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One of several new displays at the History Center's re-opening featured cheerleading, Future Farmers of America, choir, sports memorabilia, etc., from Calhoun County High School.

## Society's History Center Re-Opens

Calhoun County Historical Society hosted the re-opening of the History Center, located on Main St., Grantsville, on Friday.

With the exception of a Halloween event, the center has not been open

to the public since the pandemic closed businesses in 2020.

In the last two months, the society has been cleaning and creating new exhibits in preparation for the re-opening.

In addition to items for

sale, many of the displays focus on the history of Calhoun County High School.

Visitors can view sports memorabilia, musical instruments and band uniforms, faculty and class photos, and lots more.

There is also a display that features photos and information about the fire of 1942.

The historical society will meet on Thursday, Mar. 10, to discuss new hours for the museum and upcoming events.

## Board Selects Mitch Morgan For Vacancy

The Calhoun County board of education interviewed two candidates for a vacancy on the board at a special 5:30 p.m. meeting on Monday.

Board members voted to appoint Mitch Morgan, a long-time bus driver, to the seat.

Morgan will replace retired member Kevin Cunningham, and will serve until the General Election is certified in November.

Morgan will be sworn in by county clerk Jean Simers at Monday's 5:30 p.m. regular meeting at the Mt. Zion board office.

The board also interviewed Penny Stanley for the board seat.

Comments and answers to board questions from the candidates included:

--Morgan: Interested in children and has granddaughter in school; would like to see more students in school; he doesn't have "an axe to grind"; and he will be open to others' opinions.

--Stanley: Helping to raise to school-age children; parents should be on the board; and she would be a voice for parents.

The board held several executive sessions. The first one was at 5:32 (possibly on personnel);



Mitch Morgan  
New Board Member

a second one to conduct a student expulsion hearing; and a third to discuss the selection of the new board member.

Personnel items approved included the following:

--Retirements: service, Jim Yeager, custodian.

--Resignations: professional, Scott Clarkson, substitute teacher; Yolanda Goss, substitute teacher; Jeremy Brumfield, social studies teacher; Summer School 2021-22, Vicki Hardway, KinderBoost teacher, PHS.

--Policy 5000 moves, FY 2022-2023: Lori Taylor, AES, Grade 2 to Grade 1; Julie Summers, AES, Save the Children (Continued on Page 2)

## Hicks Chosen Nursing Board Director



Michael Hicks,  
Center for Nursing  
Board of Directors

Gov. Jim Justice has appointed Michael Hicks, general counsel of Minnie Hamilton Health System, to a term on the West Virginia Center for Nursing Board of Directors.

The center supports education, recruitment, and retention of qualified nurse professionals in and for the State of West Virginia.

"Over the last two years, we have all certainly seen the important and life-saving work that nursing professionals in West Vir-

ginia perform every day," said Hicks.

"I appreciate the governor's confidence in me to serve in this capacity, and I look forward to working with the W.Va. Center for Nursing and other stakeholders to help retain, strengthen, and expand the nursing workforce in West Virginia."

Hicks is currently a member of the Calhoun county commission.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 9**  
Open enrollment begins at Little Kanawha Valley Christian School; call 354-6436 for information.

**Thursday, March 10**  
Calhoun county commission will conduct a forum, open to the public, courthouse little courtroom, 6 p.m.

**Friday, March 11**  
Preschool registration, Pleasant Hill; call 354- (Continued on Page 2)

## Third Death In Three Weeks Brings Total To 13 In Calhoun

**Past Week Shows Only 4-of-16 New Cases Confirmed**

Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported 16 new cases in Calhoun County, a decrease from 33 last week.

Only four of the cases were confirmed, with the other 12 listed as probable.

It was the lowest

number of new cases in the county since the 14 reported from Aug. 18-24.

On Mar. 2, DHHR also reported the 13th death of a county resident, a 40-year-old male--the third death since Feb. 9.

Calhoun has now had a total of 1,811 cases, with confirmed cases at 928 (the lowest in the state) and probable cases at 883.

The alert color for the county turned from green to yellow for three days, but returned to green on Tuesday, one of 49 at the lowest alert. Five counties are in yellow and one is in gold. Clay is the only surrounding county in yellow.

The seven-county area had 165 new cases, the lowest since there were 126 cases reported from Aug. 11-17. Cases in the area now total 17,005.

New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 63 (3,832/42); Clay, 22 (2,330/37); Ritchie, (Continued on Page 2)

## Savannah Cunningham Signs With Concord



Calhoun's Savannah Cunningham signed a letter of intent on Friday to attend Concord University and participate in cross country and in track for coach Mike Cox. The senior owns CCHS records in the 100, 200, 400, 800 and 3200 track events, and, in two seasons, also has the most career points scored for a track and field athlete. Her sophomore season was lost due to the COVID pandemic. From left to right are CCHS coach Melinda Fitzwater, Missy Cunningham (mom), Savannah Cunningham, and CCHS coach Brenda Bush.

# OBITUARIES

## STEVEN ALLEN GOFF

Steven Allen Goff, 54, of Parkersburg, died Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2022, at his residence.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of the late Lawrence E. Koon and Pearl Goff. He was a mechanic.

Surviving are five brothers, Danny Goff, David Goff, Nathan Goff, Gary Koon and Les Koon; two sisters, Diane Koon and Sissy Koon; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Creston.

## LEONA MURREL JONES

Leona Murrel Jones, 87, of Ripley, died Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2022, at her home.

She was born in Oka, the daughter of the late Greely and Ruby Simons Truman. She was a former custodian for Jackson County Board of Education, a member of AARP, and was a Methodist.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Denzil Edwin Jones; one daughter, Karen Tomlin; three grandchildren, Melissa McDermott, Amanda McCune and Rodney Tomlin; nine great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Virginia Dye, Loretta Snodgrass, Nina Sanchez and Netta Ruth Harold.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Rita and Pamela; two brothers, Randall and Ron; one sister, Wilma Boggs; and one grandson, Denny Paul Perdew.

Services were held at Casto Funeral Home, Evans, with Rev. Kelly Snyder officiating. Burial was in Clover Cemetery, Roane County.

## DELORCE MADELINE GIBSON

Delorce Madeline Gibson, 92, of Elizabeth, died Sunday, Mar. 6, 2022, at home.

She was born in Brohard, the daughter of the late Joseph P. and Lillie Mae Lewis Newbrough. She was a graduate of Wirt County High School and worked in the Wirt County sheriff's office for 11-1/2 years.

Surviving are one son, Lyle Joseph "Joe" Gibson, Jr.; two siblings, Inis Swisher and Robert Newbrough; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Lyle Joseph Gibson, Sr., and five siblings, Joseph Newbrough, Opal Burrows, Faye Lynch, Grant Newbrough and Clarence Newbrough.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Mar. 19, 1 p.m., in Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Elizabeth.

## MAVIS FERN NORMAN MILLER

Mavis Fern Norman Miller, 88, of Shock, died Friday, Mar. 4, in Charleston Area Medical Center's Hospice Unit.

She was the daughter of the late Foster and Autie Groves Norman. She was born at Shock and graduated from Normantown High School. She furthered her education by becoming a registered nurse through Union Protestant Hospital, Clarksburg, and began her career at Thomas Memorial Hospital, South Charleston. She returned home to Gilmer County and spent the majority of her career at Calhoun General Hospital, where she worked in surgery, emergency room, and utilization review. She also spent two years teaching nursing at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. Last year, she told members of her family that she wanted to go into a surgical suite and see the instruments that are now used--to compare with instruments used when she assisted in surgeries.

Surviving are one son, Gregory Scott Miller of Adams, Ky.; one daughter-in-law, Myra Chico Miller of Glenville; four grandsons, Clinton Jay Miller of Paynesville, Ohio, Joshua Bly Miller of Glenville, Joshua Stepp of Winfield and Jonathan Stepp of Canal Winchester, Ohio; two granddaughters, Denetta Looney of Grundy, Va., and Amanda Kirk of Kermit; 11 great-grandchildren, Nicholi, Augusta Bly, Myla Bly, Kaleb, Kelli, Cade, Jonah, Luke, Lilly, Ava and Ella; and two sisters, Etta Miller of Fort Myers, Fla., and Karen Leitz of Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arlyn Bly Miller; one daughter, Peggy Dawn Miller; one son, John Jeffery Miller; and seven siblings, Dawson Norman, Delmer Norman, Dallas Norman, Roscoe Norman, Randolph Norman, Hazel Griffin and Audrey Cottrill.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Brett Miller, Gene Miller and Vernon Kerns officiating. Burial was in Collins Community Cemetery, Stumptown.

