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Terry Hickman

Hickman Celebrates 35 Yrs. At State Farm

Terry Hickman was groundhogs, and bears. hired in 1987 by longtime State Farm Insurance land on the front hood of agent Fred O. Barnes, his car when he was on his whom she worked for a way to Parkersburg, and number of years, along the deer went through the with co-worker Roberta front windshield and out

joining Fred and wife two passengers. "Toots" on several oc-Florence streets

Hickman was honored last week by State Farm great all along. I have agent Tim Moore and co-really been worker Brenda Bush for said Moore. "Terry was her 35 years of service in place when I arrived, with the company.

and sometimes unusual a young, inexperienced claims helps to bring a agent, I couldn't have smile to her face, when asked for anyone better to she looks back at 35 years be in my office. of claims.

One favorite odd claims in- conscientious. She is here volved a policy holder's after hours and Saturday premature departure from and Sunday evenings. A

a gas pump. where the gas nozzle was something. still inserted into the gas

today," said Hickman. have also been claims in and accommodate the involving deer, raccoons, customer." owls, turkeys, foxes, dogs,

One client had a deer the back window without Hickman remembers injuring the driver or the

The car was a total casions for lunch at the mess and the nerves of old Grantsville Restaurant everyone involved were on the corner of Main and shot, but the claim was

"Terry has just been blessed," and has been with me my Dealing with diverse entire 28 years here. As

"I can't say enough of Hickman's about her. She is so lot of times, I wouldn't "I remember a client even know about it, coming in with a claim unless I was driving by or

"She always goes to portal, causing it to break the 'nth' degree to meet away from the hose when customer's needs. We the car was driven away. have a lot of people who I still laugh about that work throughout the week, and weekends are the only Over the years, Hick-time they can come in. She man said that there is always willing to come

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dayat9a.m.Commissioner fiber optic backbone that Michael Hicks was ill and will help provide infraattended by telephone structure opportunities for could put \$500,000 from Walker said, "I have, from home. He was re- area residents. elected as president of the commission.

revenue received, the commission approved paying bill in its entirety.

Mark Whitley of areas of central West Vir- the end users. ginia.

a seven-county coalition, said to extend from

Commission Uses Increased Tax Revenue

With increased tax mic Authority, showed how to read and understand the printed materials commissioners.

The maps had the Jackson/Roane County proposed "middle mile" Economic Development and "county last mile" Authority spoke to the routes marked in different commission about grant colors that showed how availability for expanding the fiber optic broadband broadband in the rural would be distributed to

Whitley and O'Brien The original Clay, Cal- were at the meeting to tive has expanded into from the commission, which was approved.

The Calhoun county ster County, which creates commissioners had dis-foundation could help the commission met on Mon- an approximate 283-mile cussed the matching 25% grant for the project and had decided that the county the American Rescue Plan Melissa O'Brien, also Act funds (ARPA) toward of Roane/Jackson Econo- the grant, which would then make the value \$2,000,000.

O'Brien, when asked the \$308,629 regional jail that they handed out to about the timeframe to complete the broadband project, said that the been in communication federal government requires that the project be complete in five to six years, but she thought that public stream access in it could be done as fast as the county. two-and-a-half years from the date that the grant is Taylor that there are four awarded.

houn and Roane initia- obtain a letter of support 1982 Foundation spoke about the proposed county plan designed to bring and we have only one. Commissioner Kevin Calhoun Countians back

To Pay Off \$308,629 Regional Jail Bill Jackson County to Web- Helmick said that the to the county, and how the commission achieve that

Commissioner since day one, really been trying to promote our county park, which is the focal point of our county, but the Little Kanawha River is one of the best rivers around."

Walker said that he has with Nate Taylor of the Division of Natural Resources, District 6, about

Walker said that he told access points in Gilmer Crystal Mersh of The County, while the river in Gilmer County is nothing like it is here in Calhoun,

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COVID Cases Up Again At All Levels

COVID-19 continues positivity rate. to increase at a rapid rate at all levels.

Calhoun's 51 new cases in the last week is of 1,302. the highest since mid-September, when the county area total 12,739. county was coming off a 341 four-week case total.

were 627 cases.

DHHR has not released 29 (1,642/16). "alert maps" since that

Calhoun now 707 confirmed and 595 probable cases for a total

Cases in the seven-

New cases in area counties in addition The seven county area to Calhoun in the last had 539 new cases, the week (and county totals/ most since the same week deaths) are: Braxton, was 5,120,855, up 75% in September when there 171 (2,958/32); Roane, from 2,919,751 last week, worldwide cases reported After seven days in 79 (1,763/28); Ritchie, double the previous week Worldwide deaths in green, the county went to 59 (1,794/26); Wirt, 40 of 1,456,710, and six the last week were 45,392, yellow alert on Friday, and (1,071/19); and Gilmer, times the 831,599 cases increasing from 43,169,

day, which includes no cases were 23,098, up began are 61,263,030. infection rate or percent considerably from 16,141

during the pandemic are previous week. 362,777.

The number of deaths reported was 91, up from wide 73 and 77 the previous 17,333,621, up two weeks. Total deaths in from West Virginia are 5,452.

cases in the United States of 110 (2,209/29); Clay, which was more than total 308,128,719. from four weeks ago. Total after having decreased for New West Virginia cases since the pandemic four straight weeks. Total

New deaths in the U.S. are 5,512,763.

and 7,147 the previous were reported as 11,948, has two weeks. Total cases compared to 9,554 the deaths are 859,356.

New weekly worldcases 167% last week's 10,376,918, and 328% The number of new from the previous week 5,288,849. pandemic began,

> Worldwide deaths in deaths from the pandemic

School Board Discusses Mask Updates

Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Kelli Whytsell announced updated guidelines for West Virginia schools COVID-19 protocols, as announced by the W.Va.

board of education. considered fully vaccireceived the booster. Students ages 5-17 are considered full vaccinated if they have had the primary series, meaning booster is not required.

on day five and masks activities). should be worn through day 10.

--Unvaccinated worn through day 10.

inside at all applicable must remain home. times, regardless of the who have been exposed and staff who have been ments.

The Calhoun County do not have to quarantine exposed, if masks are worn board of education met on if they are asymptomatic. at the point of exposure Testing is recommended (including extracurricular Exposed youth may return

--Staff and students who test positive must selfstu- isolate for five days and dents and staff must may return on day six, if quarantine for five days if fever-free for 24 hours and within six feet of a positive symptoms are improving. --Staff members are individual. Testing is The individual must wear recommended on day five. a mask on days 6-10 and nated if their primary If, after day five, there social distance anytime a series is within the last are no symptoms, then mask can't be worn, such six months or they have individual may return to as in the cafeteria. If a school, but mask must be staff member or student does not want to wear a --Universal mask policy mask or social distance counties (masks are worn for days 6-10, then they

--Rapid tests and home --Fully vaccinated staff DHHR map color) do not testing are options for members and students have to quarantine students meeting testing require-

extracurricular activities: to school following CDC guidelines for individuals exposed to COVID-19, based on their vaccination

--Should wear a mask inside the school during days 6-10.

status:

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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 Board of education (3 COVID booster vacci-

Absent a and one member from cines can be received the same day. Bring your you for documentation of vaccines you receive.

> Masks are required inside the facility.

Two File For County Offices As of noon on Tues- to 4 p.m., Monday thru

and Michele Sears for candidate filing. county commission from Center District.

The candidate filing Jan. 29.

The county clerk's

office is open from 8 a.m.

follows:

commission, Lee). County period, which began Mon- \$273.50 (must live in day, will end on Saturday, Center, Lee or Sheridan district).

> Circuit clerk, \$532.22. County clerk, \$532.22. licans), \$10.

day, two candidates had Friday, and will be open vacancies), \$25 (there can nations (both Moderna filed for office: Sheila on Saturday, Jan. 29, from only be two members and Pfizer), and also flu Garretson for circuit clerk, 9 a.m. until noon, for from each district. Cur- vaccinations. rently, there is one Office filing fees are as member from Sherman health reason, both vac-

Conservation District vaccination card supervisor, \$10.

Executive committee (Democrats And Repub-

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OBITUARIES

RODNEY KEITH GODFREY

Sergeant Major Rodney Keith Godfrey, 68, of Grantsville, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at his home.

He was born in Calhoun County, the son of the late Flora Evelyn Starkey and Donald Hale Godfrey. He returned to the area to care for his father and purchased a farm on Pine Creek in 2011. He had 33 years of service of the U.S. Army and National Guard as a communication security specialist. He also had a Martial Arts Black Belt, was a ham radio operator and instructor, Military Auxiliary Response System (MARS), Water Protection Resource Team, Summer Youth Program supervisor in Grantsville, National Geographic Doomsday Preppers, developed and directed a segment with National Geographic, and was owner/operator of Pine Creek Farms.

Surviving are two daughters, Cristy D. Godfrey of Parkersburg and Leanne C. Godfrey of Arkansas; two sons, Jeremy K. Godfrey of Parkersburg and Marc E. Godfrey of Delaware; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; many unofficial grandchildren that he considered family; one sister, Shannon Riffle;

He was preceded in death by one brother, Col. Larry James Godfrey, MD, and one granddaughter, Courtney Paige Hall.

Per Rod's wishes, he will be cremated, with no funeral. There will be a Celebration of Life and a graveside service with full military honors at a future date. Online condolences may be expressed at www. stumpfuneralhomes.com.

ERNEST LYNN 'Chick' STARCHER

Ernest Lynn "Chick" Starcher, 75, of Spencer, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at his residence.

He was born in Roane County, the son of the late Howard and Dolly Mace Starcher. He had worked at Willow Island, St. Marys, as a laborer, and Roane County Courthouse as a custodian until he



Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Janie Miller Starcher of Spencer; two daughters, Sheila Schoolcraft of Arnoldsburg and Sondra Quick of Spencer; two granddaughters, Cassie Casner of Arnoldsburg and Candace Schoolcraft of Clay; four great-grandchildren, Brennah, Bryson, Breslyn and Aylah Jane; and one brother, Frank Starcher of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Julia Anne Burnsworth, and one great-granddaughter, Peyton Faith Parsons.

