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Calhoun freshman Lauren Lovejoy (33) tips the ball away from a would-be rebounder during the Lady Red Devils' 52-50 loss to visiting Webster County.

## After 2-Point Loss, Girls Score Wins Over Braxton County and Clay-Battelle

After a heart-breaking home loss to Webster County, the CCHS varsity girls basketball team bounced back with wins at Braxton County and at Clay-Battelle last week. Calhoun improved its record to 6-4. On Tuesday, Jan. 11, the Lady Highlanders got off to a fast start, and

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wednesday, January 19**  
Solid Waste Authority meets, Mom's Place Too, Grantsville, 4 p.m.  
CCHS boys basketball team plays at Clay, 7 p.m.

**Friday, January 21**  
Free tire collection, Cabot Recycling Station, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Calhoun residents only, limit of 10 tires.

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 girls basketball team hosts Roane, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, January 22**  
CCHS at Bob Zide Yellowjacket Wrestling Rumble, Williamstown High School, 10 a.m.

Calhoun Youth basketball, Calhoun Middle/High School, games start from 10:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

**Monday, January 24**  
CCHS girls basketball team plays in HIT game at Tolsia, 7 p.m.

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## Calhoun Grand Jury Returns 13 Indictments

*(Editor's Note: The return of an indictment by a Grand Jury indicates that a person has been charged formally by the State with the commission of a crime or crimes. It is an accusation. The U.S. Constitution provides that a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty by the State. Upon entering a plea of innocent, persons accused of a crime are entitled to a trial by a jury of their peers. The guilt or*

*innocence of the accused is determined by a Petit Jury, not by means of an indictment by a Grand Jury.)*

The Grand Jury in Calhoun County, with prosecutor Nigel E. Jeffries presenting cases, returned the following indictments on Tuesday, Jan. 4:

Amy Lou Yoak, Arnoldsburg, Burglary, Grand Larceny.

Loretta Kay Douglas, Charleston, Conspiracy to

Violate Chapter 60A. Eddie Ledell Cunningham, Vienna, Conspiracy to Violate Chapter 60A.

Joseph Alan Lamp, Ripley, Solicitation of a Minor via Computer, Distribution and Display of Obscene Material, Use of Obscene Material to Seduce a Minor.

Thomas Leon Clover, Orma, Neglect of an Incapacitated Person Causing Bodily Injury.

Brandon Michael (Continued on Page 2)

### W.Va., U.S., World Deaths Increasing

## Calhoun's 89 Cases Is Second Highest Since Pandemic Began

The COVID-19 cases, which continue to increase at a rapid rate at all levels, are now leading to a higher number of deaths reported in West Virginia, the United States, and worldwide.

Calhoun's new cases increased from 51 the previous week to 89 this week--the highest since the record was set at 140 cases from Sept. 1-7.

The county has now had a total of 1,391 cases, with confirmed cases at 753 (an increase of 46 since last week) and probable cases at 638 (an increase of 43 since last week).

There have been reports of nine deaths of county residents since the pandemic began

The seven-county area

had 931 new cases, compared to 539 the previous week. The old record of 652 cases was set from Sept. 8-14.

Cases in the seven-county area total 13,670.

New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Roane, 249 (2,458/30); Braxton, 182 (3,140/32); Clay, 122 (1,885/30); Ritchie, 119 (1,913/26); Wirt, 86 (1,157/19); and Gilmer, 84 (1,726/17).

DHHR has not released "education alert maps" since Jan. 7, possible because most, if not all, counties are in "red."

New West Virginia cases were 29,960, increasing from 23,098, 16,141 and 7,147 the previous three weeks. Total cases during the pandemic are 392,737.

The number of deaths reported was 109, also increasing from 91 and 73 the previous two weeks. Total deaths in West Virginia are 5,561.

The number of new cases in the United States was 5,732,503, up from

5,120,855 last week, and seven times the 831,599 cases from five weeks ago. Total cases since the pandemic began are 66,995,533.

New deaths in the U.S. are 14,208, compared to 11,948 and 9,554 the previous two weeks. Total deaths are 873,564.

New weekly worldwide cases were 20,894,140, up from 17,333,621 and 10,376,918 the previous two weeks, and nearly four times the 5,288,849 from three weeks ago. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 329,022,859.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 51,207, an increase from 45,392 and 43,169 the previous two weeks. Total deaths from the pandemic are 5,563,970.

DHHR reported that 944,088 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (52.7%). There have been 366,883.

According to DHHR, the number of vaccine doses administered in Calhoun is reported as 3,181, 11 less than the 3,192 doses previously listed.

## No New Candidates File For Local Office

As of Tuesday morning, no new candidates had filed for office since last week's report, according to county clerk Jean Simers.

The candidate filing period will end on Saturday, Jan. 29.

The county clerk's office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and will be open on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. until noon, for candidate filing.

Office filing fees are as follows:

County commission, \$273.50 (must live in Center, Lee or Sheridan district).

Circuit clerk, \$532.22.

County clerk, \$532.22.

Board of education (3 vacancies), \$25 (there can

only be two members from each district. Members whose time will not up are from Sherman and Lee).

Conservation District supervisor, \$10.

Executive committee (Democrats And Republicans), \$10.

The 33rd Delegate District, which includes Calhoun, Clay and part of Gilmer, is now called the 62nd Delegate District.

The 2nd Senatorial District that included Calhoun, Doddridge, Ritchie, Tyler, Wetzel and parts of Gilmer, Marion, Marshall and Monongalia counties, is now the 12th Senatorial District, which includes Calhoun, Gilmer, Lewis, Harrison and Taylor counties.



Joselynn Yeager (42), a junior, scores two points on a short jumper over the Webster defense last week. Teammates are Lauren Lovejoy (left) and Savannah Cunningham (3).

# OBITUARIES

## JOHN GREGORY LAW

John Gregory Law, 53, of Parkersburg, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at home. He was the son of Joe and Dianne Law. Surviving in addition to his parents are one sister, Susan Law; fiancé, Nicole Steelsmith; three children, Samantha, Malachi and wife Zoe, and Josephine; and three grandchildren. No services were held. A memorial will be announced at a later date.

## SHERRI LYNN BARTON KING

Sherrilyn Lynn Barton King, 60, of Rosedale, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021, at her home.



She was the daughter of the late Russell B. Barton and Leota Maybelle Newell Barton and was retired from West Virginia Dept. of Highways. Surviving are two sons, Timothy E. King and Zachary A. King; four grandchildren, Daniel King, Aubrey King, David King and Alexander King; three sisters, Sheila Norman, Pam Hinzman and Jody McCloud; one brother, Russell "Butch" Barton and wife Sandy; 11 nieces and nephews, Andrea Gain, Julie Beckner, Bryon Norman, Terri Thomas, Brandy Bunner, Phillip Crislip, Scheena Hinzman, Justin Greathouse, Rusty Conrad, Meghan Heiney and Cassie Barton; and four best friends, Lisa Tanner, Sandy Fowler, Faye Moore and Cheryl Wolfe.

No public services will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers, Sherrilyn asked that donations be made to one of her two favorite charities: Polycystic Kidney Foundation, P.O. Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187 (pkdcure.org/give), or American Association of Kidney Patients, 14440 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33613 (aakp.org/giveyourway). Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

## MARK HOWELL

Mark Howell, 57, of Grantsville, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2021. He was the son of the late Melvin Howell and Mildred Jones Campbell.

Surviving are one step-son, Eric Echard; three grandsons, Austin, Colten and Eric; two brothers, Melvin Howell, Jr., and Jerry Michael Howell; one sister, Donna Capps; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy Howell, and two sisters, Sandra Bunner and Jennifer Howell.

Private services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

## JOSHUA EUGENE SMITH

Joshua Eugene Smith, 42, of Big Bend, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022. He was the son of Tina Longwell and Carol Smith.



Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Nichole; one brother, Shawn Devins; and two sisters, Brooke and Addy; four children, Sidney, Lacey, Tyler and Sophie; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces.

Private cremation will be held at Mid-Ohio Valley Cremation Society. Private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. The family requests donations be made in Josh's name to a local rehab and recovery facility.

## JAMES WILLIAM 'Bill' JONES

James William "Bill" Jones, 82, of Grantsville, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022.



He was born in Vadis, Lewis County, the oldest child of the late Walter and Euleta Jones of Grantsville.

Surviving are three children, Carol Ann Blosser of Euclid, Ohio, Karen Sue Workman of Rosedale and James Michael "Bub" Jones of Big Root; two grandchildren, Kayla Nicolle Workman and James Michael "Little Bub" Jones, Jr.; three brothers, Paul Jones, Donzel "Nick" Jones and Walter "Junior" Jones; and five sisters, Sharon Stull, Mary Bower, Judy Westfall, Charlotte Robinson and Debbie Varner.

He was preceded in death by one brother, John Jones; one sister, Kathryn "Kookie" Harris; and one granddaughter, Brittany Jones.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Rick Metheny officiating.

## RUTH POORMAN

Ruth P. Poorman, 80, of Grantsville, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at Cabell Huntington Hospital.



She was born in Hershey, Pa., the daughter of the late Charles and Mabel Caslow Pottier.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori and Donald Wilson of Grantsville and Nancy and Mike Whipkey of Arnoldsburg; five grandchildren, Kevin Cunningham, Stacy Frederick and Steven Cunningham, all of Grantsville, Jeremy Poling of Arnoldsburg and Samantha Hicks of Millstone; six great-grandchildren, Silas and Henley Cunningham, Allie Frederick, and Raylee, Kayleigh and Tori Cunningham; and one sister-in-law, Judy Poorman of Palmyra, Pa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Poorman, in 2007; one grandson, Micheal Whipkey, in 2006; and one infant great-grandson, Frederick, in 2009.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Arnoldsburg Community Building, with Rev. David Weaver officiating, and burial in Collins Cemetery, Stumptown. Condolences may be shared at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com.

## CAROLYN MAXINE LEWIS HEINEY

Carolyn Maxine Lewis Heiney, 76, of Grantsville, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at home.



She was born in Charleston, the daughter of the late Marvan and Mildred Britton Lewis. She was a homemaker. When she and her husband Dan were married, they moved to Ohio for work, and she met her best friend, Lois Hardy of Clinton, Ohio. She moved back to the farm in 1976 and worked several years for Fred Barnes at State Farm Insurance and also in the county clerk's office. Through all of her health problems, she remained every nurse's perfect patient. During her last 10 years, she enjoyed traveling, including trips to San Diego, Calif.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Daniel G. Heiney; one brother, Tom Lewis of Loris, S.C.; one daughter, Debra Heiney and Jeremy Rasnick of Middletown, R.I.; one son, Daniel W. Heiney of Grantsville; and several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Lewis.

