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Trevor Mayle (left) of Team Perkins/Carter drives against Jude Walker of Team Frail/Walker. Results are on Page 10.

Two Are Life With Mercy

Lane Sentenced On 14 Counts

Danny Edward Lane, Sr., of Orma, who was 58 when he was booked into Central Regional Jail on May 7, 2020, has been sentenced on 14 counts that he was found guilty of committing.

Included in a report in the May 21, 2020, Chronicle, Lane and five others were arrested and incarcerated in Central Regional Jail for alleged kidnapping, assault, or other charges, including conspiracy, accessory, aiding or abetting, and/or brandishing a deadly weapon.

According to complaints signed by State Police officer B.E. Young, the following information, in part, was obtained:

On Thursday, May 7, B.E. Young and Calhoun County Sheriff Jeff Starcher took recorded statements from two male adult victims, who stated that on Tuesday, May 5, the accused, Danny Edward Lane (Sr.) requested that they come to his residence on River Road, Grantsville, to speak with him.

At the residence, Lane, Sr., accused the victims of stealing his property and damaging a vehicle. A physical altercation started.

Lane requested that they get into a vehicle,

others cut the legs off of their pants, which pants were referred to as “Daisy Dukes,” and then were made to put them back on.

Lane told the victims to face down the road, start walking, and not look back, at which time the victims heard a sound that they understood to be the slide action of a pistol.

The victims said that during all this time in the garage and afterwards, other defendants observed the events and did nothing to stop the actions of Lane, or aid them.

Lane was given a cutting tool from inside the garage, at which time he placed both victims’ hands inside a tool and threatened to remove three fingers from each victim.

Provided with a hand-held blowtorch, Lane forced the victims to hold their palms open as he held the flame to their hands. One of the victim’s hands sustained severe burns and blisters. A lit cigarette was placed into one of the victim’s face skin, twice, causing a severe burn. The victim was advised that any time he viewed the wound, he would be reminded of Lane.

The victims said that they were then forced to remove their pants, at which time Lane and

others cut the legs off of their pants, which pants were referred to as “Daisy Dukes,” and then were made to put them back on.

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Found Guilty

Prior to the sentencing hearing, a jury had found Lane guilty on the following counts in Case No. CC-07-2020-F-37:

Count 1, guilty of Kidnapping, with recommendation of mercy.

Count 2, guilty of Kidnapping, with recommendation of mercy.

Count 3, guilty of Battery.

Count 4, guilty of Malicious Assault.

Count 5, guilty of Malicious Assault.

Count 6, guilty of Battery.

Count 7, guilty of Assault during commission of a felony.

Count 8, guilty of Assault during commission



Danny Edward Lane, Sr.

of a felony.

Count 10, guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping.

Count 11, guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping.

Count 13, guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Malicious Assault.

Count 14, guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Malicious Assault.

Count 16, guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Assault during commission of a felony.

Count 17, guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Assault during commission of a felony.

Sentencing

Appearing for a sentencing hearing on Jan. 6 were the defendant, his counsel John Balenovich, prosecuting attorney Nigel E. Jeffries, and probation (Continued on Page 9)

Primary Election Candidates Listed

In-person filing for the Tuesday, May 10, Primary Election ended on Saturday.

Listed as candidates on the secretary of state’s website were the following:

County commission: Democrats, Jacob McCumbers, Michelle Sears; Republicans, Craig Arthur, Brenda Ball.

Circuit clerk: Democrats, Sheila Garretson; Republicans, none.

County clerk: Democrats, Jean Simers; Republicans, none.

Board of education: non-partisan, Jenna Jett, Horst Motz, Tambre Yoak.

Conservation District supervisor: non-partisan, Dale Cunningham.

Senatorial District 12: Republican, Ben Queen, Bridgeport; Democrats, none.

Delegate District 62: Republican, Roger Hanshaw, Wallback; Democrats, none.

U.S. House of Representatives: Congressional District 2: Democrats, Angela J.

Dwyer, Martinsburg; Barry Lee Wendell, Morgantown.

Republicans, Rhonda A. Hercules, Wheeling; Susan Buchser-Lochocki, Morgantown; David B. McKinley, Wheeling; Alexander X. Mooney, Charles Town; Mike Seckman, West Union.

Democratic State Executive Committee

Senatorial District 12: Female Michelle Carpenter, Weston; Susan Miley, Bridgeport.

Male Ryan Deems, Clarksburg; Jim Griffin, Bridgeport; Bob Stultz, Weston; J.M. “Mike” Withers, Grafton.

Republican State Executive Committee

Senatorial District 12: Female Diana Lynn Critchfield, Clarksburg; Laura Kennedy, Clarksburg; Virginia Rockwell, Enterprise; Carolyn Twigger Yost, Bridgeport.

Male Danny Hamrick, Clarksburg; Patrick S. Martin, Jane Lew.

Valentine’s Day

Grantsville Post Office will have a Valentine’s Day drawing.

Buy a book of stamps for \$11.60 or mail a package of equal or greater value and be entered into a chance to win a bouquet of flowers (up to \$25), chocolates for your sweetheart, and other Valentine items.

Drawing will be held on Friday, Feb. 11.

Food Giveaway

Mountaineer Food Bank will have a mobile pantry food giveaway on Friday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., while supplies last, at 45 Pool St. (the former pool site), Grantsville.

Job Jumpstart Program Offers One-Time \$1,500

During last week’s State of the State address, Gov. Jim Justice announced the Job Jumpstart Program to assist West Virginians returning to the workforce.

West Virginia residents who currently receive unemployment benefits, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits and who obtain

employment between Jan. 1 and Aug. 12, 2022, may be eligible for the Job Jumpstart Program, which will provide a one-time payment of \$1,500.

Those who complete a WorkForce West Virginia approved training program and obtain a credential between those dates may also be eligible.

The program is available on a first-come, first-served basis through Aug. 12, or until funding is

expended.

To be eligible, applicants must maintain employment for eight consecutive weeks and average a minimum of 32 hours per week. West Virginians who exhausted their unemployment benefits after Jan. 1, who have re-entered the workforce, or are job searching, may also be eligible.

Complete eligibility requirements and Job Jumpstart Program appli-

cations are available at workforcewv.org/jjp.

Interested applicants should complete the pre-screening questionnaire and be prepared to provide proof of current West Virginia residency, a valid federal or state driver’s license or I.D., and either proof of employment or credentials received if enrolled in an approved training program.

For information, visit workforcewv.org/jjpfqs.