Services were held at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, Spencer, with Pastor Brad Pettit officiating. Burial was in Swank Cemetery.

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MARVIN DEAN ARNOLD

Marvin Dean Arnold, 78, of Arnoldsburg, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at his residence.

He was born in Stinson, the son of the late Glen Ray and Vesta Starcher Arnold. He was a retired equipment operator, working many years as a pipeliner, most of which were for Houchin Construction, Arnoldsburg.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Mildred Beckett Arnold; one son, Phillip Arnold of Arnoldsburg; three grandchildren, Caden Arnold of Ripley and Shayla Davis and Tori Arnold, both of Arnoldsburg; five great-grandchildren, Danica, Seanna and Walker Arnold and Brantley and Ainsley Davis; three brothers, Randall Arnold and Kenny Arnold, both of Arnoldsburg, and Larry Arnold of Akron, Ohio; two sisters, Deloris Brenneman of Akron and Barbara Freed of Millstone; his mother-in-law, Thelma Beckett; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by one son, Stephen Arnold; his father-in-law, Otis Beckett; three brothersin-law, George Brenneman, Marlin Beckett and Jerry Beckett; and one sister-in-law, Elizabeth Arnold.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Roger Carter and Rev. Shelly Mace officiating. Burial was in Sand Ridge Cemetery.

CHARLES FRANKLIN METZ

Charles Franklin Metz, 94, of Nicut, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at Roane General Hospital. He was the son of the late Martin and Maude

Surviving are five children, Janice See of Duck,

Kenneth Metz of Nicut, Douglas Metz of Chloe, Shelby Sisson of Clay and Lori Cottrell of Cambridge, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ilene

Butler Metz, and 10 brothers and sisters.

Graveside service was held at Minnora Cemetery, with pastor Lester Tanner officiating.

MARY HELEN HALL HARRIS

Mary Helen Hall Harris, 81, of Arnoldsburg, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at her home.

She was born in Orma, the daughter of the late Dencil Hall and Ava Helmick Hall. She was a Surviving are one daughter,

Rebecca Ava Harris Stalnaker of Arnoldsburg; two sons, Donald Lee 'Kink" Harris of Orma and Ronald

Levi Harris of Arnoldsburg; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Levi Harris, whom she married on Aug. 31, 1962; two brothers, Dencil Ray Hall and Dennis Hall, both of Arnoldsburg; and one grandson Joshua Lee Harris of Arnoldsburg.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Pastor Roger Carter officiating. Burial was in Road Run Cemetery.

WILBERT BLAINE HAYS

Wilbert Blaine Hays, 89, of Vienna, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, at his residence. He was born in Munday,

the son of the late Wilbert and Fannie Mills Hays. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and retired from Elkem. He was a Baptist. Surviving are his wife of 67

years, Beatrice; one son, Steven Hays of Vienna; two daughters, Carolyn Duncan

of Parkersburg and Melissa Hays of Vienna; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Christopher, Paige and Sarah; special grandson, Joshua Shane Hays; and five greatgrandchildren, Isabella, Mason, Addyson, Olivia and He was preceded in death by three sisters and

three brothers.

The family will hold a private memorial service to honor Wilbert.

JOHN WYCOFF, JR. John H. Wycoff, Jr., 84, of Palestine, died

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at Camden Clark Medical Center. He was born in Reedy and raised by the late

Woodward McCoy. He attended school in Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked in restaurant maintenance and for White Castle for over 30 years. He was a Baptist. Surviving are his wife, Charlie Wycoff; one son,

Jeff Wycoff and wife Jane; one daughter, Jackie Shaw; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, John H.

Wycoff III, and one brother, Richard Wycoff. Services were held at Matheny Whited Funeral

Home.

RUBY ANN CART GROSE Ruby Ann Cart Grose, 73, of O'Brien, died Sunday, Jan. 2.

She was the daughter of the

late Erman and Etta Belle Metheney Surviving are three siblings,

Jerry Cart, Sue Rhodes and Vonnie Grose; six children, Damon Grose and Jack Grose, both of Charleston, Kay Morris of Chloe, Teresa

Fitzwater and Richard Grose, both of Duck, and Christie Johnson of Hartville, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grand-

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Roland Grose; one son, Teddy Grose; one daughter-inlaw, Angela Grose; three sisters; and two brothers.

Graveside services were held at Grose Family Cemetery, O'Brien.

Around Calhoun

The winter of 2022 is keep the house nice and starting out to be more toasty. like a real winter, instead

of just an early spring.

Last Friday, we had our

most significant snow-

storm of the year, with

even more snow predicted

so fast last Friday evening

that Calhoun County

sheriff Warren Basnett

closed all roads in the

county for the safety of

the public, except for

than the highway depart-

ment could plow it, mak-

ing any unnecessary travel

The temperature fell

to five degrees, and I just

decided that I would go

out to fill the bird feeders

and to walk the dogs, but

Back before I was

so mature (old). I loved

weather like that and

went out for a long walk

to take pictures. Now,

I sit in my recliner and

take photos with my cell

phone. Times sure have

changed, and perhaps not

There were many

visitors at our feeders

over the weekend, and

we had to fill them more

than once. The majority

of bird species that we

saw were goldfinches,

but there were also a lot

of juncos, woodpeckers,

cardinals, purple finches,

birds almost as much as

they like to feast on the

sunflower seeds and peck

would, if I were them.

meal. Our daughter Tara

even shot a short video

of a barred owl enjoying

We had just over

seven inches of snow

on our deck by Saturday

afternoon, but the inch

and a half of rain we got

on Sunday melted most

of it off, while raising

the creek to the top of its

The temperature on

Tuesday morning was

13 degrees, allowing

us to justify using our soapstone woodstove to

lunch recently.

banks.

We like to watch the

and many more.

at the suet cakes.

for the better.

The snow fell faster

emergency vehicles.

an unwise decision.

that was it.

The snow was falling

for this weekend.

The soapstone that makes up the sides and top of our wood heating stove takes a bit longer to get hot than a traditional metal woodstove, but the soapstone will hold the heat much longer than an iron woodstove.

Soapstone is what was used to keep folks warm in the winter in the old days by heating the soapstone, then wrapping it in a blanket to place under the feet while traveling in a wagon or buggy, or putting under the blankets to warm the bed in the days before electric blankets.

Believe it or not, soapstone was also used as a non-stick surface for cooking, although we have never used it in that

Our little fur baby, Shiloh, turned 15 years old on Monday. He is still spry enough to get up and down the steps whenever it is time for his constitutionals.

I can report that he really doesn't like the snow being deep enough that he is forced to wade through it like it was frozen water. He would rather not have ice balls in his chest and belly fur.

At my age now, I find that I can no longer tolerate the cold weather like I used to either. It really affects my hands, fingers and feet. Once I get cold, it seems to take forever for me to thaw out. I guess that is the price we must pay for the wisdom

granted to us elders. * * * The Omicron variant of

The coyotes have COVID-19 is extremely been vocal of late, but not too near the house. I contagious and it seems to be infecting the world think they like to cuddle even more than the Delta together in their den when it gets this cold. I know I variant did, and still is. It has been said that Omicron is not as nasty as Delta, but it is still causing The owls and hawks have been out and about, picking off the occasional rodent for a nice hot

> mask, wash your hands while you hum "Yankee Doodle" or whatever song that takes you 20 seconds to complete.

> vaccinated if you have not yet been vaccinated, and get your booster if you have been vaccinated. Don't let the virus win. Show the virus who's the boss, you!

> hospitals to have no room for people having heart attacks or other serious aliments due the shortage of beds. Remember: even if you have been fully vaccinated and boosted, the Omicron variant can still infect you. Take no chances with this variant. Wear an approved

> Choose to become

SPECIAL Wednesday, January 12 Saturday, January 15

Free vaccination clinic,

mittee 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

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

hosts

County, 7 p.m.

team

required; postponed from team plays at Clay, 7 p.m. last week due to weather. CCHS at Braxton County Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Braxton

County High School, 4

CCHS at

Calhoun County Com- County Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Braxton County High School, 10 Monday, January 17

> Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Tuesday, January 18

CCHS girls basketball

team hosts Clay County, 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 19

Solid Waste Authority

meets, Mom's Place Too, Grantsville, 4 p.m. CCHS boys basketball

Friday, January 21

Mobile food pantry

at Grantsville Municipal Park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (do not line up before 10:30); sponsored by FRN. CCHS boys basketball Braxton

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

This Week In History

The following reports are taken from The Calhoun Chronicle archives:

1922, 100 years ago

Contractor W.H. Bickel has returned from Parkersburg, where he spent the holidays with home folks. He will shortly commence the drilling of a well on a small tract adjoining the Martin farm on the hill

Miss Minnie Hamilton, who is training in St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg, returned to her work on Monday, after spending time over the holidays with family. She will complete her course in training this

Fred Gainer of Parkersburg called on Grantsville merchants the first of the week. Mr. Gainer recently embarked in the mercantile business at Parkersburg, buying a fine and modern grocery store at the corner of Nineteenth and Latrobe streets.

Cashier Arthur G. Miller, of the Bank of Grantsville, has returned home from Baltimore, where he underwent two operations for the removal of a tumor on the brain. He is completely restored to his former good health and is back at his desk in the bank, as genial and accommodating as ever. Mrs. Miller and little daughter Florence also retuned with him.

The Pittsburgh-W.Va. Gas Co. recently drilled in a well near Auburn that is said to be making 33 million feet of gas daily, one of the three largest wells ever drilled in West Virginia. The well is on a small tract of land.

Hope Gas Co. recently drilled in a 10-barrel well in the Maxon sand on the Bennett land on Left Hand of this county. Nearly all of the wells drilled in that section of the county have shown some Maxon oil, and it may be that this well will open up the new

Miss Thelma Hardman, who attends Ward-Belmont College at Nashville, Tenn., returned to her school work on Monday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hardman of Mt.