Services will be held Saturday, 1 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. John Vannoy and Rev. Greg Swisher officiating. Burial will be in Collins Community Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Carolyn requested that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to St. Jude Hospital, www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

## Calhoun Grand Jury--

(Continued from Page 1) Grantsville, Fleeing while Tallhammer, Mt. Zion, DUI, Concealed Weapon Fleeing in a Vehicle by a Prohibited Person, with Reckless Indifference.

Jesse Brent Roberts, Big Springs, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Grand Larceny.

Jimmy Dawson Spaur, Arnoldsburg, Sexual Assault in the Second Degree.

Tony McCune, Arnoldsburg, Sexual Assault in the First Degree.

Rickie Scruton, Grantsville, Incest.

## JAMES ROBERT 'Jim' KELLEY, SR.

James Robert "Jim" Kelley, Sr., 88, of Brohard, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at home.

He was the son of the late Jesse Ray "Boone" and Thelma Pepper Kelley. He served in the United States Marines Corps for two years and retired from Ford Motor Co. after 43 years of service.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Carol Sue Snider Kelley; one son, James Toney Kelley; two daughters, Shelia Hibbs and Leslie Bennett; seven grandchildren, Mackenzi Kelley, Laina Kelley, Eric McClelland, Emily Jarden, Keith Schumacher, Jessica Nesbitt and Jennifer Flocker; nine great-grandchildren, Tyler McClelland, Makayla and Michael Jarden, Garrett, Tessa and Michael Schumacher, Owen and Quinn Nesbitt, and Michael Flocker; one sister-in-law, Karen Boles; one brother-in-law, Joe Snider; one special nephew, Joe Scarcella; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Jean Kelley Scarcella; two brothers-in-law, Henry Scarcella and Sonny Boles; and one brother, Arlie Paul "Skip" Kelley.

Private family service will be conducted. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

## Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

There was a great deal of advance hoopla coming from weather forecasters (me included) concerning Winter Storm Izzy and all of the snow that it was going to dump on us.

Even though the storm did not follow the exact predictions for when and how it would begin, and just as I was beginning to doubt that we would get any of the deep snow at all, it started with rain, snow or sleet, and any combination thereof.

Jeanne and I had discussed what was coming and we solidly agreed on one thing, please don't let it be another ice storm like we made it through in 2003.

Of course, around 2 p.m. precipitation began to fall in the holler, and guess what? It was rain that immediately froze on tree branches and our deck.

The outside temperature was 32.6 degrees on our digital thermometer, but everything in the holler was still around 28 degrees.

Before there was enough ice covering everything to cause damage, the rain changed to a mixture of sleet and graupel, before changing over to snow.

By the time that we went to bed, there was less than an inch of snow on the ground, but since it was going to snow all night long, I anticipated a substantial covering of snow by morning.

I was not disappointed. There was a solid six inches at daybreak, and we got another couple of inches throughout the day.

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When the sun rose enough to light up the world, I could see that the dogs were not going to enjoy their trips outside, at least not until I shoveled little puppy paths through the snow.

Brownie is a big enough dog that her sensitive belly doesn't drag in the snow, so she just doesn't appreciate deep snow, but will tolerate it.

Little Shiloh is so height-challenged that he is forced to "porpoise" through the snow when it gets too deep. After laughing at him for 10

minutes, I shoveled him some trails to travel on his business missions.

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Jeanne and I watched every little bird in the holler come to the feeders for breakfast, and for the most part, they were fairly civil and got along fine with one another.

In the early afternoon we noticed a bird sitting on a limb watching all of the other birds land on the feeders, grab a sunflower seed, and fly away to eat it.

Within a short while, it landed on the feeder itself to see what the fuss was all about. It was there, steadily eating sunflower seeds, for perhaps a half hour, and flew away.

Within the next 30 minutes, I happened to be outside and heard a commotion overhead. Looking up, I saw two flocks of grackles fly over our house and alight in nearby trees.

I knew what the grackle had been up to when he was checking out our feeders. He was the scout, and when he reported back to the flock of the riches to be found down in our holler, he brought the whole flock back with him.

Needless to say, it only takes an hour or so for a full feeder to run to empty when there are two or three hundred birds fighting over every sunflower seed to be had.

After the feeders ran dry, the grackles, with heavy hearts and even heavier bellies, reluctantly flew away.

That's when the usual crowd of holler birds came back to see if there might be a scrap or stray seed to be had.

I went outside and looked carefully up the holler and down, checked both hillsides for signs of grackles, and not seeing any of the holler hoodlums, I refilled the feeders.

We got to watch our hungry little feathered friends land in the trees while taking turns visiting the feeders, politely having a late dinner before it got dark.

I know that I will have trouble with those darn grackles from here on out. Once they find a good place to eat, they don't (Continued on Page 3)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continued from Page 1) County, 7 p.m.

CCHS boys basketball team plays at Paden City, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 26**  
CCHS girls basketball team plays at Wirt County, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, January 27**  
CCHS boys basketball team plays at Doddridge

**Friday, January 28**  
CCHS boys basketball team plays at Wirt County, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, January 29**  
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# This Week In History

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

## 1922, 100 years ago

John J. Mathews, who departed this life on Jan. 10, at the family home on Leafbank, was born on the James River, in Virginia, on Apr. 22, 1839, and was 82 years of age at the time of death. He had been in ill health for several months prior to his death, but was able to get around until a few weeks before the summons came.

Mr. Mathews was a veteran of the Civil War, serving actively and honorably during the four years of the strife between the states. He was in many of the most important engagements, the most memorable of which was his participation in "Pickett's Charge" at the battle of Gettysburg. He was one of the few to reach the stone fence in that famous advance. He was one of the few surviving members of that organization.

Shortly after the close of the war, his home having been destroyed and his property ruined in the fierce warfare that was waged in the James Valley, Mr. Mathews, like many other soldiers of the Lost Cause, turned westward and crossed the mountains, followed the waters of the Great Kanawha on a wilderness trail, to its mouth, and made his way up the Ohio and Little Kanawha to the then famous Ritchie Mines, near McFarlan. Later on, he moved to this county, residing on a farm on Big Root; thence, he moved to Tennessee, where he resided some years, returning to this county several years ago.

We doubt if Calhoun County ever had a better man or citizen than John J. Mathews. Scrupulously honest in all his dealings, law-respecting and God-fearing, he possessed all the attributes of fine citizenship. He was a devout and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his influence was always exerted in behalf of right. He was truly a noble character and his gentle, fatherly smile, and his kind encouragement and advice will be missed in the community where he was honored and loved.

It undoubtedly required great courage to march into the jaws of death at Gettysburg, as did Soldier Mathews and many of his brave companions, but it called for a finer and more noble courage on the part of Citizen Mathews to meet the problems that confronted him in life's battle. Coming back from four years of unsuccessful warfare for principles that he believed to be right, the soldier of the South found his plantation barren and devastated, his country overrun with carpet-baggers, and in many instances a price upon his head.

The same spirit and fineness of character that enabled the Southern forces to hold out so long against a much stronger foe predominated, and the soldier turned westward to face a greater battle. One of these was John J. Mathews and it cannot be doubted that in living and dying as he did, he displayed courage equal to that shown by him in the ranks of Pickett's Charge.

He was married to Sarah Kemp Hodges of Goochland County, Va., at the close of the Civil War, who survives him, together with two sons, Attorney Albert G. Mathews and William J. Mathews of Wiant & Barr Store.

Services were conducted at the Methodist Church by Pastor Floyd W. Dick, and the remains were laid to rest in Bethlehem Cemetery to await the rewards for a well-lived life of service and devotion to principles.

## 1947, 75 years ago

On Monday morning, the students of Calhoun County High School were served a hot lunch for the first time in the history of the school. This program has been under consideration for several years, but nothing definite was done until this year. Most of the work in the kitchen was done by Clyde Dotson and his manual training boys. The cooks for the hot lunch program are Nellie Welch and Lorena Kelly.

## 1972, 50 years ago

The world's first Hobo Minstrel will make its appearance in Grantsville in March.

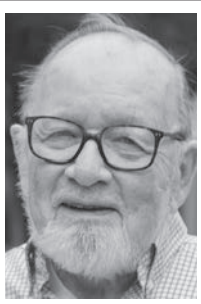
Minstrels have been a form of entertainment since the Middle Ages, when the performers wrote their own songs and stories, and entertained at castles or for the village folk. In the 1840s, the black face minstrel was originated and became a popular form of entertainment. Many people will remember the Lions Club minstrels that were successful for many years in Grantsville. Then, black organizations began to take the view that black-faced minstrels discredited the Negro and this type of show was discontinued.

Some of the people of the area, wishing to recapture the fun, gaiety and good entertainment of the former minstrels, yet not wanting to offend any race, are originating a new type of minstrel. This will be a mixture of old and new, using much of the format of the black-faced show, but depending for background and color on the costuming and personality of the southern hobos, who would meet by the side of the railroad track and share the songs and jokes that they had learned as they drifted.

Helping with this show are Von Yoak, Leon Yoke, Joe Wilt, Duane Poling, Dwight Lowther, Hatzell Kemper, Dick Stalnaker, Harold Wilson, George Lambiotte, Jane Capenter, Andrell Henry, Harold Huffman, Oral Nicholas, Jane Hoskins, Rimer Kendall and son, Dawn Fox, Sandra Layfield, Jim R. Jones, Robert Young, Larry McCallister and Richard McMillan. The project is sponsored by Senior Scouts.

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Quiz time! Let's do a play on words. What is a nine-letter-long English word that, each time a letter is removed, is still an English word, with nine to one letter removals?

The word is: STARTLING

Remove the L, and you have STARTING.

Remove one T, and you have STARING.

Remove the A, and you have STRING.

Remove the R, and you have STING.

Remove the other T, and you have SING.

Remove the G, and you have SIN.

Remove the S, and you have IN.

Remove the N, and you have I.

How about that? As I have often said, the English language is a tough one. How about a quiz on homophones. Homophones are words that sound alike, whether or not they are spelled differently. The words pear (fruit), pare (cut off) and pair (two of a kind) are homophones that are of different spelling. Meanwhile, bear (animal), and bear (carry or support) are homophones that are spelled alike.

I'll make it easy on you and give you a list of homophones that sound alike, but are spelled differently. See if you know the different meanings. I'm not going to give you the answers. Everyone should have a dictionary and it will be a good exercise to see if you know the differences:

affect/effect; alter/altar; altogether/all together; bazaar/bizarre; capital/capitol; principal/principle; council/counsel; current/currant; dual/duel; ensure/insure; heroin/heroine; practice/practice; tact/tack; straight/strait.

