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Calhoun heavyweight Levi Stump looks for a takedown against a larger Clay County opponent during the Mike Stump Duals on Thursday at CM/HS. Story and additional photos inside.

Filing For Primary Election Begins Monday; Three Board Vacancies

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.

OFFICE	FILING FEE
County Commission	\$273.50
(Must live in Center, Lee or Sheridan)	
Circuit Clerk	\$532.22
County Clerk	\$532.22
Board Of Education (3 vacancies)	\$ 25.00
(There can only be 2 members from each district. Currently, there is 1 member from Sherman and 1 member from Lee)	
Conservation District Supervisor	\$ 10.00
Executive Committee (Democrats And Republicans)	\$ 10.00

Virus Cases Increase Rapidly

COVID-19 reporting organizations show the following increases in cases over the past week:	West Virginia 16,141	helped keep the county under the lowest "green education alert" for the eighth straight day.
World 10,376,918	Previous 7,147	With Tuesday's Dept. of Health and Human Resources' report, the county now has 1,251 total cases (672 confirmed and 575 probable).
Previous 5,288,849	226% increase	Of the 41 new cases, and with students on school vacation, 37 were confirmed cases and only four were probable.
196% increase	7-county area 420	Calhoun is surrounded by four orange counties (Wirt, Roane, Gilmer and Clay) and two red counties (Braxton and Ritchie).
U.S. 2,919,751	Previous 266	The county's infection rate on Tuesday was 29.14 (per 100,000), up from 21.10, with a percent positivity rate of 2.80, up from last week's 2.12.
Previous 1,456,710	158% increase	Cases in the seven-county area were 420, up from last week's 266, and now totaling 12,200.
200% increase	Calhoun 41	New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 119 (2,787/31); Roane, 74 (2,099/28); Clay, 71 (1,684/26); Ritchie, 56 (1,1735/25); Gilmer, 31 (1,613/15); and Wirt, 28 (1,031/18).
	Previous 35	New West Virginia cases were 16,141, more than double (226%) last week's 7,147. Total cases during the pandemic are 339,679.
	17% increase	The number of deaths (Continued on Page 2)
	Calhoun's 41 cases	



The Calhoun County High School wrestling team includes, left to right, kneeling, Jett Sampson, Isaiah Boggs, Landon Winkler, Ian Persinger, Grant Sterns; standing, assistant Dalton McCune, Silas Wotring, Drue Goad, Trevor Collins, Levi Stump, Joe Sampson and coach Andrew Cummings. Not pictured - Hunter Thacker, Adam Lane.



Members of Grantsville Lions Club are shown attending their Christmas dinner. From left to right are, seated, Cheryl Plato, Karen Yoak, Cheryl Cheesbrew, Jim Sturm, Brenda Whipkey, Bob Bonar; standing, Jim Yoak, Michael Plato, Jim McCormick, Jim Garretson, Carol Taylor, Karen Law and Bernard Whipkey.

Free Vaccinations

Calhoun County Committee on Aging will host a free vaccination clinic at the Grantsville site on Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, for all persons age 55 and older. Minnie Hamilton Health System is providing personnel, equipment and supplies to provide COVID booster vaccinations (both Moderna and Pfizer), and also flu vaccinations. Absent a specific health reason, both vaccines can be received the same day. Bring your vaccination card with you for documentation of vaccines you receive. Masks are required inside the facility.

OBITUARIES

CECIL GREEN

Cecil Green, 63, of Spencer, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at Roane General Hospital.

He was born in Braxton County, the son of the late Andrew Criss and Mabel Marie Sears Green.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Brenda Louise Green; four sons, Jerry Rogers of Ivydale, Cecil Ray Green of Grantsville, Carl W. Green of Spencer and Kevin R. Green of Big Otter; two daughters, Devon Griffin of Spencer and Mabel Green of Carrollton, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, James Green of Ripley and Larry Green of Leesville, Ohio; and one sister, Brenda Sears of Arnoldsburg.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Petit; six sisters, Marylou Smith, Mozelle Justice, Virginia Hively, Joetta Westfall, Genevieve Beckett and Alice Green.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Pastor Lester Tanner officiating. Burial was in Green Cemetery, Duck.



ROMA LUCILLE NICHOLAS

Roma Lucille Nicholas, 76, of Orrville, Ohio, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at Wooster Community Hospital, Ohio.

She was born in Rutherford, the daughter of the late Grace Morton Adams. She had worked at B.F. Goodrich, making emergency slides for airplanes, and at Farm and Fleet. She had been a member of Red Hat Society.

Surviving are her husband, Simon Vance Nicholas, whom she married on June 7, 1986; one daughter, Roma Jo Smith of Wooster; two step-children, Barbara Nicholas of Wadsworth, Ohio, and Charlotte Wallace of Akron, Ohio; three grandsons, Zachariah Smith of Orrville, Trevor Smith of Kentucky and Seth Smith of Wooster; nine step-grandchildren, Anthony Kisner and Isiah Miller, both of Orrville, Darrell Kisner of Dalton, Ohio, Kenny Baggett, Samantha Baggett and Rickey Baggett, all of Canton, Ohio, Jonathon Miller and Hope Miller, both of Akron, and Jacob Seamon of Wooster; three great-grandchildren, Max Smith, Roma Jean Smith and Trevor James "T.J." Smith, Jr.; many step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Lutricia Valentine of Parkersburg; and one sister-in-law, Esther Wilson of Big Bend.

There will be no services at this time. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mcintirebradhamsleek.com.



CHARLES ROBERT WHYTSELL

Charles Robert Whytsell, 86, of Spencer, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at home.

He was born at Richardson, the son of the late Charles Davis Whytsell and Lovie Slider Whytsell. He formerly worked for an electric company as an electrician and was a home builder. He formerly attended Leatherbark Community Church.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle M. Whytsell; one daughter, Cathy Whytsell of Spencer; two step-children, Bill Butler of Rittman, Ohio, and Anita Osborne of New Philadelphia, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Jane Whytsell of Spencer; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; five step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen L. Hall Whytsell, and two brothers, Bill Whytsell and Harold Whytsell.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, Spencer, with Pastor Danny Whited officiating, and burial in Lynch Cemetery, near Arnoldsburg. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, 10 to 11 a.m., at the funeral home.

ROSA LOUISE KING SETTLE

Rosa Louise King Settle, 59, of Orma, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at Miletree Center Nursing Home, Spencer.

She was born in Roane County, the daughter of the late Dale Glen and Mary Louise Hicks King.

Surviving are her husband of 38 years, Warrner Settle; two daughters, Anita Butler of Ohio and Indy Barnes of Kentucky; two sisters, Rita Harris of Virginia and Annie Keener of Grantsville; and four brothers, Paul Glenn King of Spencer and Dale King, Jr., Jason King and Benny King, all of Grantsville.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Rosie Hicks, and one nephew, David Carl Harris.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Randy Wilson officiating, and burial in Orma United Methodist Church Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



DORIS JEAN LUZADER

Doris Jean Luzader, 90, of Joe's Run Road, Sand Fork, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at Crestview Manor Nursing Facility, Jane Lew.

She was born in Gilmer County, the daughter of the late Carl and Vera Minigh Lowther. She was a homemaker and a Baptist, who was a longtime member of Sand Fork Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Chapman and husband Darrell of Benson, N.C., and Diana Langford and husband Jim of Chloe; two sons, Billy Joe Luzader and wife Shae of Grafton, Ohio, and James "Randy" Luzader and wife Sherry of Sand Fork; three grandchildren, Kristi Bailey and husband Chris, Meghan Dorsey and husband Richard, and Steve Chapman and wife Lynn; seven great-grandchildren, Kimber Dorsey, Chesney Best, Alexis McVaney, Destiny Langford, Aaron Langford, Shawn McVaney and George McVaney; one great great-grandchild, Ansley Davis; one brother, Harold R. Lowther and wife Becky of Sand Fork; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death on Jan. 15, 2012, by her husband, Carl James "Popeye" Luzader, whom she married on Apr. 15, 1950; two grandchildren, Chris McVaney and A.J. Langford; and one brother, Junior Lowther.

