins	7-6	3	42
285--	Levi Stump	9-5	7	54
132--	Joe Sampson	2-2	0	12
Others (including 29 forfeits)		0-29	0	0
Total		85-77	50	506

Dual Record -- 4-6 Tournament Record -- 6-2

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**UNDER CONTRACT**

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

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**UNDER CONTRACT**

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

**UNDER CONTRACT**

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

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

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# Welfare of Animals Group Needs Help

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) is asking for Calhoun County residents to help address a long-observed problem with the animal community--feral or community cats.

If you feed a feral cat colony in your neighborhood, or know someone who does, call Linda Buchanan, 354-7506, or email calhounwag@yahoo.com.

According to the news release, "Our humane and effective Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program's volunteers will live-trap the cats, take them to the vet to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, respiratory disease, worms, and fleas, and return them to their outdoor home, at no cost to the colony's caretaker.

"The colony will be healthier and no longer producing unwanted kit-

tens. At four months old, a female kitten can start breeding, and can have two or three litters per year. Removing cats from an area (i.e. catching and killing) is useless.

"When cats are removed from an area, new, unsterilized cats move in to take advantage of available resources--and begin reproducing.

"This well-documented natural trend is known as the 'vacuum effect.' TNR stops the breeding cycle and eliminates mating behaviors, such as yowling, spraying, roaming, and fighting.

"TNR also benefits public health, because community cats are vaccinated against rabies.

"We only have three months of good weather left this year, so please contact us soon, if we can help with a colony."

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## LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
Adoption Case No.: 21-A-15  
**NOTICE OF FILING OF ADOPTION PETITION**  
To: BROCK PHILIPS, or ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING PATERNITY OF A.A., the minor child, born August 7, 2012, in Elkhart, Indiana.  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code §48-22-101, et seq., a petition for adoption of your child, A.A., has been filed in the Circuit Court of CALHOUN County, West Virginia. The petition alleges that you are the child's biological father and that you have abandoned her.  
You are advised that your parental rights to this child may be terminated in the adoption proceeding. If you wish to assert or exercise your parental rights to said child, you must appear and defend the petition on or before **January 20, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.** or within thirty (30) days following the first publication of this notice, whichever date is later. Your failure to appear and defend will result in permanent termination of your parental rights, and you may not appear in or receive further notice of the adoption proceedings.  
You are 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 Calhoun 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

**Calhoun County Board of Education Public Hearing Regarding the 2022-23 School Calendar**  
The first of two public hearings regarding the 2022-23 School Calendar for Calhoun County Schools will be held Monday, January 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at the Calhoun Board of Education office.  
The second public hearing regarding the 2022-23 School Calendar for Calhoun County Schools will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at the Calhoun County Board of Education office.

## Tire Collection

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

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

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

## Building Rental

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

cleaning deposit.

For rental information, call Denise Carter, 377-9441, or Miranda Nelson, 655-8604.

For other information, call Patty Hall, 588-6189.

# Electronic Death Registration System Launched By DHHR

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources' Health Statistics Center is launching a new Electronic Death Registration System that will allow deaths to be recorded and filed electronically.

Database Application for Vital Events (DAVE) will be phased in on Jan. 1. To ease transition of death reporting to an electronic registration system, the Health Statistics Center will offer a 60-day grace period for medical providers, with full transition on Mar. 1.

During this period, the center will support both the new electronic death registration system and the paper process currently in place. Providers can begin using the system Jan. 1, with the Health Statistics Center providing online training and technical support.

The current process for registering a West Virginia death certificate involves information to be completed on paper and filed through U.S. Mail between funeral homes, medical certifiers, or medical examiners, and the Health Statistics Center for registering

records. The electronic process reduces the time it takes to complete a record and transfer it to the next part of the process; however, this does not mean that deaths will be registered immediately.

Under W.Va. State Code, a death certificate must be medically certified by a physician, but may not occur immediately by the physician.

"The electronic system will create efficiency, greatly reduce errors, and shorten the time it takes to register deaths in West Virginia," said Dr. Ayne Amjad, state health officer and commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Public Health.