Calhoun Has One-Day Report of 40 Cases; Only 4 Are ‘Positive’

The Department of Health and Human Resources reported 40 new COVID-19 cases in Calhoun on Jan. 26, but only four were “positive” cases, with the other 36 cases listed as “probable.”

For example, this could happen if a student tests positive, and other students in the room are quarantined as “probable,” even if they are wearing masks.

These “probable” cases remain a part of the county’s total, even if the

student tests negative one or more times.

If enough cases are considered “probable,” it can increase the county’s alert color one or more levels.

The county had 83 cases in the past seven days, a decrease from 112 the previous week.

Calhoun has now had a total of 1,586 cases, with confirmed cases at 836 (an increase of 40 since last week) and probable cases at 750 (an increase of 43 since last week).

The seven-county area had 663 new cases, down from a record 1,008 the previous week.

Cases in the seven-county area total 15,341.

New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Roane, 141 (2,835/31); Ritchie, 116 (2,148/27); Braxton, 111 (3,431/35); Clay, 90 (2,105/31); Gilmer, 64 (1,901/17); and Wirt, 58 (1,335/19).

The county has been gold, orange, red, and back

to orange on Tuesday, along with Wirt, Ritchie and Clay. Roane, Braxton and Gilmer are gold.

New West Virginia cases were 23,909, a decrease from last week’s 32,276, after four weeks of increases. Total cases during the pandemic are 448,922.

The number of deaths reported was 128, an increase of 39 over last week’s report of 89. Total deaths in West Virginia are 5,778.

The number of new cases in the United States was 3,652,145, down from 4,930,398 and 5,732,503 the previous two weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 75,578,076.

New deaths in the U.S. were reported as 17,933, compared to 15,633, 14,208, 11,948 and 9,554 the previous four weeks. Total deaths are 907,190.

New weekly worldwide cases were 23,124,959, down slightly from last week’s 23,423,473, and up from 20,894,140, 17,333,621 (Continued on Page 2)

OBITUARIES

CONNIE SUE RUCKER

Connie Sue Rucker, 73, of Cottageville, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022, at her home.

She was born in Minnora, the daughter of the late Cecil and Nell Arnold Jarvis.

Surviving are four sisters, Donnie King, Alice Conley, Jean Holmes and Hope Schoolcraft; three sons Ray Bennett, Junior Bennett and Jason Bennett; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Nelma Stump, Betty Smith, Berniece McCullough and Helen Wayne; two brothers, Bernard Jarvis and Donald Jarvis; and her husband, Roy Rucker.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Pastor Mark Price officiating. Burial was in Minnora Cemetery, with a graveside committal service.



DONNA JEAN ERLEWINE

Donna Jean Erlewine, 79, of Grantsville, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.

She was the daughter of the late Edward and Edith Grey Plant. She retired from Mid-Ohio Valley Home Health as a home health aide. She worked for many years as a beautician at her own beauty shop, Cut-n-Curl, and at The Fabric Shop, Arnoldsburg.

Surviving are three daughters, Michele Hipp of Grantsville, Kristie Ritchie of Grantsville and Carol Erlewine of Seattle, Wash.; nine grandchildren, Danielle Goodrich, Sidney Johnson, Nathaniel Hipp, Casey Ritchie, Cole Ritchie, Conner Ritchie, Carter Ritchie, Ella Dreamer and Dylan Dreamer; and four great-grandchildren, Dakota Johnson, Jabe Johnson, Banks Johnson and Edith Goodrich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronnie Erlewine, and two sisters, Janet Geiger and Joann Kerby.

Donna requested no formal service.



JESSIE LUANA HICKS METHENEY

Jessie Luana Hicks Metheney, 82, of Chloe, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, in Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

She was born in Stinson, the daughter of the late Huey Crawford Hicks and Ethel Jarvis Hicks. She grew up in Stinson and later moved to Akron, Ohio, before moving back to her hometown in 1979. She was a Christian and was involved with Minnora Methodist Church.

Surviving are one sister, Martha Leigh of Spencer; one brother, Steven "Bub" Hicks of Medina, Ohio; two sons, Richard Sisson of Chloe and Johnny Sisson of Ringling, Okla.; one daughter, Connie Jarvis of Chloe; her significant other and best friend, Glen Dix; five grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville "Bub" Metheney; one son, David Sisson; one sister, Dortha Horton; and two brothers, Billy Hicks and Perry Hicks.

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



JACQUELINE ELAINE ROGERS

Jacqueline Elaine Rogers, 68, of Grantsville, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022.

She was born in Arlington County, Va., the daughter of the late Henry Edward and Helen Marie Pearson Reed. She spent the first half of her life in Maryland and relocated to West Virginia with her late husband, Jim Rogers, in 2000, after his retirement.

Surviving are two sons, Tracy Tibbs and Earl Rogers; one daughter, Patricia Rogers; two sisters; two brothers; eight grandchildren, Jason Wade, Samantha Wade, Austin Tibbs, Dylan Tibbs, Cody Tibbs, Isabella Tibbs, Cathy Rowe and Ray Abernathy; and two great-grandchildren, Chloe and Gary Gisselle, Jr.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmie Rogers, and one daughter, Anna Wade.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Jim Lough officiating. Services will also be held Thursday at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Md. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Here we are in February, already having put January in the rear view mirror.

The forecast for the first week of February is pretty much a mixed bag, with temperatures in the 50s for the first three days of the month, and then we slide right back into winter, with another winter storm on the horizon for points west and north of us.

It seems that we have had snow on our deck for almost the entire month of January, and Jeanne and I both would love to see it turned back into liquid water.

Perhaps if it rains, like the forecast is calling for to accompany this warm weather, we just may change our minds due to flooding concerns. We'll see.

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The snow covering our yard and the road does, at least, give me the opportunity to see what all of our four-legged friends have been up to.

For instance, there appears to be a pack of at least five coyotes running up and down across the road. No sign, so far, that any of them have ventured into the yard.

I suppose that me calling back to them, when I am outside, and hearing them raising their howls somewhat near the house is helping in that regard.

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A fox has been crossing the creek at our driveway and meandering up to the back of our car, before returning to the other side of the holler.

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The raptors of the holler, the owls and hawks, have been doing well spotting their prey when they are flying and looking down at a dark critter on white snow.

Our daughter Tara and her family were lucky enough to spot, and take pictures of, a bald eagle partaking of a deer carcass

on the Gilmer County end of White Pine Road.

At home, we only see owls and hawks.

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The grackles keep sending scouts to our feeders, but the flocks of them seem to keep to the hillside across from the house, flying down to the ground en masse in spots where the sun has melted the snow, and looking for bugs. We have not yet had another incursion of the huge flocks.