## LOREN MERLE 'Bill' SAMPSON

Loren Merle "Bill" Sampson, 83, of Akron, Ohio, died Friday, Mar. 4, 2022.

He was born in Mt. Zion, the son of the late Roy and Evelyn Roberts Sampson. He retired from B&W, Barberton, Ohio. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Firestone Blvd., Akron, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Lois Casteel Sampson; three sons, Bob Sampson, Bill Sampson and Lee Sampson; one daughter, Loreen North; three grandchildren, Michael, Miranda and Nicholas North; great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mona Sampson Rice.

He was preceded in death by one son, Rex Sampson, and two sisters, Myrna Sampson Ulrich and Jane Sampson Kessler.

Services were held at Roberts Funeral Home-Hillcrest Chapel, Seville, Ohio, with Pastor Robert Stephens officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Seville.



# Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

March is such a fickle month, especially when it comes to weather. Last weekend was simply beautiful with temperatures in the 70s.

Then, along comes Monday, accompanied by a cold front that passed through Calhoun County around 4 p.m., with winds whipping through the trees on the hill tops with the roar that sounded to me like 40 to 50 miles per hour. The wind-blown rain in Grantsville was going sideways.

Jeanne was coming to town to pick me up from work and she said that the wind was pushing our KIA Sportage around, and the rain was so thick that she couldn't see 10 feet in front of the car.

Starting down Town Hill, she had to stop and wait until two trees were cut up and removed from the road.

The wind was blowing so hard that I think there was a flock of buzzards from Wirt County that were moved 20 miles to the east, looking somewhat lost flying around Grantsville after the storm passed through.

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All of this springtime weather has the spring peepers fired up. I listened to them on Monday evening, with a smile on my face. I listened to them from our front deck, as I waited to hear the lonesome call of a whippoorwill, which was in vain.

I figure that I may hear them fairly soon, if I hear them at all. Since the return of coyotes to the ecosystem, it seems to me that there are not nearly as many whippoorwills as there used to be. Ten years ago, we would hear three or four of them echoing up and down the holler every spring, evening and morning. Last year, we heard nary a one until very late in the season.

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The crows down in the holler have been ganging up on the owls every morning, and it is beginning to replace my alarm clock. Each morning, the crows wake up and travel noisily up the holler to a field 500 yards away, where the

owls like to hunt at night.

They then dive upon the owl, pinning it down, while more crows fly in to join in the fun. I like to go out on the deck and do my very poor imitation of a barred owl, just to see how many crows I can get to fly my way.

At times, this allows the owl to escape the crows by flying low through the trees until it can make its way home.

This will become harder for the owls now, as they are probably feeding little owlets back in the hollow tree, and they like to eat voraciously.

\* \* \* \*

The grass is beginning to thicken up in the yard, and the robins are hopping around in the mornings, feasting on the night crawlers that did not get back underground before dawn.

\* \* \* \*

The crows also love to harass the hawks that live in the holler, but the hawks don't let the bullies win every encounter, they fight back.

Now, there is a sight to behold. I love to watch one hawk defend itself against 10, or even more crows, flying with acrobatic skill, talons extended, and making the crows take evasive measures to protect themselves. Life is good down in the holler.

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We can only hope that it remains so now that World War III may have begun. How can this be happening in 2022, in what we like to think of as a "civilized" world when atrocities like what is happening now in Ukraine, and other places around the globe, show us to be as uncivilized as any time in the past history of mankind.

If nothing else happens because of this insane war, we know there will be even more starvation and disease, since Ukraine is known as the "breadbasket" of the European Union, but the crops will be meager this year.

This kind of atrocity should be ended now, by whatever means necessary, and should never be tolerated again, anywhere, period.

## Third Death--

(Continued from Page 1) 18 (2,403/30); Roane, 12 (3,118/36); Wirt, 7 (1,432/23); and Gilmer, 7 (2,079/18).

New West Virginia cases were 5,046, down from 7,563, 11,810, 17,203, 23,909 and 32,276 over the past five weeks. Total cases during the pandemic are 490,544.

The number of deaths reported was 120, a decrease from 152 and 167 the previous two weeks. Total deaths in West Virginia are 6,339.

The number of new cases in the United States continues to decline, with the past week's 349,765 down from 480,140, 762,041, 1,308,174, 2,439,326, 3,652,145, 4,930,398 and 5,732,503 the previous seven

weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 80,917,522.

New deaths in the U.S. dropped to 10,901, a decrease from 13,707, 16,001 and 17,382, after six weeks of increases. Total deaths are 984,020.

New weekly worldwide cases were 10,685,930, continuing a downward trend from 11,045,194, 12,526,118, 16,141,938, 20,804,003, 23,124,959 and 23,423,473, over the past six weeks. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 446,774,474.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 52,139, down from 61,657, 71,693, 76,082 and 77,120, after five weeks of increases. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,026,450.

DHHR reported that 963,973 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (53.8%), an increase of 1,931 in the last week. There have been 414,893 booster shots given, an increase of 3,555 from last week.

According to DHHR, the number of vaccine doses administered in Calhoun is reported as 3,236, a decrease (?) of seven since last week's total of 3,243.

## Bingo

Bingo will be held on Saturday, Apr. 2, at Arnoldsburg Community Building, with early bird games at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30.

Early birds receive five games for \$3. Regular bingo is \$20 for 20 games. There will be lots of prizes, raffles and fun. Call 364-2663 for early bird tickets.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continued from Page 1) +13126266799 or +1929 6022, ext. 402, for appointment.

### Saturday, March 12

Bluegrass, gospel and country music, Lions Club Building, Grantsville, 6 p.m.

### Sunday, March 13

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Set clocks forward one hour.

### Monday, March 14

Last day to vote on Ginkgo Tree Stump Wood Carving winners (see ballot inside this issue).

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

+13126266799 or +1929 2056099 (toll free).

Calhoun board of education meeting, board office, Mt. Zion, 5:30 p.m.; public hearing for levy rates for FY22-23.

### Thursday, March 17

Welfare of Animals Group will be trapping stray and feral cats in Chloe and Grantsville areas to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped.

### Friday, March 18

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

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

## Board Selects Morgan--

(Continued from Page 1) program coordinator interventionist, to Title 1.

--Employment: professional, Deborah Rasmussen, interventionist academic coach, county; Lori Taylor, After-School tutor teacher; service, Terry Marks, Ryan Copen, Kaylee Jarvis, substitute custodians; Rebecca Davis, substitute cook; Whitney Butler, substitute secretary; Marisha Collins, cook III/cafeteria manager, PHS.

Summer School: Margaret Kirby, substitute cook; Kelley O'Harrow, Sonja Hartshorn, Danielle Goodrich, Special Education; Anthony Oldham, Adeanna Davis, Terry Marks, Kaylee Jarvis, custodians; Krystina Stewart, elementary cardio drumming camp; Tammey

Webb, substitute tutor/teacher; Erica Greathouse, Lexie Gregory, Macy Schoolcraft, Aspire tutors.

The next board of education meeting will be held on Monday, Mar. 14, 5:30 p.m., in the Mt. Zion board office.

## Class Of 1962

The CCHS Class of 1962 is planning a reunion on Saturday, July 23, noon, at Logan's Roadhouse, 100 9th St., Vienna.

Class representatives are not requiring reservations, but if you plan to attend or if you do not receive a letter, call one of the following so plans can be made: Betty Price, 354-7583; Arletta Conley, 354-8978; Dottie Rader, 354-9099; or Sue Haymaker, 336-210-4332.



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# This Week In History

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

## 1922, 100 years ago

"The people have had enough of Republican 'Normalcy' and enough of distress as a result of their vote in 1920, and will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to put the Democratic ticket back in power," Clyde Beecher Johnson, prominent Charleston attorney, told the Democratic Club of the capitol city at a recent meeting.

"The Democratic party is a dependable party," said Johnson, "unwilling to sacrifice its principles to stave off defeat. The Democratic party thinks more of decency and soul than of its political power."

The depression of business was bound to come following the world war, said Johnson, but the policies of the Republican party have made this depression many times worse than there was any reason for.

"During the war we developed a machine that was much bigger than the needs of this country, and it behooved us to enter into the world's trade. Failure to ratify the Versailles treaty, a course adopted for political purposes and not for the good of the country, angered those nations to which America might have sold its goods, and on top of this, deflation of currency has put millions of men out of employment, caused a wide suffering and distress and forced many firms into bankruptcy," said Johnson

John M. Hamilton, who spent the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. J.M. Hamilton, returned Sunday to Washington, D.C., where he is a student at Bliss Electrical College.