Services were held at Ellyson Mortuary, Glenville, with Pastor Bryan Groves officiating. Burial was in Hiney Cemetery, near Linn.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Now that the year 2021 has ended like a lamb, 2022 has turned into a lion.

There were night crawlers all over the ground on New Year's Eve.

The first day and night of the New Year unleashed heavy rains here, while there was heavy snow to the east and west of us. We were lucky enough to avoid the worst of that winter storm.

There is another winter storm predicted to move through the area the latter part of this week, with another chance for some snow to cover over the mud left behind by last weekend's heavy rains.

I guess that we will have to wait and see how lucky we are this week. I would like to see a little snow myself; just enough to pretty up the world and make the cardinals and woodpeckers really stand out when they visit our feeders.

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I find it hard to believe that we are in the year 2022. Where did 2021 go? We survived the Delta variant of COVID-19, only to get hit with the Omicron variant.

Are there more variants to come? Will any new variants be more virulent or less deadly? Will more people get vaccinated? Will this be the year that we can finally put COVID-19 behind us?

All I know is that the United States had over one million new cases of COVID-19 in one day, and we will most likely see this trend escalate, at least for the near future.

Stay tuned folks. The only way to see where our trail goes is to walk it to the end, and always stay vigilant, if we want to survive.

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I guess there were quite a few deer hunters who wanted to bag one last deer on the last day of 2021, as there seemed to be more hunters moving through our holler and shooting at deer, than during the entire buck hunting season that started Thanksgiving week.

That's all right, there are way more deer than the coyotes can eat

anyway.

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Driving our trash to the end of our road for pick-up on the morning of trash day can sometimes be very entertaining.

As long as it is light enough to see, there are always squirrels, chipmunks, the occasional owl or hawk, and always many crows.

Lately, we have been able to enjoy what we like to refer to as "Cirque du Squirrelay" when we see multiple squirrels chasing each other all around a tree, performing acrobatics while leaping from tree to tree.

Just like the famed Cirque du Soleil troop can perform incredible acrobatics without falling from the sky, so too can these acrobats of the woodlands, and amaze us with their grace.

Of course, one of the reasons that the raptors like to hang around these areas is that acrobatics takes concentration, and concentration on something other than survival makes it much easier for the raptors to enjoy a nice hot meal.

For all I know, they may also like watching the acrobatics too.

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As for the crows, they like to attack and annoy the raptors enough to make them leave their meal, so that they can then enjoy the fruits of their labor.

I sometimes try to imitate an owl just enough to make the crows send one of their scouts to fly over me to ensure that whatever is making that noise is not a threat.

Oh, the games we play with the game living in the holler. It serves to keep us partially amused. Netflix, Amazon Prime, and reading amuses us also.

Food Giveaway

Food giveaway will be held at Brohard Community Building on Friday, Jan. 7, from 3 to 4 p.m. It is sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church. For information, call Shelly Murphy, 354-6739.

COVID-19 restrictions still apply. Do not line up before 2:45 p.m. It is an equal opportunity provider.

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(Continued from Page 1) 5,467,371. DHHR reported that 921,738 (51.4%) of West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated, up from the previous 917,204 (51.2%). There have been 327,418 boosters administered, up from 312,649 last week.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, January 6

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

CCHS boys basketball team plays at Williams-town, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 7

CCHS wrestling team at Pat Vance Invitational, Nitro High School, 1:30 p.m.

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

Gun and Knife Show, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 4 to 8 p.m.

CCHS boys basketball team plays at South Harrison, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 8

Gun and Knife Show, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CCHS wrestling team at Pat Vance Invitational,

Nitro High School, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 9

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

Monday, January 10

Candidate filings begin for Primary Election, county clerk's office, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; continues through Saturday, Jan. 29.

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

Calhoun board of education meeting, board office, 5:30 p.m.; public hearing on 2022-23 school calendar.

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

Tuesday, January 11

CCHS girls basketball

team hosts Webster County, 7 p.m.

CCHS boys basketball team plays at Van, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12

Free vaccination clinic, Calhoun County Committee on Aging, Grantsville, 9 a.m. to noon, for persons age 55 and older.

CCHS boys basketball team plays at Webster County, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 13

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

Friday, January 14

CCHS wrestling team at Braxton County High School Invitational, TBA.

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

Saturday, January 15

CCHS wrestling team at Braxton County High School Invitational, TBA.

This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Washington, D.C.--Japan's proposal for a 70 percent fleet, as necessary to her national security, instead of a 60 percent fleet, has formally been presented to the United States and Great Britain.

Baron Admiral Kato, senior Japanese delegate, has communicated it personally to secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour. It is said in Japanese quarters to have the full support of the Japanese cabinet and the diplomatic advisory council in Tokio (sic).

Americans and British naval experts, standing together on Hughes' "5-5-3" plan as the only one fair to all powers, regard the Japanese proposal as wholly unacceptable. In the opinion of some of the American delegates, the situation is delicate, but not without hope that the Japanese ultimately will accept the original plan.

The experts of the "Big Three" naval powers agreed that they could not reach an agreement on the plan urged by Japan. They turned their problem back to their respective delegations to the arms conference.

The seriousness of the turn of affairs, in the opinion of the Americans, is that Japan in persisting in her request for a "10-10-7" ration, makes a stroke at the fundamental idea on which Hughes' proposal is based.

Japan's proposal, it was disclosed, was based not on a calculation of the strength of the existing American, British and Japanese fleets, but upon her estimate of necessity for national security. It was pointed out among the Americans and British that if considerations of national security were to be substituted for a continuation of fleets at reduced tonnage, but in the same ratio as now exists, the whole basis of the conference would be upset.

On the basis of national security, it was said, neither the United States nor Great Britain would agree to the 60 percent ratio which the Hughes plan would allow to Japan.

1947, 75 years ago

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 30, for James Franklin Anderson, 40, of Cleveland, who was found dead after being missing for several weeks. Services and burial were at Cottrell Cemetery, Oka.

Anderson, who had come to Calhoun to visit his mother, Mrs. Ida Truman, was reported missing on Dec. 7. His car was later found at Douglas, near the Calhoun-Clay line. His body was not discovered until Monday, Dec. 27, in a remote section of Clay County, on Crooked Run, near Nebo. Police reported that Anderson had been shot at least four times. The body was found by a farmer's son, who was looking for some cattle. The body was reported partially covered with leaves.

Anderson was born Nov. 24, 1931, the son of the late Clarence Anderson and Mrs. Ida Anderson Tanner. He was employed by Black Transmission of Cleveland.

Rev. Donald Dawson and Rev. Dearl Summers officiated at the services.

1972, 50 years ago

This year, the Calhoun County school system has three special programs not available before. Through local funding, the board has been able to secure a school nurse, provide physical training for grade school children, and have a speech and hearing clinician working in the county.

Dennis Bennett of Grantsville is director of physical education in the elementary schools, in participating Title I schools, five of the seven elementary schools. He is a graduate of Normantown High School in 1964, Glenville State College in 1970, and is in his second year of employment in Calhoun County. He did his student teaching at Calhoun County High School.

Mrs. Nita Reese is employed as a full time school nurse, the first time such a position has been filled. She was educated in Wood County, graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1959, and worked for the federal government for five years as an IBM typist.

She graduated from WVU-Parkersburg Center with an associate degree in nursing in May 1970, and worked in Camden Clark hospital in the intensive care unit before coming to Calhoun. She is the wife of Paul Reese, who is also employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education. They have two sons, Michael and John.

