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Renovations Underway Minnie Hamilton To Expand Clinic In Arnoldsburg

Minnie Hamilton Health System, in partnership with Calhoun County Youth Livestock Committee, has announced the expansion of primary care services via a clinic in Arnoldsburg.

Renovations to the former Arnoldsburg Elementary School building have begun. The new clinic will have six exam rooms, clinical lab, and other services.

"I am grateful for the ongoing support of our community members. I am particularly proud of our staff and our relentless dedication to community members, especially during these difficult times of the pandemic," said CEO Stephen Whited. "We are extremely excited about working with BBL Carlton on the renovations and construction of the new clinic, and look forward to expanding and providing quality care to Calhoun County residents."

"The Calhoun County Youth Livestock Committee is excited to partner with Minnie Hamilton Health System in the expansion of clinical services in the Arnoldsburg area," said Jenna Jett. "In addition to a primary care clinic, the renovation of the former (school) will also allow for additional economic expansion, as well as space for community events."

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, March 17
ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

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.

Saturday, March 19

Bingo, Grantsville Lions Club, 103 Stump St., 6 p.m.

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Foundation Still Wants Wayne Underwood Field

Commission Adds \$700,000 To Broadband

by Bill Bailey
The Calhoun county commission met on Monday at 9 a.m., with more than 40 people attending the standing-room-only meeting in the little courtroom.

Melissa O'Brien, client and community development manager at Thompson & Litton, was present to inquire if the commissioners wished to change

the amount of money that they had pledged to the matching grant for broadband expansion in the county.

She had a document on hand whereby the commission had allocated \$500,000 out of Calhoun's share of \$1,380,840 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant. She presented the document to the commissioners in case they wished to modify the amount previously allocated.

Commissioners agreed to add \$700,000 more to

the \$500,000 previously announced. With a 4-to-1 match, the \$1,200,000 total would gain the county an additional \$4,800,000.

Other funding requested by county organizations to be paid out of the ARPA grant funds are:

Mt. Zion Community Park, \$30,000; Calhoun County Park, \$62,999; Upper West Fork Park, \$23,958; West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg, \$30,200; Calhoun County Committee on Aging, \$69,945; Heartwood in the Hills, (Continued on Page 5)

Seven-Month Low In New Cases

Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported 14 new COVID-19 cases in Calhoun County, a decrease from 16 last week.

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

It was the lowest number of new cases in the county since the five

reported from Aug. 11-17.

Calhoun has now had a total of 1,825 cases, with confirmed cases at 938 (the lowest in the state) and probable cases at 887. Thirteen county residents have reportedly died from the virus.

The alert color for Calhoun and surrounding counties is green, as are all but two of the 55 counties (one yellow and one gold).

The seven-county area had 80 new cases, the lowest since there were 41 cases reported from Aug. 4-10. Area total is 17,085.

New cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 31 (3,863/42); Ritchie, 13 (2,416/31); Roane, 11 (3,129/37); Gilmer, 6 (2,085/18); Clay, 3 (2,333/39); and Wirt, 2 (1,434/23).

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 257,155 down from 349,765, 480,140, 762,041, 1,308,174, 2,439,326, 3,652,145, 4,930,398 and 5,732,503 the previous eight weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 81,174,677.

New deaths in the U.S. dropped to 9,791, a decrease from 10,901, 13,707, 16,001 and 17,382 in the past four weeks. Total deaths are 993,811.

New weekly worldwide cases were 11,437,868, an increase from 10,685,930 in the last week, after six weeks of declines. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 458,212,342.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 44,637, down from 52,139, (Continued on Page 2)

Career Center Students Win Hospitality Cup



Left to right, Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center students Hunter Seubert, Alex White and Pepper McCormick, chef Lawrence Perry of Mountwest Community and Technical College, CGCC chef Liljon McCormick, and Tami Maynard, CTE coordinator, WVDE.

ProStart Team Places First In Culinary Arts At Greenbrier

ProStart students from programs across the state competed for first place in the 2022 W.Va. Hospitality Cup and ProStart Invitational, a Top Chef-style culinary arts competition, held Mar. 1-2 at Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs.