Alva Webster and Herndon McCartney went to Boogerhole and brought over the remains of McCartney's old Ford roadster on a wagon one day last week.

Peter Lane, local angler, said that the lure of the river bank will soon call him.

The protracted meeting at Walnut closed with a total of 25 conversions. The meeting at Elmira, conducted by Rev. Harvey Campbell, was cut short by a threatened epidemic of the flu.

## 1947, 75 years ago

A Charleston man and his wife were found frozen to death on Sunday in a barn near Tuttle Hill, where they had taken shelter after being stranded by snow-covered roads.

Sheriff Doy Arnold identified the pair as Amos Lamp, about 45 years old, and his wife, Bethel A. Lamp, 25 years old, both of Charleston.

Their bodies were found in separate stalls of the barn by the owner, Eugene Reynolds, 25, who had gone to the building to feed his cattle. He notified the authorities immediately.

Arnold said that it had been established that the victims were enroute to visit Mrs. Lamp's mother, Mrs. Belle Carpenter, near Richardson.

The sheriff said, that on the basis of evidence that he and other county and state officials had gathered, the following story of the events had been pieced together:

The Lamps had been driven from Charleston in a taxicab as far as the community of Hur, but the road became impassable at that point and the taxi was forced to stop. The driver returned to Charleston.

The couple continued their journey on foot, and had walked approximately a mile in near zero temperature before seeking refuge in the barn. Arnold said that ice was frozen on their legs when their bodies were found.

Arnold said that he, coroner Gerald Stump and State Trooper L.E. Haynes were continuing investigation into the incident.

Amos' brother, S.M. Lamp, lives in the county, and his father, Oliver Lamp, lives at Hebron, Pleasants County.

## 1972, 50 years ago

A star-studded chorus line has been formed to dance at the Hobo Minstrel being presented in Grantsville. The line includes such lovelies as Dave Stephenson, Paul Siegrist, Keith Rinehart, Richard Vanhorn, Voras Haynes, Harry Nicholas, Don Godfrey, Mark Shock, Bill Stevens, Ben Riddle, Jim Morford, Gary Campbell and Tank Davis.

The dancers, wiggled and attired in the proper (?) costumes, will dance to "Six Foot Two." The talented group was first asked to dance "The Charleston," but they modestly declined and explained that while they could not dance anything as big as "The Charleston," they could dance "The Grantsville" and dance it very well. This they will do on Mar. 17 at the high school, as one of the many acts in the Hobo Minstrel. All proceeds of this benefit are for the Senior Girl Scouts.

## Farmers/Ranchers Grants

W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture has reopened applications for the 2021 West Virginia Farmers and Ranchers Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) grants.

Purpose of the program is to establish a network that connects individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, and other agriculture related occupations to stress assistance programs.

The network assists farmers and ranchers in times of stress and offers a conduit to improving behavioral health awareness, literacy, and outcomes for agricultural producers and workers, and their families.

Eligible applicants are those that use funds to

initiate, expand, or sustain programs that provide professional agricultural behavioral health counseling and referral for other forms of assistance as necessary through any of the following:

Farm telephone help-lines and websites, training programs and support groups, and outreach services and activities, including the dissemination of information and materials.

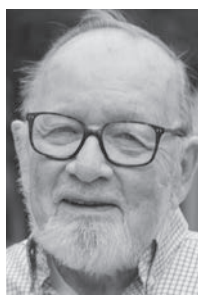
The total amount of funds available for award under this RFA is approximately \$300,000.

The grant period will begin May 1 and end no later than Apr. 30, 2023.

For an application email lbogges@wvda.us.

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Here's some trivia I've been saving up for you--very important stuff!

--Trivia was the Roman goddess of crossroads. People met at the crossroads and exchanged gossip.

--It takes a lobster approximately seven years to grow to be about one pound.

--The longest name in the Bible is Mahershalahashbaz. (Isaiah 8:1)

--The first church bells in the U.S. were installed in the tower of Boston's Old North Church in 1745. Yes, that's where Paul Revere had his lanterns hung 30 years later on the 18th of April in 1775. One if by land, and two if by sea.

--Chickens lay eggs small end first. (Makes good sense.)

--Longest lifespans:  
-Mammals: humans (100+ years)  
-Reptiles: giant tortoises (150 years)  
-Birds: turkey buzzards (118 years)  
-Animal: quahog (200 years)  
-(And we humans think that we age well!)  
--The largest human organ is the skin, with an average surface area of about 25 square feet.

--The first Rose Bowl game was played in 1902 in Pasadena, Calif. University of Michigan beat Stanford 49-0.

--SWAT, as in SWAT Team, stands for Special Weapons and Tactics.

--There is no synonym for "thesaurus." That is, you can't find thesaurus in a thesaurus. The word comes from the Greek word for "a treasure."

Well, there you have the trivia. Some time ago, I published some thoughts on using a cart while shopping. A friend asked me to repeat these. They occurred while Christmas shopping, as I recall, but they still apply today. I was in a couple big retail stores pushing my buggy (cart), and these suggestions came to mind:

--Side aisles connecting to the main aisles should have stop signs. See-around corner mirrors would help, too.

--Buggy pushers should stay on the right. Passing lanes would be great--to get around those stalled shoppers.

--Put horns on buggies, so we can warn other shoppers.

--No stopping for gossiping with other shoppers.

--Have an Aisle Patrol to enforce these rules! Particularly double parkers. Tow 'em!

--Have frequent rest areas where frustrated buggy drivers can relax and get over their "aisle rage."

OK, so I'm a shopping Grinch--bah, humbug!

**C.P.S.** (Curious Postscript): "Don't tell your problems to people: 80 percent don't care, and 20 percent are glad you have them." --Lou Holtz.

Curious about something? Email your questions to Dr. Jerry Wilson at [curiosity.corner@yahoo.com](mailto:curiosity.corner@yahoo.com). Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

## WAG To Be In Chloe And Grantsville Areas

Welfare of Animals Group will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Chloe and Grantsville areas on Thursday, Mar. 17, to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program).

According to the news release, "We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Wednesday, Mar. 16, as we will be trapping on Mar. 17.

"Once the cats have

### Easter Egg Hunt

The 26th annual Melissa Oshway Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, Apr. 9, noon, at Wayne Underwood Field. It is for children ages 0-12.

The event is sponsored by John and Sue Oshway in memory of their daughter, Melissa Gayle Oshway. There will be over 3,200 eggs for the younger children and over 3,200 eggs for the older children.

Calhoun County Grief Support Group will sell concessions.

### Levy Rates

Calhoun County board of education will hold a public hearing for levy rates for FY22-23 on Monday, Mar. 14, at 5:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, Apr. 19, at 5:30 p.m., to Lay the Levy at the Calhoun County Schools central office.

recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours), we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation.

"So far, we have spayed and neutered 604 community cats (338 females and 266 males).

"Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them Thursday, Mar. 17. If you have questions, call Linda Buchanan, 354-7506.

"If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only five or six cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to county residents at no cost to the caretaker."

The program is funded in part by Bernard McDonough Foundation, Oakland Foundation, Dept. of Agriculture, and county commission.

### Free COVID Test

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.

To get your free at-home COVID tests, visit [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).

# This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Mar. 10-16 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).

Mar. 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

Mar. 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties, and named for Daniel Boone.

Mar. 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, who commanded the Continental Army at Bunker Hill.

Mar. 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

Mar. 12, 1850: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.



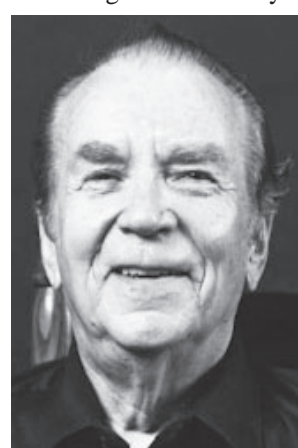
Mar. 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. He was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and

engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, he was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.

Mar. 14, 1931: Noting the interest in the annual reunion of Carnifex Ferry (shown below) battle veterans, the legislature created the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission.

Mar. 15, 1882: Union leader Frank Keeney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. He went to work in the mines as a boy, and became a rank-and-file leader during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912-13.

Mar. 15, 1952: Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin was born in Logan County. He was elected as a Democrat from Logan County to the House of Delegates in 1974, when he was only 22 and still a senior at West Virginia University.