How did you do?

**C.P.S.** (Curious Postscript): The best of fiction, as we know, of course, doesn't tell the truth; it tales the truth. --Criss Jami.

Curious about something? Send your questions to Dr. Jerry D. Wilson, College of Science and Mathematics, Lander University, Greenwood, SC 29649, go to [www.curiosity-corner.net](http://www.curiosity-corner.net), or email [jerry@curiosity-corner.net](mailto:jerry@curiosity-corner.net). Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

## Around Calhoun--

(Continued from Page 2) forget it, they continue to check it out daily.

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The roads were treacherous on Monday, leading to the schools closing for Tuesday due to the icy conditions on many of the secondary roads and bus turn-around spots.

Calhoun County still has one of the absolute best highways departments in the state, in my humble opinion, and in the opinion of many others who live here or drive through the county, when our sister counties have roads still covered in white snow.

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Tuesday morning, the coyotes were a couple of hundred yards away from our house, but they immediately shut down their howling when I stepped into our backyard. I have no fear of them, because I am certain they have a greater fear of me.

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The owls were quite vocal on Monday and Tuesday mornings. I even heard a great horned owl calling out from a short distance down the holler.

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Weather forecasters are talking about another winter system coming through here the middle of

this week, and I, for one, will wait to see if there is any merit to their claims.

One of their claims is that the temperatures are going to plummet into the single digits. I don't like the cold. I would rather see the snow.

## Veterans Salute

Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center will celebrate National Salute to Veteran Patient Week from Feb. 13-19.

It is asking for Valentine Day cards to be sent to hospitalized veterans to be handed out during the week of Feb. 13.

You can mail them to Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, Attention: Voluntary Service (00-P), One Medical Center Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301; or email cards/messages to [MAIL4VETS@VA.GOV](mailto:MAIL4VETS@VA.GOV).

If you would like to donate care items, inquire about volunteer opportunities, or if you have any questions about National Salute to Veteran Patient Week, call 623-3461, ext. 3669.

## 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.



# This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Jan. 20-26 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, he dutifully went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry, until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stonewall" for steadfastness at the critical point in the engagement.

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual, in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County. Total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest snow on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

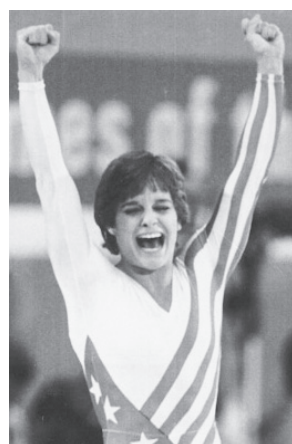
Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate Gen. John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, he fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named the county after Sir Walter Raleigh.



Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America, District 17, from 1917 to 1924, and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, with John B. Rae, a Scottish immigrant, as the first president. Just three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M.F. Moran as district president, and immediately launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.



Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.



Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, he was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.



Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnetville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage movement and the temperance movement.



Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, she was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from a part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burns-ville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. He went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

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## My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



I really don't know how I feel about January. On one hand, it is the beginning of a new year. It feels like a fresh start, with 365 blank pages to write upon. Add to that the hope of possible snowy weather and snow days, and I am a true fan. Yet, on the other hand, this month can be a real bummer with grey, gloomy days, cold temperatures, and no snow in sight. I guess it is fair to say that I have a love/hate relationship with this month.

For instance, the weather was all anyone could talk about this week. As early as Tuesday, I began to hear about this big snowstorm that was headed our way. Everyone seemed to have an opinion about just how much snow we would receive.

Now, I will admit that I was not as invested in this snow, because this was already a long weekend. Monday was a holiday, so any snow that we received would be bonus snow. Still, I will admit it was a bit exciting to hear numbers like 10-12 inches being tossed around.

As I watched the weather forecasts throughout the week, it soon became obvious that a big snow was not in our future. The weatherman that I trust the most kept talking about a "warm wedge" that would keep our snow totals down. I resolved myself to this outcome and got on with my life.

As weeks go, this was a busy one. I had something going on several evenings after school. On Wednesday, I had a haircut. I stopped by Crystal's on my way home, and she and I had a great time catching up while she made me look presentable again.

On Thursday evening, we had another work day before our monthly historical society meeting. Maricia and I worked on organizing another room upstairs in Stump Hotel.

This time, we focused on the clothing and accessories room. We have all kinds of clothes that have been donated over the years. Our task was to get everything out of the room that didn't belong there, and then get everything out of boxes and bins, and hung up by categories.

This will make creating displays easier, because anything we might need will be right at our fingertips. We also placed accessories, like shoes, hats, wraps and gloves, on the shelves between the clothing racks.

Friday night we had dinner with Mom, Dad, and Rascal. As we ate our delicious dinner, we talked about possible locations for our summer vacation. I started looking on VRBO, while Dad, Maricia and Andy worked on building another puzzle. It's nice having family in town, and I enjoy these simple evenings together.

I usually make dinner on Sunday nights, but we decided, since the weather was supposed to be sketchy by then, we would eat together on Saturday night instead.

After a good night's sleep, I woke up, ate a leisurely breakfast and drank my coffee, while I watched the birds. I got the pot roast in the crockpot. Then, I did a little cleaning and laundry before I headed to the Mlyneks' house.

I picked up Maricia and we headed to Stump Hotel to take a look at the final room that needed organizing. This is the biggest room upstairs, and it is full of all kinds of items. We knew that this wasn't a one day job; we just wanted to get a feel for what all was there. We did a little sorting and rearranging into categories, and then we headed home for dinner.

I filled the birdfeeders up before I headed inside my home among the hills. I couldn't let my little, feathered friends be hungry when it was supposed to get cold and snowy.

We definitely didn't go hungry either. My pot roast turned out quite well, if I do say so myself. There is something about a roast with onion, carrots and potatoes that just screams winter to me. Maybe it's because this was a common winter meal in our house when I was growing up.

I spent Sunday on my couch watching the birds, reading, and waiting for it to snow. I waited a long time. I saw rain, sleet and freezing rain out my picture window, but little snow. That didn't really start until after it got dark. I went to bed feeling glad that I didn't have to worry about driving anywhere early in the morning. January is half over; I guess only time will tell what else she has in store for us.

## 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 Ayers.)

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

(Continued from Last Week)

This being done he returned to Smithville on the 19th, day of the same month, and established a recruiting rendezvous at the latter place, in order to fill his company to the full complement.

It was on the evening of the return from Parkersburg (19th Nov. 1861) that I entered the service, as a Private, in what was afterwards denominated Co. C. in the 11th Regt Va. Vol. Infantry, which was under the Command of Col. J. Castello Rathbone.

It was on the night of the 25th. Nov. that orders were issued by Mr. Simpson (then acting as Captain, as our Home Guard Co. had all been merged into the present one) for 25 of the ablest men to be prepared early the following morning (26th) for an excursion into Calhoun Co. then thickly infested with Guerrillas.

Accordingly at dawn on the day designated, 23 men well prepared with ammunition, and Provision, responded to the call to turn out, and in a few minutes took up their line of march.

The morning was clear and cold with here and there a cloud to be seen floating over the sky, and the earth was wrapt in a beautiful sheet of snow, about 3 inches deep emblematical of the purity of our Patriotism and the cause we were engaged in.

I was one of the number who started in this our First Scout. That day we traveled about fifteen miles, and put up for the night at one Emmanuel Kight, who was then a member of our camp.

Early on the morning of 27th we resumed our march, dark lowering clouds oer spread the sky, ominous of an impending storm. We had traveled but a short distance when the rain commenced pouring down.

Elizabeth, Wirt Co. Va. December 21st., 1861

Dear Mary, I take this opportunity of addressing you a few lines. I shall first state that we have arrived in safety at this place last evening & will stay here for about a week when I expect we will get back in that country again when we leave here.

Dear Mary, I must now speak to of matters that more nearly interest me I feel that you know my thoughts concerning yourself though I have never spoken with you on the subject of love. The expression of your eyes to me is an index to your thoughts.

There was a burden of sadness on my feelings when I parted from you on Thursday morning. There seemed to be something on my mind that pained me to leave you.

The fact is Mary, I love you. I believe you reciprocate my affection. You know that as to the effects of this world, I own but little, but I possess talent & energy, & have a bright prospect

opening before me, and if life & health is spared me I intend to press on till I shall carve a name & position that will warrant me to enter the state of matrimony in safety.

I want you to answer my communication, if we should not get back in that country in the course of a week or ten days. If we return I shall beg the privilege of talking matters over with you.

I most earnestly request you to be in no hurry in entering into any love matter with any other gentleman till I have time to accomplish the object which I have in view, as you are more to me than any other girl I have yet seen.

I do not want you to think I am flattering you, far be such a thing from me. I respect you too much to attempt any such a thing. So Adieu.

Yours most affectionately,  
M.A. Ayers

Elizabeth, Wirt Co., Va. January 28th, 1862

My Dearly beloved Friend,

I take this another opportunity of addressing you a few lines.

I have just received your very kind & affectionate letter and it is a source of unfounded satisfaction for me to peruse your loving communication.

Dear Mary, I must candidly confess that I love you truly & devotedly, in all my wanderings since I left you, your beautiful image has ever been present to my mind. You desire me to inform you where I am at.

I would just say that our company is quartered in this town at the present time.

But since I wrote to you before I have been in Spencer and sick there for about two weeks with the measles.

You can form some idea of my situation there, when I tell you that the only accommodation in the way of bedding was three or four blankets spread on the floor, & the only eatables, rations such as soldiers commonly eat.

It was a hard case, but I have no reason to make any complaint, as it was the best accommodations that could be had in that place. I am almost well again at this time & I am glad to hear that you have recovered.

You wish to know if we will be back again in that country. I will merely say that unless I am very much deceived we will be somewhere in that section before this time next week. Yet it may all be false appearance, as we have been deceived so often.

I here in enclose you a neat emblem of our union, and should it, so happen that I am so unfortunate as to fall by the hands of the enemy, preserve it and remember that I died like a man fighting for the flag of my country.

I hope that I may be permitted to see you before long. Till then adieu.

Yours most devotedly & affectionately,  
M. A. Ayers  
(Continued Next Week)

## Senior Citizens Menu

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 20: hotdog with sauce, coleslaw, baked beans, juice, whole wheat bun.

Friday, Jan. 21: lasagna, broccoli, fruit, garlic toast.

Monday, Jan. 24: chicken strips, mac and cheese, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, Jan. 25: sloppy joe, potatoes, pudding.

Wednesday, Jan. 26:

beef stew, green beans, fruit, cornbread.