Regardless, the poor little birds that flock to our feeders every day, all day long, have run us out of a 50 lb. sack of sunflowers seeds during January. We'll buy another this week and see how long it takes before they eat all of that.

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COVID-19 is still a force to be reckoned with, even though the case numbers seem to be falling somewhat. Another variant is already spreading across the country, although it hasn't made its way into West Virginia so far, I think.

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There are only four more weeks until we ease into the month of March, and I hope that all of this bitterly cold weather will be behind us for another year.

I hate mud, but that comes with the territory when the weather warms up after the ground has been frozen.

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I had a brain interruption last week, when I put in this column that if the groundhog sees his shadow on groundhog day, he will run back into his burrow, and spring will arrive shortly.

That is patently false. If he sees his shadow, we will have to suffer through six more weeks of winter.

If it is cloudy when he pokes his head out of his hole, he will go back into his burrow for a few more blissful naps until Spring arrives soon thereafter.

Master Gardener Course Planned Mar. 3-June 30

The WVU Extension Master Gardener program provides people interested in gardening with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and sharpen their skills by taking part in Basic/Level 1 and Advanced/Level 2 training programs that provide in-depth training in various aspects of horticulture.

The program helps residents better understand horticultural and environmental issues through community engagement in gardening and beautification projects at schools, parks, public institutions, community organizations, and locations throughout the state.

Benefits for getting involved with the WVU Extension Master Gardener program include the following:

- Getting to know more about gardening and horticulture to expand personal horizons and be able to help others.
- Significant improvements in quality of life, including physical activity, social activity, self-esteem and nutrition.
- Offers opportunities for professional development through continuing training opportunities.
- Meeting like-minded people and engaging in the garden activities you are passionate about.
- Opportunities to assume responsibility.

--Encourages individual independence,

--Gaining respect in the community for your newly developed horticultural skills.

--Flexibility to conduct volunteer work.

Some of the class schedule, with topics and speakers, is as follows:

Mar. 3, History of Extension and Master Gardener Program, Brian Sparks; An Introduction to EMG Program, Mira Danilovich.

Mar. 10, Pruning, Mira Danilovich.

Mar. 17, An Introduction to Plant Science-Botany, Jeanne Rushin.

Mar. 24, An Introduction to Soil Science, Emily Morrow.

Mar. 31, Indoor Plants, Mira Danilovich; Art of Bonsai, Randy Rader.

Apr. 7, Plant Diseases, Mahfuz Rahman.

Apr. 14, Turfgrass Management, Rakesh Chandran.

Apr. 21, Plant Propagation, Brandy Brabham; Grafting, Mira Danilovich.

Apr. 28, Tree Fruits, Mira Danilovich.

4/28 May 5, Herbs, Rosalie Bares; Pollinators, Mary Beth Bennet.

May 12, An Introduction to Entomology, Carlos Quesada.

May 19, Woody Ornamentals, Karen Cox.

Obituaries of local interest are free and subject to editing for space, conciseness, and content, which includes direct descendants, their spouses, if clearly stated as such and are local residents, number of grandchildren, etc. Information must come from a funeral home. Memorials and obituaries are available as a paid advertisement.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, February 3

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

Friday, February 4

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

Special county commission meeting and Board of Review and Equalization meets, courthouse little courtroom, 4 p.m.

CCHS wrestling team at Single A Challenge, Ritchie County High School, 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 5

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

CCHS wrestling team at Single A Challenge, Ritchie County High School, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, February 8

Representative of attorney general Patrick Morrisey's office will be at Calhoun Courthouse lobby, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, February 9

Board of Review and Equalization meets, courthouse little courtroom, 11 a.m.; discuss oil

and gas.

Friday, February 11

Mobile pantry food giveaway, 45 Pool St. Grantsville, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; sponsored by Mountaineer Food Bank.

Saturday, February 12

Calhoun Youth basketball single elimination tournament, Calhoun Middle/High School, games start from 10:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Calhoun--

(Continued from Page 1) and 10,376,918 the previous three weeks. Since the pandemic began, world-wide cases reported total 375,571,291.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 66,838, continuing a four-week increase of 56,951, 51,207, 45,392 and 43,169. Total deaths from the pandemic are 5,687,759.

DHHR reported that 951,361 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (53.1%).

There have been 382,874 booster shots given, an increase from 375,042 last week.

The number of vaccine doses administered in Calhoun is reported as 3,207, four more than listed last week.

This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

We acknowledge receipt of a communication and remittance from H.L. Pettit, a former Calhoun County boy, now located at Columbus. He is making a success in the Ohio city, but has time to think of and be interested in his Calhoun friends.

The Bickel well on the James Yoak farm, east of town, came in Tuesday, a light gasser. It will be given a shot today, and possibly the flow of gas will be increased.

Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Mollohan departed on Monday for Baltimore. The former will purchase Spring lines for the cash store, and Mrs. Mollohan will consult a physician while there.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Starcher are the proud parents of a fine big daughter.

Ollie Umstead left on Sunday for Huntington. He has a position of traveling salesman awaiting him.

The revival that began here on Sunday of last week by Rev. Floyd W. Dick of the Methodist church was discontinued on Friday, owing to the pastor's ill health. It will be held later. Rev. Dick departed on Monday for Parkersburg, where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

For Sale: Farm of 205 acres at Newark, W.Va., within 1/4 mile of R.R. Station, store and churches. Two houses, barn, silo, 40 acres of level land, and lots of timber. Will make an elegant dairy farm. \$5,000 on good terms, if sold at once. J.R. Wilkinson, Bridgeport.

The Steamer Dardanella, the new boat being built by the Williams Brothers for the Creston mail and passenger trade, is about ready to put into service. The machinery is all here except some sprockets that are expected any day. The boat will probably be in operation by the first of next week.

The new boat is 63 feet long and 18 feet wide, with two commodious and comfortable cabins. Power is furnished by a 75 h.p. marine engine geared to a stern wheel. It is expected that the new boat will be able to make the trip to Creston and return in much shorter time than heretofore, and the boat will be much more comfortably arranged for passengers. Meals will be served on the boat, eliminating the wait for dinner at Creston.

The new boat will tie up to the Edith H., the Owensport-Creston packet, on the arrival of the latter at Creston, and mail and passengers will be transferred at once, without waiting for dinner. A substantial meal will then be served in the dining cabin of the Dardanella.

By eliminating the wait at Creston for dinner, and on account of the increased speed of the new boat, it is expected that it will arrive in Grantsville before six o'clock in the evening--that is, when the lower transfer boat arrives in Creston on time.