Andrell W. Henry, speech and hearing clinician, is a native of Richmond, Va., who is a Navy veteran, with many special interests, including electronics, communications, Indian work, and many others.

In the field of communications, he has done such things as maintained a private phone system for a three-state utility company; installed equipment for Bell Telephone; designed and installed a buzzer system in several office buildings in Richmond; serviced dictation machines and audio-visual equipment for two large school systems in California.

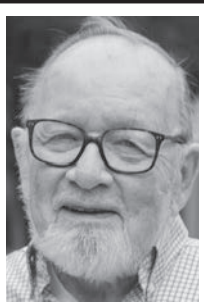
Since entering the field of Audiology and Speech Pathology, he has worked as an inspector for audiometers production and as an audiological research technician. He has performed clinical duties for Children's Hospital Home of Utica, N.Y.; Richmond Cerebral Palsy Center and School; New Mexico University; El Paso Rehabilitation Center; and New Mexico School for the Deaf.

He holds an associate in arts degree in electronics, a bachelor of science degree in audiology, and a master of arts degree in health and safety education. He also holds certification in his field from professional groups. He is a developer of devices for use in 30 institutions in the United States and several foreign countries.

He has become involved in 4-H work and is in the process of helping to organize a local drama group. He is also a member of the Lions Club. There is still another side to Henry, known professionally as Andrell the Magician, and that is that he has attended the Chavez College of Magic in Hollywood, and is now what he calls a "Gospel Magician," using his magic ability to illustrate the scriptures.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Plastics have become essential to modern life. They are made up of long polymer chains with repeating units (monomers). The type and arrangement of these units determine a plastic's properties: elasticity, transparency, hard or soft, and so on. No other material comes close to plastic's versatility, with a variety of uses: clothing, automobiles, containers (bottles), and many, many more.

To make this point when teaching, I would ask my students what would happen if all the plastics in the world disappeared. Think about it. Among other things, liquids would run all over (from vanishing plastic bottles). Cell phones would be a heap of electronic components. Some people would not see too well (plastic lenses), and you might even lose some clothing!

Since 1994, more plastic has been produced in the United States than steel, making petrochemicals a thriving industry. This is the source of an environmental crisis. The molecular chains of plastics do not break down or degrade over time, as does wood or fibers. This leads to a big waste problem, with billions of plastic bottles and containers being disposed annually. All in all, more than 30 million tons of plastics per year need disposal.

So, how do we keep landfills from filling up with volumes of plastics? How about recycling. That would help, and some of this is already done; however, recycling plastic is expensive and time-consuming. Also, when broken down and remolded, the quality of the plastic is reduced. It is estimated that only 15 percent of waste plastic is recycled. Perhaps better recycling techniques will be developed in the future.

The current trend is for the development of degradable plastics. Several decades ago, a chemical additive to plastic caused it to degrade on continual exposure to ultraviolet light in sunlight, but waste is covered in landfills. The hope now is for the development of new biodegradable plastics made from biomass (animal waste and plant material). Chicken byproducts, feathers, and eggs that don't pass inspection are a consideration. Another approach is additives to make plastic dissolve in salt water. This would have the added benefit of keeping beaches and oceans clean. It's a challenge for science. In the meantime, count your plastics.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "A pat on the back is only a few inches from a kick in the pants, but miles ahead in results." --Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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.

Commission Agenda

Calhoun county commission has announced the following agenda for Monday's 9 a.m. meeting in the courthouse little courtroom (also by Zoom meeting, #5936021621; password, 1234; by phone, +13126266799 or +19292056099 (toll free):

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Election of 2022 commission president.
- Approve minutes: Dec. 13 meeting.
- Delegations/requests: Melissa O'Brien, Thompson and Litton, and Mark Whitley, Roane EDA; Luke Peters, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council.
- Reports: E-911, LEPC and OES; ambulance service; Wood Festival; CRI; Calhoun County Park; FRN; home confinement; sheriff; Little Kanawha Area Development Corp.
- New business: Financial Statement FY2021; WVCorp. property valuation; approve assessor's office to extend deadline for keying of personal property; set dates for Board of Equalization meetings; audit report,

Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept.; FEMA-A-DR-4273-WV-0122 budget increase approval and obligation report; Emergency voting absentee voting policy.

--Old business: Civil Service board.

--Personnel items.

--Appointments to boards and authorities: Melissa Hixon, ballot commissioner; Angelia Clark, ballot commissioner.

--Grants, contracts, applications and resolutions: USDA grant, sheriff vehicle.

--Erroneous tax assessments/consolidations.

--Fiduciary items: Annual settlement, James Hershle Barnes; annual accounting, R.J. Knotts, Sr., Estate.

--Financial items: In-house transfer #8.

--Invoices paid, need to be approved.

--Financial statements: November and December.

--Bonds, wills, settlements and orders.

--Executive session.

--Adjournment: Next meeting is Monday, Feb. 14.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Jan. 6-12 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.



Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamon was born in Jefferson County. He was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln sent Lamon to Richmond on business, and the president was assassinated while his bodyguard was away.

Jan. 6, 1921: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield died. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Jan. 6, 1931: An underground gas explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County.

Jan. 6, 1948: Bob Wise was born in Washington D.C. He served in Congress and was the state's 33rd governor.

Jan. 7, 1955: Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native cedar trees.



Jan. 8, 1866: William Gustavus Conley was born near Kingwood in Preston County. He was the 18th governor of West Virginia, serving from 1929 to 1933.

Jan. 8, 1919: The West Virginia legislature ratified the U.S. constitution's 18th Amendment by a Senate vote of 26-0 and a House vote of 81-3. West Virginia became the 21st state to ratify the prohibition amendment. National prohibition became effective under the Volstead Act on January 16, 1920.

Jan. 8, 1926: Comedian Soupy Sales was born Milton Supman. Raised in Huntington and graduating from Marshall College (now Marshall University), he achieved fame as a wacky television personality.

Jan. 8, 1958: Passenger service on the Greenbrier Division ended. A branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, it served the Greenbrier Valley in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties in West Virginia.

Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was appointed poet laureate by Gov. Jay Rockefeller in 1979, holding that title until her death in 1993.

Jan. 9, 1986: The first instant "scratch" lottery tickets were sold in West

Virginia. Voters had approved the lottery amendment to the state constitution two years before.

Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1846: Wetzel County was created from a part of Tyler County. It was named for Indian fighter Lewis Wetzel.

Jan. 10, 1860: Webster County was created from parts of Braxton, Nicholas and Randolph counties. It was named for Daniel Webster.

Jan. 10, 1923: Musician "Curly" Ray Cline was born in Baisden, Logan County. He was one of the most significant bluegrass fiddlers from West Virginia from 1938 until his retirement in 1993.



Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia Hallanan was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia's first female federal court judge.



Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore appointed Minnie Buckingham Harper to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper. She was the first African-American woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States.

Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1 mine at Bartley in McDowell County exploded. The blast killed 91 miners, with another 47 escaping.

Rescue teams worked five days to retrieve the bodies, but found no additional miners alive.

Jan. 11, 1865: Confederate forces under General Rosser burned the covered bridge at Beverly. Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth rebuilt the damaged span in 1872-73.

Jan. 11, 1873: Dwight W. Morrow was born in Huntington. He was a financier, diplomat and U.S. senator, representing New Jersey.

Jan. 11, 1893: U.S. Sen. Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. He served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952.

Jan. 12, 1869: Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



Why does vacation time have to go by so quickly? I don't know the answer to this question, but I do know whether it's a long weekend, a week, or summer vacation, time seems to speed up and move inordinately fast. I know this, but that doesn't make it any easier when vacation time comes to an end. As I sit to write this article, I am finishing up a very pleasant Christmas vacation and wishing it could last just a little while longer.