1947, 75 years ago

The Honor Roll of Grantsville Graded School for the third six-week period is as follows:

Eighth grade: Loretta Poling, Carolyn Hathaway, Betty Lou Barr, Eunice Ann Hatfield, Virginia Ann Weaver, Jessie Lea Ayers, Virginia Lee Johnson, Laura Mosser, Denzil Whipkey, Richard Hathaway.

Seventh grade: Kathryn Boggs, Carolyn Erp, Virginia Hathaway, Johnny Holliday, Ruby Jean

Sixth grade: Joan Bush, Ramona Starcher, Gary Huffman, Fred Starkey, Robert Sturm.

Fifth grade: Rosemary Stump, Mary Eleanor Strader, Phyllis Starcher, James Riddel, Jimmie Little, Dewayne Wilson, Elah Hartshorn, Pauline Harris.

day, Gerald Ball, Anita Gainer, Betty Bush, Charlotte cipate in unmasked ex-Campbell, Roberta Starcher, James Hardman.

Third grade: Billy Johnson, Charles Little, Tommy Yoak, Joseph Propst, Patricia Welch, Peggy Kight, Gaynell Ayers, Shara Nell Poling, Patricia Ferrell, Betty Burrows, Winona Bush, Sandra Stevens, Janice Haddox, Doris Ann Stutler, Janet Plant, Merlene Burrows, Shirley McMillan, Sharon Kerby, Lois Carol Witt, Alta Nichols, Charlotte Monroe, Phyllis recommends testing on the Saunders, Steve Atkinson. Second group: Doris Ann date that the individual has three versions of Francis, Bertha Shock, Edward Starkey, George been identified as a close calendar, pointing out White, Donald Sampson, Whitie Barr, Bubbles Rich- contact and again five slight differences,

Second grade: Sandra Huffman, Jean Lynch, Delano Taylor, Phillip Boyles, Leroy Jarvis, Jimmy Stump, Sandra Stump, Carole Kelly, Sandra Robin-

First grade: Erroll Dotson, Judith Ayers, Linda that youth who have tested Hosey, Robert Weaver, Bobby Snider, Jane Powell, positive for COVID-19 Patsy Haymaker, Kenneth Vannoy, Jo Ann Propst, Patricia Vaughn, Janet Westfall, Carolyn Starcher, unmasked extracurricular Judith Hathaway.

1972, 50 years ago

The January issue of The American Rifleman, result towards the end a publication of the National Rifle Association, of the five-day isolation is carrying a two-page feature article on new period. Antigen tests products being imported and distributed by Air Rifle should only be collected Headquarters of Grantsville. This is reported to be the if the individual has been largest of all arms publications, currently exceeding a fever free for 24 hours, million copies monthly.

Air Rifle Headquarters operates from the second and third floors of the Western Auto building in Grantsville, and specializes in precision pellet air arms and related supplies for adult use, both American and foreign.

Hickman Celebrates--

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Calhoun County resident gardening, baking, cooksince her marriage in ing and "serving the Lord October, 1979, to Tim and going to church." Hickman, with whom grandchildren, Emeri and Bush, serving at State schools. Easton, all of Tanner.

scan for full menu

Hickman enjoys piano,

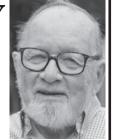
"I am looking forward and Farm," said Hickman.



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



Question: We now hear the terms "dark matter" and "dark energy." What are these? (Asked by a curious space cadet.)

Reply: These are fairly new terms in astronomy or cosmology, and are pretty involved and theoretical. I'll do my best to explain them.

Analysis of the orbital speed of stars in the Milky Way indicates that it contains much more matter that is accounted for by the stars and gas in it. (Orbit speed is proportional to the mass of the orbiting body.) Almost everywhere astronomers look--the Milky Way, other galaxies or a cluster of galaxies--most of the matter needed to cause the galaxy's gravitational behavior (such as the orbital speed of stars) seems to be unseen by telescopes using light, radio waves, X-rays, or any other electromagnetic radiation.

Oddly enough, it appears only about five percent of the universe is accounted for as normal matter. The unseen matter was originally referred to as missing mass, but a better term, "dark matter," is now used. (Dark because we cannot see it.) Apparently, the disk of the Milky Way is embedded in a "halo" of dark matter that extends perhaps 150,000 light years from the Milky Way's center.

Regardless of how scientists figure it, even though gravity is pulling inward, the universe keeps expanding outward faster and faster. To account for this, it is proposed that something invisible counteracts gravity by pushing the universe apart. This is called "dark energy," which gives rise to a negative pressure that drives space apart.

As space expands, more space is created; and with it, more dark energy. Based on the observed rate of expansion, scientists estimate that the sum of all the dark energy must make up more than 70 percent of the total contents of the universe. No one has been able to put a finger on it. All this is bound up in modern, relativistic cosmology--a tough subject.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "It always looks darkest just before it gets totally black." -- Charlie

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.

School Board Discusses--

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tracurricular activities without implementation of a test to play strategy. This prioritizes in-person instruction and keeps play

-- A test to play strategy days after exposure to be allowed to participate in activities.

--It is recommended should not participate in a negative antigen test without the use of feverreducing medications, and other symptoms have improved.

The superintendent also discussed director and school reports, and grant awards, including a 2021 COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) tive, Hickman has been a caning, basket weaving, Prevention Program Solicitation.

The \$487,329 grant will be used to update she has one son, Josh and to continuing with Moore systems, PA systems, and

Under old business, and -- Days 6-10 should reconsideration of mask Fourth grade: Elizabeth Rose Strader, Sara Holli- not be allowed to parti- policy, the board voted 4-1 to keep the policy in

> At 6:05, the regular board meeting was recessed and the first of two public hearings on 2022-2023 school the calendar was convened.

Whytsell discussed answering questions.

The second hearing will unmasked extracurricular be held during the Feb. 14 meeting. The hearing was recessed until that date.

The regular board meeting reconvened at

The board approved activities during days a Memorandum of Un-6-10, unless they obtain derstanding with Work-Force Development Board, Mid-Ohio Valley, and three policies out for comment: Chapter: Instruction, Title, Grading; Chapter: Students, Title, Snow Day Practice Policy; and Chapter: Finance, Title, Travel.

The board also approved the hiring of Jessica McCumbers as a substitute teacher.

The board went into executive session for two expulsion hearings.

superintendent The A Gilmer County na- guitar, photography, chair Office School Violence discussed with the board about having a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan.

The next regular board replace camera of education meeting is scheduled on Monday, wife Samantha, and two and co-worker Brenda bell systems in all three Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion board office.

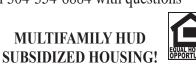
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Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Diss Debar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great Seal of West Virginia.

Jan. 14, 1842: Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following

Jan. 14, 1873: The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. In 1943, the legislature changed the name to Glenville State College.

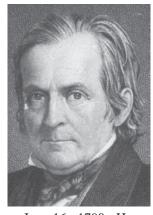
Jan. 15, 1799: Monroe County was established. It was named for James Monroe, the newly inaug-United States.

Jan. 15, 1836: Braxton County was created from Kanawha, Lewis and Nicholas counties. It was named for Carter Braxton, a Virginia statesman and a signer of the Declaration Revolutionary War hero, of Independence.

County was established and named for statesman John Hancock.



Jan. 15, 1864: Frances photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable in honor of U.S. Sen. career as one of the John Taylor, a soldiernation's leading documen- statesman from Caroline tary, portrait, and artistic County, Va. photographers.



Jan. 16, 1790: Henry Ruffner was born in Luray, Va. In 1819, he organized two Presbyterian congregations in the Kanawha Valley. He is best known for his controversial 1847 anti-slavery treatise, "Address to the People of wvencyclopedia.org. West Virginia."

Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim



Franklin Morgan born in Marion County. A Republican, he was governor during tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center, and a hospital were completed.

Jan. 17, 1956: Musician urated governor of Virginia Blind Alfred Reed died. and later president of the He was a street singer and fiddler from Pipestem, Summers County.

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a who later defeated Ohio Jan. 15, 1848: Hancock Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

> Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly establishedPrestonCounty from part of Monongalia County. It was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

> Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Vir-Benjamin Johnston was ginia General Assembly born in Grafton. She established Taylor County gained national renown from parts of Barbour, as the first female press Harrison and Marion counties. It was named

> Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

> Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."

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Fire Season

During fall fire season, burning is prohibited from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If burning Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was has occurred during perborn in Jackson County. mitted hours, the fire His remarkable career must be completely extininvolved him in the guished by 7 a.m.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn

This was a bit of a rollercoaster of a week. After having a week off from school, I was glad to be easing back in with a teacher day on Monday. I slept in a little bit, ate a leisurely breakfast, and headed out to my Jeep at 7:30. It never even entered my mind that my sweet little car would let me down and not start, but that is exactly what happened. Thankfully, my dad answered my call for help, and I was only 10 minutes late for work.

Dad promised to call our friend Keith to look at my Jeep while I was in school, so I took a deep breath and got on with my day. I had a long list of tasks to complete and a whole day to get them done. I started out typing up the minutes from our faculty senate, which took place the last day we were in school.

I stepped away from my desk to go to the bathroom and check in with my fellow English teachers. When I returned, my computer had gone to sleep or so I thought. When I tried to boot it back up, nothing happened. For the second time that day, a machine let me down.

I placed my laptop in the care of the tech guy and began on the short list of jobs that didn't require a computer. I took down my Christmas decorations, cleaned my boards, sanitized the tops of all my students' desks, and organized my own desk. By that point, it was lunch time, so I took a break to eat. I spent the rest of the afternoon in a meeting and then no different. Our county a training.

While that doesn't sound like a great Monday, it could have been worse. The tech guy gave me a loaner computer until he could figure out what was wrong with my laptop, so I was still able to complete all of my tasks, even though I had to do a few that evening

Keith figured out what was up with my Jeep, and it was waiting for me in my garage when Dad brought me home. Thankfully, it was something simple. There are definitely perks to living in a small town where friends will squeeze you in to their schedule and even come get your Jeep and bring it back. Thanks,

Tuesday went smoothly. After school, I picked up Maricia and met up with some of the historical society members to begin taking down the decorations in the hotel and organizing our storage areas upstairs. We managed to get all of the inside decorations down and packed up. Then, we tackled two of the five rooms upstairs. This was not a one-day job, so we will meet again to continue our organizational process.