First place teams earn over \$87,000 in scholarships and an opportunity to compete against the very best teams from other states at the National ProStart Invitational to be held in May in Washington, D.C.

Using two butane burners and no electricity or running water, the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center team, comprised of Alex White, Pepper McCormick and Hunter Seubert, prepared a three-course meal.

It consisted of a vege-

table beignet appetizer, lamb chops with brussels sprouts and a parsnip-potato mash entrée, and

a caffeinated brownie, topped with a rich espresso crema for dessert; all prepared and plated within

60 minutes.

The team was evaluated on skill, teamwork, safety and sanitation.

At the end of the 60-minute time period, the students gave an oral

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Left to right, Hunter Seubert, Alex White and Pepper McCormick answer questions from the floor judges during Hospitality Cup and ProStart Invitational competition.

OBITUARIES

JAMES RAY WHITE

James Ray White, 73, of Chloe, died Saturday, Mar. 5, 2022. He was the son of the late Christina White Stone and Adrian White. He grew up in Hewitt and his family moved to Ripley, where he graduated from Ripley High School in 1966, and received a two-year degree from West Virginia State. He was an Air Force veteran and drove many years for Chemical Leaman Tank Lines, where he retired. He was a part of West Fork Volunteer Fire Dept. for a few years. Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Bernice White; four children, Lora Gene White, Greg Simons, Nicole Hopkins and husband Keith, and Debby Toppings and husband Bobby; five grandchildren, Cameron Simons, Reese Clover, Morgan Clover, Gina Toppings and Zeke Toppings; a few great-grandchildren; and one sister, Julie Spencer and husband Terry. He will be buried in Jarvis Cemetery, Walker Road. Due to COVID-19, no services will be held at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



ROGER WAYNE NEAL

Roger Wayne Neal, 56, of Reedy, died Tuesday, Mar. 8, 2022, in Reedy. He was born in Charleston, the son of the late Ronald R. Haynes. He was a United States Air Force veteran and had worked in the materials lab at District 1, W.Va. Dept. of Transportation, Charleston. Surviving are one son, Shane Ace Neal of Washington; one grandson, Nicolas Neal of Washington; three sisters, Christy Haynes-Starcher of Arnoldsburg, Carrie Dunmire of Ivydale and Kelly Kitchen of Marietta, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald R. Haynes, Jr. There will be no services at this time.



JAMES EARNEY ROLLYSON

James Earney Rollyson, 93, of Frametown, died Sunday, Mar. 13, 2022. He was born in Gassaway, the son of the late James Branty and Dortha Rollyson. He was retired from oil and gas as a driller. Surviving are his wife of 72-1/2 years, Frances Hall Rollyson; three daughters, Shirlene Sattler of Craigsville and Darlene Davis and Karlene Hughes, both of Frametown; one son, James “Jamie” Rollyson II of Wilsie; four sisters, Rose Wilson of Wayne, Sue Moore of Orma, Bonnie of Frametown and Mary Jane Carr of Wilsie; one sister-in-law, Kay Greathouse of Millstone; 8 grandchildren, Lisa Frame, James “J.R.” Rollyson III, Jolene Rollyson, Emily Davis, Brianna Myers, Vicki Shuman, Megan Shuman and Angie Hughes; five great-grandchildren, Amelia Menarcheck, Luke Frame, Jackson Rollyson, Nathan Rollyson and Brinley Myers; two great-great-grandsons, Clark Menarcheck and Colter Shaver; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his in-laws, Kester and Vesta Hall; four siblings, Clarence Rollyson, Morrison Rollyson, Donald “Buck” Rollyson and Joann Ritchie; and two sons-in-law, Harry Hughes and Roger Sattler.



Visitation will be on Thursday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway. Graveside service will be on Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at Hughes-Rollyson Cemetery, Upper Sleith Road, Frametown, with Pastor Rick Price and Chaplain Lynn Keener officiating. The family asks that you wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to W.Va. Caring, P.O. Box 760, Arthurdale, WV 26520.