Since going into the passenger trade a year or two ago, the Williams boys have given extra good and accommodating service, and this improvement is in line with their policy of giving the best the trade will stand.

The new boat will be much more expensive to operate and the owners should have the patronage and cooperation of all of us along the upper river. Otherwise, a boat cannot be kept in the trade.

1947, 75 years ago

Young people from rural Calhoun County are considering organizing for recreation and study of their problems. This is in line with plans of rural youth all over the nation.

C.P. Dorsey, associate State 4-H leader, who also works with young folks who are beyond 4-H age, met with several Calhoun rural young people at the county agent's office on the evening of Friday, Jan. 10.

He represented types of organizations and programs that have proved successful elsewhere. The young folks left the meeting with the purpose of promoting such organization in their own and surrounding neighborhoods.

Rural young people from 18 to 26, married or single, who are interested in getting together for recreation and discussion of their problems, are asked to contact Donzel Wease of Pleasant Hill or Virgie Minney of Staten, or the county agents.

1972, 50 years ago

Calhoun County farmers should be able to accomplish more soil and water conservation and carry out additional pollution prevention and abatement practices in 1972, than they did in 1971, according to James Stalnaker, chairman of the Calhoun Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The ASC official said recent action by secretary of agriculture Earl L. Butz in announcing an additional \$55.5 million for the 1972 Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) will result in an additional \$419,000 for West Virginia. This will make a total 1972 REAP allocation for West Virginia of \$1,456,000, and should mean an additional allocation to Calhoun County.

"This additional allocation will enable us to help farmers do more to prevent or abate agriculture-related pollution of water, land and air, and to conserve agricultural soil, water, woodland and wildlife sources," said Stalnaker.

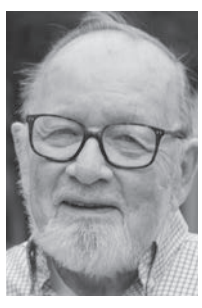
He said that Butz had cited responses of farmers and ranchers to the re-directed emphasis of REAP in 1971, and the willingness to match, or exceed, additional federal investments in pollution prevention and abatement, as major factors in providing the additional funds for REAP in 1972. An October report from selected states showed a 400 percent increase in 1971 over 1970 in funds to be expected for pollution abatement practices, according to the secretary of agriculture.

Stalnaker invited farmers to stop in the ASC county office to discuss their conservation problems.

"Each REAP practice approved by the ASC county committee must have related soil and water benefits," the chairman said. "So we can't help with

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why do cats purr? (Asked by Klyynn Keith of Grantsville.)

Reply: A cat's purr is the result of signals sent to the larynx muscles that causes them to vibrate. This causes a sudden separation of the vocal cords during breathing in and out, giving rise to an audible purr. A domestic cat's purr has a frequency between 25 and 150 cycles per second (or hertz, Hz).

Cats appear to purr for several reasons. People often consider purrs to be an expression of affection or contentment, and maybe even a special purr asking for food. Cats and kittens rarely purr when alone. A purr seems to be aimed at people or other cats.

Cats also purr when they are nervous, in pain, or when ill or injured. The purr frequency around 25 Hz happens to be the frequency at which muscles and bones best grow and repair themselves. The frequency is also used in humans to help heal wounds faster.

So, a cat's purr may be a built-in form of physical therapy. Like the meow, a purr can be a form of communication. A mother cat's purr serves as a signal of her location to her blind and deaf newborn kittens.

Purring is not limited to domestic cats. Some wild cats also purr. Even guinea pigs and raccoons can purr. Cats, such as mountain lions and bobcats, can purr, but not roar. Meanwhile, cats, such as lions and tigers, can roar, but not purr.

So, your kitty cat purrs for a variety of reasons. You have to listen closely to understand what she/he is telling you.

That was a shorter one. How about some trivia that everyone should know?

--If you spell all the numbers and try to find the letter "A," you will have to count to one thousand.

--Did you know: 111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321

--There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these." --Paul Harvey.

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

Governor's Updates

Gov. Jim Justice and members of the West Virginia COVID-19 pandemic response leadership team held a news briefing on Monday to update the public on the state's latest pandemic response and vaccine distribution efforts.

Waiver From Federal Vaccine Mandate For Rural Healthcare Workers

Justice announced that he would be joining with Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin to send a joint letter to the U.S. Administrator of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, calling on CMS to grant a limited waiver of its vaccination requirement at rural or state-run facilities due to severe staffing shortages.

"We understand that the Supreme Court has ruled that this mandate can go into effect, but it is putting an additional level of strain on our rural hospitals that is just destroying us," said Justice.

"Maybe that works for more-populated areas, but in rural West Virginia, we can't afford to have all these folks terminated because of their vaccination status. It's just going to make it tougher and tougher for us to provide care in our rural hospitals.

"So I am joining the governor of Virginia, requesting a waiver for rural hospitals to not have to abide by this mandate. It is only putting additional pressures on us. It is not saving lives. It is not helping people in this situation. It is hurting us and hurting us in a bad way."

Booster Shots Authorized

COVID-19 booster shots are authorized and encouraged for all West Virginians ages 12 and older.

Booster shots are available for free to all eligible West Virginians. The waiting period for those who received initial series Pfizer shots has been shortened to five months. 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 the DHHR.

Initial series vaccinations remain available for free for all West Virginians ages five and older.

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

Free N95 Masks And At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Justice offered another reminder that the federal government is offering three free N95 masks per American. The free masks are being made available at pharmacies and community health centers across West Virginia. The governor offered a reminder that the federal government continues to offer every household in America four free at-home COVID-19 tests. To get your free at-home tests, visit COVIDtests.gov.

every problem on the farm, but we will be able to help many farmers solve their agriculture-related pollution problems."

Last year, 228 farmers participated in Calhoun County REAP, generally on a 50-50 cost share basis.

Major achievements accomplished were: 141 acres established to permanent grass cover, 32 acres planted to trees, 487 acres of permanent grass cover improved, 161 acres of woodland improved through timber stand improvement practices, and 11 acres of wildlife food plots, habitat, or cover established.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Feb. 3-9 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Feb. 3, 1825: Confederate Gen. William Lowther Jackson was born in Clarksburg. He was one of at least three Southern officers to bear the nickname, "Mudwall."

Feb. 3, 1845: Gilmer County was established from parts of Kanawha and Lewis counties. It was named for Thomas W. Gilmer, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 3, 1923: Broadcast announcer Jack Fleming was born in Morgantown. He was the long-time "Voice of the Mountaineers."