The week wasn't done with its surprises yet. On Wednesday morning, my landline rang to tell me that about half of the county would be on a three-hour I quickly revised my lesson plans to accom-

modate this schedule change, and used the time to review concepts from the first semester. The buzz about a winter storm coming our way was making its way around the building too, so I made a few more revisions, just in case. Thursday morning, we were all keeping our

eyes on the weather. As the morning progressed, the WVDE county map began to light up with schools announcing early dismissals. Around 10:30 we got the word we would be closing at 1:00. The snow the Virginia Militia. In our Captain, and Jasper was heading our way, and the predicted snow totals continued to rise.

If the weathermen were correct, we would not be returning on Friday, so I packed my school bag with everything that I would need for the weekend. I also got my laptop back before I left the building.

I had filled my gas tank and bought groceries on Wednesday afternoon, so I headed home to hunker down and wait for the snow. I didn't have long to wait. I will admit that I love snow, so I curled up on the couch with my blanket and just watched it come down. We were closed before I went to bed, which is the best kind of snow day.

I took full advantage of my snow day. I took down my Christmas decorations and packed them up, I did laundry, wrote my lesson plans, and made a big pot of tortilla soup. Then, I simply sat on the couch, watched the birds, and read my book.

It was lovely! Because I did all of my work on Friday, I had the whole weekend to just rest, relax and read. This week had its highs and lows, but it wasn't a bad way to start the new year.



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Letters to Mary and Other **Communications**

(This series is made possible through the efforts of Michael A. Ayers' descendants. The letters were preserved by Ayers' grandson Ashford Ayers and compiled into booklet form by Alice Ann Ayers Brown, great-granddaughter of Michael and Mary

Michael A. Ayers--A Calhoun Native In the Civil War

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Ayers' first two letters

(The following is re- the Ayers family's efforts printed from the original and generosity, and we series about Michael A. anticipate the story of Ayers.)

The State of West Virginia is known for its rugged terrain, untouched wilderness, and mountain 1861 in Elizabeth. Ayers pride. These elements is a 21-year-old private create the perfect backdrop for living history.

Within these great to his intended bride ravines and atop these high hills, our ancestors have left their prints. It will be a great adventure to track them.

Every county in West Virginia has its own story of the Civil War. We are was deeply and uniquely affected. Our story is one conflicting loyalties, ruthless events, and the horrors of guerrilla and border warfare.

It has been said that to leave their homes, as Calhoun was a place where terror reigned. The area reverted to a primitive state; each man was on his own. Stores were looted, mail routes and post offices discontinued, business suspended, and county officers took to the woods as rangers and

Major Michael A. Ayers, one of the original Co. C recruits in the 11th Volunteers of the U.S. Army, was the son of best Government the sun Moses and Vashti Potter ever shone on. Ayers who settled on a farm near White Pine in left no other alternative, Gilmer, now Calhoun I was one among the

Rangers stripped the October, 1861, at the farm and left the Ayers house of John Wass in with nothing. Ritchie Co., Va., formed family After the raid, Avers, along with at least one brother, Salem Ayers, and their father, went to Smithville and joined unanimously Smithville, he met and fell Ball was elected without in love with Mary (Molly) opposition, first Lieu-Smith.

Between 1861 and forthwith made on Gover-1865, Ayers wrote to his beloved Mary with Arms and ammunition a passion and eloquence which with becoming that is quite extinct in Patriotism he promptly our day of email and text furnished. messaging.

We have a rare oppor- receipt of these, our Comtunity for an inside look pany, which consisted at a story of love and war of about 60 men, mostly through the writing of Major Ayers.

Alice Ann Ayers Brown was born in Smithville, the grand-daughter of Allan and Eva Jane Howard Ayers and daughter of Ashford (Michael) and Ruby Elizabeth Risher Ayers. was raised in on the South Fork of She

Harrisville and graduated from Harrisville High School in 1949. She the space of four weeks, retired from teaching with during which time we 25 years of service in Wood County schools.

She and her husband Don Brown had three children: David Lee Brown, Daniel Robert Brown and wife Leanne, and Kathryn Ann Moore and husband John; and grandchildren: town of Parkersburg, Va. Nicole Brown and Megan, Heather and John Lee Simpson came among us, Moore. Brown transcribed her tion of a regular Volunteer

great-grandfather's letters, journals, documents, lists, and maps over a period of eight to 12 months. It is her passion and 1861, having obtained

dedication to preserve thirty recruits he started the history of her family with that gives us the unique ersburg, in order to obtain chance to learn some of clothing and accouterour own history.

ments. We deeply appreciate (Continued Next Week)

Menu for the Senior daily):

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

Thursday, Jan. 13: crackers.

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

Monday, Jan. Closed.

our past through the pen of Major Michael A.

meatloaf, au gratin pota- placed on a list. The letters begin in toes, peas, roll.

Senior Citizens Menu Thursday,

Citizens Center (2% milk hotdog with sauce, coleand margarine available slaw, baked beans, juice, whole wheat bun.

> Friday, Jan. lasagna, broccoli, fruit, garlic toast.

Suggested donation broccoli soup, cheese scale for meals: Individual salad sandwich, fruit, 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 Tuesday, Jan. 18: chic- pick-up meals from 11 ken sandwich, ranch pota- to 11:30 a.m., Mondaytoes, fruit, whole wheat Friday, by calling Calhoun n. County Committee on Wednesday, Jan. 19: Aging, 354-7017, to be

ACA Health Insurance Deadline Is Saturday

The Affordable Care people to look at the new Act Health Insurance open enrollment deadline being released this year. is Saturday, Jan. 15.

Elizabeth. Subsequent letters originate from Camp McDonald, Arnoldsburg, and numerous other Civil Marketplace. Long will the fall of

urges residents to enroll as soon as possible to take advantage of marketplace coverage that, in most cases, is priced lower erally funded, non-profit than it has been in several

they call to remembrance The marketplace is the dangers and perils offered to anyone who is through which they passed not eligible for insurance in making their escape, through Medicare, Medifrom the ruthless hands of caid, or employer-based the Vandal Traitors of the insurance.

It has been the writers lot, to witness some of those 13.6 million people getting financial scenes, and pass through health coverage. Changes perils, and privations, from the American Rescue and see all his earthly Plan are making it easier possessions fall a sacrifice for West Virginians to get to the doubly damned affordable coverage.

conspirators against the The number of consumers getting coverage Driven from home, and nearly doubled. Most high-income earners will number who on the 12th. the lower-cost plans.

There are still many Virginians who ourselves into what we are going without health maternity care. styled the "Union Home insurance. W.Va. Naviurges James Robinson was elected before.

this year, if they get gov plans. their insurance on the marketplace," said Jeremy W.Va. Navigator at 356-"We are really urging gator.com.

plans and prices that are "In a lot of cases, the

West Virginians have plans are more affordable until that date to enroll than we have ever seen. in the Health Insurance Even if you have looked into insurance on the West Virginia Navigator marketplace in past years and were not very happy, you should definitely look into it again this year.'

Navigator is a fedorganization that helps families and other underserved communities gain access to health coverage options through marketplace, Medicaid, or It can assist with en-

Enrollment nationally rollment applications and is at an all-time high, with help consumers receive assistance through HealthCare.gov and assist people over the phone.

Consumers enrolling in a plan on HealthCare.gov are guaranteed to receive comprehensive coverage, for \$10 or less per month, with no pre-existing after tax credits, has condition exclusions or markups.

Plans cover essential now be able to qualify for benefits, including doctor and hospital visits, prescription drugs, mental health treatment, and

In addition, consumers anyone receive free preventive eligible to check into the care services, such as marketplace--even if they immunizations and health have checked in on it screenings. Testing and treatment of COVID-19 "Most people will are considered essential be able to qualify for health benefits, and are substantially lower costs covered by all HealthCare.

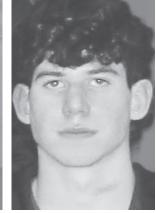
Residents can reach Smith, program director. 5834 or www.acanavi











Grant Sterns, 145, 3rd

Sampson, Goad, Sterns Place In Top 3 At Nitro

High School wrestling Jan. 15. team competed in the Pat Vance Invitational at Nitro High School on Friday and Saturday.

Led by second place finishes by Jett Sampson (126 lbs.) and Drue Goad (195), and a third place finish by Grant Sterns (145), the Red Devils placed 10th of 17 participating teams.

Calhoun's eight individual wrestlers combined to go 9-9 in the tournament.

CCHS is scheduled to results at Nitro: participate in the Braxton ling Tournament at Braxton County High School. Starting times are at 4 1-2, 1 pin, 4 pts. p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14,

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The Calhoun County and 10 a.m. on Saturday, 2 pins, 20 pts., 3rd place

Team scores at Nitro: Herbert Hoover 199, Riverside 189.5, Huntington 164.5, Greenbrier East 128, Nitro 102, Buffalo 94, Roane County 92, Shady Spring 84.5, Spring Valley 70, Calhoun County 66, Ft. Chiswell 48, Chapmanville 47, Logan County 46, Man 39.5, Poca 23, South Charleston 16, Mingo January Central 0.