As the saying goes, "Time waits for no man." Tomorrow, whether I am ready or not, my alarm will go off early, and I will head back to school. Thankfully, we will be easing back in with a professional learning day on Monday. This means that students will not return until Tuesday. We are starting a new semester, so this will give me a day to finalize everything from the first semester and prepare for the next one.

I can honestly say that I made the most of my vacation time. My parents went to Canton, Ohio, to spend Christmas with my sister Mindy and her family, so the Mlyneks and I continued our traditions here in Grantsville. A few years ago, we started making my mom's famous homemade doughnuts to give out as gifts. Maricia started these on Thursday, and I joined her after school. By evening, we were out delivering our tasty treats.

On Friday, we had dinner with friends at my house, complete with shrimp cocktail and great conversation. I look forward to this evening every year. Then, we packed everything up and headed over to Andy and Maricia's house. On Christmas Day, we slept in, opened presents, and stayed in our pajamas all day. We played games, read books, and ate lots of good food. I can honestly say that this is one of the most relaxing days of my entire year.

This year, instead of giving each other gifts, my family decided to plan a vacation together the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. We have used the website VRBO many times in the past, so I began looking for places big enough for all of us way back in the fall. I finally found the perfect place in Winesburg, Ohio, in the middle of Amish Country.

We were scheduled to check in on Monday afternoon, so I went home on Sunday to do laundry, pack, and write my article. I also managed to get my bills paid for the month and take my recycling out. Then, I headed back to the Mlyneks' house. The next morning, we packed everything up and headed north. It was about a three-hour trip, and, thankfully, the weather was gloomy and grey, but not raining yet.

I knew that we had rented an old farmhouse in the countryside, but I had no idea that this pretty place was actually part of a wedding venue. In addition to the farmhouse, there is a 200-year-old barn, which is used for weddings, receptions, and community events, a small cabin, two ponds, an orchard, and plenty of beautiful land surrounding all of this. We were thrilled with our home for the week.

Even though we had the furthest to travel, we were the first to arrive. This gave us the chance to do some exploring inside and out before the rest of the family arrived. The farmhouse was delightful. The owners preserved the history of the house, while making it cozy, and incorporating all of the modern conveniences.

The first floor was made up of two bedrooms, a full bath, the kitchen, dining room, and living room. My favorite feature on this floor was the huge wood burning fireplace. I spent many hours on one of the leather couches reading by the fire. There is nothing like the crackle and pop of a wood fire.

The second floor contained another full bath, two bedrooms, and another living room, which the grandkids put to great use. We had plenty of room to spread out, cook, eat, play games, and build puzzles. There were even bird feeders on the deck that my dad kept full. My parents saw a bunch of birds, two does, a buck, and a red fox during our stay.

The weather wasn't great while we were there, but that just gave us a good reason to rest and relax. We did explore the grounds around the farmhouse and visit a few stores, but mostly we just stayed put and enjoyed being together.

It was a great way to spend the week. We rang in the new year together and headed home on Saturday afternoon. 2022 is off to a good start, and there is even snow in the forecast for this week!

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)

An example of Amie's poetry:

March 26th 1856 [age 19]
Sunny South

THE OLD MAN'S DEARIE

by Eva Sexton

They say that I am young & wild
But he of sober nature,
That I am but a dreaming child
But he somewhat more mature.

That while the rose is on my cheek
His locks are growing whiter.
While sparkling eyes my mirror speaks
His daily grow no brighter.

That music's in my footfalls light
But his are more unsteady.
My smiles are ever gay & bright
Yet his come not so ready.

They say that I am in my May
But he is drear December.
Yet oh! I care not what they say
Their words I'll not remember.

I know his voice is low & kind
His eyes with love are beaming.
That in the casket of his mind
Are richest jewels gleaming.

I know he's loving, kind & true
And life can ne'er prove dreary
Oh! happier there'll be few
Than I, an old man's deary!

Amie Buried At Arnoldsburg

by Hunter Armentrout

Amie returned to Arnoldsburg in April 1865. In July, Louisa wrote to their mother, Annie, advising her that Amie was very sick. Annie dropped everything and went to Arnoldsburg.

Amie lingered until Nov. 30, when she passed quietly in her sleep at age 29. She was buried the next day on the bank of the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River at Arnoldsburg, which was her wish.

Amie's husband, George W. Silcott, returned to Arnoldsburg before her death. He would sometimes read to her from the Bible.

For a time, George managed the Hays farm in Arnoldsburg. In 1867, he went back to Monroe County and married Elizabeth Waite. After 1870, he and his new family moved back to Arnoldsburg.

In 1880, George was clerk of the Calhoun County circuit court. He died on May 6, 1903, at Grantsville and was buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, near Grantsville.

After Amie's death, her daughter, Nellie, age five, went to French Creek to live with her grandmother Annie and her aunt Almira.

She attended French Creek Academy and probably other schools. She graduated from Glenville Normal School and became a teacher. She married E.E. Snider of Gilmer County, who died in 1898. Nellie died in 1936. Both are buried in Stewarts Creek Church Cemetery, Gilmer County.

Amie's father, Augustus Watts Sexton, died in 1870 and her mother, Annie, died in 1880. Both are buried in French Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

After 1870, Louisa and Perry Hays moved to the Samuel L. Hays farm, near Glenville. Louisa died there in 1899. Perry served one term in the W.Va. Legislature. He died in 1905. Both are buried in Hays Family Cemetery, Glenville.

Freeman Sexton, Amie's brother, died in Buckhannon at the home of his daughter in 1911. He is buried in French Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Amie's brother, Worthington Sexton, died in 1921. He is buried in French Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery. His son, Floyd P. Sexton, was a merchant, insurance agent and educator in Upshur County. He was principal of Norman Academy, Buckhannon, and superintendent of Upshur County Schools.

Almira married Moses Farnsworth in Glenville in 1887. She died in 1900 and is buried in Farnsworth Family Cemetery, near Troy.

Amie's uncle, Rev. Loyal Young, left Butler, Pa., in 1868 and returned to French Creek. He established French Creek Academy and remained there for eight years. He served as pastor in several churches before returning to Butler, where he died in 1890.

It has been more than 150 years since Amie died, but her legacy lives on through her letters.

I am especially grateful to the Calhoun Chronicle for the interest in printing and preserving these letters. My hope is that the letters will continue to inspire the younger generation to record their family history, have a love of family, their land, and above all, their God.

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, Jan. 6: fish, coleslaw, peas, juice, whole wheat bread.

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

Monday, Jan. 10: pinto beans, kraut, potatoes, fruit, cornbread.

Tuesday, Jan. 11: baked steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, juice, roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 12: pizza, corn, jello/fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 13: broccoli soup, cheese salad sandwich, fruit, crackers.

Friday, Jan. 14: baked spaghetti, vegetables, fruit, hot roll.

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.

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

As the new year begins, Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept. would like women to know that January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

Its clinical department is available to help women take better care of their reproductive health.

All women are at risk for cervical cancer, most often occurring in women over age 30. The main cause of cervical cancer is an infection known as the human papillomavirus (HPV).

When cervical cancer is found early, it is highly treatable and associated with long survival and good quality of life.

HPV is a vaccine-preventable virus that is passed from one person to another through skin-to-skin contact. At least half of sexually active people will have HPV at some point in their lives.

Often, there are no symptoms associated with the HPV infection, and for most women it will go away on its own. If it does not, there is a chance, that over time, it may cause cervical cancer.

The HPV vaccine protects against the types of HPV that most often cause cancer. The vaccine is recommended for preteens aged 11 to 12, before they become sexually active, but can be given starting at ages nine through 45.

Anyone older than 26, who is not vaccinated, should speak with their healthcare provider to determine if the vaccine is right for them.