"The new electronic process will also improve timeliness and eliminate redundancies in COVID-19 death reporting, which will enhance the state's ability to monitor mortality trends.

"We would like to thank the funeral homes, medical certifiers, and medical examiners who participated in the pilot testing of the DAVE system in November."

# Filing Period, Jan. 10-29, For County Candidates

Candidate filing period for the 2022 election cycle begins on Monday, Jan. 10, and ends on Saturday, Jan. 29. The county clerk's office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and will be open on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. until noon, for candidate filing.

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Churches are listed alphabetically

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Sand Ridge - 354-6217  
Pastor: David Weaver  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11:15 p.m.

**Arnoldsburg Community Church**  
Arnoldsburg  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

**Beech U.M.C.**  
Arnoldsburg - 354-6277  
Pastor: Rick Metheny  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Thurs.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Beech Valley U.M.C.**  
Big Springs  
Pastor: Rick Metheny  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday

**Bethlehem Baptist Church**  
East of Grantsville - 354-7519  
Pastor: Jim Lynch  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Brooksville Baptist Church**  
Big Bend - 354-6967  
Pastor: Matt Sanders  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Chapel Baptist Church**  
Nobe - 354-6747  
Interim Pastor: Harold Francis  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Dinner - 4th Sunday 6 p.m.

**Chestnut Grove Baptist Church**  
White Pine Rd - Latonia  
Pastor: Vane Bush  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

**Community Baptist Church**  
Grantsville  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 p.m.

**Cornerstone Praise & Worship**  
527 Highland St., Grantsville  
Pastor: Kevin Church  
Sun.: Breakfast 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Cremo Community Church**  
Rowels Run - 354-7394  
Sat.: Preaching 7 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Enon Baptist Church**  
Grantsville  
Pastor: John Vannoy  
Sun.: Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Fairview Freewill Memorial Church**  
1182 Lower Nicut Rd., Chloe  
Pastor: Tom Law - 354-6685  
Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
High St., Grantsville - 354-7574  
Pastor: Ron Chesser  
Sun: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Freedom Baptist Church**  
Big Springs on Rt. 16  
Campus Pastor: Steve Boggs  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Afternoon Service 1 p.m.

**Full Gospel Lighthouse**  
Big Bend  
Pastor: Mike Doherty  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Wed: Worship 7 p.m.  
Sat: Worship 7 p.m.

**Hur Community Church**  
Hur, W.Va.  
Sun.: Evening Worship 6 p.m.

**Knotts Memorial U.M.C.**  
Grantsville  
Pastor: Rick Metheny  
Jerry Malona, Assoc. Pastor  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
preaching and Sunday School  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
(2nd/4th at MHHS)  
1st-3rd Wed.-Worship 7 p.m.

**Leatherbark Community Church**  
Leatherbark  
Pastor: Phil Lawrence  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

**Louisa Chapel U.M.C.**  
Arnoldsburg - 655-8245  
Pastor: Shelly Mace  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Milo Church**  
Milo  
Pastor: John Meadows  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sunday  
7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday

**Minnora U.M.C.**  
Minnora  
Pastor: Tim Hickman  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

**Mt. Zion U.M.C.**  
Mt. Zion  
Pastor: David Weaver  
Sun.: Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Mud Fork Church**  
Stinson - 655-7509  
Pastor: John Fowler  
Sun.: Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

**New Life Baptist Fellowship**  
Arnoldsburg - 655-8108  
Pastor: Mark Dudley  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

**Orma U.M.C.**  
Orma - 354-7365  
Pastor: Tim Hickman  
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 11 a.m.

**Pleasant Hill U.M.C.**  
Pleasant Hill - 354-6277  
Pastor: Rick Metheny  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

**Prosperity Baptist Church**  
Leading Creek Road  
Pastor: Ken Heiney  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 p.m.