Mar. 16, 1906: Country musician Buddy Starcher was born Oby Edgar Starcher, near Ripley. In 1946, he cut his first recordings on Four Star, including his best-known composition, "I'll Still Write Your Name in the Sand," which became a hit in 1949.

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The legislature created Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission on Mar. 14, 1931.

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## My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



While I enjoyed the warm weather that this past week brought, I couldn't help thinking about the saying that states if March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb. The first few days of this month have definitely been of the lamb variety. Does this mean we need to prepare for a lion-like end? I certainly hope not, as the last week of March is my spring break.

When it is almost 80 degrees out and you can wear short sleeves, it is easy to forget that snow is still possible in March. In fact, it hasn't been that long ago that we had a spring snowstorm. My Facebook account brought up memories of the 2014 winter storm Titan just this week to remind me. I hope that wasn't an omen of things to come. My fingers are crossed for an early spring, with lots of sunshine and warm temperatures.

Speaking of warm weather, I took full advantage of what we had this weekend. On Saturday, I opened all of the downstairs windows in my home among the hills. It was great to air the place out and let some fresh air in. I also began some long overdue cleaning of my Jeep. Maricia helped me vacuum out the inside, and I cleaned all of the interior surfaces.

I had planned to wash the outside, but when I went to get my hose, I discovered I was missing a nozzle. Mine broke last year, and I never got around to buying a new one. I postponed that project for another day. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate again in the near future.

Once all of my typical Saturday chores were completed, I picked up Maricia and my parents' dog Rascal and headed to the park for a walk. I love that the days are getting longer, so there is more time for activities in the evening hours. This will become even more possible after we spring ahead this coming weekend.

While I hate losing that hour of sleep, I love the longer evenings. It was a beautiful warm evening at the park, and we enjoyed our walk immensely. I look forward to many more of these in the weeks and months to come.

I jumped ahead to the weekend, but I did have a very busy week. Most of my evenings were spent working at the history center with the other historical society members, as we prepared for the reopening of the museum. Each day we checked a few more items off the to-do list. I can honestly say that I have never seen the place look so good. Visitors have a real treat in store when they come in to view our new displays and exhibits, most of which center on the history of Calhoun County High School.

The only down side to my week occurred one evening when I walked out of the museum to discover someone had clipped the mirror on the driver's side of my Jeep and smashed it to pieces. Thankfully, that was the only damage done, and Andy was able to order me a new mirror and replace it within a few days.

I did squeeze in a walk with Maricia and Rascal on Wednesday and dinner with my parents on Thursday night. Most evenings when I finally returned home, I spent grading papers. The third nine weeks is coming to a close this week, and I am bound and determined to stay on top of my paperwork, so that I am not buried this coming weekend. While this has been a long year in many ways, I can still say it's hard to believe we are about to start our fourth and final nine weeks.

Friday evening was spent at the history center working with my fellow society members as we welcomed a number of visitors who came to check out all of our work. It was wonderful to see people in the museum again after such a long time. I look forward to the museum being open more in the future, so that even more people can come see what we have been up to lately.

My March calendar is becoming quite full. In addition to the grading period ending, we have parent-teacher conferences this month and applications for the honor societies will go out. I have a library and a historical society meeting, as well as a family visit and spring break all coming up. Spring is always a busy time, but I don't mind.

Even with so much to do, I will make time to take walks and sit on my porch--once I get it cleaned up and the furniture put back out there. I hope that old saying about the lion and the lamb doesn't come true this year. I am ready for as much warm, sunny weather as Mother Nature wants to send our way.

## 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)

Dearest Girl, I feel mortified, and dejected this evening, at the seemingly hard treatment, we are subjected to, but, I will bear it all with fortitude and when I am able, be ever ready to do my duty to my distracted and almost reunited country.

"Mollie" I have had a beautiful likeness taken of myself which I hope some day to present to you. If it was not, for the uncertainty of the mail I would send it to you by mail, but it would be apt to get lost. I would give almost any thing if you was here, so we could have them both taken together.

I must now close for the present. I will write to you again when I get to my destination.

Please give my best respects to all of your family, and whenever I can get permission to return I will come to see you, and receive your affectionate embraces.

Remaining your true and devoted lover,

Michael A. Ayers  
3rd. Sgt. Co. C., 11th. Va. I. Vols

Please accept this ring in token of my esteem.

Your Mich Ayers

October 21st., 1862

Beloved Mary.

I take this opportunity of sending you a few lines to inform you that I am well at this time, and hope you may be enjoying the same blessing.

Mary, I am far away from you this evening. Many a mile of hill and dale, and broad streams lie between us, and when I think of the happy hours I spent with you, I often wonder if I shall ever be permitted to enjoy such happiness again.

My dear girl, though we are separated at this from each other by distance, my mind and heart is ever with you. The saddest moment of my life was when I last parted from you, and started at that time I scarcely knew where, and Mary, when I turned and walked away, tears came to my eyes, and I fervently prayed God direct my way, and keep us in his protecting care till brighter times should roll round, and I knew you felt sad when I had to part from you, but I hope to meet you again, but when I can not tell.

Dearest Mary, I feel shure your love for me will not grow less, and where ever I may wander I shall still love you truly & devotedly, and my aim shall always be to render you happy. I hope to get employment in a few days. I will still write to you, and please write to me when ever you can, as I shall be supremely glad to hear from you. I must close for the present.

Remaining your true and affectionate Lover till death,

Michael A. Ayers

Buchannon, PO

Perry Co., Ohio

Nov. 12th., 1862

My Dear Girl,

This note will inform you that I have received your very kind and affectionate letter. I was glad to hear from you once more, and that you was still in the enjoyment of good health. I am well at this time, and hope this note will find you well as usual.

It is a pleasure indeed to me to get a letter from a loved one left behind, when I am far away.

"Blest moment when upon my sight,  
Thy charmed presence sweetly stole,  
When broke as breaks the morning light,  
The dawn of love upon my soul,  
The soft bewitching influence fell,  
Upon my heart with magic power,  
And bound it with a tender spell,  
To thee forever from that hour."

Dear Mary, may our love never grow less, though we may not see each other again for a long time. You dearest girl, center in my affections and are the pole star of my existence, and where ever I go your sweet form floats before my vision.

I hope yet to see the bright morning dawn, whose glorious sun shall set on our happy union though it may be many a long day before that time comes. Yet I have a hope that encourages me to wait its coming with patience.

Dearest Mary, Remember me tenderly, while we are separated. Please write again at your convenience.

I remain your tender and devoted lover,

Michael A. Ayers

Parkersburg, Wood Co. Va.

January 8th., 1863

Dear Beloved Mary,

I take this another opportunity of addressing you a short note, to inform you that I arrived safely in this place the same day I left you. We got here about 5 o'clock in the evening. Our trip over to the Railroad was a very muddy one. We are trying to wear time away the best we can. I am again at my old Post. I have been in the Captains office to day busy writing for him. We have quite comfortable quarters in the Barracks. We have not yet got our arms, so all we have to do is cook and eat.

Dear Mary, I want you to write to me the first opportunity you have. I will be very glad to hear from you occasionally, if we do not get to come back in that country. I felt very sorry to leave you, but duty compelled us to part. Yet I think of you tenderly & cherish the same fond affection for you as if I was by your side. Make all the improvement you can while you go to school. I felt truly happy in seeing the improvement you have made. Set your mark high, and try to excell all the rest of your classmates. I must close.

Remaining your True & Devoted lover.

Michael 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, Mar. 10: italian sausage, kraut, cube potatoes, mixed greens, fruit, cornbread.

Friday, Mar. 11: pizza burger, potatoes, banana pudding, whole wheat bun.

Monday, Mar. 14: baked steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, juice, whole wheat roll.

Tuesday, Mar. 15: cream turkey, biscuit, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit.

Wednesday, Mar. 16: hotdog with sauce, baked

beans, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Thursday, Mar. 17: stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll.

Friday, Mar. 18: ham-burger, tater tots, jello with fruit, whole wheat bun.

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.

## Preschool & Kindergarten Enrollment Information; PHS Registration Mar. 11

Calhoun County Universal Preschool has enrollment packets available for parents to get children enrolled into Pre-K for the 2022-2023 school year.

Packets may be picked up at Arnoldsburg Elementary School, Pleasant Hill School, or Calhoun County board of education during school hours.

All children who are four years old prior to July 1, 2022, are eligible to apply for enrollment.

Pre-registration will be held on Friday, Mar. 11, at Pleasant Hill School. Call Sierra McCormick, 354-6022, ext. 402, to schedule an appointment.