Vaccines are available at all MOVHD offices, including Calhoun.

Routine cervical cancer screening beginning at age 21 is the best way to detect changes in a woman's body that can lead to cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer screening tests may include a pap smear test to check for changes in cells, an HPV test, or both. Women are encouraged to contact their healthcare provider to see if cervical cancer screening is right for them.

MOVHD does not

offer free or low-cost birth control in the Calhoun office, but does offer it in Pleasants, Wood, Wirt and Roane offices.

The MOVHD nurse practitioner provides a comprehensive medical examination including a pelvic exam, pregnancy test, if needed, and pap test, if needed, to screen for cervical cancer.

A clinical breast exam and instructions for monthly self-exam are also completed during the visit. A male is given a testicular exam and instructed on how to do self-exams. In addition, clients are screened and treated for sexually transmitted diseases.

During a visit, a clinician or nurse will review the range of birth control methods available. The benefits, effectiveness, possible side effects, and correct use will be discussed.

The family planning program visits are confidential and no information will be revealed without the client's written consent.

In accordance with Title X regulations, regardless of family income or insurance, clinic visits and contraceptives are free to clients under the age of 18 that request services be confidential, without the knowledge or involvement of the family.

Teens are encouraged to talk with their parents. Contraceptive methods are provided free to all eligible clients.

A person may be eligible for free or low-cost family planning services if he/she:

- Works at an entry-level, temporary, minimum wage or other low-paying job.
- Is unemployed.
- Is a student
- Cannot afford monthly birth control after paying for basic needs
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A Wirt County offensive player looks to pass inside against a Calhoun defense that includes, left to right, Caden Jones (32), Ian Richards (3), Joel Basnett (2) and Landon Church (12).

Girls Lose To Ritchie; Host Roane, Thursday

The Calhoun varsity girls basketball team lost in the finals of a holiday tournament on Dec. 28 to host Ritchie County, 35-28.

The Lady Rebels hit seven field goals in the opening quarter and took a 16-7 lead.

CCHS held the hosts to four points in the second quarter, but could only score six, and trailed by seven, 20-13, at halftime.

The teams traded one-point margins in the second half--Calhoun, 10-9, in the third, and Ritchie, 6-5, in the fourth, to keep the loss at seven points, 35-28.

Josie Montgomery led the Lady Red Devils in scoring with 15 points, while Joselynn Yeager led in rebounds with seven.

Season scoring leaders for CCHS are Montgomery, 24.3; Savannah Cunningham, 13.4; and Yeager, 10.8.

Calhoun is scheduled to host Roane County on Thursday and Webster County on Tuesday, Jan. 11. Varsity games begin at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Calhoun 7 6 10 5--28
Ritchie 16 4 9 6--35
 Calhoun scoring: Josie Montgomery 6 2-4 15, Savannah Cunningham 2 0-2 4, Ashlyn Boak 2 0-0 4, Trista Arnold 1 0-0 3, Joselynn Yeager 1 0-2 2, Lauren Lovejoy 0 0-0 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. Total 12 2-8 28. 3-pt.: Montgomery 1, Arnold 1. Rebounds, Yeager 7, Cunningham 5, Montgomery 4, Westfall 4; steals, Montgomery 4, Yeager 4, Cunningham 3; assists, Cunningham 3, Montgomery 3, Arnold 3; blocks, Yeager 2. Opp.: 15 3-7 35; 3-pt.: 2.

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	Lincoln 48 W
28 28	Ritchie 35 L
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

Boys' Struggles Continue Against Ritchie, Wirt

A full court press and cold shooting have hurt the CCHS varsity boys basketball team in their last two losses.

The Red Devils fell victim to Ritchie County, 68-25, in Ellenboro during

Calhoun County Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

December	
10 49	Van 73 L
14 55	Doddridge 65 L
23 23	Roane 59 L
27 51	Lincoln 72 L
28 25	Ritchie 68 L
30 22	Wirt 69 L
January	
4	Clay H 7:00
6	Williamstown .. A 7:00
7	So. Harrison A 7:00
11	Van A 7:00
12	Webster Co. A 7:00
14	Braxton Co. H 7:00
19	Clay A 7:00
24	Paden City A 7:00
27	Doddridge A 7:00
28	Wirt Co. A 7:00
February	
9	So. Harrison H 7:00
11	Gilmer Co. A 7:00
17	LKC Placement ... TBA
19	Night of Champ. .. TBA
22	Ritchie Co. H 7:00
24	Paden City H 7:00
Most JV games at 5:45p.m.	

the consolation round of a holiday tournament on Dec. 28.

Ian Richards and Levi Morris scored eight points each for Calhoun.

On Dec. 30, the team lost 69-22 to visiting Wirt County. The Tigers hit on 12 three-pointers during the game.

No information had been submitted on the

game by presstime.

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Holiday Tournament
At Ritchie County
Calhoun 5 7 3 10--25
Ritchie 23 15 16 14--68
 Calhoun scoring: Ian Richards 2-8 2-3 8, Levi Morris 3-11 2-4 8, Landon Bennett 2-2 0-0 5, Caden Jones 1-6 0-1 2, Owen Taylor 1-7 0-0 2, Joel Basnett 0-10 0-0 0, Landon

Church 0-9 0-0 0, Jacob Marks 0-3 0-0 0. Total 9-56 4-8 25. 3-pt.: Richards 2, Bennett 1. Rebounds, Jones 7, Morris 6; assists, Richards 2, Church 2; steals, Basnett 3; blocks, Jones 2. Opponents: 31-60 3-5 68. 3-pt.: 3.

Thursday, Dec. 30
Wirt 17 15 16 21--69
Calhoun 2 5 7 8--22
 No information submitted



Jett Sampson turns a Clay County opponent to his back for a pin during the Mike Stump Duals on Thursday. The Calhoun senior was 3-0 on the day.

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
126	--Jett Sampson	13-3	7	77
132	--Isaiah Boggs	8-7	1	48
145	--Hunter Thacker	10-4	9	60
145	--Landon Winkler	1-2	0	6
152	--Ian Persinger	10-8	6	57
160	--Grant Sterns	12-6	8	72
182	--Adam Lane	4-6	4	24
195	--Drue Goad	14-2	7	84
220	--Trevor Collins	8-8	3	48
285	--Levi Stump	11-6	7	66
132	--Joe Sampson	2-2	0	12
Others (including 42 forfeits)		7-45	2	42
Total		100-99	54	596

Dual Record -- 5-8 Tournament Record -- 6-2

Calhoun Wrestlers 1-2 In Mike Stump Duals

The CCHS wrestling team hosted the Mike Stump Duals on Thursday.

Calhoun tied Ritchie, 36-36, in individual scoring, but lost the team match, 37-36, having less pins.

The Red Devils also tied Clay, 36-36, but won the match, 37-36, by having the most pins.

The team lost its dual with Roane, 60-18.

Jett Sampson, 126 lbs., and Drue Goad, 195, finished the day with 3-0 records.

Isaiah Boggs, 132; Grant Sterns, 160; and Levi Stump, 285, were each 2-1.

Calhoun will participate in the Pat Vance Invitational at Nitro High School on Friday at 1:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Other teams scheduled to compete are Chapmanville, Cabell Midland JV, Pt. Pleasant JV, Shady Spring, Elkins, Herbert Hoover, Spring Valley, Mingo Central, Roane, Logan, South Charleston,

Riverside, Chesapeake, Ft. Chiswell, Poca, Martin County, Greenbrier East, Huntington JV, and Man.