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, 655-7583; Arletta Conley, 655-8978; Dottie Rader, 354-9099; or Sue Haymaker, 336-210-4332.

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.

Seven Month--

(Continued from Page 1) 61,657, 71,693, 76,082 and 77,120, after five weeks of increases. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,071,087.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Tuesday, March 22
County commission budget hearing, courthouse little courtroom, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23
Presentation on the 26th amendment, Calhoun Middle/High School, 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 24
County commission budget hearing, courthouse little courtroom, 4:30 p.m.

DHHR reported that 965,602 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (53.9%), an increase of 1,629 in the last week. There have been 417,017 booster shots given, an increase of 2,124 from last week.

According to DHHR, the number of vaccine doses administered in Calhoun is reported as 3,255, an increase of 19 since last week’s total of 3,236.

Child Advocacy Center Application Approval Provides Service To County

At the Mar. 4 West Virginia Child Advocacy Network board of directors meeting, The Children’s Listening Place (CLP) Child Advocacy Center’s application to provide official service to Calhoun County was unanimously approved.

It is the fifth county served by CLP, making it the largest Child Advocacy Center (CAC), in terms of number of counties served, in West Virginia.

“After providing Calhoun County with courtesy services for a few years, it became apparent that we needed to provide the full array of services to the children of the county,” said Greg Collins, executive director of CLP.

CLP has added a staff member to its center to make this logistically possible. “The addition is part-time and covered by a grant from Sisters of St. Joseph Health Foundation, as of now,” said Collins.

“We will apply for a grant from Encova this Spring, which would cover the position for three years, and if granted, we will go full-time with it on July 1.

“Our federal and state grants will always pay

for the position, in-part. All staff members are working together to make this expansion effort a success.”

CLP began multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings in Calhoun in January. The meetings are held monthly, led by the county prosecutor, and includes CPS, law enforcement, medical, mental health, school officials, and other treatment professionals.

The goal is to hold offenders accountable and facilitating healing for the child.

Calhoun prosecutor Nigel Jeffries has been instrumental in bringing services to the county:

“He walked into my office one day last fall and said, ‘I don’t need sold on it. I’ve talked to several people in Calhoun, and I want to make this happen as soon as possible,’” said Collins.

“He has truly been somebody who I believe will do it the right way for the right reasons.”

A CAC is a child-friendly facility with staff that works to provide children and families professional, compassionate care in order to reduce the trauma often experienced by children that are

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

I must admit that I was reminiscing about the great “Storm of the Century” last week. That storm also hit here on Mar. 12, but it was back in 1993.

Steady rain was followed by snow--heavy snow that totaled 28 inches when it was done. It dropped more than 15 very large trees on our mile long road. It was followed by blizzard conditions and extremely cold temperatures that dropped to 28 below zero.

This storm last week-end did not achieve the status of “great,” but it was pretty impressive.

We sat out on the deck listening to the spring peepers in the balmy 60 degrees of Friday evening, and then we woke up to 10 inches of snow at dawn, with snow still falling fast and furious, and we had a foot on the ground by noon.

Temperatures fell all day on Saturday, and dropped to seven degrees overnight, before it began to rise back up into the 40s by Sunday afternoon.

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Now, for this week, the forecast is calling for temperatures to rise back up into the mid-70s.

I guess we will get to see how well the deep snow insulated the flower heads on my daffodils and the leaf buds on all the trees in the holler once the snow melts. I think it will be all right at this time of year.

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I always like to look at the morel maps around this time of year, so that I can estimate when the little morsels will rise above the leaf litter.

There are many maps on the internet, and at least one of them shows a morel sighting on Mar. 8 at Saltville, Va. I estimate that they will be up here by the first of April.

As for finding them, it is up to all of you good people to hit the hillsides to forage for them. I just don’t have it in me any longer to make the trip to the top of the hill just to find fungi that I don’t even eat.