**Rush Run Baptist Church**  
Stumptown  
Pastor: John Vannoy  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Spruce Hollow Church**  
Yellow Creek  
Pastor: Carroll McCauley  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Wed.: Worship & Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Stoney Point New Hope Church**  
Altizer Road  
Pastor: Garry Bowen  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

**Sycamore Baptist Church**  
Mt. Zion - 655-7207  
Pastor: Kenneth Gene Satterfield  
Sun.: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Victory Baptist Church**  
2037 South Calhoun Hwy.  
Grantsville - 354-7780  
Pastor: Steven Carter  
Sun.: Sun. School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth/Family Ministry

**Walnut Grove Community Church**  
Barnes Run  
Pastor: Rev. Clark Samples  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Thur: 7 p.m.

**Walnut Memorial Church**  
Chloe  
Pastor: Lester Tanner  
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

**Walker U.M.C.**  
Chloe  
Pastor: Tim Hickman  
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

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## Registered Voters Who Have Changed Address Sent Postcard

Registered voters who have changed addresses with the DMV or post office, or have not voted or updated their voter registration at any time in the past four years, will soon receive a postcard in the mail to confirm that the voter is still a resident at their registered address on file with the county clerk.

Secretary of state Mac Warner encourages every voter who receives the confirmation postcard to confirm or update their registration by scanning the QR code on the postcard with a mobile device and follow the easy steps to keep their registration in "active" status.

and update their registration information online at ovr.sos.wv.gov, or by mailing the completed pre-paid postage postcard to their county clerk.

Voters whose postcards are returned will remain "active." Voters whose postcards are not returned, or are returned by the USPS as "undeliverable," will be categorized as "inactive," which still permits the voters to remain eligible to vote in the next two federal election cycles.

If a voter's registration address remains unconfirmed for the next two federal general elections after receipt of the confirmation notice, and the voter fails to vote in any state or local election during that time period, state law mandates that the registration be canceled.

Warner said that election officials mailed postcards last week to each of the 169,417 voters identified after the November 2020 General Election.

The postcard asks the voter to confirm that they are still a resident of the state and county at the address at which they are registered.

"The law requires election officials to send

a postcard to each voter identified by the USPS as having signed up for mail forwarding service through the National Change of Address program, and data obtained from other states' departments of Motor Vehicles showing voters may have moved to another state.

The law is in place to make sure voters on West Virginia rolls are still residents of West Virginia at the address on file with the county clerk," said Warner.

"Since we have information from the voter that they may have moved or have had no contact with election officials by updating their registration or voting, many times we find that these voters moved and simply forgot to cancel their registration or are deceased."

A registered voter does not have to vote in any election to stay registered, but after not participating for a period of four years or greater, or by not updating their voter registration after moving, election officials are required to attempt to confirm the voter's residential status to ensure that the voter is still a resident of West Virginia in the address

on file, confirming their eligibility to vote.

Regular maintenance of voter registration lists is mandated by the National Voter Registration Act and West Virginia law.

A confirmation notice mailed to voters' addresses on file with their registration is the first step in the process, which was reviewed and approved in recent years by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Voter list maintenance has been a priority for the W.Va. Secretary of State's office since Warner took office in 2017.

By working with all 55 county clerks from Jan. 2017, to July 1, 2021, Warner reports that a total of 364,301 abandoned, deceased, duplicate, out-of-state, and convicted felon voter registration files have been canceled in the statewide Voter Registration System.

During the same period of time, a total of 255,888 new voters have been registered to vote, which included more than 67,000 high school students.

"If the voter moved to another county, we can help them update their voter registration here in West Virginia," Warner said. "If they moved out of state, they are no longer eligible to vote."

Warner said that a voter's registration will not be canceled if they do not respond to the postcard. If the voter's registration remains inactive for two additional consecutive federal general elections following receipt of the postcard, the voter's registration will be canceled, according to the National Voter Registration Act.

For information, contact your county clerk or the Secretary of State's office, 558-8000.