If school is canceled, registration will be re-scheduled.

The registration fair is set up to assist families in getting the necessary documentation for starting school. Developmental, hearing, vision, and

dental screenings will be conducted at the fair.

All children applying for preschool must have the following documents prior to the beginning of the 2022-23 school year:

--Certified birth certificate (Vital Statistics certificate from Charleston only).

--Immunization record.

--Preventative health screen, with dental check and hemoglobin test (available through your physician).

--Pre-K Universal application.

--Proof of income (W2, 1040, or proof of government assistance).

Completed preschool packets are due by the date of the registration fairs.

Any child, birth to three, thought to have developmental delays is also eligible to be screened for possible services.

For info, call 354-7011, ext. 317 or email bonnie.sands@k12.wv.us.

## Commission Lists Agenda

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

--Call to order.

--Pledge of Allegiance.

--Approve minutes:

Feb. 14, and Board of Equalization meetings, Jan. 31, Feb. 4, 9, 14, 18 and 24.

--Delegations/requests: Melissa O'Brien, Thompson and Litten; Crystal Mersh, 1982 Foundation, Wayne Underwood Field; Robin Hughes, update on comprehensive plan; website; new meeting schedule; updates on SB2, SB21.

--Reports: E-911, LEPC and OES; ambulance service; Wood Festival; CRI; Calhoun County Park; FRN; home confinement; sheriff; Little Kanawha Area Development Corp.

--New business: WV Corp renewal; set dates for budget meetings; audit bids.

--Oldbusiness: Mowing Wayne Underwood Field; Civil Service board.

--Personnel items:

--Appointments to boards and authorities: Bradley Stevens, reappointment to Little Kanawha Area Development Corp., 3 years.

--Grants, contracts, applications and resolutions: Resolution, \$500,000 GigReady Incentive Program; MOU, Pharmaceutical.

--Erroneous tax assessments/consolidations.

--Fiduciary items.

--Financial items: In-

house transfer #5 and resolution.

--Invoices paid, need to be approved.

--Financial statement: February.

--Bonds, wills, settlements and orders.

--Executive session.

--Adjournment: Next meeting is Monday, Apr. 19.

## College News

Glenville State

Three Calhoun County students have received their degrees from Glenville State College, now Glenville State University, as members of the Winter 2021 graduating class.

Jacob Petry of Grantsville graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor of science degree in natural resource management, with a concentration in land surveying technology and a minor in mathematics.

Carissa Yoak of Grantsville graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts in education degree in early education (PreK-K) and elementary education (K-6).

Brogan Richards of Big Springs graduated Cum Laude with an associate in arts degree in general studies as part of the Milestone Initiative, which signifies the academic accomplishment of students who are working toward a bachelor's degree.

## Food Giveaway

Mountaineer Food Bank will have a mobile pantry food giveaway on Friday, Mar. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., while supplies last, at 45 Pool St. (old pool site), Grantsville.

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# Girls Fall In Regional Final

The Calhoun County High School varsity girls basketball team came within one game of returning to the state tournament.

The Lady Red Devils, who ended the season with a 17-7 record, traveled to Tug Valley on Wednesday, Mar. 2, to play the Lady Panthers in the Region 4 finals.

Calhoun's 11-6 margin in the first quarter was offset by the host's 17-12 difference in the second, leaving the teams tied at halftime, 23-23.

A pair of three-pointers by Ella Hess in the first period led CCHS, while Josie Montgomery and Savannah Cunningham had five points each in the second.

Calhoun was outscored, 18-11, in the third, and was hampered in a comeback attempt in the final eight

minutes, when the Lady Panthers went to the foul line 15 times, making nine--the margin of the 58-49 loss.

The Lady Red Devils did not attempt a free throw in the quarter. Calhoun was called for 19 fouls in the game. Tug Valley, now 17-5, was whistled seven times. It was the 14th straight victory for the reigning Class A state champions.

Calhoun's last two losses were to the top two teams in Class A. One of the team's record 17 wins came against top-ranked Gilmer County during the season--the first loss suffered by the Lady Titans (22-2).

Other records announced by the team were as follows:

--Josie Montgomery - girls all time (1,656), season (535), and single game (41) scoring records.

--Savannah Cunningham - career assists (318) and career steals (388), plus 988 career points.

--Coach Kevin Boak - most wins as girls coach (62).

Final girls' varsity and junior varsity statistics will be published next week.

**Wednesday, Mar. 2**  
**Calhoun 11 12 11 15--49**  
**Tug Valley 6 17 18 17--58**  
 Calhoun scoring: Josie Montgomery 6 5-6 20, Savannah Cunningham 4 1-2 10, Joselynn Yeager 4 0-0 8, Ella Hess 2 0-0 6, Trista Arnold 2 0-0 5, Madison Westfall 0 0-0 0, Allison Stevens 0 0-0 0. Total 18 6-8 49. 3-pt.: Montgomery 3, Hess 2, Cunningham 1, Arnold 1. Rebounds, Montgomery 13, Yeager 6, Cunningham 4; steals, Cunningham 3, Hess 3; assists, Cunningham 5; blocks, Yeager 2. Opp.: 20 11-20 58; 3-pt.: 7.

## 2021-22 CCHS Girls Basketball

**Final Results (17-7)**

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 59 So. Harrison 42 . W  
 3 63 Gilmer 55 ..... W  
 5 51 Union 37 ..... W

HIT Championship

8 58 Roane 51 ..... W  
 10 54 Ritchie 36 ..... W

LKC - 5th place

15 36 Ritchie 40 ..... L  
 16 69 Williamstown 58 W  
 22 67 St. Joseph 49 .... W

Sectional

24 67 Gilmer 72 OT ..... L

March

Regionals

2 49 Tug Valley 58 ..... L

# Team Seventh In Class A Sampson Places Fourth In State

Calhoun senior Jett Sampson placed fourth in the Class A-AA State Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

As a team, the Red Devils scored 17 points, placing 23rd of 52 teams in Class AA-A, and finishing 7th of 21 Class A teams.

Sampson began competition in the 126-lb. weight class on Thursday night with a 9-1 major decision over a Magnolia opponent.

He continued on Friday morning with a pin against Liberty Raleigh in the quarter-finals.

On Friday night, he lost to Lewis County in the semi-finals.

Saturday morning, he advanced to the consolation finals with an 8-1 decision against Greenbrier West. Later in the morning, he lost to a wrestler from Fairmont Senior to finish fourth.

Sampson, who ended the tournament with a record of 3-2, earning a



Jett Sampson, 126 lbs.

pin and 15 points, placed sixth in the 113-lb. class as a sophomore and as a junior.

Also competing for CCHS were seniors Grant Sterns (145 lbs.) and Drue Goad (195 lbs.), each finishing competition, 2-2, one win from placing in their respective classes. Each scored six points.

Ian Persinger (152 lbs.), a junior, finished with a record of 0-2.

Career record updates will be published in a future issue.

## GSU Partnership

Representatives from Glenville State University and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine met on Feb. 18 to welcome GSU as a partner in the Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Program (POMP).

It is designed for undergraduate students who have an interest in osteopathic medicine and plan to enter osteopathic medical school.

"We see this as a win, not only for our students in making a more streamlined process for them as they matriculate to medical school, but also as we work together to tackle the various issues with staffing and healthcare in this country," said GSU president Dr. Mark Manchin.

"I am very excited that WVSOM and GSU are establishing this osteopathic medicine pipeline program. This is a win, win, win!

"A win for WVSOM, for Glenville State, and especially for their students who are interested in becoming an osteopathic physician," said WVSOM president James W. Nemitz, Ph.D.

Students who successfully complete all program requirements will receive guaranteed acceptance to WVSOM.

The program ensures that undergraduates will have the opportunity to network with medical students and medical professionals, and to receive shadowing opportunities, while improving their knowledge of osteopathic medicine.

For information, visit [www.wvsom.edu/admissions/pomp](http://www.wvsom.edu/admissions/pomp).