Thursday, Jan. 27: rib sandwich, potatoes, fruit, bun.

Friday, Jan. 28: cook's choice.

Suggested donation scale for meals: Individual monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.

You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling Calhoun County Committee on Aging, 354-7017, to be placed on a list.

## Calhoun County Magistrate Court Case Disposition Dec. 1 to Dec. 31

Magistrates: RP, Richard Postalwait, or LD, Lora Davis (Agency, Leading Officer).

**Case Type: Felony**  
Case 21-M07F-00043, Amanda Louise Testerman, 61-03-13(a), Grand Larceny, penalties; preliminary hearing waived; RP (C.J. Myers).

Case 21-M07F-00045, Mary Grace Kute, 2 counts, 60A-04-401(a) (i), Manufacture/deliver/possess with intent to manufacture/deliver, schedule I or II, narc.; 2 counts, 60A-04-414(a), Conspiracy to violate 60A-04-401, 2-10 years; preliminary hearings waived; LD (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 21-M07F-00046, Christopher Mark Sampson, 60A-04-401 (a)(ii), Manufacture/deliver/possess with intent to manufacture/deliver, schedule I, II, III; transferred to circuit court; RP (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

**Case Type: Misdemeanor**

Case 21-M07M-00167, Tiffany R. Barr, 61-03-18, Receiving or transferring stolen goods; no contest per plea agreement; RP (Sheriff's office, Deputy Jason Chang).

Case 21-M07M-00429, Lisa A. Harris, 17D-2A-3, Expired Insurance; guilty plea; LD (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 21-M07M-00446, Frederick Collins, 17C-6-1, Going too fast for road conditions; no contest plea; LD (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 21-M07M-00447, Alexander E. Agee, Simple possession, less than 15, marijuana; proceedings deferred; LD (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 21-M07M-00451, Rocky Allen Lancaster, 61-02-28(a), Domestic Battery, unlawful physical contact of insulting/provoking nature, family/house; 61-2-14g, Unlawful Restraint; guilty verdicts; RP (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 21-M07M-00453, John Henry McCune, Jr., 17C-16-09, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, penalty for misdemeanor; 17C-15-01(a), Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles, applicability of article to farm and road equipment; no contest pleas; RP (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 21-M07M-00458, Michael Anthony Moles, 20-2-5-(a)(10), Loaded firearm on motor vehicle; 20-02-27, Unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife

without license or permit; 20-2-5(a)(4), Hunt from motor vehicle; guilty pleas; LD (DNR, Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb, C.R. Stephens).

Case 21-M07M-00465, Thomas Christopher Haverty, 20-01-07(31), Additional powers, regulatory violations; guilty plea; LD (DNR, Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 21-M07M-00469, Charles McKown, 20-01-07(31), Additional powers, regulatory violations; no contest plea; LD (DNR, Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 21-M07M-00470, Todd A. Good, 17B-4-3(a), Driving suspended; 17D-2A-4, No proof of insurance; guilty pleas; RP (State Police, E.E. Taylor).

Case 21-M07M-00472, Todd Allen Good, 17B-04-03(a), Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; guilty plea; RP (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 21-M07M-00473, Charles Richard Bell, 20-2-4, Failure to check within 24 hours; 20-2-4(a), Illegal possession of deer; no contest pleas; RP (DNR, Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 21-M07M-00478, Kaitlin J. Carpenter, 17C-06-01, Speeding 42 mph in a 25 mph zone, reduced to 34 mph in a 25 mph zone, no contest plea; RP (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 21-M07M-00480, Deshunn O. Gilmore, 60A-401-1(c), Possession of less than 15 grams; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Jeffrey B. Hunt).

Case 21-M07M-00481, Sylvester J. Gilmore, 60A-4-401(c), Possession of less than 15 grams of marijuana; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Jeffrey B. Hunt).

Case 21-M07M-00482, Denaise Hymond, 60A-4-401(c), Possession of less than 15 grams of marijuana; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Jeffrey B. Hunt).

Case 21-M07M-00485, Andrew Wayne Persinger, Speeding 58 mph in a 40 mph zone; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 21-M07M-00488, Michael Shane Pinson, 17C-6-1, Speeding 51 mph in a 40 mph zone; guilty plea; LD (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 21-M07M-00494, Paul S. Perkins, 17C-0601, General Speeding 54 in a 40 zone; guilty plea; LD (State Police, Josh Richards).

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Senior Savannah Cunningham brings the basketball up court, past the "Zoo" and the Calhoun bench, in a game last week.

## Girls Victorious In Two Games--

(Continued from Page 1) Calhoun, 11-2, over the last 3:42 of the period to take a 31-18 halftime margin.

CCHS matched their first half effort with 18 points in the third quarter, while holding Webster to two field goals and six points.

A pair of goals by Ella Hess and one by Joselynn Yeager to end the period narrowed the deficit to three, 39-36.

Cunningham scored the first eight points of the final quarter to give her team a 44-39 lead.

Webster scored the next five to tie the game, before Josie Montgomery's basket put Calhoun in front again.

Three points by Yeager and a free throw by Montgomery kept CCHS in front, but the Highlanders hit a pair of foul shots at 36.4 seconds to tie the game at 50, and won it 52-50 with a field goal at 10.2.

Cunningham (18), Montgomery (12) and Yeager (12) were in double figures, and Montgomery led the team in steals with eight and rebounds with six, while Cunningham was high in assists with five and contributed seven steals.

On Thursday, the Lady Red Devils traveled to Braxton County and defeated the Lady Eagles, 61-28.

Montgomery dominated the game, scoring 33 points, and also led in rebounds with six and in steals with eight.

On offense, Calhoun tallied 18 points in each of the first two quarters, and had 15 and 10 in the last two.

On defense, CCHS gave up 15 points in the

second period, but only 13 in the other three combined.

It was reported that Cunningham had set a school career record of 246 assists, and Montgomery had moved into third place in career scoring (number not announced).

The Lady Red Devils began play in the Home-town Invitational Tournament (HIT) by traveling to Clay-Battelle High School on Friday.

Behind Montgomery (29), Cunningham (18) and Hess (9), Calhoun defeated the Lady Cee Bees, 58-43.

Although all 11 Lady Red Devil players entered the game for two quarters or more, the only other player to register points was Yeager with two.

CCHS got off to a slow start and trailed 17-6 after the opening eight minutes, but doubled the CBHS output, 52-26, over the other three quarters.

Montgomery's points were distributed over all four periods, with six, eight, eight and seven.

She also led in rebounds with 12 and tied Yeager with three blocks. Cunningham had nine steals and eight rebounds.

On the season, Montgomery is averaging 24.4 points per game, while Cunningham is at 13.8 and Yeager is at 9.6.

Calhoun is scheduled to host Roane County on Friday and play in HIT at Tolsia on Monday. Varsity games begin at 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Jan. 11

**Webster 15 18 6 13--52 Calhoun 12 6 18 14--50** Calhoun scoring: Savannah Cunningham 8 1-4 18, Josie Montgomery 4 3-4 12, Joselynn Yeager 5 2-4 12, Ella Hess 3 0-0 6, Trista Arnold 1 0-0 2, Ashlyn Boak

0 0-0 0, Lauren Lovejoy 0 0-0 0. Total 21 6-12 50. 3-pt.: Cunningham 1, Montgomery 1. Rebounds, Yeager 11, Montgomery 8, Cunningham 4, Hess 3; steals, Cunningham 4, Montgomery 3; assists, Yeager 4, Cunningham 3, Montgomery 3. Opp.: 20 5-9 52; 3-pt.: 7.

### Thursday, Jan. 13

**Calhoun 18 18 15 10--61 Braxton 5 15 3 5--28**

Calhoun scoring: Josie Montgomery 13 3-8 33, Joselynn Yeager 4 1-3 9, Savannah Cunningham 1 6-10 8, Ella Hess 3 0-0 7, Ashlyn Boak 1 0-0 2, Trista Arnold 1 0-0 2, Lauren Lovejoy 0 0-0 0, Madison Westfall 0 0-0 0, Makayla Jones 0 0-0 0, Abi Waldron 0 0-0 0, Ariety Hickman 0 0-0 0, Allison Stevens. Total 23 10-21 61. 3-pt.: Montgomery 4, Hess 1. Rebounds, Montgomery 6, Yeager 5, Westfall 5, Lovejoy 4, Stevens 3; steals, Montgomery 8, Cunningham 7; assists, Cunningham 5, Montgomery 4; blocks, Yeager 2. Opp.: 9 7-11 28; 3-pt.: 3.

### Friday, Jan. 14

#### HIT Tournament

**Calhoun 6 16 18 18--58 Clay-Ba. 17 12 7 7--43**

Calhoun scoring: Josie Montgomery 11 5-11 29, Savannah Cunningham 7 2-3 18, Ella Hess 4 0-0 9, Joselynn Yeager 1 0-2 2, Ashlyn Boak 0 0-0 0, Trista Arnold 0 0-0 0, Lauren Lovejoy 0 0-0 0, Madison Westfall 0 0-0 0, Abi Waldron 0 0-0 0, Ariety Hickman 0 0-0 0, Allison Stevens. Total 23 7-16 58. 3-pt.: Montgomery 2, Cunningham 2, Hess 1. Rebounds, Montgomery 12, Cunningham 8, Yeager 6, Hess 5, Arnold 3; steals, Cunningham 9 Montgomery 5; assists, Arnold 5, Cunningham 3, Montgomery 3; blocks, Yeager 3, Montgomery 3. Opp.: 17 4-8 43; 3-pt.: 5.

## Calhoun County Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

December	
7	62 Doddridge 48 .... W
9	68 So. Harrison 32 . W
11	68 Wirt 41 ..... W
14	62 Gilmer 74 ..... L
20	51 Doddridge 54 ..... L
27	61 Lincoln 48 ..... W
28	28 Ritchie 35 ..... L
January	
11	50 Webster 52 ..... L
13	61 Braxton 28 ..... W
14	58 Clay-Battelle 43 W
18	Clay Co. .... H 7:00
21	Roane Co. .... H 7:00
24	HIT Tolsia ..... A 7:00
26	Wirt Co. .... A 7:00
February	
1	So. Harrison .... A 7:00
3	Gilmer Co. .... H 7:00
8	Roane Co. .... A 7:00
10	LKC Placement ... TBA
11	HIT Tour. .... TBA 7:00
12	Night of Champ. .. TBA
15	Ritchie Co. .... H 7:00
16	Williamstown .. A 7:00
19	HIT Tour. .... TBA 7:00
Most JV games at 5:45p.m.	