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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	8.4
Dec. 22	317,540	4,458,426	5,242	6.6	10.9
Dec. 23	319,035	4,470,344	5,251	6.7	12.7
Dec. 27	322,485	4,503,382	5,260	6.7	14.2
Dec. 28	323,538	4,509,142	5,288^	6.7	12.0

\*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 (3,204), Berkeley (23,529), Boone (4,252), Braxton (2,655), Brooke (3,634), Cabell (17,292), Calhoun (1,209), Clay (1,613), Doddridge (1,534), Fayette (7,573), Gilmer (1,582), Grant (2,686), Greenbrier (5,746), Hampshire (4,043), Hancock (4,946), Hardy (2,912), Harrison (13,239), Jackson (4,536), Jefferson (8,822), Kanawha (28,570), Lewis (3,607), Lincoln (3,468), Logan (6,197), Marion (9,729), Marshall (6,064), Mason (4,277), McDowell (3,462), Mercer (10,921), Mineral (5,311), Mingo (5,270), Monongalia (15,361), Monroe (2,581), Morgan (2,782), Nicholas (4,823), Ohio (7,308), Pendleton (1,310), Pleasants (1,559), Pocahontas (1,344), Preston (6,317), Putnam (10,523), Raleigh (13,723), Randolph (5,862), Ritchie (1,675), Roane (2,017), Summers (1,692), Taylor (2,893), Tucker (1,312), Tyler (1,507), Upshur (4,735), Wayne (6,466), Webster (1,523), Wetzell (2,953), Wirt (999), Wood (15,151), Wyoming (4,190); 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; 54th county to reach 1,200 cases on Dec. 23. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second death on Sept. 15, 2021, 73-year-old woman; third death on Sept. 29, 2021, 79-year-old man; fourth death on Sept. 30, 2021, 73-year-old man; fifth death on Nov. 1, 2021, 73-year-old woman; sixth death on Nov. 23, 2021, 86-year-old woman; seventh death on Dec. 1, 2021, 56-year old female; eighth death on Dec. 6, 2021, 92-year old female; ninth death on Dec. 7, 2021, 93-year old male.

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

	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept.28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov.30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec.28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb.22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar.29	30,966,974	562,551	127,963,064	2,799,992
Apr.26	32,824,618	586,152	148,006,342	3,127,343
May31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 31	35,688,506	629,064	198,207,725	4,232,644
Aug.31	39,946,708	656,393	218,104,333	4,531,744
Sept.30	44,200,421	713,953	234,173,044	4,795,746
Oct.31	46,799,970	766,117	247,382,939	5,018,389
Nov.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
Dec.22	52,253,848	830,990	276,721,494	5,393,931
Dec.23	52,510,978	833,029	277,646,503	5,402,082
Dec.24	52,788,451	834,455	278,640,111	5,408,858
Dec.25	52,986,307	837,671	279,011,569	5,416,789
Dec.26	53,026,765	837,779	279,912,079	5,420,238
Dec.27	53,222,424	837,854	280,418,180	5,424,202
Dec.28	53,791,852	839,605	282,018,705	5,431,182

Cases by states and territories: California 5,318,436, Texas 4,477,168, Florida 3,907,748, New York 3,209,438, Illinois 2,077,260, Pennsylvania 1,964,994, Ohio 1,931,908, Georgia 1,733,600 Michigan 1,645,578, North Carolina 1,607,378, New Jersey 1,453,647, Tennessee 1,366,921, Arizona 1,355,052, Indiana 1,200,926, Wisconsin 1,083,442, Virginia 1,067,849, Massachusetts 1,055,519, Minnesota 1,000,361, Missouri 983,632, South Carolina 944,574, Colorado 886,250, Alabama 870,627, Kentucky 836,441, Washington 813,741, Louisiana 802,537, Oklahoma 697,590, Maryland 668,790, Utah 623,703, Iowa 563,955, Arkansas 550,413, Mississippi 532,560, Kansas 512,895, Connecticut 474,557, Nevada 474,023, Oregon 410,565, New Mexico 342,649, Nebraska 331,081, West Virginia 322,485, Idaho 315,726, Puerto Rico 233,698, Rhode Island 217,228, Montana 196,044, New Hampshire 189,987, South Dakota 176,186, Delaware 172,827, North Dakota 171,546, Alaska 156,177, Maine 141,790, Wyoming 114,242, Hawaii 102,389, D.C. 79,565, Vermont 61,735; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

## Justice Allocates Funds For Nursing Program At Glenville College

Gov. Jim Justice has announced funding for nursing programs at three schools in the state, including Glenville State College.