Thursday, Dec. 30
Calhoun hosts
Mike Stump Duals
Ritchie 37 Calhoun 36

106 - lost by forfeit
 113 - double forfeit
 120 - lost by forfeit
 126 - Jett Sampson, won by forfeit
 132 - Isaiah Boggs, won by forfeit
 138 - lost by forfeit
 145 - Landon Winkler, lost by pin
 152 - Ian Persinger, lost by pin
 160 - Grant Sterns, won by pin
 170 - lost by forfeit
 182 - double forfeit
 195 - Drue Goad, won by forfeit
 220 - Trevor Collins, won by forfeit
 285 - Levi Stump, won by forfeit

Calhoun 37 Clay 36
 106 - lost by forfeit
 113 - double forfeit
 120 - lost by forfeit
 126 - Jett Sampson, won by pin

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Roane 60 Calhoun 18
 106 - lost by forfeit
 113 - double forfeit
 120 - lost by forfeit
 126 - Jett Sampson, won by forfeit
 132 - Isaiah Boggs, lost by pin
 138 - lost by forfeit
 145 - Landon Winkler, lost by pin
 152 - Ian Persinger, lost by pin
 160 - Grant Sterns, lost by pin
 170 - lost by forfeit
 182 - lost by forfeit
 195 - Drue Goad, won by forfeit
 220 - Trevor Collins, lost by pin

285 - Levi Stump, won by forfeit

Other team results:
 Clay 36 Roane 35
 Roane 48 Ritchie 12
 Ritchie ? Clay ?

Calhoun individual results:
 126 - Jett Sampson, 3-0, 1 pin, 18 pts.
 132 - Isaiah Boggs, 2-1, 1 pin, 12 pts.
 145 - Landon Winkler, 1-2, 6 pts.
 152 - Ian Persinger, 1-2, 1 pin, 6 pts.
 160 - Grant Sterns, 2-1, 1 pin, 12 pts.
 195 - Drue Goad, 3-0, 18 pts.
 220 - Trevor Collins, 1-2, 6 pts.
 285 - Levi Stump, 2-1, 12 pins

2021-22 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule
 7-8 Nitro, 1:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m.
 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

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

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

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

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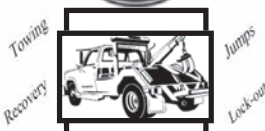
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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2021

Primary Government
Governmental
Activities

ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,812,278	
Receivables:		
Taxes	<u>71,653</u>	
Total current assets	1,883,931	
Capital assets:		
Nondepreciable:		
Land	30,000	
Depreciable		
Buildings and improvements	1,052,781	
Contents	231,259	
Machinery and equipment	494,937	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,399,771)</u>	
Total noncurrent assets	409,206	
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,293,137</u>	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	254,007	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>40,282</u>	
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>294,289</u>	
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities payable from current assets:		
Accounts payable	22,291	
Unearned revenues:		
Federal grants	690,420	
Compensated absences payable	3,423	
Net pension liability	333,476	
Net OPEB liability	<u>75,245</u>	
Total liabilities	<u>1,124,855</u>	
DEFERRED INFLOWS		
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	317,128	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>53,438</u>	
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>370,566</u>	
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	409,206	
Unrestricted	<u>682,799</u>	
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,092,005</u>	

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 1,178,478	\$ 762,976	\$ 68,164	\$ -	\$ (347,338)
Public safety	1,854,274	-	379,246	-	(1,475,028)
Health and sanitation	2,440	-	-	-	(2,440)
Culture and recreation	1,033	-	-	-	(1,033)
Social services	<u>19,200</u>	-	-	-	<u>(19,200)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>3,055,425</u>	<u>762,976</u>	<u>447,410</u>	-	<u>(1,845,039)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 3,055,425</u>	<u>\$ 762,976</u>	<u>\$ 447,410</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,845,039)</u>
General revenues:					
Ad valorem property taxes					1,580,897
Alcoholic beverages tax					147
Gas and oil severance tax					23,138
Other taxes					93,819
Coal severance tax					12,372
Licenses and permits					7,755
Unrestricted investment earnings					89
Refunds					309,341
Miscellaneous					<u>71,310</u>
Total general revenues					<u>2,098,868</u>
Change in net position					253,829
Net position - beginning					<u>838,176</u>
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 1,092,005</u>

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Budget Basis	Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Coal severance tax	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 12,372	\$ 3,372
Total revenues	<u>9,020</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>12,372</u>	<u>3,372</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	<u>10,000</u>	<u>9,063</u>	<u>12,434</u>	<u>(3,371)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>10,000</u>	<u>9,063</u>	<u>12,434</u>	<u>(3,371)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,100)	(63)	(62)	1
Fund balance - beginning	<u>1,000</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>63</u>	-
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2021

	General	Coal Severance Tax	E-911	County Excess Levy	American Rescue Plan	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Current:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 426,737	\$ 1	\$ 471,338	\$ 8,274	\$ 690,420	\$ 215,508	\$ 1,812,278
Receivables:							
Taxes	<u>54,652</u>	-	-	<u>17,001</u>	-	-	<u>71,653</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 481,116</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 471,338</u>	<u>\$ 25,275</u>	<u>\$ 690,420</u>	<u>\$ 215,508</u>	<u>\$ 1,883,931</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	22,291	-	-	-	-	-	22,291
Deferred revenues:							
Federal grants	-	-	-	-	690,420	-	690,420
Total liabilities	<u>22,291</u>	-	-	-	<u>690,420</u>	-	<u>712,711</u>
Deferred Inflows:							
Unavailable revenue - taxes	<u>45,457</u>	-	-	<u>13,811</u>	-	-	<u>59,268</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>45,457</u>	-	-	<u>13,811</u>	-	-	<u>59,268</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>67,748</u>	-	-	<u>13,811</u>	<u>690,420</u>	-	<u>771,979</u>
Fund balances:							
Restricted	-	-	471,338	11,464	-	215,933	698,735
Assigned	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Unassigned	<u>413,641</u>	-	-	-	-	(425)	<u>413,216</u>
Total fund balances	<u>413,641</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>471,338</u>	<u>11,464</u>	-	<u>215,508</u>	<u>1,111,952</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 481,389</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 471,338</u>	<u>\$ 25,275</u>	<u>\$ 690,420</u>	<u>\$ 215,508</u>	<u>\$ 1,883,931</u>

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General	Coal Severance Tax	E-911	County Excess Levy	American Rescue Plan	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES							
Taxes:							
Ad valorem property taxes	\$ 1,196,494	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 393,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,590,048
Alcoholic beverages tax	147	-	-	-	-	-	147
Gas and oil severance tax	23,138	-	-	-	-	-	23,138
Other taxes	41,945	-	-	-	-	51,874	93,819
Coal severance tax	-	12,372	-	-	-	-	12,372
Licenses and permits	3,030	-	-	-	-	4,725	7,755
Intergovernmental:							
Federal	225,274	-	197,091	-	-	-	422,365
State	25,045	-	-	-	-	-	25,045
Charges for services	82,424	-	583,529	8,160	-	88,638	762,751
Fines and forfeits	-	-	-	-	-	225	225
Interest and investment earnings	5	-	-	-	-	84	89
Refunds	309,341	-	-	-	-	-	309,341
Miscellaneous	<u>50,036</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>21,274</u>	<u>71,310</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,956,879</u>	<u>12,372</u>	<u>780,620</u>	<u>401,714</u>	-	<u>166,820</u>	<u>3,318,405</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government	1,244,387	12,434	-	-	-	6,498	1,263,319
Public safety	999,160	-	500,389	361,018	-	37,473	1,898,040
Health and sanitation	2,440	-	-	-	-	-	2,440
Social services	<u>19,200</u>	-	-	-	-	-	<u>19,200</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,265,187</u>	<u>12,434</u>	<u>500,389</u>	<u>361,018</u>	-	<u>43,971</u>	<u>3,182,999</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(308,308)	(62)	280,231	40,696	-	122,849	135,406
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	428,546	-	-	-	-	-	428,546
Transfers (out)	-	-	(279,283)	(40,314)	-	(108,949)	(428,546)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>428,546</u>	-	<u>(279,283)</u>	<u>(40,314)</u>	-	<u>(108,949)</u>	-
Net change in fund balances	120,238	(62)	948	382	-	13,900	135,406
Fund balances - beginning	<u>293,403</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>470,390</u>	<u>11,082</u>	-	<u>201,608</u>	<u>976,546</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 413,641</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 471,338</u>	<u>\$ 11,464</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 215,508</u>	<u>\$ 1,111,952</u>