### JV scores

December	
7	30 Doddridge 19 .... W
11	42 Wirt 28 ..... W
14	41 Gilmer 44 ..... L
20	41 Doddridge 17 .... W
January	
13	11 Braxton 23 ..... L

## JV Girls Results

### Thursday, Jan. 13

**Calhoun JV 2 9--11 Braxton JV 11 12--23**

Calhoun JV scoring: Ashlyn Boak 1 1-2 4, Brealle Arthur 1 0-0 2, Nyla Warner 1 0-0 2, Ariety Hickman 1 0-0 2, Maycee Carter 0 1-2 1, Lauren Lovejoy 0 0-0 0, Abi Waldron 0 0-0 0. Total 4 2-4 11. 3-pt.: Boak 1. Rebounds, Carter 5; steals, Boak 4. Opp.: 11 0-0 23; 3-pt.: 1.

## Wrestlers Absent From Braxton

The CCHS wrestling team was unable to compete at Braxton County on Friday and Saturday due to COVID-19 protocols.

The team is scheduled to compete at Williamstown High School on Saturday at 10 a.m.

# Boys Defeat Van

The Calhoun varsity boys basketball team avenged a 73-49 season-opening loss to Van by defeating the Bulldogs, 52-50, on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

CCHS trailed by six at halftime, 31-25, but cut the margin to one after three periods, and completed the comeback with a 16-13 margin in the fourth.

Landon Bennett scored 20 points to lead the Red Devil offense. He hit 5-of-9 from the field, including 3-of-6 three-pointers, and was 7-of-8 from the free throw line.

The following night, the team loss at Webster County, 75-35, with Levi Morris leading the scoring with 15 points. He also had 12 rebounds. Bennett had seven assists and Owen Taylor garnered 10 rebounds.

On Friday, the Red Devils hosted Braxton County, and edged the Eagles by two points in the first and fourth quarters, but a 25-2 deficit in the second period spelled doom.

Morris (18), Ian Richards (11) and Taylor (10) led the team in scoring during the 80-51 loss.

Calhoun takes to the road for four games, starting at Clay on Wednesday, Paden City on Monday, Doddridge on Jan. 27, and Wirt on Jan. 28. Varsity

games start at 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Jan. 11

**Calhoun 12 13 13 16--54 Van 13 18 8 13--52**

Calhoun scoring: Landon Bennett 5-9 7-8 20, Ian Richards 4-10 0-6 9, Joel Basnett 4-10 0-0 8, Owen Taylor 3-6 0-2 7, Levi Morris 2-9 1-4 6, Caden Jones 2-5 0-0 4, Landon Church 0-4 0-0 0. Total 20-53 8-20 54. 3-pt.: Bennett 3, Richards 1, Taylor 1, Morris 1. Rebounds, Morris 12, Taylor 10; assists, Bennett 7, Taylor 4; steals, Richards 4, Basnett 3. Opponents: 18-51 10-16 52. 3-pt.: 6.

### Wednesday, Jan. 12

**Calhoun 3 15 7 10--35 Webster 22 17 12 24--75**

Calhoun scoring: Levi Morris 5-17 5-8 15, Ian Richards 3-10 0-0 8, Owen Taylor 2-5 0-0 4, Landon Bennett 2-6 0-1 4, Caden Jones 1-5 2-5 4, Joel Basnett 0-4 0-0 0, Landon Church 0-2 0-0 0, Jacob Marks 0-1 0-0 0. Total 13-50 7-14 35. 3-pt.: Richards 2. Rebounds, Taylor 10, Jones 8, Morris 5; assists, Bennett 3. Opponents: 28-59 9-13 75. 3-pt.: 10.

### Friday, Jan. 14

**Braxton 12 25 26 17--80 Calhoun 14 2 16 19--51**

Calhoun scoring: Levi Morris 7-13 4-6 18, Ian Richards 5-10 0-1 11, Owen Taylor 2-5 5-6 10, Landon Bennett 1-5 3-5 6, Joel Basnett 2-10 0-0 4, Landon Church 1-3 0-0 2, Caden Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Jacob Marks 0-1 0-0 0. Total 18-48 12-18 51. 3-pt.: Richards 1, Taylor 1, Bennett 1. Rebounds, Basnett 7, Taylor 6, Morris 5, Richards 4; assists, Basnett 6, Taylor 5, Bennett 3; steals, Richards 3; Morris 2. Opponents: 28-68 16-25 80. 3-pt.: 8.

## 2021-22 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

January	
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
March	
3-5	States at Huntington

## Calhoun County Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

December	
10	49 Van 73 ..... L
14	55 Doddridge 65 ..... L
23	23 Roane 59 ..... L
27	51 Lincoln 72 ..... L
28	25 Ritchie 68 ..... L
30	22 Wirt 69 ..... L
January	
4	33 Clay 79 ..... L
11	54 Van 52 ..... W
12	35 Webster 75 ..... L
14	51 Braxton 80 ..... L
19	Clay ..... A 7:00
24	Paden City ..... A 7:00
27	Doddridge ..... A 7:00
28	Wirt Co. .... A 7:00
31	Gilmer Co. .... H 7:00
February	
9	So. Harrison .... H 7:00
11	Gilmer Co. .... A 7:00
17	LKC Placement ... TBA

## Calhoun County High School 2021-22 Wrestling Statistics

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

Weight	Wrestler	Record	Pins	Points
126--	Jett Sampson	15-4	8	97
132--	Isaiah Boggs	9-9	2	52
145--	Hunter Thacker	10-4	9	60
145--	Grant Sterns	16-7	10	92
145--	Landon Winkler	1-2	0	6
152--	Ian Persinger	10-9	6	57
182--	Adam Lane	4-7	4	24
195--	Drue Goad	16-3	9	106
220--	Trevor Collins	8-9	3	48
285--	Levi Stump	11-7	7	66
132--	Joe Sampson	2-2	0	12
Others (including 42 forfeits)		7-45	2	42
Total		109-108	60	662

Dual Record -- 5-8 Tournament Record -- 13-11

## Tire Collection

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

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

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

## Creston Drive

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There are many events planned for children, plus keeping up the building and grounds.

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Regular meetings will resume in March.

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3tp/1/13-27

**Thank You**

The family of Mary Helen Harris wants to express their gratitude to all who came to the funeral, brought food, flowers, phone calls and cards. Special thanks to Pastor Roger Carter, Wendell McKown and Greg Butler, Stump Funeral Home, and to all who opened and closed the grave.

**Thank You**

I would like to thank the ones who opened and closed the grave after the death of my wife, Rosa Louise Settle. *"Today I Pray: May God temper my own image of myself as a super-person. May I settle for less than perfection from myself, as well as from others. For only God is perfect, and I am limited by being human."* Thank you to the singers, David and Sheila Bowen, and to Neil Stump and Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, Pastor Randy Wilson, and all our family and friends. *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death into life."* --St. John 5:24.

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**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;

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
James Arthur Bell	Robert Alan Bell	12 Woody Lane, Grantsville, WV 26147
Lora Juanita Bell	Robert Alan Bell	12 Woody Lane, Grantsville, WV 26147
Joyce McCumbers	Gregory A. Starcher	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:

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

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Robyn R. Kelley	6128 Tallman Rd. Rootstown, OH 44272	Spouse	January 5, 2022

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 Administration 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

*Jason Simers*  
Jean Simers, Clerk  
Calhoun County Commission

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# Elementary Schools Announce Semester Honor Roll Students

**Arnoldsburg Elementary School has announced the names of students earning mention on academic honor rolls for the first semester:**

Principal's Honor Roll (All A's):

Kindergarten: Geneva Badgett, Alexis Blair, Laken Bracewell, Kinsley Burch, Xander Carpenter, Natalie Craddock, Raina Davis, Isaac Fitzwater, Thorin Gungle, Jacsen Harris, Lydia Hill, Paislie Jarvis, Noah Knicely, Michael McClain, Rhiannon Moore, Leland Nelson, Kyson Sampson, Nina Smith, Layton Snider, Kamryn Stewart.

First grade: Raelyn Arnold, Sophia Goodrich, Colton Jarvis, Aracely Lopez, Arabella McClain, Kinsley Parsons.

Second grade: Aubrie Daigle, Judd Helmick, Kenlie Jarvis, Jace Morgan, Mason Sampson.

Third grade: Addison Caudill, Evan Griffin, Allianna Hill, Parker Hoskins, Tyler Mayle, Kallah Reip, Harlow Sarratori, Bronson Smith, Mercy Starcher, Carter Thompson, Laici Walls.

Fourth grade: Chelsea Bailey, Aiden Falls, Emma Frail, Ellie Hall, Braydon Hardway, Cyrus Helmick, Braylen May, Payton Quick, Luke Strange-Paylor, Eliana White.

Honor Roll (all A's and B's):

Kindergarten: Myles Morris, Skyler Nicholas, Axton White.

First grade: Case McCumbers, Quintin Parkin, Brysten Sampson.

Second grade: Jaselynn Adams, Trinaty Carpenter, Arabella Craddock, Gabriel Cunningham, Karleigh Daugherty, Daisy Gibson, Embree Gungle, Elana Harris, Rylee Harris, Audrey McCumbers, Christopher Morris, Colton Neal.

Third grade: Krystal Badgett, Zaden Cadle, Chandler Cottrell, Melanie Ferrell, Sawyer Hoskins, Mandy Johnson, Isaiah Jones, Alex King, Grayson Laughlin, Jasmine Lopez, Lilian McCumbers, Sadie McGlothlin.

Fourth grade: Hailey Carpenter, Tyler Helmick, Bristol Hoskins, Mason Laughlin, Braylea McKown, Gwen Sampson, Kylee Stewart.

**Pleasant Hill School has announced the names of students earning mention on academic honor rolls for the first semester:**

Principal's Honor Roll (all A's):

Kindergarten: Bentley Barr, Brentley Bradley, Colten Echard, Kelsey Harris, Jett Persinger, Genevieve Riggs, Ryder Simmons, Bryson Swisher, William Thurmer, Kierra Wise.

First grade: Breanna Blosser, Dane Davis, Adam Eagle, Haygen Houchin, Kaelynn Powell, Hazel Winkler.

Second grade: Jase Farley, Levi Ferrell, Emma Frederick, Cruz Frymier, Annabelle Mathes, Carson Norman, Mackenzie Tingler.

Third grade: Jayci Barr, Ariana Bremar, Temperance Caldwell, Elizabeth Collins, Silas Cunningham, Jacob Gumm, Jason Powell, Karlie Simmons, Bentley Snodgrass, Isabella Staples, Mikenna Wease.

Fourth grade: Emma Ackley, Mason Cunningham, Paisley Harper, Riley Holbert, Layla Parsons, Mark Plumby, Liam Staton, Aaron Stevens, Brooke Tingler, Miah Wolford.