Calhoun individual

126 - Jett Sampson, 2-1 County Invitational Wrest-record, 1 pin, 20 pts., 2nd

- Isaiah Boggs, 132

152 - Ian Persinger,

182 - Adam Lane, 0-1 195 - Drue Goad, 2-1, 2 pins, 22 pts., 2nd place 220 - Trevor Collins,

285 - Levi Stump, 0-1

2021-22 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

14 Braxton County . 4 p.m.
and 15 10 a.m.
22 Williamstown 10 a.m.
February
4-5 Single A Challenge
at Ritchie . 4:00 & 10:00
12 LKC at Williamstown
19 Regional at Millwood
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145 - Grant Sterns, 4-1, 3-5 States at Huntington

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Calhoun County High School 2021-22 Wrestling Statistics

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

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ding was postponed due	126Jett Sampson 15-4	8	97
to inclement weather. It	132Isaiah Boggs 9-9	2	52
will be held on Friday,	145Hunter Thacker 10-4	9	60
Jan. 14, from 3 to 4 p.m.	145Grant Sterns 16-7	10	92
It is sponsored by Strait	145Landon Winkler 1-2	0	6
Creek Baptist Church. For	152Ian Persinger 10-9	6	57
*	182Adam Lane 4-7	4	24
information, call Shelly	195Drue Goad 16-3	9	106
Murphy, 354-6739.	220Trevor Collins 8-9	3	48
COVID-19 restrictions	285Levi Stump 11-7	7	66
still apply. Do not line	132Joe Sampson 2-2	0	12
up before 2:45 p.m. It	Others (including 42 forfeits) 7-45	2	42
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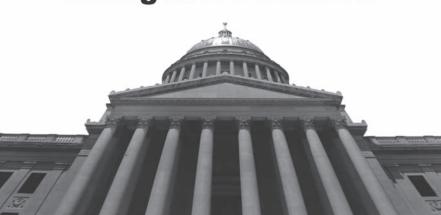
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Calhoun County Varsity Girls **Basketball Schedule** December

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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 11 Webster Co. H 7:00 13 Braxton Co. A 7:00 18 Clay Co. H 7:00 21 Roane Co. H 7:00 26 Wirt Co. A 7:00 28 HIT Tour. TBA 7:00 February

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

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7	30	Doddridge 19	
11	42	Wirt 28	
14	41	Gilmer 44	
20	41	Doddridge 17	

Calhoun County Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

December	
10 49 Van 73	
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27 51 Lincoln 72	
28 25 Ritchie 68	
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27	Doddridge A 7:00
28	Wirt Co A 7:00
31	Gilmer Co H 7:00
Feb	oruary
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

Fourth Dose

With cases of Omicron variant COVID-19 continuing to increase exponentially, Gov. Jim Justice has sent a letter to President Biden asking him to direct the FDA and CDC to authorize West Virginia to immediately begin offerthe vaccine (fourth dose overall) to certain at-risk members, who are at least three months out from their first booster dose.

West Virginia is the first state in the nation to make this request.

"Just like West Virginia has led the nation time and again throughout this pandemic, Israel has led the world.

"Right now, Israel is offering a fourth dose to an even bigger population --people who are four months out from their Pfizer or Moderna booster shots," said Justice, who proposes that all West Virginians who are age 50 and older and essential workers be the first ones eligible for the extra dose.

"The Biden Administration said that the states really ought to be the ones to handle this, so that's what we want to do," said Justice. "First of all, it'll save a bunch more lives.

"Secondly, if we do nothing, we're going to end up with a run on our hospitals like you can't imagine. The Omicron variant is super-potent.

"If we don't move right now, we're going to have people sitting outside the emergency room in their cars that can't even get into the hospital."

The decision is based upon recommendations of WestVirginia's COVID-19 response leadership team, including state coronavirus czar Dr. Clay Marsh and JIATF director Jim Hoyer.

Conservation District Lists AEP Approvals

vation District has an- Bargeloh, nounced that the follow- Brabham, Justin Bunner, ing landowners have been Elizabeth Close, Clayton approved for the Agri- Cox, Program for fiscal year Kinzy, David Knight, 2022:

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Area: Larry Cottrell, Clayton Cox, Jean Freeland, Roger Garrett, Daniel McVey, Little, Tony Painter, Michael Sutton, Samantha Villers, Chad James Westfall.

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Little Kanawha Conser- Thomas Badgett, Charles Boyce Enhancement Farming LLC, Tony Morgan, Randy Critical Area Planting: Mowery, Kristina Steed, Daniel Stephens, James Exclusion Fence: Ryan Tennant, David Williams, Badgett, Nathan Car- William Witkosky, David penter, Larry Gardner, Bonnett, Michael Flinn, Craig Karwacki, Therman Mullins, Denver Nelson, Ronald Roberts, Michael Rogers, Douglas West, James Westfall.

Pasture Division Fence: Brett Nettles II, Joe John Alt, Thomas Badgett, Roger Garrett, Christiana Grow, Jamie Huffman, Ward, Michael Campbell, Tony Morgan, Joe Painter, Ray Crouser, Paul Harold, Regina Powers, Donna James Ross, Sherrie Tyree, Steigleder, Ray Crouser.

Pollination: Invasive Species Man- Shreve.

Agriculture: Urban

Watering System: Den-Jean Freeland, Huffman, Larry Gardner, Christiana Linkinogger, Henry Long-Lime: Ryan Badgett, fellow, Michael Sutton.

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

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

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

117 Old Miller Hollow Road | Chloe | 108/Acres | 117R-2 BA | Easily maintained yard, open floor plan hone Wil an byersized garage to house your vehicle and hobby shop | \$129,900

1395 Big Root Road | Big Bend | 3 BR - 2 BA | Just minutes from town! | With around 1,344 Sq. Ft. | Well Indiposit Devolution acre 47- 3149,900

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

215 Mill Street | Grantsville | 3 BR - 2 BA | Hidden sem in the middle of Grantsville! Beautiful brick hone | Will Data R back with Outbuffeling for storage and garage attached! | \$119,900

S. Calhoun Highway Comparts 7.7 Com Transfer a perfectly laid out farm! | \$249.900

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

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579 Shelter Rock Drive | Orma | 59 Acres +/- | 4 BR - 3 BA | WOW! This home is nothing short of breathtoking thuse valled Niling flee to leiling stone fireplace, huge open living room that flows into the kitchen/dining room and much more!

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

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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: **Brittany Joann Allen** TO Case No. 21-P-18

Nivea Ann Blake NOTICE

College News

Hope Carter of Grantsville

has been named to the Fall

Carter is majoring in

Marietta College stu-

dents completing at least

15 credit hours with a

grade point average be-

tween 3.5 and 3.74 are

recognized as a Dean's

West Virginia Univer-

sity at Parkersburg has

announced its President's

and Dean's scholars for the

Fall 2021 semester. It has

also awarded certificates,

associate and bachelor's

a 3.50 to 4.00 grade point

average earned academic

honors, as follows: 3.50-

3.749, Cum Laude; 3.75-

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and 4.0, Summa Cum

Parkersburg graduates in-

ley Hosey, AAS, Nursing,

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WVU-Parkersburg has

announced its President's

and Dean's scholars for

the Fall 2021 semester,

dents maintained a 4.0

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Stephens, Creston.

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2021 Dean's List.

Christian School.

List student.

Notice is hereby given that Brittany Joann Allen, will come before the Honorable Anita Harold Ashley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in the Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, West Virginia, on the 3rd day of February, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. of said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and Petition said Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, for an order changing the name of Brittany Joann Allen to Nivea Ann Blake, pursuant to Article 5 of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 4th day of January, 2022.

Sheela R Barreton Sheila R. Garretson Clerk of Court

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 18th day of December 2017, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 10 a.m., the following described personal property:

2015 Ford F-350 Truck S/N 1F18W3HT3FEB43369

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE --**LEGAL NOTICE**

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Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 18th day of April 2019, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 10:15 a.m., the following described personal

2002 Ford F-150 XL S/N 1FTRX18L22NA27651

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Grantsville, WV 26147 304-354-6116

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BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION 2022

The Calhoun County Commission shall meet on the following dates and times as the Board of Review and Equalization. Because of restrictions during the pandemic, we ask that if you are planning on attending any of the meetings listed below to call either the County Clerk's office (354-6725) or the Assessor's Office (354-6958). JANUARY 31, 2022 9:00 a.m. Managed Timberland

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Equalization Meetings Set By Commission

The Calhoun county commission will meet as a Board of Review and Equalization.

Because of restrictions during the pandemic, if you plan to attend any of the meetings listed below, call either the county clerk's office, 354-6725, or the assessor's office, 354-6958:

Monday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m., managed timberland.

Friday, Feb. 4, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m., oil and gas.

Monday, Feb. 14, 9 Friday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., action of timber-

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

Personal Decedent Representative 12 Woody Lane, Grantsville, WV 26147 James Arthur Bell Robert Alan Bell 12 Woody Lane, Grantsville, WV 26147 Lora Juanita Bell Robert Alan Bell Gregory A. Starcher Joyce McCumbers 121 Summit St., Spencer, WV 25276 January 5, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with

West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before March 7, 2022. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Jean Simers, Clerk Calhoun County Commission Class II Legal

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows: Date of Will Date of Death

Decedent Phillip W. Kelley Decedent's Address 6128 Tallman Rd. February 1, 2020 March 12, 2007 Rootstown, OH 44272

Name of Person Filing			Date of First	
Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Publication	
Robyn R. Kelley	6128 Tallman Rd.	Spouse	January 5, 2022	
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Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of				

appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street; PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later. Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Ad-

ministration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law Entered this 5th day of January, 2022

Jean Simers, Clerk Cathoun County Commission

Commission Uses Increased--(Continued from Page 1) the E-911 center had

Family Resource Net-

not line up before 10:30.

grant application dead-

Decisions and actions

be made at the March

proved the appointment

of Melissa Hixon and

Angelia Clark as ballot

the assessor's deadline

for keying in personal

property until after the

commission holds the

board of equalization

meetings was approved.

commission meeting.

Commissioners

commissioners.

procure funding.

Walker said that Taylor answered more than 5,000 Equalization President's List stuhad assured him that calls in 2021. federal funds are available for river access points, and work reported that the earning 12 or more hours of college credit: Hannah been in contact with land Monday-Thursday owners in spots where from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 Dean's List students river access points could p.m., and the mobile food be placed.

He had forwarded that Municipal Park will be ing six or more hours of information to Taylor, college credit: Mackenwho said that getting zie Holbert, Cheri White, something together, from Nicholas the planning to the end stage, could take years.