The good news . . .

there will be that many more morels for all of you to find.

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Now that the weather is set to turn for the better, I guess it is time for me to perform the checklist on my e-bike, so that I can safely get some exercise.

Even if I don’t ride the bike, it weighs 70 lbs., and that pretty much wears me out carrying it off of the porch, and then back up.

It seems like I am becoming more and more “mature (old)” with each and every passing year. I swear I am almost too tired to adjust to daylight saving time anymore.

While I enjoy the extra hour of light in the evening, I abhor getting up an hour earlier. I guess I am also getting cranky in my “maturity.”

I think I will have to make myself some sassafras tea for use as a spring tonic, just to see if that can provide me with enough energy to make it through yet another day.

Even if it doesn’t help my lethargy, it cannot help but to raise my spirits, because I dearly love the smell of sassafras tea steam rising slowly from the cup, as I look up the holler while listening to the crows harassing my raptors.

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You can’t fool the birds down in the holler with a warm day this time of year. They were hitting the feeders hard all day long last Friday, putting away as many sunflower seeds as possible in anticipation of the harsh bomb cyclone that was due to hit Friday night.

Just the same as weather forecasters using barometers to predict weather, the birds have all of that stuff built-in, and they also have their instincts to tell them what to watch out for.

When we awoke on Saturday morning, the snow had the feeders covered, but the birds were busily knocking the snow off of limbs for them to perch upon, and off the feeder tops to avoid avalanches while causing them for the birds (Continued on Page 3)

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This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Grover Gibson died in a Charleston hospital last week of pneumonia fever, brought on by a gun-shot wound that was inflicted some three or four months ago by John Kelley.

Gibson and Kelly had some trouble, and Kelley shot Gibson with a revolver. Gibson went to the hospital at the time and was discharged, as it was thought he was out of danger, but it seems that he took cold and, on account of his physical condition, died after a short illness.

Kelley left the state soon after he committed the crime and has not been heard of since. Young Kelley is a son of Vannie Kelley, who recently beat a lot of people in Braxton, Calhoun and the lower end of the county, and skipped out to parts unknown. There will be some effort made to apprehend both of the Kelleys and bring them back to face their accusers and creditors.

Misses Violet Ball and Alma Bennett of Booger-hole called on Miss Clyde Maloney one day last week.

Hope Natural Gas Co. is erecting a new barn on the South Side, which will double their stable room when finished. Roy Stump is in charge of the work. Great quantities of pipe, casing, and other supplies are being shipped in by water.

Probably, Hope expects the election of a Democratic Congress this fall and is getting ready to supply the factories and mills in distant cities with fuel when good times come again.

1947, 75 years ago

“Any increase in the present rate of gasoline taxation in West Virginia will put hundreds of gasoline dealers out of business,” according to a statement issued by A.E. Withrow, executive secretary of the West Virginia Retail Gasoline Dealers Association.

“Gasoline dealers along the state borders of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland already feel the pinch of economy buying by motorists. Lower gas tax rates in these neighboring states encourage transient motorists to buy their gasoline before they cross into West Virginia.

“The freeing of the toll bridges over the Ohio River has already been reflected in reduced gas sales in St. Marys, Parkersburg, and other border localities. A loss of 3,000 gallons per month was reported by one service station dealer, and this meant a loss of \$150 to the state.

“By this same token, lawmakers should remember that the loss of the sale of one gallon of gasoline, because of excessive taxation, means the loss on this gallon of the entire revenue to the state.

“Motorists are average people with limited pocket books, and a gas tax increase means a higher price for gasoline and reduced sales. The gasoline dealer furnishes many services to the motorist, and reduced revenue will mean lower wages, loss of employment, and curtailment of service to the motorist.

“The retail gasoline dealers are in favor of good roads. It is the life blood of their business, but these roads must be built wisely and must be judged by their economic value and a full appreciation of the motorist taxpayers’ ability to pay taxes.

“In brief, the state highway department will have \$73,500,000 to spend in three years from present taxes and generous federal aid.