Honor Roll (all A's and B's):

Kindergarten: Liam Carpenter, Zion Coleman, Willie Smith, Cameron Tallhammer, Everett Wright.

First grade: Lillian Caldwell, Aerial Heiney, Eli Houchin, Abigail McCumbers, Lincoln Richards, Arizona Starcher, Aiden Villers.

Second grade: Landon Barr, Sophia Bartelt, Martha Bixman, Zayden Corrigan, Tori Cunningham, Maciah Nida, Brenin Pearson, Kyle Shook.

Third grade: Rayanna Blosser, Chiara Brenne-man, Brooklyn Burrows, Launa Elswick, Allie Frederick, Adrianna Griffin, Aubry Richards, Payeton Smith, Colbie Wilson, Liam Yeager, Payden Yeager.

Fourth grade: Brenlyn Barr, Mackenzie Bevel, Kale Forinash, Coah Hall, Jayden Hall, Makenzie Justice, Natalie Miller, Emilee Richards, Kaylee Sampson, Keegan Sampson, Kason Stamper, Jozy Swiger, Makenna White, Alayna Wolford.



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# Governor's Updates

On Monday, Gov. Jim Justice held his first COVID-19 briefing since testing positive for the disease early last week.

Instead of conducting the briefing from the normal location inside the governor's reception room, Justice opted to hold the briefing secluded away from the rest of his staff in his private office.

The governor opened his briefing by discussing

his bout with COVID-19 and thanking the countless West Virginians who offered their thoughts and prayers over the past week.

"I've got to admit, it's been difficult, that's for sure," said Justice. "But, by the grace of God above, I made it through.

"As for all your well-wishes, I am beyond humbled. To just say 'thanks' almost seems inadequate, but I can tell you that I will never forget it."

Following his bout with COVID-19, Gov. Justice increased the intensity of his pleas for all eligible West Virginians to get vaccinated or boosted.

"I believe that God has given us the ability to create medicines to try to save our lives, and I truly believe that my choice to get vaccinated and boosted saved my life," said Justice.

"I don't believe in mandates, but I can share my personal experience and say that these vaccines are safe and they could very well save your life. Me being here, talking to you right now, may be a testimony to exactly just that.

"So I encourage you; if you haven't been vaccinated yet, get your vaccination. If you need your booster shot, get your booster shot."

CDC and FDA have authorized the Pfizer COVID-19 booster for use in children ages 12 to 15, meaning that booster shots are now authorized for all West Virginians ages 12 and older.

CDC and FDA have also shortened the waiting period to get the Pfizer booster from six months after receiving the initial series of shots to five months.

FDA has approved and is encouraging booster doses for all Americans over 12 years old.

Read more about booster eligibility at CDC.gov. West Virginians can go to any location offering COVID-19 vaccines with their vaccination card to receive their booster. If your card has been lost, you can request a new one from DHHR.

Initial series vaccinations are available, for free, for everyone ages five and older.

West Virginians interested in being vaccinated or having their children vaccinated are encouraged to visit Vaccinate.wv.gov or call the West Virginia Vaccine Info Line, 1-833-734-0965.

# School Choice Fair

West Virginia has broken new ground in school choice, and families will be celebrating expanded learning opportunities during School Choice Week at an inaugural school fair in Wheeling on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The fair will showcase more than a dozen schools and learning organizations, including public schools and private schools. Families can receive information, ask questions, and learn whether they are eligible for the state's new Hope Scholarship program.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oglebay Resort's Pine Room. More than 500 community members are expected to attend. The event is free, open to all families, and will feature face painting, a D.J., photo booth, snacks, and additional fun for children.

A scavenger hunt at the fair will allow three families to receive \$250 scholarships to spend on educational materials for the upcoming school year. Also, during the event, Dynamic Dyslexia and Speech will offer free dyslexia screenings for interested families.

The school fair is planned to coincide with the history-making celebration of National School Choice Week 2022, which will feature more than 26,000 school choice events across all 50 states.

As part of the celebration, Jan. 22 will be "School Fair Saturday,"

and will feature school fairs in more than a dozen U.S. cities, simultaneously with the Wheeling event.

Another event taking place in West Virginia during School Choice Week will be a celebratory rally at the Charleston Capitol on Thursday, Jan. 27.

"West Virginia has expanded educational options available for the 2022-2023 school year--new charter schools and the Hope Scholarship are among them," said Amanda Kieffer, communications director at the Cardinal Institute for West Virginia Policy.

"We want to celebrate that by connecting families with educators, so they can find the best educational environment for their children."

West Virginia's new Hope Scholarship program is scheduled to begin for the fall 2022 school year, and will allow eligible families to use the state portion of their child's education funding to create an individualized learning experience for their child, such as through tutoring, educational therapy, private school, a non-public online program, or extra-curricular services.

Cardinal Institute is a nonprofit dedicated to researching, developing, and communicating effective public policies for West Virginia, in partnership with West Virginia Voices for Education Choices, a group of parents, students, teachers, and schools that believe that education choice is vital to the creation of opportunity for all.

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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.

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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 property:

**2002 Ford F-150 XL  
S/N 1FTRX18L22NA27651**

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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
FEBRUARY 4, 2022	4:00 p.m.	
FEBRUARY 9, 2022	11:00 a.m.	Oil and Gas
FEBRUARY 14, 2022	9:00 a.m.	
FEBRUARY 18, 2022	3:00 p.m.	
FEBRUARY 24, 2022	3:00 p.m.	Action of Timberland

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# Calhoun Youth Basketball Season Gets Underway

The Calhoun Youth basketball season got underway on Saturday. Results for the 2nd-3rd grade teams and the 4th-6th grade teams are as follows:

## 2nd-3rd Grade

**Team Church 40:** scoring, Tyler Mayle 14, Mason Sampson 14, Grayson Laughlin 6, Mandy Johnson 4, Chandler Cottrell 2, Sadie McGlothlin, Colten Neal.

**Team Butler 18:** scoring, Tristian Rogers 12, Addie Caudill 4, Parker Hoskins 2, Logan Butler, Annie Nelson, Kallah Reip.

**Team Wilson 20:** scoring, Colbie Wilson 12, Jase Farley 4, Brantley Schoolcraft 4, Chiara Brennen, Silas Cunningham, Tori Cunningham, Payton Lamp.

**Team Badgett 2:** scoring, Aubrey Daigle 2, Crystal Badgett, Katlin Badgett, Allianna Hill, Aaron Langford, Morey Starcher, Carter Thompson.

**Team Church 33:** scoring, Mason Sampson 13, Tyler Mayle 10, Mandy Johnson 6, Grayson Laughlin 4, Chandler Cottrell, Sadie McGlothlin, Colton Neal.

**Team Snodgress 6:** scoring, Paden Yeager 4, Liam Yeager 2, Temperance Caldwell, Lizzie Collins, Stormie Cunningham, Cruz Frymier, Leander Richards, Bentley Snodgress, Isabella Staples.

**Team Butler 3:** scoring, Parker Hoskins 3, Logan Butler, Addie Caudill, Annie Nelson, Kallah Reip, Tristian Rogers.

**Team Badgett 2:** scoring, Carter Thompson 2, Crystal Badgett, Katlin Badgett, Aubrey Daigle, Allianna Hill, Aaron Langford, Morey Starcher.

**Team Wilson 18:** scoring, Brantley Schoolcraft 8, Colbie Wilson 4, Tori Cunningham 2, Jase Farley 2, Payton Lamp 2, Chiara Brennen, Silas Cunningham.

**Team Snodgress 0:** scoring, Temperance Caldwell, Lizzie Collins, Stormie Cunningham, Cruz Frymier, Leander Richards, Bentley Snodgress, Isabella Staples, Liam Yeager, Paden Yeager.

**Standings** ..... W-L  
Team Church ..... 2-0  
Team Wilson ..... 2-0  
Team Butler ..... 1-1  
Team Badgett ..... 0-2  
Team Snodgress ..... 0-2

## 2nd-3rd Schedule Saturday, Jan. 22

10:30 a.m.  
Badgett vs. Snodgress  
11:20 a.m.  
Wilson vs. Butler  
12:10 p.m.  
Church vs. Badgett  
1:00 p.m.  
Snodgress vs. Butler  
1:50 p.m.  
Wilson vs. Church

## Saturday, Jan. 29

10:30 a.m.  
Wilson vs. Badgett  
11:20 a.m.  
Butler vs. Church  
12:10 p.m.  
Snodgress vs. Wilson  
1:00 p.m.  
Badgett vs. Butler  
1:50 p.m.  
Church vs. Snodgress

## Saturday, Feb. 5

10:30 a.m.  
Church vs. Wilson  
11:20 a.m.  
Snodgress vs. Badgett

12:10 p.m.  
Butler vs. Wilson  
1:00 p.m.  
Badgett vs. Church  
1:50 p.m.  
Butler vs. Snodgress

## Saturday, Feb. 12

Single Elimination Tournament  
10:30 a.m.  
No. 4 vs. No. 5  
11:20 a.m.  
No. 2 vs. No. 3  
12:10 p.m.  
No. 1 vs. Winner of 4/5  
1:20 p.m.  
Winner of 1 vs. 4/5 vs. Winner of 2/3  
Championship

## 4th-6th Grade

**Team Perkins 35:** scoring, Caleb Allen 13, Trevor Mayle 12, Paislee Perkins 4, Chelsea Bailey 2, Greyson Hill 2, Clayton Foster 2, Danika Starcher, Lydia Starcher.

**Team Wilson 16:** scoring, Cohen Blankenship 8, Ellie Hall 6, Braydon Hardway 2, Rylie Hupp, Mollie Parkin, Gwen Sampson.

**Team Allison 23:** scoring, Mackenzie Wright 10, Avery Wood 5, Kason Stamper 4, Owen Swisher 4, Brady Crislip, Colin Grogg, Jayden Hall, Ky Mounts, Keegan Sampson, Liam Staton, Brennen Swisher.

**Team Frail 19:** scoring, Jude Walker 16, Bristol Hoskins 3, Emma Frail, Mason Laughlin, Kamry Parsons, Luke Strange-Paylor, Payton Roberts, Elania White.

**Team Heiney 21:** scoring, Jayden Frame 8, Kierra Trask 6, Easton Boak 5, Brett Richards 2, Brenlyn Barr, Khloe Cobbett, Allison Harris, Riley Holbert, Kylynn Keith.

**Team Wilson 6:** scoring, Cohen Blankenship 2, Ellie Hall 2, Braydon Hardway 2, Rylie Hupp, Mollie Parkin, Gwen Sampson.