"I commend Gov. Justice on his foresight for helping tackle this nursing shortage. We see this as a preemptive strike of sorts, recognizing the needs of the present and the future here in West Virginia and throughout the country," said GSC president Dr. Mark A. Manchin.

At a press conference last week, Justice said that \$48 million dollars from federal CARES Act money will be given to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to distribute between GSC, Concord University, and Bridge Valley Community and Technical College for the purpose of starting nursing programs at the institutions, as well as expanding Bridge Valley's current nursing program.

The governor was joined for the announcement by Dr. Cynthia Persily of WVHE Policy Commission, Manchin, Concord president Kendra Boggess, and Bridge Valley president Casey Sacks.

"No words can adequately describe how I feel about this announcement," said Manchin. "We're excited about this opportunity, and I want to thank Gov. Justice for his leadership in taking the initiative to tackle this shortage of nurses."

"We see now, especially with COVID, that nurses are needed here in West Virginia and throughout the nation. This initiative will allow us to train more nurses for the future right where we need them the most--in rural areas of our state."

"So, with this endeavor, I believe that it will make a real difference in the clinics and small hospitals of the Mountain State and

beyond." GSC has partnered with Marshall University to offer students a program leading to a bachelor of science in nursing. The agreement will see prospective students enroll at GSC and complete general education courses during their first year.

Once students are admitted to the BSN program, they will receive instruction from Marshall faculty members on the GSC campus.

The program, which is pending W.Va. Board of Nursing approval, is designed for professional nurse generalists to work with individuals, families, groups, and communities in a variety of healthcare settings, as they work toward obtaining RN licensure. Pre-nursing enrollment begins in the fall of 2022 at Glenville.

"This type of four-year nursing program has never existed in the central part of West Virginia where Glenville State is located, and we are looking forward to expanding our footprint and expanding access to this in-demand program," said Manchin.

As West Virginia faces nursing shortages and the number of COVID related hospitalizations reaches an all-time high, the governor hopes these new programs, in addition to incentives including scholarship programs for West Virginia nursing students, will help support current hospital staffs by flooding West Virginia with quality nurses.

Visit [www.glenville.edu/nursing](http://www.glenville.edu/nursing) for information about the nursing program at GSC.

### Courthouse

Calhoun County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 30, at noon, and all day on Friday, Dec. 31.

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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.

**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.

**New at Library**

Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Adult Fiction: Out of the Rain, by V.C. Andrews; Go Tell the Bees That I am Gone, by Diana Gabaldon; Someone Perfect, by Mary Balogh.

Inspirational: Piecing It All Together, by Leslie Gould; An Amish Schoolroom, Amish Midwives; Freedom's Song, by Kim Vogel Sawyer; Forgiving Paris, by Karen Kingsbury; A Season on the Wind, by Suzanne Woods Fisher.

**Grantsville's Ginkgo Trees Trimmed To Stumps**

by Bill Bailey  
Grantsville's ginkgo trees, located on Main St., were cut back to six-foot stumps last week.

The two trees were at least 100 years old, a gift delivered to the town

from China by either Godfrey L. Cabot or the Oles family.

Since ginkgo trees drop almost all of their leaves in one day, it used to be a problem for some drivers who were driving

up Florence St. (beside the old Grantsville Hotel and Restaurant), because the leaves are somewhat waxy.

There were times when drivers simply could not get enough traction

to pull onto Main St. I don't think that would be enough of a reason to cut them down when they were younger.

According to the Arbor Day website (arborday.org), ginkgo trees can live

as long as 3,000 years. Grantsville's trees had a very long life ahead of them.

Thanks for the memories, the photos, shade, and unusual leaves. You will be missed.



Freshman Landon Church gets the ball inbound against Roane County.

**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.

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**Food Pantry**

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Levi Morris (10) pulls down another rebound in the Red Devils' loss to the visiting Roane County Raiders last week. Teammate is Caden Jones (32)

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