“Spend this money wisely--give the motorists more roads for their money and let us stop selfish requests that seek increased or new taxes, and would spend the motorist tax dollar on economically sound projects.”

1972, 50 years ago

Members of the bowling leagues at Pleasant Hill Lanes met on Wednesday night at the Pizza House for a party and awarding of trophies to the first and second place winners of the first half of the season.

First place team, sponsored by Kerby’s Mobil, consists of Neva Lovett, Mae Fluharty, Gail Wilson, Sharon Yanero and Katheryn Kerby.

Members of the team in second place are Elva Yoak, Oval Nichols, Lillie Kimble, Ethel Wilt and Ernestine Ball.

Those attending were Gail Wilson, Ethel Wilt, Lillie Kimble, Neva Lovett, Elva Yoak, Ellen Hardman, Evelyn Lynch, Sandra, Kim and Trisha Layfield, Ruby Myers, Naomi Ball, Mae Fluharty, Freda and Ernestine Ball, Phyllis, Chris and Jeff Law, Katheryn and Robin Kerby, and Dorsey Wilson.

Bowling members not present were Ocie Nell Richards, Mary Jo Kelly, Ella Mae Gherke, Sharon Yanero, Oval Nichols, and Juanita Haverstraw, and the pinsetters, Bob Wilt, Jimmie Sampson and Darrel Rogers.

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that were feeding.

I had to fill the feeders by midday and I placed a line of seeds across the top of the snow on the railing beneath the feeders to help alleviate the overcrowding on the feeders.

It worked! There must have been 40 or 50 little birdies lining up along the rail snow, happily snatching up the seeds before flying away to enjoy them at their own pace.

The suet cakes were a big hit with our feathered

friends too.

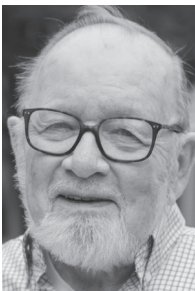
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We will now go into the mud season, as Spring begins this Sunday. I hope that it will not be too bad, since we really have not had too bad a winter with constant freezing and thawing. That is what makes the mud so darn thick in the spring.

Rejoice! The grass is getting greener and greener with each passing day. It also doesn’t get dark now until almost 7 p.m. I love it.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Do you know why they say that?

Let’s check out some common words and phrases, like “nickname.” You may know the answer, and be “dead right.”

Nickname: A popular name applied to someone in addition to the proper name, like Bubba. The term “nickname” is believed to be a corruption or slurring of “an eke name,” with “eke” or “eka,” meaning “in addition to,” or “similar to.” For example, when Mendeleev formulated the periodic table of elements in 1829, the vertical groups had similar properties.

Some of the elements were yet to be discovered, and he called the unknown elements on one group “eka-silicon,” because they were similar to silicon. (Knowing what to look for, the element germanium was later found.) So, “an eke name” got slurred into “a nekename” or a nickname.

Dead right: “Dead” implies something to be absolute, complete or unchangeable. For example, a “dead silence” is devoid of sound. Being “dead serious” allows no room for joking. If you are “dead in the water,” you are not going anywhere. You might be a “dead ringer” for someone, or an absolute imitation or look-alike. (“Ringer” is a slang term for counterfeit.) So, “dead right” is absolutely right . . . no room for questioning, but keep in mind that you could be “dead wrong,” too.

Poached egg: The poacher poached the chicken, and then had a poached egg. Does this mean those poached eggs you have been eating are stolen? Nope! Although poaching does mean stealing, there is another meaning derived from the word “poke,” meaning “sack” or “bag.” From this comes the word “pocket,” “pouched” and “poached.” So, a poached egg is when the yolk has been pocketed, or pouched in its own congealed egg white.

By the skin of my teeth: As we know, this phrase means by the least possible margin of safety. “I got out of there by the skin of my teeth!” The origin seems to be biblical. In the King James Version, Job laments, “My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh; I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.” (Job 19:20). The Revised Version has “by the skin of my teeth.”