**Team Perkins 20:** scoring, Trevor Mayle 14, Caleb Allen 4, Paislee Perkins 2, Chelsea Bailey, Clayton Foster, Greyson Hill, Danika Starcher, Lydia Starcher.

**Team Frail 9:** scoring, Bristol Hoskins 6, Jude Walker 3, Emma Frail, Mason Laughlin, Kamry Parsons, Luke Strange-Paylor, Payton Roberts, Elania White.

**Team Allison 11:** scoring, Owen Swisher 7, Ky Mounts 2, Avery Wood 2, Brady Crislip, Colin Grogg, Jayden Hall, Keegan Sampson, Kason Stamper, Liam Staton, Brennen Swisher, Mackenzie Wright.

**Team Heiney 8:** scoring, Jayden Frame 4, Easton Boak 3, Allison Harris 1, Brenlyn Barr, Khloe Cobbett, Riley Holbert, Kylynn Keith, Brett Richards, Kierra Trask.

**Standings** ..... W-L  
Team Allison ..... 2-0  
Team Perkins ..... 2-0  
Team Heiney ..... 1-1  
Team Frail ..... 0-2  
Team Wilson ..... 0-2

## 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 a.m.  
Friday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., action of timberland.

**4th-6th Schedule Saturday, Jan. 22**  
10:30 a.m.  
Heiney vs. Frail  
11:20 a.m.  
Perkins vs. Allison  
12:10 p.m.  
Frail vs. Wilson  
1:00 p.m.  
Heiney vs. Perkins  
1:50 p.m.  
Wilson vs. Allison

**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
10:30 a.m.  
Heiney vs. Allison  
11:20 a.m.  
Frail vs. Perkins  
12:10 p.m.  
Wilson vs. Heiney  
1:00 p.m.  
Allison vs. Frail  
1:50 p.m.  
Perkins vs. Wilson

**Saturday, Feb. 5**  
10:30 a.m.  
Perkins vs. Heiney  
11:20 a.m.  
Allison vs. Wilson  
12:10 p.m.  
Frail vs. Heiney  
1:00 p.m.  
Perkins vs. Allison  
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Wilson vs. Frail

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## Blood Crisis May Put Patients At Risk

American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis--its worst blood shortage in more than a decade.

Dangerously low blood supply levels are posing a concerning risk to patient care and forcing doctors to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available.

Blood donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments, and donors of all blood types--especially type O--are urged to make an appointment now to give in the weeks ahead.

In recent weeks, the Red Cross had less than a one-day supply of critical blood types and has had to limit blood product distributions to hospitals. At times, as much as one-quarter of hospital blood needs are not being met.

### Pandemic Challenges

The Red Cross continues to confront relentless challenges due to COVID-19, including about a 10% overall decline in the number of people donating blood, as well as ongoing blood drive cancellations and staffing limitations. The pandemic has contributed to a 62% drop in blood drives at schools and colleges.

"Winter weather across the country and the recent surge of COVID-19 cases are compounding the already-dire situation facing the blood supply," said Dr. Baia Lasky, medical director for Red Cross. "Please, if you are eligible, make an appointment to give blood in the days and weeks ahead to ensure no patient is forced to wait for critical care."

Make an appointment to give blood as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross and the NFL are partnering during National Blood Donor Month to urge individuals to give blood or platelets, and help tackle the national blood shortage.

Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles.

As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate will also be automatically entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. Terms apply. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for information.

### Who Donations Help

Kala Breder knows all too well how dire not having blood available can be. In July 2020, hours after the birth of her son by emergency Cesarean section, she developed a complication and began bleeding uncontrollably.

As doctors fought to save her life, they exhausted the entire blood supply at the hospital, as well as all available blood within a 45-mile radius. Ultimately, she was flown to another hospital, because there wasn't enough blood locally.

Breder credits the 58 different blood products that she received with helping save her life. "Without one of those, I probably wouldn't be here," she said. "I needed every last unit."

### Volunteers Needed

In addition to blood donors, the Red Cross also needs the help of volunteers to support critical blood collections across the country.

Blood drive volunteers play an important role by greeting, registering, answering questions, and providing information to blood donors throughout the donation process.

Blood transportation specialists--another volunteer opportunity--provide a critical link between blood donors and blood recipients by delivering blood to hospitals in communities across the country. To volunteer to support Red Cross blood collections, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

### Blood Drive Safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions--including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status--have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

### Save Time Donating

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. Donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer.

To complete a Rapid Pass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App. To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in.



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# WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



## Statistics:

In West Virginia (condensed dashboard)  
Each Monday since Mar. 16, 2020, plus last seven weekdays (last complete daily list on July 30, 2020, issue). Last Monday in month, plus last daily DHHR reports (last complete weekly list in July 8, 2021, issue).

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638~	5.8	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409>	2,821^	5.7	3.7
DHHR stopped updating on weekends and holidays.					
May 24	160,354	2,724,689	2,775	5.6	5.7
June 30	164,041	2,844,286	2,891	5.5	1.5
July 30	167,016	2,953,133	2,946	5.4	6.4
Aug. 31	189,690	3,203,536	3,084	5.6	9.5
Sept. 30	240,459	3,623,522	3,670	6.2	10.6
Oct. 29	270,984	3,957,070	4,426	6.4	10.8
Nov. 30	294,794	4,235,663	4,868^	6.5	9.1
Dec. 1	295,949	4,246,613	4,895	6.5	9.1
Dec. 2	297,415	4,260,639	4,945^	6.5	9.3
Dec. 3	298,659	4,272,660	4,962	6.5	11.7
Dec. 6	301,349	4,298,820	4,990	6.5	11.1
Dec. 7	302,120	4,304,203	5,021	6.6	8.6
Dec. 8	303,173	4,315,443	5,036	6.6	8.1
Dec. 9	304,355	4,328,597	5,055	6.6	11.3
Dec. 10	305,418	4,336,632	5,085^	6.6	11.8
Dec. 13	308,204	4,366,405	5,107	6.6	10.3
Dec. 14	308,985	4,372,587	5,114	6.6	7.5
Dec. 15	310,245	4,386,207	5,142	6.6	8.5
Dec. 16	311,524	4,402,047	5,142	6.6	12.6
Dec. 17	312,692	4,409,805	5,164	6.6	11.7
Dec. 20	315,571	4,440,726	5,191	6.6	11.1
Dec. 21	316,391	4,446,806	5,211^	6.6	8.4
Dec. 22	317,540	4,458,426	5,242	6.6	10.9
Dec. 23	319,035	4,470,344	5,251	6.7	12.7
Dec. 27	322,485	4,503,382	5,260	6.7	14.2
Dec. 28	323,538	4,509,142	5,288^	6.7	12.5
Dec. 29	325,514	4,521,821	5,305	6.7	13.8
Dec. 30	328,162	4,537,412	5,336	6.7	19.3
Jan. 3	337,326	4,581,961	5,356	6.9	20.7
Jan. 4	339,679	4,589,038	5,361	6.9	20.8
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	4,638,755	5,421	7.0	19.9
Jan. 10	360,269	4,674,165	5,445	7.1	19.6
Jan. 11	362,777	4,682,802	5,452^	7.2	18.6
Jan. 12	367,217	4,698,564	5,481	7.2	19.1
Jan. 13	372,674	4,717,052	5,503^	7.3	19.1
Jan. 14	377,735	4,736,181	5,516	7.4	22.5
Jan. 17	390,788	4,781,365	5,535	7.6	22.4
Jan. 18	392,737	4,787,480	5,561^	7.6	19.1

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

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

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (3,637), Berkeley (31,188), Boone (4,958), Braxton (3,123), Brooke (4,259), Cabell (21,439), Calhoun (1,390), Clay (1,870), Doddridge (1,672), Fayette (9,190), Gilmer (1,715), Grant (3,085), Greenbrier (6,954), Hampshire (4,777), Hancock (5,864), Hardy (3,527), Harrison (15,433), Jackson (5,398), Jefferson (12,337), Kanawha (35,622), Lewis (4,080), Lincoln (4,075), Logan (7,135), Marion (11,690), Marshall (7,194), Mason (4,866), McDowell (3,904), Mercer (12,595), Mineral (6,520), Mingo (5,925), Monongalia (19,690), Monroe (3,038), Morgan (3,621), Nicholas (5,402), Ohio (9,312), Pendleton (1,543), Pleasants (1,789), Pocahontas (1,546), Preston (7,399), Putnam (12,887), Raleigh (16,950), Randolph (6,896), Ritchie (1,905), Roane (2,431), Summers (2,005), Taylor (3,401), Tucker (1,518), Tyler (1,718), Upshur (5,331), Wayne (7,573), Webster (1,687), Wetzel (3,437), Wirt (1,147), Wood (18,243), Wyoming (4,897); Calhoun

was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster last counties to hit 100 positive cases, Dec. 10; last county to 200 cases, Jan. 23; last to reach 300 cases, May 6; last to reach 400 cases, July 22; last to reach 500 cases on Sept. 1; reached 600 cases on Sept. 6; reached 700 cases on Sept. 13; reached 800 cases on Sept. 27; reached 900 cases on Oct. 21; 54th county to reach 1,000 cases on Nov. 13; 54th county to reach 1,100 cases on Dec. 7; 54th county to reach 1,200 cases on Dec. 23; 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: Each Monday since Mar. 16, 2020, plus last nine days since July 28, 2020. Last Monday of each month since Mar. 30, 2020, plus daily totals in last month. Last daily list in July 28, 2020, issue. Last weekly list in July 8, 2021, issue.