Walker believes that sioners that she could promoting and utilizing the river for kayaking, fishing and camping could help bring tourists to the

of the biggest problems Rescue Plan Act has been accounting Massage, Geraldine Gardner, with folks returning to extended to Mar. 1. All system that had been housing. Since much of be submitted to the county Calhoun is either hillside clerk by that date. or floodplain, it is difficult to find adequate housing on the applications will availability.

Julie Sears presented the report from E-911, LocalEmergencyPlanning Committee and Office of Emergency Services, for December and for 2021.

She said that some of the numbers may be off, as they had switched systems last fall, but she felt that they are very close to being correct.

December calls were: 0244. The Mission, Program Arnoldsburg VFD, 7; Dept. of Natural Resources, 14; sheriff, 103; EMS, 64; Dept. of Highways, 7; State Police, 110.

Sears said that, during the snowstorm last Friday, the dispatchers answered 18 calls for vehicles in ditches within a four-hour period. She said that there were no injuries reported.

She thanked the sheriff for closing county roads last Friday to all but emergency vehicles, which helped keep people from going out on the roads, which were being covered in snow faster than they could be plowed.

Sears said that the next thing on their agenda is applying for a grant for a four-wheel drive ambulance to allow the EMS to respond to medical emergencies on roads where traditional rearwheel drive ambulances are unable to respond.

She said that the initial

She also reported that

\$250,000 loan is down to

\$44,000.

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Board of Review and meeting dates and times are printed elsewhere in this issue.

Commissioners Walker said that he has daily food pantries from approved a USDA grant request to be used for purchasing a new fourwheel drive vehicle for pantry at the Grantsville the sheriff's department.

A motion was also approved for an emergency held on Friday, Jan. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Do voting absentee policy, whereby registered voters Shelia Burch of LK can still vote in an election ADC informed commisif unable to get to the polls when accident or illness write grants or contact strikes after the deadline the right individuals to for absentee voting.

Two fiduciary items Helmick said that the were approved.

A decision was made Walker addressed one line for the American to stop using the new software the county, which is ARPA applications must highly recommended by several other counties due to problems encountered when trying to flow the data from one office in the courthouse to another.

> The county will return to using the old system.

Commission approved a grant request from Calhoun County Committee on Aging in A motion to extend the amount of \$69,945 to purchase a new food delivery truck for senior services.

The next regular county commission meeting will be held Feb. 14, at 9 a.m.

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Teddy Darrell Adkins, 90 Earl Kenneth "Buck" Allen, 79 Patricia K. Anderson, 74 John R. Ashley, 77

Edith Gae Hoover Bailey, 93 James Darrell Bailey, 80 Kenneth "Kenny"

Earl Bailey, Jr., 36 Lelah "Myrl" Bailey, 93 Zachary Ryan Bailey, 26 James Hershel Barnes, 71 Lilas Dale Barnes, 89 Wilda Lea Barton, 85 Gilbert E. Beckett, 50 Robert Scott Beckett, 37 James Arthur Bell, 93 Lora "Juanita" Bell, 89 Ruth Ellen Dye Bell, 75 Wilma Jane Bell, 74 Kenneth J. Belt, 96 Phyllis G. Belt, 90 Kenneth Charles

Bloom, Sr., 75 Betty Lou Bourne, 80 Betty Jean Kelley Boyce, 91 Werneth Willodeane Brady, 95 John William "Johnny"

Brannon, Sr., 62 Ann Briggs, 71 Brenda Brown, NA Rector S. Brown, 98 Katherine "Kat" Bunner, 62 Rachel Elizabeth

Nutter Burke, 93 General J. Burnside, 74 David Darrell Bush, 63 James Earl Bush, 78

Thomas Warren Cain, 55 Albert A. Campbell, 63 Michael Edward

"Mike" Carpenter, 66 Wanda Lee Sears Carpenter, 90 Thelma Suzanne Carte, 75 Dorrell G. "Chad"

Chadwell, 84 Julie Marie Chapman, 46 Louise Marie Cheesbrew, 91 Carolyn Collins, 84 Etta Metz Collins, 89 Eugene W. "Gene" Collins, 81 Thomas Jefferson Collins, 56 Ella Mae Conley, 90 Jerry Alan Conley, 70 Francis Eileen Connolly, 88 Donnie Gale Conrad, 69 Bernard C. "Bernie"

Cooper, 69 Betty Joan

McCumbers Cottrell, 73 Robert G. "Bob" Cottrill, 82 Sylvia Craddock, 89 Betty Lee Cunningham, 85 Brittany Marie Cunningham,25

The following names were Keith A. Davisson, 54 Richard Leon Dawson, 66 Patricia K. Deem, 73 Margaret "Tyler" Dennis, NA Junior J. Dennison, 87 Donna Gean Deuley, 71 Carolyn Marie DeWeese, 86 Eva Marie Hathaway Diron, 83 Earl Dale "Bo" Doolittle, 66 David Ray Drake, 53 Charles Wesley Duff, 93 Charlotte Dunbar, NA Dortha Wanetta Tingler Dye,92

> Helen Arzania Edman, 78 Willard Glen Ellyson, 84

Russell Lee Falls, 66 Gary "Budgy" Ferrell, 74 Quinton Paul Ferrell, 27 Ruth Lee Lepke Fitzwater, 79 Raymond Bub

"Jed" Fordyce, Jr., 57 Carl W. Frymer, 79 Kenton R. Frymier, Jr., 38 Herald Glen Fulks, Sr., 79

Emily A. Gainer, 74 Janet J. Gainer, 80 Richard Carlos Gherke, 71 Arthur L. Gifford II, 51 Lena Lenora Goad, 91 Donald Hale Godfrey, 91 Madeline June Godfrey, 89 Rodney Keith Godfrey, 68 Tanya Elaine Godfrey, 35 Betty Lou "Boo Boo"

Marks Goff, 76 Bernard Wesley Greathouse, Sr., 89 David Greathouse, 69 Holly Roscoe

Greathouse, Jr., 92 George Wayne Griffin, 65 Judy Diane Groves, 64

Donald Richard Hall, 81 Jessie L. Hall, 96 Emma Ann Carroll Hammett, 83

Joshua Robert Hardman, 32 William E. Hardman, 73 James Andrew Harold, 54 Charles "Charlie"

Curtis Hathaway, 86 Jerry Hathaway, NA Ladonna Louise

Villers Hayes, 57 Scott Andrew Haymaker, 47 Eugene G. Helmick, 81 Janet Louise Heron, 87 Mark D. Hewitt, 66 Loretta "Faye" Hibbs, 87 Irene Faye Hildreth, 87 Kassiah Raelynn Hinton,

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Hornbeck Holcomb, 89 Cora D. Hoover, 87

Mavis L. Siers Hoover, 89 Wanda G. Hornback, 83 Tiffany Huffman, 36 Eugene M. Hupp, 92

Albert William Ide, 78

Donald L. Jarvis, Sr., 84 Ira Leroy Jarvis, 81 Lola Jean Hicks Jarvis, 89 Carolyn "Sue" Jeffrey, 73 Carolyn Sue

"Susie" Jenkins, 61 Helen S. Johnson, 79 Saundra L. Johnson, 80 Stephen Dale Johnson, 77 Hershel Hal Jones, 86 Jerry V. Jones, 79 Virginia Morris Jones, 77 Joseph Daniel Justice, Jr., 57

Gregory Shane Kellar, 48 Lawrence Edward "Bear" Kerby, 65

Paul F. Kerby, 82 Warren Edwin "Bud" Kerby, 83

Rita Clara Kevak, 88 Arthur Ray "Pete" Kirby, 88 Gary Lee Knight, 68 Vickie Darlene Hall Knight, 62

Frances M. Lane, 69 Velora Pearl Lane, 90 William Paul Lane, 84 Launa "Eddie"

Dawson Law, 98 Dale Franklin Levering, Jr., 78 Cheri Lynn Lockhart, 61 Cathern Lucille Losh, 77 Diana Rosemary "Diane" Bailes Ludwig, 68

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Charles Wesley Marks, 88 Debbie Marks, 59 Dollie Evelyn

Basnett Marks, 86 Janet Marie Houchin Marks,77 Jeffro Ralph Marks, 64 George Edward Martin, 74 Donald Ross Mathewson, 61 Gertrude L. McCray, 95 Alton Raven

"Doc" McCune, 83 Billy D. McHenry, 86 Alma "Eileen" Pursley McKee, 98

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June Marie Schartiger Miller, 81 Kristopher Mark Miller, 35

Betty Jo Minney, 87 Rev. Walter D. Minney, Sr., 90 Douglas Edward Moore, 63

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Runyon Nicholson, 84 Linda Mae Norman, 64

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Bennett Roberts, 79 Alfred "Buck" Rose, 82

John Paul Sampson, 72

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Kenneth Dale Smith, 86 Thelma Irene Staats, 73 Bantz William

"Sonny" Stalnaker, Jr., 83 Betty Louise Stalnaker, 85 Betty Jean Minney Starcher, 81 Mabel Darlene Starcher, 64 Charles LeRoy Stevens, Sr., 60 Katelynn Dawn Stoops, 25 Jeannette Marshall Stump, 98 Richard Farrar Stump, 88

Roland "Grant" Talkington, 84 Donald Dean Tallhammer, 82 Rev. Dewey Lee Tanner, 79 Janet Marie Tanner, 79 Valerie Gail Taylor, 66 Zachary Lee Taylor, 37 Mina F. Townsend, 96 Randell R. Truman, 77 Donald Ray Tucker, 70 Roseann Turner, 83

David Randall "Dave" Underwood, 75

Ellen Marie Linch Wade, 82

Margie Lee Wade, 79

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Bland Wilfong, 75 Doris Jean Dye

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Granddad" Wilson, 50 Donald Lorenzo Wolfe, 95 Thomas Wayne Wolfe, 80 P. Elaine Wolverton, 79 Darrell Dean Wood, 73 Susie Jewell Murphy Wood, 56 Robert L. Woodford, 90 Leveda Wright, 80 Thomas Gay Wright, 68 Bernard Leon Wyatt, 98

Nella Jean Yancey, 87 Edgar J. Yeager, 85 Leona Mary Stull Yeager, 74 Irwin Roy "Flash" Yoak, 65 Randall Kenneth "Bear" Yoak, 67

'No Surprises Act' Is In Effect New Federal

effective Jan. 1.