There is considerable dispute as to what this meant to Job’s situation. Some say it means that he only had the power of speech left, and that his teeth had fallen out. Others say it means that he was so lean that he could only gnaw on his own bones. I don’t know, and I am not going to spend another skinny minute on it.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): “You know you are living in the 21st century when you accidentally enter your PIN in the microwave.” --Anonymous.

Curious about something? Email your questions to Dr. Jerry Wilson at 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 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.

School Board Meets

The Calhoun County board of education met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

Additional information will be published next week, including photos of those who received recognition by the board.

The following personnel items were approved:

--Resignations: professional, M. Loretta Smith, Communities to Schools coordinator; extracurricular, Doyle Hupp, Jr., \$1 varsity assistant football coach.

--Employment: professional, Lori Parsons, After School tutor/teacher, PHS; Julia Bettis, long-term substitute teacher, multi-camp, special education gifted, CM/HS;

Service, Stephen Sams, custodian III CM/

“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.

HS; Russell Richards, maintenance/custodian III/sanitation plant operator, central office; Chris Lacy, bus operator, After School north route; Jeff Brannon, bus operator, After School south route; service, FY22-23, Christina Dawson, custodian III, CM/HS;

Summer School, Terri Allen, substitute bus operator, multi-class, county; Jessica McCumbers, special ed, ESY, 6-12 teacher; Jennifer Helmick, CM/HS art camp, 6-12 instructor, and substitute tutor teacher K-5; Tina Marks, substitute cook.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 19, 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion board office.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Mar. 17-23 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia’s people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Mar. 17, 1891: West Virginia State University (shown below was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute by the W.Va. Legislature. It was one of 17 black land-grant colleges established under the Second Morrill Act of 1890.



Mar. 17, 1912: Athlete Joe Stydahar was born in Pennsylvania. A star in football and basketball at WVU, he was the first round selection of the Chicago Bears in the first pro draft of college players in 1936.

Mar. 18, 1820: William Stevenson was born in Warren, Pa., but later moved to Wood County in western Virginia. In 1868, he was elected the third governor of West Virginia.

Mar. 18, 1922: Athlete Frank “Gunner” Gatski was born in Farmington. He played 11 years for the Browns (1946-56) and one for Detroit (1957). He played in 10 championship games, eight on the winning side.

Mar. 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West Virginia’s 24 African-American high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union state basketball tournament. Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.

Mar. 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacksville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County, while the mine was being sealed. Drainage pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.



Mar.20,1897:Musician Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck

style, he helped to instill a blues strain in modern country music, and was influentialamong coalfield musicians.

Mar. 20, 1849: Businessman James Kay was born in Scotland. He constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor.



Mar. 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born in 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is “The Column,” a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.

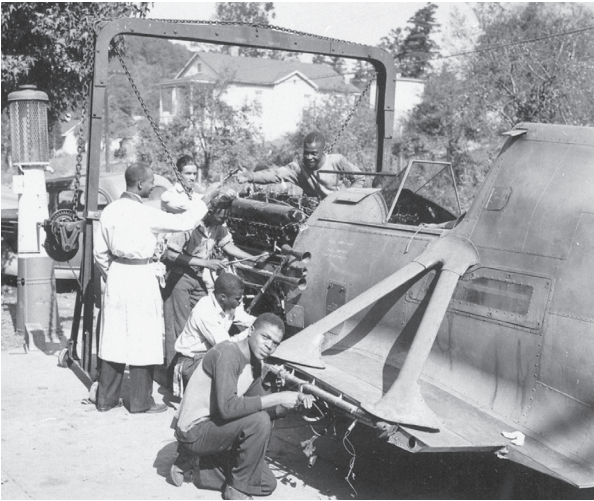


Mar. 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Gov. William Wallace Barron appointed her as the director of the Dept. of Mental Health.