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
June 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Modified Accrual Basis	Adjustments Budget Basis	Actual Amounts Budget Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	ASSETS	Agency Funds
	Original	Final						
REVENUES								
Taxes:								
Ad valorem property taxes	\$ 1,143,086	\$ 1,143,086	\$ 1,196,494	\$ 4,924	\$ 1,201,418	\$ 58,332	Non-pooled cash	\$ 171,706
Alcoholic beverages tax	50	50	147	-	147	97	Total cash	171,706
Gas and oil severance tax	25,000	25,000	23,138	-	23,138	(1,862)	Receivables:	
Other taxes	15,000	15,000	41,945	-	41,945	26,945	Taxes	80,919
Licenses and permits	5,200	5,200	3,030	-	3,030	(2,170)	Total receivables	80,919
Intergovernmental:							Total assets	\$ 252,625
Federal	-	135,184	225,274	(199,599)	25,675	(109,509)	LIABILITIES	
State	67,203	152,203	25,045	188,881	213,926	61,723	Due to: other governments	252,625
Charges for services	68,000	68,000	82,424	-	82,424	14,424	Total liabilities	\$ 252,625
Interest and investment earnings	10,000	10,000	5	-	5	(9,995)		
Refunds	-	19,910	309,341	110,718	420,059	400,149		
Miscellaneous	51,000	55,652	50,036	-	50,036	(5,616)		
Total revenues	1,384,539	1,629,285	1,956,879	104,924	2,061,803	432,518		
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
General government	1,113,885	1,331,758	1,244,387	(8,815)	1,235,572	96,186		
Public safety	1,082,871	1,170,433	999,160	25,729	1,024,889	145,544		
Health and Sanitation	2,440	2,440	2,440	-	2,440	-		
Social services	19,200	19,200	19,200	-	19,200	-		
Total expenditures	2,260,599	2,523,831	2,265,187	16,914	2,282,101	241,730		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(876,060)	(894,546)	(308,308)	88,010	(220,298)	674,248		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in	851,060	851,060	428,546	-	428,546	(422,514)		
Total other financing sources (uses)	851,060	851,060	428,546	-	428,546	(422,514)		
Net change in fund balance	(25,000)	(43,486)	120,238	88,010	208,248	251,734		
Fund balance - beginning	25,000	43,486	293,403	249,917	43,486	-		
Fund balance - ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 413,641	\$ 337,927	\$ 251,734	\$ 251,734		

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2021

Total fund balances on the governmental fund's balance sheet	\$ 1,111,952
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds. (Note IV.C.)	409,206
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and deferred charges or credits on debt refunding are applicable to future reporting periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Deferred outflow - Changes in employer portion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of pension expense (Note V)	14,337
Deferred outflow - Changes in employer portion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of OPEB expense (Note V)	3,704
Deferred outflow - Net difference between expected and actual experience pension (Note V)	56,997
Deferred outflow - Net difference between projected and actual earning on pension plan investments (Note V)	93,035
Deferred outflow - Net difference between expected and actual experience OPEB (Note V)	8,258
Deferred outflow - Employer contributions to pension plan after measurement date (Note V)	89,638
Deferred outflow - Employer contributions to OPEB plan after measurement date (Note V)	28,320
Deferred inflow - Changes in employer portion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of pension expense (Note V)	(22,643)
Deferred inflow - Changes in employer portion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of OPEB expense (Note V)	(90,573)
Deferred inflow - Net difference between expected and actual experience (Note V)	(16,604)
Deferred inflow - Net difference between expected and actual experience OPEB (Note V)	(2,547)
Deferred inflow - Changes in assumptions (Note V)	(14,191)
Deferred inflow - Changes in assumptions OPEB (Note V)	(169,844)
Deferred inflow - Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience - OPEB	(48,788)
Deferred inflow - Reallocation of OPT-Out Employer change in proportionate share OPEB	(5,376)
Certain revenues are not available to fund current year expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. (Note IV.B.)	59,268
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. -(Note II-A)	(412,144)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 1,092,005

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO
THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 135,406
Capital outlays are reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds. In the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount of depreciation expense charged during the year. (Note IV.C.)	(40,642)
County pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net pension liability is measured a year before the County's report date. Pension expense, which is the change in the net pension liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, is reported in the Statement of Activities.	
County pension contributions: (Note V)	89,638
Pension expense Note V	(66,510)
County OPEB contributions: (Note V)	28,320
OPEB expense Note V	116,312
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the difference between prior and current year deferred revenues. (Note II)	(9,151)
Prior year deferred revenues:	(68,419)
Current year deferred revenues:	59,268
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. (Note II-B)	456
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 253,82

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Community Foundation Offers Civic Leaders Fellowship Program

Applications are available for the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and its regional affiliates' Civic Leaders Fellowship Program. The employment program operates for seven weeks, June 3-July 22, and offers local students a chance to return to their home communities to work in a career-related field, while learning about their hometowns. Students are able to develop connections and leadership skills that may later assist them in finding meaningful employment upon graduation. To be eligible for participation, students must have: --Successfully completed at least one year of post-secondary education (college, trade/technical school, etc.). --Be currently enrolled in a post-secondary education program. --Have a permanent home address in the PACF's service region, which includes Calhoun. The student application is available on the PACF website and must be submitted by Tuesday,

Feb. 15. During their time in the program, civic leaders are placed at a work site, in a position related to their career interests, where they work four days a week. On Mondays of each week, they participate in leadership activities and programs, with other civic leaders, designed to increase their knowledge of the region and prepare them to engage fully in service to their communities. PACF is also seeking organizations that wish to

serve as host employers for summer 2022. Businesses, nonprofit organizations, and units of government may apply to serve as a host employer. The civic leader is provided to the host employer at no cost. In exchange, the host employer must be willing to provide supervision and a meaningful work assignment. Organizations in the

PACF service region are invited to apply online to provide an employment opportunity for one of the college-aged students. The host application is also available on the PACF website, and must be submitted by Tuesday, Mar. 15. To learn about the Civic Leaders Fellowship Program and to apply to participate as a student or host employer, visit www.pacfwv.com/CLFP.

Questions regarding this opportunity may be directed to the program coordinator at alysa.mennillo@pacfwv.com.

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.

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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	12.5
Dec. 29	325,514	4,521,821	5,305	6.7	13.8
Dec. 30	328,162	4,537,412	5,336	6.7	19.3
Jan. 3	337,326	4,581,961	5,356	6.9	20.7
Jan. 4	339,679	4,589,038	5,361	6.9	17.1

*Laboratory duplicate results removed.
In alignment with updated definitions, statistics include probable cases that are individuals who have symptoms and either serologic (antibody) or epidemiologic (a link to a confirmed case) evidence of disease, but no confirmatory test.
+Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services added 27 deaths from Vital Registration Office.
~Includes 168 COVID-19 related deaths that were not properly reported to DHHR.
^Includes extra COVID-19 deaths reported through death certificates.
`162 deaths removed, as the death certificates did not officially list COVID-19 as the cause of death.
>29,531 non-COVID-related lab results were removed.