Insurance 01 to provide consumers deductibles. with basic information about the new billing happen when a patient receive the bill.

protections. sioner renders formal out-of-network facility. opinions, guidance or expectations on matters or agree with a health plan (such as a radiologist, issues, explains how new to accept the health plan's pathologist, anesthesiolostatutes or rules will be implemented or applied, or advises of interpretation network providers don't of-network with the same or application of existing have this same agreement health plan. statutes or rules.

Consumer Protections From Surprise Bills

Starting in 2022, a new federal law called the No Surprises Act (NSA) will protect consumers from many types of surprise medical bills.

The Offices of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) is issuing this insurance bulletin provide basic information to consumers about the surprise billing protections and to provide some examples of how consumers are protected.

What Is **Balance Billing?**

Balance billing happens when a health care provider bills a patient after the patient's health insurance company or health plan has paid its share of the bill.

The balance bill is for the difference between

company set, or agreed issued Bulletin No. 22- copays, coinsurance, or patients don't know the

receives covered health

with health plans.

plans, include coverage for out-ofnetwork care, but the bill the patient, if state or federal protections don't

Other plans of-network services, and own protections. the patient is responsible for all the costs of out-ofnetwork care. Medicare and Medicaid have their own protections against balance billing.

The new Federal No the provider's charge and network facility, such as a Surprises Act became the price the insurance hospital. commis- to pay, after the patient emergency and nonsioner Allan McVey has has paid any applicable emergency care. Typically,

apply.

What Is **Surprise Billing?**

Surprise billing happens when a patient receives an unexpected, or from an out-of-network

provider or at an out-of-

It can happen for both provider or facility is out-Balance billing can of-network, until they

This oftentimes occurs with a health plan, but a In-network providers provider within the facility payment in full and don't gist, or emergency medibalance bill. Out-of- cine doctor, etc.) is out-

Some states have such as Preferred Provider protect patients against Organization (PPO) or surprise billing. State laws Point of Service (POS) generally do not apply to some self-insured health plans, also called ERISA plans.

The No Surprises Act sumers in self-insured health plans, as well as consumers with commerdon't cial insurance plans in for those. include coverage for out- states that don't have their

What Protections Are In Place?

NSA protects sumers from: --Surprise bills for

covered emergency outof-network services, including air ambulance services (but not ground ambulance services); --Surprise bills for

surprise, balance bill, after covered non-emergency he or she receives care services at an in-network facility; -- The law applies to

Insurance bulletins are care services from an out- when a facility (such as health plans starting in insurance companies.

> -- A facility (such as a provider (such as a doctor) deductibles for emergency services, even if the facility or provider is outof-network.

provider may still balance will now protect con-requires you to pay copays, coinsurance, and/or deductibles for in-network --The new law also

protects you when you receive non-emergency services from out-ofnetwork providers (such as an anesthesiologist) at in-network facilities. out-of-network An

provider may not bill you more than your in-network copays, coinsurance, or deductibles for covered in-network facility.

services performed at an --You can never be asked to waive your protections and agree

to pay more for out-of-

network care at an inpathology, radiology, or Human Services. neonatology--or for sersurgeons, of hospitalized patients), and intensivists (doctors issued when the commis- of-network provider or an a hospital) is in network 2022. It applies to the who care for patients bill without putting you in self-insured health plans needing intensive care), that employers offer as or for diagnostic services, lab services.

hospital or freestanding advance to be treated by an cumstances, such as when emergency room) or a out-of-network provider may not bill you more as when you choose an mated charges. Some health plans, laws or regulations that than your in-network out-of-network surgeon coinsurance, copays, or knowing that the cost will new law require insurance be higher.

give you information dated. in advance about what coinsurance, deductibles, directory. and copays.

What Else Should I Know? Your health plan and

the facilities and providers that serve you must send you a notice of your rights under the new law. If you have received

a surprise bill that you think isn't allowed under the new law, you can insurance company or ask for an external review of the company's decision emergency room. with the OIC.

You also can file a network facility for care consumer complaint with related to emergency the OIC or with the fedmedicine, anesthesiology, eral Dept. of Health and

An independent dispute vices provided by assistant resolution (IDR) process hospitalists is available to settle bills. (doctors who focus on care Providers and health plans can use this process to settle disputes about your the middle.

A similar dispute resowell as plans from health including radiology and lution process is available for individuals who are --You still can agree in uninsured, in certain cirthe actual charges are in some situations, such much higher than the esti-

> Other protections in the companies to keep their The provider must provider directories up-

They also must limit --If your health plan your share of the costs your copays, coinsurance, will be. If you did that, or deductibles to inyou'd be expected to pay network amounts, if you the balance bill, as well rely on inaccurate inforcare, you are responsible as your out-of-network mation in a provider

> West Virginia also has a state law regarding provider directories that can be located at W.Va. Code §33-55-4. State law also requires insurers to electronically post accurate provider directories.

Examples of Surprise Bill Protections

Q. Deion fell off a file an appeal with your ladder, hitting his head and breaking his arm. He was taken to the nearest (Continued on Page 9)

WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS

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,

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		Positive	Negative		Perce	ntage
		Cases	Cases	Deaths	Pos	itive
				Α	ccum.	Daily
	Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
	Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*		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 s	topped up	dating on w	eekends	and ho	lidays
	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	20.7
	Jan. 5	342,607	4,598,486	5,372	6.9	17.4
	Jan. 6	347,554	4,622,232	5,372	7.0	18.1
	Jan. 7	351,688	4,622,232	5,421	7.0	19.9
	Jan. 10	360,269	4,674,165	5,445	7.0	19.9
	Jan. 10 Jan. 11			5,452^	7.1	
	Jan. 11	362,777	4,682,802	3,432"	1.4	18.0

*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.

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 (3,419), Berkeley (28,892), Boone (4,584), Braxton (2,939), Brooke (3,989), Cabell (19,532), Calhoun (1,299), Clay (1,760), Doddridge (1,606), Fayette (8,319), Gilmer (1,642), Grant (2,919), Greenbrier (6,352), Hampshire (4,492), Hancock (5,505), Hardy (3,293), Harrison (14,393), Jackson (4,953), Jefferson (11,152), Kanawha (32,322), Lewis (3,881), Lincoln (3,771), Logan (6,672), Marion (10,718), Marshall (6,621), Mason (4,600), McDowell (3,699), Mercer (11,829), Mineral (6,043), Mingo (5,588), Monongalia (17,897), Monroe (2,813), Morgan (3,274), Nicholas (5,163), Ohio (8,448), Pendleton (1,419), Pleasants (1,681), Pocahontas (1,464), Preston (6,932), Putnam (11,718), Raleigh (15,042), Randolph even if health care pro-(6,384), Ritchie (1,794), Roane (2,195), Summers (1,850), viders who were not in Taylor (3,180), Tucker (1,418), Tyler (1,591), Upshur (5.062), Wayne (6.968), Webster (1.587), Wetzel (3.216), Wirt (1,066), Wood (16,790), Wyoming (4,533); Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster last counties to hit 100 postive 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; 54th county to reach 1,300 cases on Jan. 11. 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: In World:

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 his 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 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 5,325,516 Dec.12 50,771,062 817,834 270,124,227 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 5,345,794 Dec.15 51,136,442 821,335 271,909,364 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 55,696,500 846,905 288,638,043 5,460,323 Jan. 1 55,864,519 847,162 289,758,011 5,463,758 Jan. 2 56,142,175 847,408 290,795,098 5,467,371 Jan. 3 Jan. 4 57,131,187 848,885 293,186,447 5,473,334 58,047,187 851,475 295,813,496 5,481,869 Jan. 5 58,805,186 853,612 298,483,618 5,489,614 Jan. 6 59,564,116 855,843 301,104,814 5,497.000 Jan. 7 Jan. 8 60,464,426 858,346 303,982,064 5,504,293 Jan. 9 60,954,028 859,046 306,232,350 5,508,996 Jan.10 61,263,030 859,356 308,128,719 5,512,763 Jan.11 62,661,272 861,336 311,414,697 5,520,160 Cases by states and territories: California 6,085,177, Texas 5,039,605, Florida 4,633,077, New York 4,147,154, Illinois 2,382,437, Pennsylvania 2,265,232, Ohio 2,189,228, Georgia 1,928,942, Michigan 1,855,658, New Jersey 1,843,677, North Carolina 1,816,380, Arizona 1,477,483, Tennessee 1,462,996, Indiana 1,329,423, Massachusetts 1,279,928, Virginia 1,221,036, Wisconsin 1,186,066, Missouri 1,106,552, Minnesota 1,064,065, South Carolina 1,048,252, Colorado 989,409, Alabama 978,632, Washington 931,071, Kentucky 915,881, Louisiana 908,428, Maryland 830,940, Oklahoma 737,593, Utah 682,036, Arkansas 613,014, Iowa 608,000, Mississippi 586,547, Connecticut 573,711, Kansas 566,192, Nevada 509,472, Oregon 459,700, New Mexico 369,133, Nebraska 360,321, West Virginia 357,980, Puerto Rico 355,697, Idaho 327,451, Rhode Island 266,066, New Hampshire 214,572, Delaware 205,640, Montana 202,863, South Dakota 189,411, North Dakota 182,538, Alaska 165,353, Maine 153,376, Hawaii 143,224, Wyoming

OVID-19 deaths reported through 'No Surprises Act

119,857, D.C. 110,040, Vermont 76,673; West Virginia was

(Continued from Page 8) needed covered imaging well as surgery. Now bills are starting to come in.

last state to record a case.

What is he responsible for paying?

How can he get help if he's receiving bills that don't match the explanation of benefits (EOB) from his health plan?

he received, Deion is only responsible for paying his in-network deductibles, his plan network treated him or he was taken to a facility that was out-ofnetwork.