	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept.28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov.30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec.28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb.22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar.29	30,966,974	562,551	127,963,064	2,799,992
Apr.26	32,824,618	586,152	148,006,342	3,127,343
May31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 31	35,688,506	629,064	198,207,725	4,232,644
Aug.31	39,946,708	656,393	218,104,333	4,531,744
Sept.30	44,200,421	713,953	234,173,044	4,795,746
Oct.31	46,799,970	766,117	247,382,939	5,018,389
Nov.30	49,301,070	801,326	262,581,538	5,233,860
Dec. 1	49,428,913	803,045	263,236,536	5,242,349
Dec. 2	49,573,122	805,004	263,943,825	5,250,813
Dec. 3	49,716,825	806,398	264,569,863	5,258,389
Dec. 4	49,878,049	808,116	265,345,966	5,266,707
Dec. 5	49,934,791	808,608	265,810,923	5,274,292
Dec. 6	49,969,856	808,763	266,283,694	5,279,304
Dec. 7	50,149,325	810,254	266,915,454	5,287,310
Dec. 8	50,270,136	812,205	267,600,307	5,296,115
Dec. 9	50,422,410	813,904	268,306,042	5,304,278
Dec.10	50,535,791	815,269	268,967,263	5,312,313
Dec.11	50,705,257	817,326	269,551,334	5,320,232
Dec.12	50,771,062	817,834	270,124,227	5,325,516
Dec.13	50,801,455	817,956	270,570,501	5,330,086
Dec.14	51,018,282	819,315	271,252,195	5,337,896
Dec.15	51,136,442	821,335	271,909,364	5,345,794
Dec.16	51,290,979	823,390	272,619,925	5,353,808
Dec.17	51,435,652	824,520	273,386,761	5,361,577
Dec.18	51,610,281	826,719	274,091,108	5,369,033
Dec.19	51,696,205	827,206	274,635,200	5,373,965
Dec.20	51,765,714	827,323	275,129,331	5,378,154
Dec.21	52,059,667	828,836	275,943,533	5,385,638
Dec.22	52,253,848	830,990	276,721,494	5,393,931
Dec.23	52,510,978	833,029	277,646,503	5,402,082
Dec.24	52,788,451	834,455	278,640,111	5,408,858
Dec.25	52,986,307	837,671	279,011,569	5,416,789
Dec.26	53,026,765	837,779	279,912,079	5,420,238
Dec.27	53,222,424	837,854	280,418,180	5,424,202
Dec.28	53,791,852	839,605	282,018,705	5,431,182
Dec.29	54,148,544	842,161	283,357,955	5,439,306
Dec.30	54,656,866	844,272	285,083,492	5,447,117
Dec.31	55,252,823	845,745	287,003,899	5,454,054
Jan. 1	55,696,500	846,905	288,638,043	5,460,323
Jan. 2	55,864,519	847,162	289,758,011	5,463,758
Jan. 3	56,142,175	847,408	290,795,098	5,467,371
Jan. 4	57,131,187	848,885	293,186,447	5,473,334
Jan. 5	58,047,187	851,475	295,813,496	5,481,869
Jan. 6	58,805,186	853,612	298,483,618	5,489,614
Jan. 7	59,564,116	855,843	301,104,814	5,497,000
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
Jan.12	63,390,876	863,896	314,437,093	5,529,004
Jan.13	64,359,409	866,891	317,939,964	5,538,353
Jan.14	65,236,475	869,212	321,237,544	5,546,149
Jan.15	66,209,535	872,086	324,561,254	5,554,298
Jan.16	66,664,283	873,149	327,011,463	5,559,858
Jan.17	66,995,533	873,564	329,022,859	5,563,970
Jan.18	67,631,191	874,321	331,864,139	5,570,678

Cases by states and territories: California 6,924,718, Texas 5,500,276, Florida 5,041,918, New York 4,528,006, Illinois 2,589,640, Pennsylvania 2,458,722, Ohio 2,384,107, Georgia 2,113,319, North Carolina 2,011,302, New Jersey 1,994,502, Michigan 1,984,056, Arizona 1,567,192, Tennessee 1,540,515, Massachusetts 1,426,283, Indiana 1,425,877, Virginia 1,351,417, Wisconsin 1,297,612, Missouri 1,185,498, South Carolina 1,153,125, Minnesota 1,138,246, Colorado 1,103,720, Alabama 1,056,478, Washington 1,041,456, Louisiana 996,623, Kentucky 975,346, Maryland 899,672, Oklahoma 811,389, Utah 750,334, Arkansas 681,176, Iowa 645,410, Connecticut 637,572, Mississippi 634,628, Kansas 621,692, Nevada 549,198, Oregon 513,391, Puerto Rico 413,010, New Mexico 398,939, West Virginia 387,115, Nebraska 383,915, Idaho 340,857, Rhode Island 302,109, New Hampshire 235,898, Delaware 227,594, Montana 212,078, South Dakota 203,137, North Dakota 195,545, Alaska 178,618, Hawaii 165,958, Maine 160,857, Wyoming 126,468, D.C. 121,871, Vermont 90,668; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

# Creston News

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The Creston area was to receive some inches of snow on Sunday, but, later in the day, there was rain and sleet. Many local folks laid in fuel and supplies to deal with deep snow and lack of contact with the "outside world."

Prominent Wood County farmer Ralph Blair died while undergoing dialysis at Marietta Memorial Hospital. Services will be held the week of Jan. 24 at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, South Parkersburg.

He was a full-time farmer, who, among other things, raised corn and soya beans on his river bottom farm at Belleville. For years, he was president of Wood County Farm Bureau, and was, until this year, the longest serving state Farm Bureau board member.

In addition to ag issues, he and his late wife Joellen were active in protecting farmers' mineral rights from shady characters in the legislature and elsewhere, who actually were shills for the big out-of-state companies.

Some local folks ended up "vacationing" where they serve "breakfast in bed." One local elderly guy had surgery, and now he knows what "elderly" feels like.

The favorite juice is now prune juice, not orange juice, cranberry juice (to avoid kidney stones), tomato juice, or such. Instead of walking, now one shuffles and there are large areas that are black and blue.

The ads for boost, ensure, ageless male, testofin, balance of nature, and relief factor all sound like wonder drugs, almost enough to remind one of the ads, years ago, for Hannicol, although some may never have heard of the potion.

Years ago, Bertha Wells got a bottle and she hoped that she would feel better. She never did give a report on how it worked, other than lightening her purse. Also, "bon-appetit" has become "non-appetit."

With widespread of the new variant virus, the stories and lies we were all told are falling apart. Fully vaccinated people came down with the plague, after we were all told that vaccines would "stop the spread" and spare one from the infections.

Big pharma, Bill Gates and government agencies who hold many of the patents could not then make the \$billions that they were able to rake in, while allowing thousands of citizens to die by withholding treatments that would work.

It is scary that most doctors did not object to doing bad medicine, and most of them will likely never be trusted again. The answers given local residents concerning treatments were vague at best, while trying to not tell outright lies.

National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control, and World Health Organization work with their buddies at the drug companies that raked in the cash.

Now that the heads of two of the firms said that

their vaccines didn't work, all of them likely should be pulled off the market to avoid more damage to citizens.

Japan has a warning label concerning the myocarditis problem, and more are speaking out about all the "vaccine injuries" that we were told "never happened--you are a crackpot."



Calhoun senior Ella Hess (00) faces the Webster County defense as she looks to throw the ball to teammate Joselynn Yeager (42).



Josie Montgomery (10) pulls down a rebound against the Lady Highlanders. Teammate is Joselyn Yeager (42).

## Donation Will Benefit GSC Forest Technology

The Dept. of Land Resources at Glenville State College has received a grant from Weyerhaeuser to support the college's Forest Technology program.

Land Resources will use the \$1,485 grant to purchase basic forestry tools and instruments used in measuring tree height and diameter. The new items will be part of the instrumentation pool that are loaned to students for their use throughout the semester.

"The grant that we received is a clear indicator of Weyerhaeuser's unwavering support of the Forest Technology program at Glenville State College," said chair and professor of forestry Dr. Rico Gazal.

"We are glad to know that Weyerhaeuser continues to be a valuable partner in providing quality education to our students."

Gazal added that when students have unlimited access to the instruments, their experiential learning is expanded beyond the laboratory period.



Tree measurement tools that will be utilized by forest technology students at GSC were purchased with a donation from Weyerhaeuser.

Students will have the ability to collect data, review for an exam, and conduct basic tree measurement required in their courses on their own time. Having an individual instrument is also consistent with COVID-19 safety protocols.

The program has been accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) since 2016. Before then, it had been a recognized program of SAF since 1973.

Faculty and staff in the program pride themselves on helping produce graduates who are knowledgeable in the basic field operations of forestry, land surveying, and natural resource management practices through classroom and hands-on

learning.

For information about the programs within Land Resources, visit LandResources@glenville.edu or call 462-6370.

### Library Hours

Calhoun County Library hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Maintain social distancing when visiting library. If you feel sick, please stay home.

### Food Pantry

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

## WVU In-Person Winter Dinner Meetings and Webinars Planned

submitted by Brandy Brabham, WVU-Roane County Extension Agent

Each winter, the West Virginia University Extension office sets out on a mission to bring educational opportunities to those residents who have a focus on agriculture.

After switching to an online platform last year, the 2022 winter dinner meeting series is returning to an in-person format.

The agriculture dinner meetings are a great opportunity to learn firsthand from Extension experts and other industry-related professionals about various topics.

We encourage residents to take advantage of an opportunity to enjoy a meal with their peers, while gaining insights and knowledge to help improve various agricultural projects.

Through the series, individuals will learn from experts, who will be discussing topics relevant to help improve agricultural operations.

The dinner meeting series began the week of Jan. 10-14. Meetings will also be held in surrounding locations and within the local conservation districts.

The first course offered is "Planning for the Future of the Family Farm," presented by OSU Extension educator David Marrison on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., at Roane County Library, Spencer.

Those wishing to take part in the course are asked to pre-register by noon on Monday, Jan. 24, at 927-0975.

If you would like information about virtual or call-in option to participate, indicate that when contacting the office.

Planning for the transition of your farm to the next generation is often a challenge for farm families. This presentation will push families to laugh and plan for the transfer of the farm's ownership, management, and assets to the next generation.

Learn how to overcome the barriers of farm transition and family dysfunctionality and to have crucial conversations about the future of your farm.

Producers can also join an in-person in March to hear from WVU Extension agent Allison Tomlinson as she presents a class on alternative enterprise opportunities that allow farmers to potentially earn higher profits by supplementing or replacing traditional farm operation income sources.

It will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 22. Pre-registration will be by noon on Mar. 21 to the WVU-Roane County Extension Service office. Costs for the dinners vary, but sponsors like Farm Credit and Little Kanawha Conservation District, provide funding to cover the producers' meals and door prizes for the meetings.

If you need virtual access to one of the meetings held in January or March, you will have to contact the host site directly for information.

While virtual meetings don't work for everybody, we did have many individuals who participated and provided positive feedback in 2021. As a result, we are offering four virtual meetings in February. Each webinar is held on a Thursday at 7 p.m.

On Feb. 3, Gabe Brown will discuss Carbon Sequestration, followed by Cooper Hibbard's Grazing High Elevation on Feb. 10.

Alan Williams will offer information about Adaptive/Intensive Grazing on Feb. 17, and Brad Smith will discuss the ins and outs of Using Sheep and Goats to Improve Profitability on Feb. 24.

For those not yet familiar with Zoom, and who would like an opportunity to try it out before a meeting, contact the WVU Extension Service office.

Zoom tests can also be conducted at zoom.us/test. Those who do not have a computer can also call-in to listen to the presentations.

For information about the local series, call 927-0975 or email brandy.brabham@mail.wvu.edu.

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