Feb. 3, 1961: The West Virginia legislature passed a resolution to officially adopt "The West Virginia Hills" as an official state song. It is the best-known of four official state songs.

Feb. 4, 1845: Doddridge County was formed from parts of Harrison, Lewis, Ritchie and Tyler counties. It was named for Philip Doddridge, a Western Virginia congressman, state legislator, and member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829-30.

Feb. 4, 1945: The hotel at Minnehaha Springs was destroyed by fire. Built in 1914, it was the first facility in Pocahontas County made strictly for the tourist business, and was a forerunner of today's local tourism economy.

Feb. 5, 1889: Fiddler and self-taught physician James Franklin "Doc" White was born near Ivydale. He served the community as doctor, dentist and midwife, delivering more than 1,800 babies.



Feb. 5, 1890: Coach Eli Camden "Cam" Henderson was born in Joetown, Marion County. He is a revered figure in Marshall University sports history.



Feb. 5, 1941: Actor David Lynn Selby was born in Morgantown. His stage and screen credits include the outdoor drama "Honey in the Rock," and television shows "Falcon Crest" and "Dark Shadows."

Feb. 6, 1882: Poet Anne Spencer was born Annie Bethel Bannister in Henry County, Va. In 1886, she and her mother moved to Bramwell, where she spent most of her childhood and adolescent years.

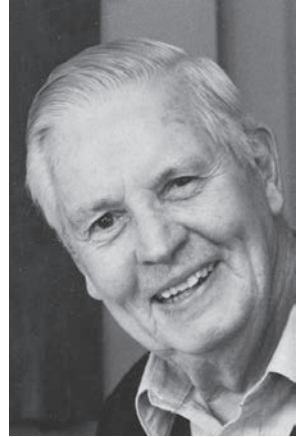
Feb. 6, 2007: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette, a native of Nitro, died in Florida. He was an outstanding major league

baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. In 18 major league seasons, he won 203 games and lost 144.

Feb. 7, 1867: West Virginia University was established by an act of the West Virginia Legislature. Originally called the Agricultural College of West Virginia, its doors opened in September 1867.

Feb. 7, 1889: Nell Elizabeth "Pistol Nell" Walker was born at Sewell Mountain. Known as the "First Lady" of Fayette County, she served 12 terms as a member of the House of Delegates.

Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the Herald-Dispatch.



Feb. 8, 1915: Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany. He emigrated with his family to the U.S. at age 11. As a teenager, he took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghioghny Forest, a Preston County artists colony.



Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas, Jr., was born. He excelled in football as a halfback for South Charleston High School. Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him.

Feb. 9, 1843: Republican Party leader Nathan Goff, Jr., was born in Clarksburg. In 1888, he lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to Aretas Brooks Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged by Fleming, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day.

Feb. 9, 1900: "Aunt Jennie" Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician, considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.

Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. A Wisconsin Republican, he claimed to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Dept.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Oh, sweet winter, you really are putting on a show for me this year! I know that many people will not agree with me, but I am delighted with all of the snow that you have brought so far, and I am holding out hope that you aren't finished yet. As far as I am concerned, February is fair game for cold weather and snow. You have my permission to keep the fluffy, white stuff flying for another 30 days or so.

When I wrote my article last Sunday night, I really did expect to work a full week. No one was more shocked than me when the call came for a three-hour delay on Monday.

It was perfect timing though, because I was able to be there when the contractor arrived to begin working on my bathroom. This gave me the chance to show them where the water shut-offs and electric box were and to answer any questions that they had.

I have really enjoyed coming home from school each day to see what has been accomplished. The first day was all about demolition. They basically took the room back to its studs. The walls, floor, trim and ceiling were all torn out, along with the toilet and bathtub.

The next day, they worked on the water lines and electric. I am getting a new light fixture over my new sink and a light/fan combo. I have a fancy new light switch that looks like a mini computer screen. I'm not even sure what all it will do when everything is completed. The subfloor was also laid in preparation for my new flooring.

I am sure that there are steps happening that I am not even aware of, but the next project I could see was the replacement of all the insulation and the installation of all new drywall. Because my house was built in the 1940s, it didn't have the new type of drywall that is made for bathrooms. It also didn't have a proper ventilation fan.

If I hadn't decided to redo the entire bathroom, I would have had to scrap my ceiling and repaint the whole bathroom this year. I am relieved that this will no longer be a problem.

The shower stall was installed on Friday, and I chose my paint colors for the walls, ceiling and trim. The color palette is white and grey, and it looks crisp and clean. I know that I am going to love it when it is all done. I will keep you updated on the progress in next week's article.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were normal school days. I will say that Thursday morning I bundled up to go to my Jeep. It was a frosty five degrees as I drove to work. The back parking lot was a sheet of ice. Thankfully, my co-worker sent me a text telling me to be careful. I am sure that I looked a lot like a penguin, as I cautiously took tiny steps all the way to the back door.

There was talk of some snow coming on Thursday night, but the weatherman said it wouldn't be anything significant. I didn't want to get my hopes up, but I will admit to hoping for at least another delay. I had made plans to spend the night at the Mlyneks' house, so I packed some extra clothes, just in case. Boy, was I glad I did! I woke up at 5:30 to a text that we were delayed. When I looked out the window, it was a winter wonderland outside. The call that we were closed came an hour or so later, and to make things even better, Maricia's office was closed too. We both got a snow day!

We spent the morning drinking coffee and watching the birds visit her feeder while the big, fluffy snowflakes continued to fall. We had no where to go and nothing that we had to do. It was delightful. Maricia made a big pot of Italian vegetable soup, and I made chocolate marshmallow bars for lunch. In the afternoon, I finished my lesson plans for next week, but then I put my school bag away and read a mystery.

On Saturday, my sister Missy and her family surprised us with a visit. My mom's birthday and my parents' anniversary are coming up soon, so they came down from Wheeling to spend some time with mom and dad. We hadn't seen them since Christmas, so we spent the afternoon catching up.

February arrives this week. We have plans to update some of our displays and our windows at the history museum. Be sure to check them out. I have heard rumors of some more snow coming. Only time will tell.

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)

"Stray Thoughts and Observations"
[from Michael Ayers' journals]
Post. Camp McDonald. Va.
June 3, 1862

I am sitting in my tent and musing, thinking of times that have passed, of the days and nights once passed in painful apprehension of danger from the Rebels who last summer infected our country, and kept all of the Union men in a state of continual alarm.