**2021-2022 CCHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Final Regular Season Statistics - Record 4-18**

Player, Class	Games	Pts.	Avg.	FGM-FGA	%	FTM-FTA	%
Levi Morris, Jr. ....	21	216	10.3	90-241	37.3	34-59	57.6
Ian Richards, Sr. ....	20	186	9.3	72-196	36.7	22-48	45.8
Landon Bennett, So. ....	21	162	7.7	43-149	28.9	53-65	81.5
Caden Jones, So. ....	21	106	5.0	42-129	32.6	22-49	44.9
Owen Taylor, So. ....	22	92	4.2	36-113	31.9	11-16	68.8
Joel Basnett, Jr. ....	21	70	3.3	27-122	22.1	7-21	33.3
Landon Church, Fr. ....	19	26	1.4	10-52	19.2	6-16	37.5
Jacob Marks, Fr. ....	16	23	1.4	7-37	18.9	5-6	83.3
Antonio Mattered, Sr. ....	5	3	0.6	1-7	14.3	0-0	00.0
Owen Grose, Jr. ....	5	0	0.0	0-2	00.0	0-0	00.0
Team Totals .....	22	884	40.2	328-1,048	31.3	160-280	57.1

3-pt. goals 68: Bennett 23, Richards 20, Basnett 9, Taylor 9.  
 Rebounds 601 (27.3 avg.): Morris 137 (6.5), Jones 127 (6.0), Taylor 92 (4.2), Basnett 83 (4.0), Richards 65 (3.3), Bennett 52 (2.5).  
 Assists 241 (11.0): Bennett 48 (2.3), Basnett 35 (1.7), Richards 34 (1.7), Taylor 34 (1.5), Church 30 (1.6), Jones 30 (1.4).  
 Steals 206 (9.4): Richards 70 (3.5), Basnett 37 (1.8), Bennett 27 (1.3).  
 Blocks 44 (2.0): Morris 22 (1.0), Jones 10 (.5).

## Governor's Updates

**Two-Year Anniversary Of First COVID Briefing**  
 Gov. Jim Justice announced that Friday, Mar. 4, marked the two-year anniversary of his first statewide briefing to discuss COVID-19.

It also marked the two-year anniversary of the day he issued a State of Preparedness for COVID-19, and gathered with members of his administration to discuss the state's next moves as the disease approached.

"I would have never believed that I'd still be in front of you talking about this two years later," said Justice. "And even as long as it's been, I still remember that day like it was yesterday. "People were really scrambling around. We did not have a detected case in West Virginia yet, but we knew that we had to get ready. So we got to work early on and we stayed ahead of the curve.

"West Virginia became the envy of the nation, if not the world. Here we were, out in front of everybody, because we gathered all the players together: the National Guard, the DHHR, all of the people that could give us real input into what was going on.

"This was supposed to wipe West Virginia completely off the map. It could have. We were the third oldest state in the nation, with the most chronic illnesses of any state, and we were a state surrounded on all sides by big populations of people.

"I want to take just a second today to thank all those out there that really did incredible work. You ran to the fire. All of our first responders, all those in the health care community across the board, the people that worked at the grocery stores; all West Virginians kept pulling together. I could never thank you enough."

## 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.

## WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, and infants and children up to the age of five.

WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the program or to receive information, call the local office, 354-6898, or the main office in Parkersburg, 428-3688.

WIC clinic is located at 300 Mill St., Grantsville, and is available each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments by phone. Call the office, 354-6898, if you have an appointment or a question about benefits.

## Music

Bluegrass, gospel and country music will be played at the Lions Club Building (behind Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville), on Saturday, Mar. 12, at 6 p.m. Musicians sign-up at the door. Everyone is welcome.

**Calhoun County High School**  
**Final 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	26-7	14	179
132--	Isaiah Boggs	12-18	4	64
145--	Hunter Thacker	10-4	9	60
145--	Grant Sterns	31-14	22	173
145--	Landon Winkler	1-2	0	6
152--	Ian Persinger	19-18	11	94
182--	Adam Lane	4-9	4	24
195--	Drue Goad	25-10	16	173
220--	Trevor Collins	9-17	4	51
285--	Levi Stump	18-18	14	99
Others (including 42 forfeits)		9-47	2	54
Total		164-164	100	977

Dual Record -- 5-8 Tournament Record -- 51-47  
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## OFFICIAL GINKGO TREE STUMP WOOD CARVING BALLOT

This Official ballot will be utilized by citizens and business owners who reside or their business is located within the Grantsville city limits. The official voting will be conducted from Mar. 7 until Mar. 14, 2022. All tree stump sculpture ideas will be posted in the city building window for residents and business owners to view beginning Mar. 1. No ballots will be accepted before Mar. 7 or after 4 p.m. on Mar. 14. Mar 15 ballots will be counted and the winning tree sculpture ideas will be announced and then sculpting will be coordinated with the sculptor. No repeat ballots will be counted. Each resident or business owner may submit one ballot. **Ballots may be requested via the town email, but they must be turned into the city employee(s) in person or in the city bill drop box. (Votes will not be accepted via email).** Voters must be at least 18 years of age. Ballots will be made available to citizens at the city building. You may pick yours up Monday through Friday during normal business hours beginning Feb. 28. You may also request one be emailed to you at [townofgrantsville@yahoo.com](mailto:townofgrantsville@yahoo.com), attention Melissa Keener. Thank you and good luck.

Name	
Address	
Business Name and Address	
Birthdate	
Contact Number	
Tall Tree Stump Vote	
Short Tree Stump Vote	
Signature	

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**138 Amos Acres, Elizabeth, WV || 2.14 Acres +/- ||** Looking to build in a great, quiet neighborhood? This is the lot! Amos acres is a subdivision in Elizabeth, WV with NO HOA FEES! There are a few restrictions that ensure the neighborhood is developed well and holds its value! The lot is flat and offers a small portion of wooded area. A driveway has already been graded and stoned from the road. All utilities are nearby and easily accessible. Need high speed internet? According to Suddenlink, they offer up to 1Gbps speed! There is also 5G cell signal with speeds over 100Mbps. || **\$44,900**

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**974 Slate Road, Spencer, WV || 0.97 Acres +/- ||** Workshop/Garage with plenty of room for expanding! This private lot has a privacy chain link fence around the side of the shop enclosing the bulk of the land making it perfect for a tow yard or to keep equipment. Inside, the shop has concrete floors and plenty of space to work. Outside, attached to the shop you have a large open roofed area as well as another dry storage area that is detached. The large open field can accommodate large equipment, vehicles, pipe, etc. \* This will be a cash or owner financing purchase only! Contact the Listing Agent for more information. **\$49,900**

**1511 Big Root Road, Big Bend, WV || 1 Acre +/- ||** Perfect starter or retirement home on a low traffic country road! This homes sits on 1 acre of land making yard maintenance ideal. Inside, you will find 3 bedrooms and 1 full bathroom. The open floorplan allows for easy transition between the kitchen and dining room making it perfect for guests! From the kitchen, you have a sliding glass door that leads you out onto the private back patio. There is an older cellar house as well as an outbuilding on the property for storage. The metal roof was recently added over the entire home. The home has a water well and water softener, approved septic tank, metered natural gas and electric. If you are looking for a convenient, affordable property close to town, this is it! **\$109,900**

**1395 Big Root Road, Big Bend, WV || 1 Acre +/- ||** Looking for a move-in ready home? This is it! This home has 3 bedrooms with 2 bathrooms. The home has a true Master Bedroom with a Master Bathroom. No appliances? No need! This home has all appliances needed that have been purchased recently. In the living room you will find a wood fireplace for the brisk nights. The dedicated dining room is ready for many more family dinners. The large back deck is great for entertaining multiple guests. The front yard is flat and easy to maintain. The backyard is mostly uphill with a few benches in the ground perfect for a garden (current use). For the price, this is a perfect move-in ready home just minutes from Grantsville. **\$129,900**

**955 Vaughan Road, Grantsville, WV || 1 Acre +/- ||** Great quiet neighborhood just a few miles from the Town of Grantsville. This charming 3-bedroom 2-bathroom home is perfect for the first-time homebuyer or elderly couple looking for one-level living. The living room flows easily into the kitchen/dining area with a door onto the back porch. All of the bedrooms are on one end of the home. This home does feature a Master Bedroom and Bathroom. This home has central heating and air. The basement of the home is accessed from outside and has a garage door. The property has 1 acre of land. Bring your personal belongings and move into this VERY CLEAN home.