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

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (3,292), Berkeley (25,824), Boone (4,374), Braxton (2,770), Brooke (3,746), Cabell (18,032), Calhoun (1,243), Clay (1,678), Doddridge (1,567), Fayette (7,875), Gilmer (1,612), Grant (2,754), Greenbrier (6,007), Hampshire (4,214), Hancock (4,963), Hardy (3,061), Harrison (13,685), Jackson (4,673), Jefferson (9,782), Kanawha (29,919), Lewis (3,716), Lincoln (3,573), Logan (6,390), Marion (10,105), Marshall (6,295), Mason (4,424), McDowell (3,565), Mercer (11,312), Mineral (5,633), Mingo (5,432), Monongalia (16,236), Monroe (2,697), Morgan (2,974), Nicholas (4,990), Ohio (7,770), Pendleton (1,352), Pleasants (1,608), Pocahontas (1,397), Preston (6,533), Putnam (10,972), Raleigh (14,203), Randolph (6,057), Ritchie (1,725), Roane (2,090), Summers (1,761), Taylor (2,996), Tucker (1,332), Tyler (1,540), Upshur (4,891), Wayne (6,671), Webster (1,548), Wetzel (3,057), Wirt (1,026), Wood (15,698), Wyoming (4,356); 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
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
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
Dec. 29	54,148,544	842,161	283,357,955	5,439,306
Dec. 30	54,656,866	844,272	285,083,492	5,447,117
Dec. 31	55,252,823	845,745	287,003,899	5,454,054
Jan. 1	55,696,500	846,905	288,638,043	5,460,323
Jan. 2	55,864,519	847,162	289,758,011	5,463,758
Jan. 3	56,142,175	847,408	290,795,098	5,467,371
Jan. 4	57,131,187	848,885	293,186,447	5,473,334

Cases by states and territories: California 5,565,419, Texas 4,588,307, Florida 4,209,927, New York 3,552,059, Illinois 2,149,548, Pennsylvania 2,077,224, Ohio 2,053,721, Georgia 1,839,879, Michigan 1,710,325, North Carolina 1,686,667, New Jersey 1,623,096, Tennessee 1,412,302, Arizona 1,390,409, Indiana 1,246,854, Massachusetts 1,140,614, Wisconsin 1,120,663, Virginia 1,118,518, Minnesota 1,022,212, Missouri 1,019,379, South Carolina 975,320, Colorado 929,275, Alabama 909,541, Kentucky 856,145, Washington 849,075, Louisiana 828,695, Maryland 737,199, Oklahoma 708,938, Utah 636,992, Iowa 575,501, Arkansas 572,822, Mississippi 543,737, Kansas 520,388, Connecticut 510,188, Nevada 484,641, Oregon 421,263, New Mexico 350,043, Nebraska 338,257, West Virginia 328,162, Idaho 319,382, Puerto Rico 292,662, Rhode Island 231,096, New Hampshire 198,667, Montana 197,724, Delaware 186,996, South Dakota 179,204, North Dakota 174,742, Alaska 157,169, Maine 146,736, Hawaii 118,820, Wyoming 115,638, D.C. 94,286, Vermont 64,447; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

Morrissey Announces Policy Guidelines For HB 2694

W.Va. attorney general Patrick Morrissey has announced the publication of policy guidelines as mandated by a state law passed in early 2021.

The policy guidance concerns a new statute, HB 2694, which says that no West Virginia law enforcement agency on any level shall participate in enforcement efforts focused on federal gun control measures, when those laws conflict with state laws regarding firearms.

"The right to keep and bear arms is enshrined in the Constitution," said Morrissey. "Yet, there is a deep concern on the part of many Americans that the federal government will try to encroach on our Constitutional rights through presidential executive orders or through acts of Congress."

"The publication of this guidance will help our state's law enforcement understand what they can and cannot do in this respect under West Virginia statute."

The guidance notes that enforcement of federal firearms laws is a federal responsibility. To this end, state law says that West Virginia police agencies and departments shall not participate in the prosecution of federal gun laws when those laws are inconsistent with state code.

For example, a West Virginia state or local law enforcement agency, department or officer may not assist federal authorities in executing an arrest warrant just for violation of federal gun laws, when the person to be arrested may lawfully possess such firearms, firearms accessories, or ammunition under state law.

The guidance addresses limitations on execution of similar federal search warrants, enforcement of orders under so-called "red flag" laws, and detention or arrest during traffic stops and noise complaints.

According to the guidance, the new law also provides that no member of state or local law enforcement may be required to act in a law enforcement capacity to enforce a federal statute, executive order,

agency order, rule or regulation determined by the West Virginia attorney general to infringe upon citizens' Second Amendment rights.

The guidance explains that law enforcement officers also cannot be terminated or be decertified as a law enforcement officer for refusing to enforce a federal statute, executive order, agency order, rule or regulation determined by the West Virginia attorney general to infringe upon citizens' Second Amendment rights.

"This guidance from the attorney general on HB 2694 will help protect West Virginia from new federal gun control schemes, and ensure our law enforcement officers are immune from retaliation for defending the Second Amendment rights of all West Virginians," said Kevin Patrick, vice president of W.Va. Citizens Defense League.

"Law enforcement across West Virginia wholeheartedly supports the Second Amendment and lawful possession of firearms by our citizens and are happy to have joined the Legislature, the attorney general and concerned gun groups in this effort to ensure that responsible firearm ownership is defended without question," said Sheriffs Association executive director Rodney Miller.

"We, as citizens of this state, are concerned with overreach that could deny all of us the ability to lawfully possess firearms and utilize them as proud Mountaineers have always done responsibly."

Art Thomm, state director of the National Rifle Association, said, "The NRA thanks attorney general Morrissey and his staff for their work clarifying HB 2694 with this new guidance to ensure the rights of law-abiding gun owners in West Virginia remain intact."

The policy guidance is posted on the AG's website, bit.ly/3zagUIE, and is being sent to state and local law enforcement agencies.

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Bernard Whipkey presents Cheryl Cheesbrow with a certificate from Lions International, recognizing her for 10 years as a member of the Grantsville Lions Club. Jason Nettles received a 20-year member certificate.



Calhoun County High School varsity cheerleaders include, left to right, kneeling, Lindsey Smith, Grace Vincent, Lauren Smith, Christee Craddock; standing, Katey Bever, Ava Helmick, Dani Cunningham, Lacy Hicks, Eliza Miller and Lindsey Schoolcraft.

School Programs

Kindergarten Readiness Program is a free early childhood education service to children three to five years of age, and support for their parents or caregivers.

It assists children with early language, literacy, math, social, and emotional development.

According to school officials, the result will be a strong foundation of learning for the child, which will prepare him/her for success in school.

Program activities include weekly in-person groups normal (four held); weekly virtual groups on Facebook page; fun parent-child activities; developmental screenings; support and connections to community resources;

Parent/child groups and story book hours; book bag exchange program for children; brain building tips for everyday moments.

To enroll or for information contact Debra Smith, Kindergarten Readiness Ambassador/Vroom, at Pleasant Hill School, 354-6022, or Arnoldsburg Elementary School, 655-8616.

Spaces are limited, so parents are encouraged to enroll today.

You should register,

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Early Steps to School Success offers free early childhood education services to children birth through five years of age, and support for their parents or caregivers.

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Program activities include two home visits each month from an early childhood educator; fun parent-child activities; developmental screenings; support and connections to community resources;

Parent/child groups and story book hours; book bag exchange program for children; and brain building tips for everyday moments.

To enroll or for information, contact Michele Hipp, ECC, PHS, 354-6022, or Suzanne Allen, ECC, AES, 655-8616.

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.

Vaccinations

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

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

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.



Calhoun's Caden Jones (32) grabs a rebound during the Wirt County contest. Teammate is Levi Morris (10).



Grant Sterns pins a Ritchie opponent to the mat on Thursday at CM/HS.

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.

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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.

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