Of the many tiresome jaunts through the forests, seeking in other parts of the country that safety which we could not enjoy at home and among friends and relatives, being compelled to depend upon the charity and hospitality of strangers for food, and shelter from the pitiless storms.

Aye ye pitiless Moccasin Rangers you drove me from my home in the vain expectation of enriching your selves upon what little effects I once possessed, vain and delusion, no hope for ye merciless foes, you have neither possessed yourselves of my property nor driven me from the country.

Yes, you by your threats caused me to leave my home, but well are you being repaid for your insolence. "Vengeance is mine I will repay saith the Lord."

I have had to part with dear friends and relations, and I thank you Moccasin Rangers that such has been the case, as I still enjoy their friendship, and I have found new friends that give me the most exquisite pleasure to enjoy their society. Oh the many happy hours of ineffable joy, peace & quiet, your traitorism has been the cause of to me.

Tis true the hand of affliction has during the past winter been heavy upon me, but I have recovered from it all, and thank the Almighty Judge of Heaven & earth, that I am still permitted to enjoy the sweets of returning good health which is one of the greatest blessings bestowed on man.

My life since I have joined the United States Army has been a chequered scene of hopes and disappointments which all dissolve in one even peaceful & quiet stream of enjoyment, and I still pursue the even tenor of my way looking forward with a joyful hope to the time when wars wide desolation shall have ceased in our beloved land, and peace more shed its radiant rays over the face of this Union.

And those who are fighting for Freedoms cause shall return to their once loved homes and Friends and enjoy the peaceful seclusion of domestic life. That such may be my lot I most earnestly hope but if my destiny is otherwise ordered, I shall make no complaints. Yet I pray the former may be my portion.

I fear there is to be more difficulty experienced with the rascally Rebels, who infest this portion of our State of "West Virginia" than was experienced last summer from them. As they are more numerous having come in from the rebel Army and consequently they are better furnished for a Successful Summers Campaign of Guerrilla Warfare, in the mountain fastnesses than they were last summer.

There is at least two hundred of those rebels, that was once in our power. And through the ill management of some of our army officers they were permitted to escape. And now we have to hunt them in the mountains and in Squads of from 20 to 30 or thereabouts.

When if we had have been permitted to push on after them the next day after the fight at this place we could have bagged the main body of the rangers in this part of the State.

As we had about 400 men (reinforcements) in camp at that time, and the secesh were encamped within about 4 miles of us, but the golden opportunity has passed and if we are to capture or exterminate them it will cause our men to sweat to find them as they are led by experienced woodmen, who are natives of this country, and are our equals in Scouting through these Hills.

But hard as it may be to get hold of the Mauraunders, our men will stand up to the scratch and manfully do their duty.

When this war is to be brought to a close is a subject of which there seems to be a diversity of opinions, and I shall not attempt to offer an opinion as I do not think there can be any thing but conjecture at the present time.

As to the result, one thing I have become convinced of. that is there seems to be a Class of men who control a great portion of the operations of the war in this part of the country that from all appearance care not how long the war lasts so long as they receive high wages, and go through with certain forms of ceremony to pass time away, such as "Dress Parades", & Co.

I do not think they have the good of the country at heart, or else they are utterly incompetent to manage the war against the guerrilla bands in these mountains.

(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, Feb. 3: fish, carrots, mac and cheese, fruit, bun.

Friday, Feb. 4: hotdog with meat sauce, baked beans, coleslaw.

Monday, Feb. 7: pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, roll.

Tuesday, Feb. 8: tomato soup, cheese salad sandwich, crackers, fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: rib sandwich, potatoes, vegetables, fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 10: pinto beans, greens, apple sauce, cornbread.

Friday, Feb. 11: cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, juice, roll.

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

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

Senior Updates

Deb Miller, JD, W.Va. Senior Legal Aid Volunteer
It was a horror story happening to him, and Tom couldn't believe it.

He wanted to move his family from Florida to West Virginia, and called an interstate moving company that he saw advertised.

Tom signed a contract to have their belongings packed and moved. The cost estimate of \$6,000 was based mainly on the number of pounds to be shipped and the distance involved.

The contract was with a broker. No one mentioned that the broker's company was not going to handle the move itself.

When a broker lines up a moving company to handle the actual move, a second contract should be signed with the customer to lock in the terms and price, but often that is not done. Tom wasn't aware of that.

Many learn there is a different company involved when the mover shows up, but they believe that they are still covered under the contract with the original company that they negotiated with.

The mover and crew arrived on moving day and demanded an immediate payment of \$7,700 in cash or a cashier's check from Tom. The mover claimed the broker's estimate was faulty.

Someone had mentioned to Tom that there was a way to check for legitimate interstate movers online.

The information is available on the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Administration (FMCA) website, www.fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move.

At that point, Tom regretted not having done that. He thought he was being scammed.

On the other hand, he knew he had to get things going for the move. Like many, he paid, but felt cheated.

Even after paying the full amount, things did not go well. After Tom and his family had arrived at their new home, their belongings had not.

Over the next three days, he spent hours trying to figure out where their beds, dressers and other household items were and got no information or delivery. Because it was an interstate move, he couldn't just call the local Sheriff's Dept. for help.

Feeling angry and frustrated, Tom checked the FMCA website and learned that the mover was violating federal law by not being registered or licensed. That also meant that the company was probably not insured for losses, late deliveries, or damaged items.

The FMCA website provides information on the registration status, contact information, number of trucks, safety record, insurance coverage, previous complaint history, and other important factors about a moving company.

Tom called FMCA, 888-368-7238, to file a complaint against the mover. He wondered when the nightmare would end. Every day, things go wrong and free assistance with civil legal issues is available for West Virginia residents age 60 and over. Call West Virginia Senior Legal Aid, 1-800-229-5068, for legal support.



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Girls Win Sixth Straight; Showdown With Gilmer At Home On Thursday

Josie Montgomery poured in 40 points as the Class A 8th-ranked Calhoun varsity girls basketball team won its sixth straight game on Jan. 26.

Montgomery started her scoring with a pair of 3-pointers in the opening period as her team jumped out to a 20-7 lead. The senior scored 10 in the quarter.

Fellow senior Savannah Cunningham led in the second quarter, a 21-7 margin, with seven points.

Montgomery outscored the Lady Tigers, 17-8, in the third, as Calhoun took a commanding 65-22 lead into the final period.

Wirt outscored CCHS, 17-14, in the fourth for a final of 79-39.

Cunningham had 19 points and Joselynn Yeager registered nine points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Red Devils. Montgomery contributed 12

steals and Cunningham had eight steals and led in assists with four.