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**452 Sycamore Road, Millstone, WV || 2.19 Acres +/- ||** A very quiet and private home with FREE GAS! This split-level home sits back off of a quiet county road in Calhoun County, WV. There are 2 bedrooms up stairs with another partial finished bedroom in the basement. There is a full bathroom on each level as well as a family/living room. If you are two families living together, the downstairs does have a private entrance through the garage without going through the main door. Speaking of garage, you have 2 over-sized 1 car garages. One attached to the house, the other detached. The FREE GAS and water well make utilities cheap! You have a backup metered gas already in place. Sitting on 2.19 Acres +/- this is the perfect country setting relaxation. Less than 5 miles to town! Don't wait on this one! **\$199,900**

**981 Jacobs Road, Grantsville, WV || 22.5 Acres +/- ||** Off-Grid seclusion without a neighbor in sight! This property has an old structure on the property that is inhabitable in current condition. There is an old cut stone cellar still standing near the structure. When I say off-grid, I MEAN IT. No gas, electricity, water, or septic are currently installed on the property. **UNDER CONTRACT** The stream as the water source. The drive way into the property requires a 4x4 vehicle in the current state making this the ultimate hunting property, prepper paradise or even primitive camp. In Calhoun County, there are currently no zoning restrictions. Looking for a little more land? There is possibly another 20+ acres that will be available for purchase. The possibilities are endless! **\$39,900**



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**NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE**

**Continued from previous page**  
 total distance of 271.02 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2.42 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat recorded in Deed Book 224, at page 67.  
 This deed is made and accepted subject to a 30-foot wide easement for ingress and egress from West Virginia Route 16, through the 50-acre tract described as Second Tract above, to a 56-acre tract conveyed as First Tract by deed dated April 25, 1979 from Marlene Vineyard to Jack Foraker, recorded in the Calhoun County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 134 at page 634, for the benefit of the owner of that 56 acre tract, and all other exceptions, reservations and out-conveyances of oil, gas, other minerals and easements which appear in the chain of title. This is a conveyance of the surface interest only.  
 The grantor excepts and reserves the first priority right to use free gas from any well or pipeline on the property conveyed here, for the benefit of the property described as First Exception above, conveyed by deed dated January 18, 2012 to Deborah J. Cox, as well as an easement for a pipeline and access to the free gas source. The grantor grants, conveys and assigns to the grantee the second priority right to use free gas pursuant to any oil and gas lease or free gas agreement which may now or later affect this property.  
 There is included in this conveyance the benefit of an open right-of-way, one rod wide, described in a deed dated January 20, 1937 from F.H. Marks and L.D. Marks to Russell Keith, recorded in the Calhoun County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 77 at page 467, and again in the above-described deeds to Marlene Vineyard, recorded in the Calhoun County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 112 at page 544 and Deed Book 113 at page 694, to which deeds reference is made for a more complete description thereof, and any other easements in the chain of title.  
 The grant of said Right of Way is without warranty.  
 This tract is taxed as 2.42 acres, Tax Map 28, parcel 9.1.  
 Tracts 1-7: BEING the same real estate conveyed unto Kenneth David Vineyard, single by Deed dated January 23, 2012 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia in Deed Book 240, at page 408.  
 Tract 8: BEING the same real estate conveyed unto David Vineyard, single by Deed dated November 8, 2004 and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 224, at page 65.  
 This conveyance is made subject to all rights of way, reservations, restrictive and protective covenants utility easements, and oil, gas and mineral leases of record in the chain of title in the aforesaid Clerk's Office.  
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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
Carolyn L. Heiney	Daniel G. Heiney	263 Mathews Rd., Grantsville, WV 26147
Hobert Kent Richards	Gretchen Boatright	181 Smoky Ln., Big Springs, WV 26137
Naomi Ruth Jarvis	Debra J. Fizer	1203 Martins Branch Rd., Charleston, WV 25312

March 2, 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 **May 4, 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  
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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
Charles William Carroll	120 Stone Point CT Symmes Township, OH 45140	02/06/2021	08/06/2010

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
James Francis Carroll	5931 Don Joy Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45242	Son	March 2, 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 2nd day of March, 2022

Jason Simers  
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Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Harry B. Knotts	2711 Thornhill Rd. Auburndale, FL 33823	07/17/2012	03/20/2012

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Garry W. Knotts	2609 Thornhill Rd. Auburn, FL 33823	Son	03/02/2022

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Ingeborg Ramsburg	29 Main St., Box 243 Frederick, MD 21774	02/22/2019	10/09/2003

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Anna M. Ramsburg	36104 Sand Cove Rd. Selbyville, DE 19975	Daughter	03/02/2022

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Camden Draper Ramsburg	29 Main St., Box 243 Frederick, MD 21774	01/09/1982	02/22/1981

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Anna M. Ramsburg	36104 Sand Cove Rd. Selbyville, DE 19975	Daughter	03/02/2022

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**Creston News**



by Alvin Engelke  
 Phone 275-3578

Rev. Craig Blankenship brought the message at Burning Springs M.E. Church.

Steve Loudin underwent successful cataract surgery.

Duane O'Dell, 90, son of Ward and Dora O'Dell, died.

Linda Boatright of Creston died. She was the daughter of Glover and Ellen Slider Craddock.

Steven Glen Goff, 54, of Parkersburg, died. He was the son of Lawrence E. Koon and Pearl Goff. The Fred Goff family formerly lived in Rock Camp. Burial was at Ground Hog (Mt. Pleasant) on Saturday.

Spring has more or less arrived in Creston, with the spring peepers providing music, crocuses and daffodils making for color and beauty, and the turkey buzzards returning from the sunny south.

There are also some of the invasive black buzzards, known for picking out the eyes of young calves. Civic minded local sure shots need to do their civic duty and follow the 3-S policy--shoot, shovel and shut up.

Tom Rader attended to business in Wood County.

Local folks attended basket bingo at the fire station in Elizabeth.

Various local residents consulted with their medical advisors. Some of the problems are related to the longer term problems from the virus.

As the word gets out about the suppression of medicines that would have treated the virus and about the problems caused by the vaccines, especially the increased death rates among the vaccinated, the ruling junta has made Dr. Fauci disappear. An election is coming and all is well now.

Noting that the Pfizer vaccine can go into liver cells, invade the nucleus, and copy DNA is "heresy." You know the government and those doing its work would never alter the DNA of citizens.

In "merry old England," many of the virus deaths are among the fully vaccinated, and autopsies of vaccinated folks show lots of unexplained blood clots.

Along those lines, there is discussion about 25 secret labs that, when the Big Eared One ruled, were established over the globe, including Ukraine. The company, Metabiota, included Hunter's Rosemont Seneca, Nathan Wolf and Grislane Maxwell.

The proposed ethane cracker that was to be built in Ohio, across from

Moundsville, is now "on hold" while the remaining partner, not an American company, looks for a \$5 billion group to join.

Now is the time, if there is any leadership down at the Mouth of Elk, to look for real outfits to build the ethane cracker near Parkersburg, and start construction of ammonia plants, as the price of fertilizer is said to skyrocket, making this year's food much, much higher.

Of course, all too many of "our leaders" are looking for quick bucks--giving away our minerals, making sure taxes are not collected from those who "donate," promoting dope dens, and making more gambling facilities.

The Ukraine war has made many things clear, even to folks who live "off the beaten track," who like in Creston. Gasoline in Parkersburg, where folks went to visit medical folks, jumped 80 cents or more per gallon in less than a week.

We learned that, in addition to natural gas purchased from Vladimir to heat Fauxcohortas' wigwam in Boston, we are one of Russia's big oil buyers. Thus, we finance the war that is destroying Ukraine, although things there are murky.

Hillary, George Soros and the U.S. State Dept. folks that pushed the impeachment are all on the same side, and some of the Ukraine folks repeat the phrase about being part of the "new world order" and the great reset.

All of this points out the absurdity of the "green new deal" and "global warming." Because the ruling junta stopped our energy independence and dominance, we are now dependent on foreign entities, many of which have an intense dislike of our intestines.

Some say that we should get our oil from Iran, where they chant "Death to America and to Israel."

Were the Keystone pipeline to open, we would get 800,000 bbls. of oil/day, which is more than we have to buy from "our Russian friends."

The oil from the tar sands in Alberta that was to go to Texas refineries will now go, likely, to help build weapons for Dictator Xi's Peoples Liberation army, navy, air force, etc.

The green weenies stopped pipelines, so that gas cannot flow from the Appalachian basin to New England. The Jones Act from 90 years ago prevents offloading of American liquid natural

gas to a domestic facility. Also, as reported, EPA has issued new rules to shut down, mostly small oil refineries to further restrict the amount of gasoline available for Americans to use.

One might think that some in our government hate America and that they are doing all that they can to destroy the nation.

Some time back, the elites made it clear that high gas prices (\$10/gal.) would be ideal, as then the peasants, the great unwashed, or the smelly Walmart shoppers, could not go about as they wished, go on vacations, visit family, go to work, etc.