If the bills don't match health plan first. If he isn't satisfied with the health plan's response, he can make it in time. contact the OIC.

to the hospital after he receives care in the emergency room, he should know that any out-ofnetwork health care providers at the facility amounts.

and out-of-pocket costs, insurance, or copays. and it is safe to travel to in-network facility company will accept their

using

transportation.

If those conditions are and radiology services, as met, Deion can decide if he wants to continue with the out-of-network provider, or travel to a provider who participates in his health plan's network.

If he stays with the out-of-network provider and consents to out-ofnetwork billing, he will be A. For emergency care responsible for any outof-network deductibles, copays, or coinsurance.

He'll also be responsicopays, and coinsurance, ble for the amount the provider charges that is more than what the health plan landowners. pays (the balance bill).

and went to his local hospital's emergency room. The doctors there said he his explanation of benefits had to be transported to a (EOB), Deion can call his hospital in a major city for full treatment and he had to go by air ambulance to

Bill was flown to the If Deion is admitted larger hospital and is now doing well. Bill's wife, Nancy, has heard scary stories about air ambulance costs, and is starting to worry.

Are there any protecmay ask him to consent tions for someone who to continuing care and is transported by air amto agree to pay higher bulance in an emergency?

A. If the air ambulance They can only ask for company has an inconsent to receive network contract with out-of-network care once Bill's health insurance he is stabilized, able to company, then Bill will understand the infor- only have to pay the inmation about his care network deductibles, co-

The air ambulance

non-emergency contracted amount as pay-

Creston

News

by Alvin Engelke Phone 275-3578

Last week's news got lost in cyberspace.

Rev. Craig Blankenship filled his regular appointment at Burning Springs M.E. Church.

some roads. Rev. Carlos Nutter, Elk.

81, of Cairo, died. He Burning Springs and other area churches. Kenneth Belt, 96, of

Industry, died. "Uncle to process the resources. Ken" was a World War II veteran. He was laid to rest in Maze Cemetery.

82, of Brohard, died. He was buried in Belt Cemetery.

ville, who apparently cannot stand that some-Grantsville and Calhoun County a shining light, to visit, work and live, and have unique facilispite by cutting down the two ginko trees that to China.

There are those who and will go out of their way to impede others just for spite.

Winter finally arrived additional wealth. in Creston, with snow, very slick roads, and have been dealing with the temperatures into the single digits.

Contrary to the screaming of the "global warming banshees," graph of the world temperature for the last nine years years, the safety tests shows no warming. Some for the vaccines will be folks' free gas froze off released. There is a worry and some folks slid out of that the bad effects will the road into the ditch.

West Virginia is in the and gas field on the planet, and the state's oil and gas be world-class fields.

Marshall County are mak- formerly volumes of gas and natural Arnoldsburg. gas liquids, 5,000 or more barrels of oil/month.

choose to answer to outof-state interests, who state (on taxes) and its residents on royalties.

the companies, not the peasants.

The filing Q. Bill had chest pains started Jan. 10, and those \$77.90/bbl., with concoal barons, should file Henry Hub natural gas for office, for one can be fetched \$3.92/mmbtu.

sure that the big boys will have their toadies file and

then tell us how "they are working for us.'

Local candidates can file at the county court-The New Year came house, but others must file in Creston, with rain and with the secretary of state high water that closed down under the golden dome at the Mouth of

Some of "our leaders" had formerly pastored at even want to make tax exempt the \$billions in infrastructure that has been built in West Virginia

Royal Dutch Shell's ethane cracker in Monaca, Pa., is setting up interviews Alfred, "Buck" Rose, for workers, and there is enough ethane for at least four more ethane crackers, but with wizards like The mayor of Grants- Smiley Carmichaels and Craig Blair, getting such lined up for West Virginia one else came to make seems remote. Such is a

There should be amwhere folks would like monia plants being built, but, apparently, long-time projects that would make ties, such as the old the state wealthy are of high school, showed his no interest to quick buck artists.

The Shale Crescent Godfrey L. Cabot gave to folks have noted that, if Grantsville a century ago, done wisely, there would after returning from a trip be 100,000 manufacturing jobs created between Pittsburgh and Huntington cannot stand prosperity from use of the resources that are being produced and presently shipped elsewhere to generate

> Several area residents dropping virus. The vax, vax, vax folks have a problem now that a high percentage of those with the virus had taken the jab.

> > Some time after 55 show up later.

Not that long back, center of the largest oil Patchwork Oil and Gas (Bill and Roger Whited) purchased the zones are now shown to wells, formerly Sterling Drilling, and now they Some new wells in have acquired the wells owned ing, in addition to vast M&A Well Service of

Because of the virus, there was no Creston Food Some of our legislators Pantry on the first Friday of January. While the new strain of the virus seems have been cheating the to be "very catchy," it appears to be less severe.

Those who understand Real leaders would de- such matters feel that mand that royalties would most will catch the new reflect the spectacular strain and then obtain wells, and that accurate natural immunity, and measurement would be then it will be pretty much done to assure that proper over, except for those who severance and ad valorem love all the control they taxes were collected from have acquired over the

Price of local Pennperiod sylvania grade crude is who want to protect the densate, \$63.90, Marcellus state from rape, like that and Utica light, \$68.90, which was done by the and medium, \$77.90.

ment in full.

Starting in 2022, the No Surprises Act protects patients, even if the air ambulance company does not have an in-network thing will be covered as contract with their health in-network, or could Elena insurance company.

Bill will only have to pay the deductibles, copays, or coinsurance that he would have to pay if the air ambulance were in-network. A federal IDR process will help the air ambulance and the health

the rest of the bill. Q. Elena is scheduled

plan, but the hospital uses anesthesiologists pathologists that are not in-network.

Does this mean everyhave some unexpected charges?

A. Surgery for a biopsy can involve health care providers that consumers do not get to choose, such as an anesthesiologist and a pathologist.

When Elena chooses plan determine how to pay an in-network facility and surgeon for her procedure, all her out-of-pocket costs for a biopsy, a service that will be at the in-network her health plan covers. Her rate, which includes costs hospital and surgeon are for out-of-network proin-network with her health viders she didn't choose.



A student in GSC's fall fire protection course uses a drip torch to light a controlled burn on the college forest property. Students in the course learned about wildfire behavior, how to develop a fire plan, and were instructed on the use of controlled burns as a means of fire suppression.

Glenville Land Resources Students **Participate In Fire Protection Course** Glenville State College and suppression, and the their wake, threatening uncontrolled, meet and

students in the Dept. of development of a fire lives and property in the starve each other from Land Resources learned plan, from treatment to process. about wildfires this past regeneration of the area semester.

Students in the fire Brian Perkins, teamed up management. with W.Va. Division of

instruction in wildfire con- and fuel sources. The tionally from suppression trol, including prevention fires leave devastation in

with oak seedlings.

Forestry for much of the named, travel in uncontrolled directions based The course provides on weather conditions fires that are started inten-

Students in the course The class also ad- of personal protective Volunteer Fire Dept. to protection course, which dressed topics on nutrient equipment, the various is taught by associate management, forest man- tools used when fighting professor of forestry Dr. agement, and wildlife wildfires or working with controlled burns, operate a drip torch.

lines to lessen the fuel

lack of fuel.

learned the importance with Gilmer County assist with their annual hose testing. Skills gained in the

and class will assist students Wildfires, appropriately how to prepare and safely in the S-130 and S-190 wildland fire training Controlled burns are course that is required of all firefighters before they can work on the fire lines.

> Sessions with WVDOF were instructed When combined, the by service forester and two fires, controlled and GSC alumnus Jesse King.

> > The Family Crisis Intervention Center

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faculty and staff back to ment campus for the start of the DegreeWorks, the webspring semester. The opening meeting system is held at the beginning in addition to various of each semester and departmental meetings and serves as a chance for all other training sessions.

On Thursday, Jan. 6,

Manchin

term.

Spring Semester

Begins At GSC

members of the faculty together, either in person or virtually, to reconnect,

In addition to general campus updates, opening meeting attendees also Friday, Apr. 29. heard updates from various administrators on topics that included enrollment, student life, ties, fundraising, and advancement.

"We looking are forward to a great spring semester here at Glenville anniversary and we are so excited to mark that milestone with all the members of our campus community--students, faculty, staff, alumni, Students also worked the community, and our other degrees. friends."

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.

Library Hotspots

The Calhoun County Library has take-home work anywhere a Sprint dies in any chosen field. signal is available, connect tion.

Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste's monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m., at Mom's Place Too, Grantsville.

Faculty members had Glenville State College time to attend workshops president Dr. Mark A. on Brightspace, the colwelcomed lege's learning managesystem. based degree monitoring for students,

Staff also had informaand staff ranks to come tional and training sessions scheduled.

Spring semester classes hear campus updates, and began Monday. Students prepare for the upcoming may add or drop classes through Friday, Jan. 14. The last day of the spring term is scheduled for

Women's Fund

The Parkersburg Area athletics, academics, busi- Community Foundation ness and finance, facili- is accepting scholarship applications for Women's Opportunity Fund, Linda H. Culp Memorial Scholarship.

The fund provides edu-State," said Manchin. cational resources to non-"This year is our 150th traditional female students, who are working to complete their education or to pursue additional schooling toward higher level career goals, professional certification, or

> As a memorial to Linda H. Culp, the fund honors a pioneering and hardworking local leader, who mentored and supported other women in accomplishing their hopes and dreams.

To be eligible for financial assistance, an applicant must meet all the following requirements: be a female, adult learner who is not a recent high school graduate; reside in a PACF county, which includes Calhoun; and be pursuing a form of postsecondary education, including bachelor's degrees, advanced degrees, certificate programs, or Mobile Hotspots that vocational/technical stu-

Recipients are selected to multiple devices, and by an independent schohave unlimited data. Call larship advisory com-354-6300 for informa- mittee. The scholarship can be applied toward tuition, books, or other education-related costs.

> To apply, visit www. pacfwv.com/scholarships/ apply. Application deadline is June 27. For information, call Rachel Brezler, 428-4438.





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