Calhoun, now 10-4, was scheduled to play at South Harrison on Tuesday, before hosting another showdown with Class A top-ranked Gilmer County on Thursday. Varsity games start at 7 p.m.

Gilmer won the first meeting between the two schools on its home court, 74-62, on Dec. 14. It was the Titans' narrowest score of its 14 victories.

Wednesday, Jan. 26
Calhoun 20 21 24 14--79
Wirt 7 7 8 17--39
Calhoun scoring: Josie Montgomery 15 7-11 40, Savannah Cunningham 7 4-5 19, Joselynn Yeager 3 3-5 9, Madison Westfall 2 0-0 5, Ella Hess 2 0-0 4, Trista Arnold 1 0-0 2, Makayla Jones 0 0-0 0, Lauren Lovejoy 0 0-0 0, Ariety Hickman 0 0-0 0, Allison Stevens 0 0-0 0. Total 30 14-21 79. 3-pt.: Montgomery 3, Cunning-

ham 1, Westfall 1. Rebounds, Yeager 11, Montgomery 5, Hess 5, Jones 4, Arnold 4; steals, Montgomery 12, Cunningham 8; assists, Cunningham 4, Hess 3, Montgomery 3; blocks, Hess 2. Opp.: 13 10-16 39; 3-pt.: 3.

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
21 60	Roane 44 W
22 71	Clay 19 W
24 58	Tolsia 45 W
26 79	Wirt 39 W
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 5:45 p.m.	

January	
11 50	Webster 52 L
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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
21 32	Roane 30 W
26 36	Wirt 30 W

2021-22 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

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 38	Clay 57 L
27 34	Doddridge 69 L
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
16	So. Harrison A 7:00
17	LKC Placement ... TBA
18	Paden City A 7:00
19	Night of Champ. .. TBA
22	Ritchie Co. H 7:00
24	Paden City H 7:00
Most JV games at 5:45 p.m.	

JV Girls Win 5th

Ashlyn Boak scored 16 points as the CCHS junior varsity girls won their fifth game in seven, 36-30, over Wirt JV.

Boak also had a team high 15 rebounds. Lauren Lovejoy had six points and 12 rebounds. Maycee Carter led in steals with five and Abi Waldron had three assists.

Wednesday, Jan. 26
Calhoun JV 8 12 8 8--36
Wirt JV 6 5 11 8--30
Calhoun JV scoring: Ashlyn Boak 8 0-1 16, Lauren Lovejoy 2 2-6 6, Maycee Carter 2 0-2 5, Ariety Hickman 2 0-0 4, Nyla Warner 1 1-4 3, Abi Waldron 1 0-2 2, Brealle Arthur 0 0-0 0. Total 16 3-15 36. 3-pt.: Carter 1. Rebounds, Boak 15, Lovejoy 12, Carter 6, Arthur 4; steals, Carter 5, Hickman 3; assists, Waldron 3. Opp.: 8 14-23 30; 3-pt.: 0.

Subscription Bags

The Calhoun County Library will be doing subscription bags. According to librarian Amy Norman, the bags will have a library book, plus some extra goodies. You will receive a new bag each month when you return the library book from the previous bag. There is no cost. Call the library, 354-6300, for information.

Special Meeting

Calhoun county commission has announced the following agenda for Friday's 4 p.m. special meeting in the courthouse little courtroom: --Call to order. --Pledge of Allegiance. --Board of Equalization. --Funding request from Welfare of Animals Group (WAG).

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	18-4	9	121
132--	Isaiah Boggs	10-11	2	55
145--	Hunter Thacker	10-4	9	60
145--	Grant Starns	19-9	13	108
145--	Landon Winkler	1-2	0	6
152--	Ian Persinger	11-11	7	60
182--	Adam Lane	4-9	4	24
195--	Drue Goad	17-5	9	111
220--	Trevor Collins	8-11	3	48
285--	Levi Stump	12-10	8	72
132--	Joe Sampson	2-2	0	12
Others (including 42 forfeits)		7-45	2	42
Total.....		119-123	66	719
Dual Record --		5-8	Tournament Record -- 27-25	

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INTEREST is now being charged on unpaid **FIRST HALF 2021** taxes which became due and payable July 15, 2021.

All **2021 TAXES** not paid **BEFORE MAY 01, 2022**, will be considered **DELINQUENT**.

Taxes can be paid at the Sheriff's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Payment by mail can be sent to Sheriff J. Warren Basnett, P.O. Box 340, Grantsville, WV 26147.

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Help Wanted

HELP WANTED -- Looking for 2 women workers, in Calhoun County, to make crafts, wooden toys and paper clips, \$200/week, 2 to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Send a copy of your resume to Box Holder, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. She have a computer.
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Get Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Gov. Jim Justice has offered a reminder to all West Virginians that the federal government is offering every household in America four free at-home COVID-19 tests. “Please take advantage of this opportunity to get yourself some free tests for your home, and use them if you or your family feels sick,” said Justice. “The more we test, the more we know, and the more we know, the better we can react.” To get your free at-home COVID tests, visit COVIDtests.gov.

VOTING NOTICE

Planning ahead for the Tuesday, May 10, Primary Election, the county clerk encourages individuals who are not able to vote in person to request an absentee ballot application.

To request the application, you can do one of the following:

- Call the county clerk, 354-6725.
- Email calhounclerk@gmail.com.
- Print an application from the W.Va. Secretary of State’s website, govotewv.com.

Applications can be mailed back to: Calhoun Co. Clerk, P.O. Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147.

- Absentee by mail eligibility includes:
- Illness, injury or other medical reason (includes confinement due to COVID-19).
 - Disability or advanced age.
 - Incarceration or home detention.
 - Work hours and distance from county seat.
 - Inaccessible to early voting site and polling place.

- *Personal or business travel.
- *Attendance at college or other place of education or training.
- *Temporary residence outside of the county.
- *Service as an elected or appointed state or federal official.

*Indicates that the voter must receive ballot at an address outside of the county.

The clerk’s office will mail absentee ballot from Thursday, Mar. 24, through Wednesday, May 4.

A.G. Office

W.Va. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has announced that a representative from his office will meet with Mid-Ohio Valley residents in February to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

“These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives,” said Morrisey.

Brooke Albright, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the following event:

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 11 a.m. to noon, Calhoun County Courthouse lobby, 363 Main St., Grantsville.

Food Giveaway

Food giveaway will be held at Brohard Community Building on Friday, Feb. 4, from 3 to 4 p.m. Do not come before 2:45 p.m., stay in your vehicle, and wear a mask. COVID-19 rules apply. If you are picking up for someone else, have a note. It is sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church. For information, call Shelly Murphy, 354-6739, who said, “We are an equal opportunity provider.”