We could all ride bicycles, walk or ride light rail, or stay in our hovels. When "Mayor Pete," who is in charge of transportation nationwide, was asked why not do the Keystone pipeline, his answer was, "We do not want permanent solutions to temporary problems."

John Kerry, the "climate czar," who flies all over the world in a private jet (likely on our dime) to fight global warming, said that he hoped that after the war is over, Mr. Putin would work to protect the environment.

One of the women on the view was concerned that the war might impact her vacation in Italy. Meanwhile, back in the real world . . .

Those who are in the know, and don't live in some wonderland, have noted that, until at least 2050, the amount of oil and gas needed and used will increase.

Marcellus and Utica drillers in West Virginia have permitted more wells.

Natural gas has gone to \$5.02/mmBtu and local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$114.68/bbl., with condensate, \$100.68, Marcellus and Utica light, \$105.68, and medium, \$114.68.

Along those lines, SWN (Southwestern), which has several wells in West Virginia, noted that by year's end it should have five bcf/day in natural gas equivalents (bcf = billion cubic feet). SWN is right behind EQT in gas production.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Calhoun County Board of Education will be holding a public hearing for Levy Rates for FY22-23 on Monday, March 14, 2022 to determine Levy Rates and again on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to Lay the Levy at the Calhoun County Board of Education Central Office.

**I'm writing to urge you to vote and to share my story with you. There's an important election coming up on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.**



**I am Jacob McCumbers, a Democrat Candidate for Calhoun County Commission. I have lived in Calhoun my entire life and am raising my three sons. My parents, Dennis and Sandra McCumbers, have also lived in Calhoun their entire life. I am employed by Calhoun Schools, where I work as an elementary teacher at Arnoldsburg Elementary School. I attended Calhoun Schools, where I graduated from CCHS in 2004. I furthered my education and graduated with a bachelors degree in education from Glenville State College. While attending college, I attained my EMT license and worked as an EMT for Calhoun County and as an athletic trainer for Gilmer County High School. I have also worked for Calhoun 911 Dispatch.**

**I am asking you to join me as a voter. That a vote for me, would be a vote for the county to become better for all. I'll "bee" the difference.**

**Paid for by Democrat Candidate for Calhoun County Commission, Jacob McCumbers**



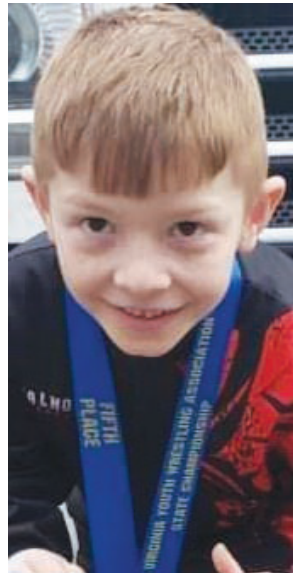




Ethan Fitzwater



Rayden Schoolcraft



Quintin Parkin



Carper Summers

## LKVCS Students Advance



Two Little Kanawha Valley Christian School students have qualified to compete at the RESA V Math Field Day on Saturday, Mar. 12. Winning their grade division in Calhoun County were Jude Walker, first place, 5th grader, son of Matt and Sarah Walker, and Brylee Rowe, second place, 10th grader on high school team, daughter of Doug and Jodi Rowe.

## LKVCS Students Advance



Kendra Davis



Jared Mason

West Virginia Christian Education Association of Schools offered students across the state a chance to compete in various academic tests, ranging from any core subject to fine arts.

So far, Little Kanawha Valley Christian School has had four high school students advance to the state level competition in the AACS Spelling Bee.

The competition is for the top 15 students across the state and will be held on Thursday, Mar. 10, at Appalachian Bible College.

The students are Kendra Davis, daughter of Jessie and Denise Davis; Jared Mason, son of Roger and Sharon Mason; Olivia McCroskey, daughter of Chuck and Michelle McCroskey; and Brylee Rowe, daughter of Doug and Jodi Rowe.



Brylee Rowe



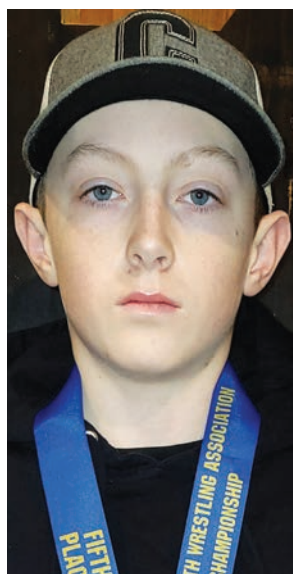
Olivia McCroskey



Haiden Staton



Reese Schoolcraft



Charter Cottrell



Kayleigh Morris

## Calhoun Youth Compete In State Tournament

Calhoun Youth wrestlers competed in the WVYWA State Championship Tournament on Feb. 26-27 at Charleston Coliseum. Over 100 teams from across West Virginia qualified wrestlers during regionals. The eight who made it to the podium for Calhoun were:

- Age 4 and under:**  
Ethan Fitzwater, 40 lbs., 5th place
- Age 6 and under:**  
Rayden Schoolcraft, 50 lbs., 6th place
- Age 8 and under:**  
Carper Summers, 55 lbs., 4th place
- Age 10 and under:**  
Quintin Parkin, 60 lbs., 5th place
- Age 12 and under:**  
Charter Cottrell, 105 lbs., 5th place
- Middle school:**  
Haiden Staton, 145 lbs., 3rd place
- Reese Schoolcraft, 90 lbs., 5th place
- Girls division:**  
Kayleigh Morris, 75 lbs., 6th place.



## Child Advocacy Center Adds Van For Region

After eight months, the addition of transportation for clients of The Children's Listening Place (CLP) Child Advocacy Center is making an impact on the center's ability to serve the region.

A 2021 Chrysler passenger van was purchased on June 24, with the help of Sisters of St. Joseph Health and Wellness Foundation in Wheeling and Parkersburg Area Community Foundation, to help children and their family get CLP services when they have no transportation.

Since the purchase of the van, 22 families--a total of 52 people--have taken advantage of the transportation assistance, which is provided at no cost by CLP.

The van has been used for transporting children and family/

guardians to the center for forensic interviews, medical examinations, and advocacy.

It has also been used by staff to participate in multidisciplinary team meetings in each county served, trainings, and visits to other Child Advocacy centers to learn how CLP can better serve its community.

"Getting clients to CLP for service, no matter where they live or how much they have, is truly a good feeling. Not having transportation is not a reason for children and families not to get service for physical or sexual abuse, it's just not," said Greg Collins, executive director of The Children's Listening Place.

"The number of people provided transportation for, in all likelihood, would not have been able

to get our help without the addition of the van.

"The mileage our staff was incurring using their own personal vehicles was substantial. We cover Wood, Wirt, Ritchie, Pleasants and Calhoun, and the mileage can add up quickly."

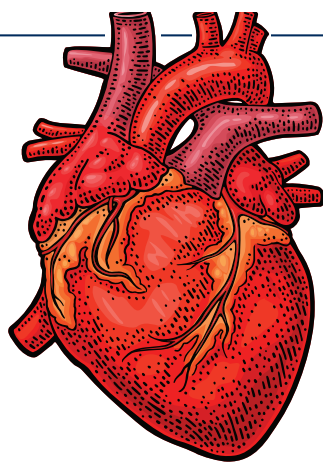
The van has not been needed for transport of a child for a sexual assault examination to either Clarksburg, Morgantown or Charleston, because of the constant availability of CLP's sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) Amber Holbert.

"Because CCMC does

not currently provide SANE examinations, our kids would have to go to a hospital that does provide that service. This would be a one- or two-hour trip each way," said Collins. "Many of our families don't have the ability to make that trip on their own."

The Children's Listening Place has seen 600 children in each of the last two years. Its mission is to provide access to their full array of services, so they can heal and be heard.

(Greg Collins is a 1988 graduate of Calhoun County High School.)



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Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans Day program will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 29, 11 a.m., at Parkersburg National Guard Armory. Doors open at 10 a.m. Masks will be required. Lunch will follow program. For information, call Jerry Smith, 488-5083, or Sherry Thompson, 424-3901. It is sponsored by Housecalls Hospice, DAV Chapter 32, and Marine Corps League Detachment 1087.

The 2022 Veterans Resource Fair will be held on Thursday, Apr. 28, 3 to 6 p.m., at 1500 Blizzard Dr., Parkersburg. Sponsored by "We Have Your Six," activities will include: Get to know local veteran organizations, free dinner provided by Cedar Grove Assisted Living, free haircuts provided by Broadway Barber Shop, and prizes and giveaways.

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