Tell Your Delegate you oppose House Bill 4260

Government is doing big things in West Virginia, but House Bill 4260 will make it harder for you to know it.

Just last year, the West Virginia Legislature passed a law to create a government website to add online publication of the state’s public notices and legal advertisements to the traditional newspaper publication.

That law increased public notice. All West Virginians benefited.

Now this year — before that website is even complete — some Delegates want to change the law and reduce public notice.

HB-4260 could eliminate the second and third public notice you now get in the local newspaper, making it less likely residents will see news about items such property forfeitures, tax sales, changes in mineral and natural gas rights, plans to locate waste facilities and many other issues that could impact you.

Let your Delegate know you oppose HB-4260

It’s simple:

Keep public notice about your community in your community

Find your representative’s contact information at wvlegislature.com

Vaccinations

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available to all West Virginians ages 5 and older. Anyone interested in being vaccinated is urged to visit Vaccinate.wv.gov or call the West Virginia Vaccine Info Line, 1-833-734-0965, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Calhoun Youth Basketball Season - Week 3

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

2nd-3rd Grade

Team Wilson/Cunningham 20: scoring, Brantley Schoolcraft 8, Jase Farley 6, Tori Cunningham 2, Payton Lamp 2, Colbie Wilson 2, Ariana Bremer, Chinra Brennen, Silas Cunningham.

Team Persinger/Badgett 4: scoring, Carter Thompson 4, Catelyn Badgett, Krystal Badgett, Aubrie Daigle, Allianna Hill, Aaron Langford, Mercy Starcher.

Team Church/Mayle 30: scoring, Mandy Johnson 16, Mason Sampson 10, Tyler Mayle 4, Sadie McGlothlin, Colton Neal.

Team Butler/Hanlon 6: scoring, Tristian Rogers 4, Parker Hoskins 2, Logan Butler, Addie Collins, Sawyer Hoskins, Annie Nelson, Kallah Reip.

Team Snodgress 12: scoring, Bentley Snodgress 6, Cruz Frymier 2, Leander Richards 2, Isabella Staples 2, Temperance Caldwell, Payden Yeager, Lizzie Collins, Stormie Cunningham, Liam Yeager.

Team Wilson/Cunningham 4: scoring, Brantley Schoolcraft 4, Ariana Bremer, Chinra Brennen, Silas Cunningham, Tori Cunningham, Jase Farley, Payton Lamp, Colbie Wilson.

Team Butler/Hanlon 18: scoring, Addie Collins 6, Tristian Rogers 6, Parker Hoskins 4, Kallah Reip 2, Logan Butler, Sawyer Hoskins, Annie Nelson.

Team Persinger/Badgett 6: scoring, Aaron Langford 4, Carter Thompson 2, Catelyn Badgett, Krystal Badgett, Aubrie Daigle, Allianna Hill, Mercy Starcher.

Team Church/Mayle 25: scoring, Mason Sampson 17, Mandy Johnson

4, Tyler Mayle 4, Sadie McGlothlin, Colton Neal.

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

Standings W-L
 Church/Mayle 6-0
 Butler/Hanlon 3-3
 Snodgress 3-3
 Wilson/Cunningham 3-3
 Persinger/Badgett 0-6

2nd-3rd Schedule Saturday, Feb. 5

10:30 a.m.
 Church/Mayle vs. Wilson/Cunningham 11:20 a.m.
 Snodgress vs. Persinger/Badgett 12:10 p.m.
 Butler/Hanlon vs. Wilson/Cunningham 1:00 p.m.
 Persinger/Badgett vs. Church/Mayle 1:50 p.m.
 Butler/Hanlon 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 Allison/Arthur 21: scoring, Brennen Swisher 5, Kason Stamper 4,



Owen Swisher 4, Avery Wood 4, Mackenzie Wright 4, Brady Crislip, Colin Grogg, Jayden Hall, Ky Mounts, Keegan Sampson, Liam Staton.

Team Heiney 18: scoring, Jayden Frame 12, Brett Richards 4, Allison Harris 2, Brenlyn Barr, Khloe Cobbett, Riley Holbert, Klyynn Keith.

Team Frail/Walker 12: scoring, Jude Walker 8, Bristol Hoskins 4, Emma Frail, Mason Laughlin, Camry Parsons, Luke Strange-Paylor, Payton Roberts, Eliana White.

Team Perkins/Carter 8: scoring, Clayton Foster 4, Caleb Allen 2, Trevor Mayle 2, Greyson Hill, Danika Starcher, Lydia Starcher.

Team Wilson/Sampson 17: scoring, Roman Wilson 13, Cohen Blan-

kenship 2, Mollie Parkin 2, Brayden Hardway, Rylie Hupp.

Team Heiney 15: scoring, Jayden Frame 14, Allison Harris 1, Brenlyn Barr, Khloe Cobbett, Riley Holbert, Brett Richards.

Team Allison/Arthur 19: scoring: Avery Wood 6, Brady Crislip 4, Brennen Swisher 4, Colin Grogg 2, Owen Swisher 2, Keegan Sampson 1, Jayden Hall, Ky Mounts, Kason Stamper, Liam Staton, Mackenzie Wright.
Team Frail/Walker 12: scoring, Jude Walker 10, Bristol Hoskins 2, Emma Frail, Mason Laughlin, Camry Parsons, Luke Strange-Paylor, Payton Roberts, Eliana White.

Team Perkins/Carter 24: scoring, Caleb Allen 12, Trevor Mayle 8, Clayton Foster 2, Greyson Hill 2, Danika Starcher, Lydia Starcher.

Team Wilson/Sampson 16: scoring, Roman Wilson 16, Cohen Blankenship, Ellie Hall, Mollie Parkin, Brayden Hardway, Rylie Hupp, Gwen Sampson.

Standings W-L
 Allison/Arthur 6-0
 Perkins/Carter 4-2
 Frail/Walker 3-3
 Heiney 1-5
 Wilson/Sampson 1-5

4th-6th Schedule Saturday, Feb. 5

10:30 a.m.
 Perkins/Carter vs. Heiney
 11:20 a.m.
 Allison/Arthur vs. Wilson/Sampson
 12:10 p.m.
 Frail/Walker vs. Heiney
 1:00 p.m.
 Perkins/Carter vs. Allison/Arthur
 1:50 p.m.
 Wilson/Sampson vs. Frail/Walker

Saturday, Feb. 12

Single Elimination Tournament
 10:30 a.m.
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