Mar. 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army’s 507th Maintenance Company, when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

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Final 2021-2022 Statistics - Record 17-7

Seniors in Bold	Games	Pts.	Avg.	FGM-FGA	%	FTM-FTA	%
Josie Montgomery	24	536	22.3	198-405	48.9	88-127	69.3
Savannah Cunningham	24	348	14.5	126-321	39.3	74-123	60.2
Joselynn Yeager	22	219	10.0	87-205	42.4	40-68	58.8
Ella Hess	21	123	5.9	53-122	43.4	6-6	100.0
Trista Arnold	24	119	5.0	50-157	31.8	7-17	41.2
Madison Westfall	23	20	0.9	8-35	22.9	1-2	50.0
Ashlyn Boak	11	12	1.1	6-26	23.1	0-0	00.0
Ariety Hickman	11	10	0.9	5-8	62.5	0-0	00.0
Makayla Jones	15	10	0.7	4-21	19.0	2-2	100.0
Lauren Lovejoy	10	6	0.6	1-7	14.3	4-8	50.0
Allison Stevens	14	4	0.3	2-14	14.3	0-0	00.0
Abigail Waldron	10	2	0.2	1-5	20.0	0-0	00.0
Maycee Carter	1	1	1.0	0-0	00.0	1-2	50.0
Team totals	24	1,410	58.8	541-1,326	40.8	223-355	62.8
Opponents	24	1,100	45.8				

3-pt. goals 105: Montgomery 52, Cunningham 22, Arnold 12, Hess 11.

Rebounds 778 (32.4 avg.): Montgomery 222 (9.3), Yeager 199 (9.0), Cunningham 130 (5.4), Hess 81 (3.9), Arnold 38 (1.6).

Assists 316 (13.2): Cunningham 116 (4.8), Montgomery 68 (2.8), Yeager 41 (1.9), Hess 38 (1.8), Arnold 33 (1.4).

Steals 357 (14.9): Montgomery 115 (4.8), Cunningham 111 (4.6), Arnold 50 (2.1), Hess 32 (1.5), Yeager 34 (1.5).

Blocks 103 (4.3): Yeager 35 (1.6), Montgomery 27 (1.1), Hess 23 (1.1).

CCHS JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL
Final 2021-2022 Statistics - Record 5-6

	Games	Pts.	Avg.	FGM-FGA	%	FTM-FTA	%
Ashlyn Boak	11	83	7.5	34-101	33.7	9-20	45.0
Maycee Carter	11	83	7.5	30-99	30.3	17-32	53.1
Lauren Lovejoy	11	37	3.4	16-52	30.8	5-21	23.8
Abigail Waldron	11	34	3.1	11-73	15.1	10-26	38.5
Nyla Warner	11	39	3.5	16-76	21.1	4-15	26.7
Ariety Hickman	11	23	2.1	9-58	15.5	5-12	41.7
Brealle Arthur	11	21	1.9	8-29	27.6	4-10	40.0
Madison Westfall	1	2	2.0	1-4	25.0	0-0	00.0
Allison Stevens	1	0	0.0	0-3	00.0	0-0	00.0
Team totals	11	322	29.3	125-495	25.3	54-136	39.7
Opponents	11	339	30.8				

3-pt. goals 15: Boak 6, Carter 6.

Rebounds 408 (37.1 avg.): Lovejoy 98 (8.9), Boat 83 (7.5), Carter 64 (5.8), Waldron 53 (4.8), Hickman 40 (3.6), Warner 35 (3.2), Arthur 29 (2.6).

Assists 70 (6.4): Waldron 24 (2.2), Warner 15 (1.4), Carter 13 (1.2).

Steals 153 (13.9): Waldron 35 (3.2), Warner 30 (2.7), Carter 29 (2.6), Boak 20 (1.8), Hickman 17 (1.5), Lovejoy 16 (1.5).

Blocks 16 (1.5): Lovejoy 6 (.5), Waldron 3 (.3), Arthur 3 (.3).

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
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March

Regionals

2	49	Tug Valley 58	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

February

3	17	Gilmer 43	.....	L
8	23	Roane 25	.....	L
10	20	Ritchie 43	.....	L
15	29	Ritchie 35	.....	L

Veterans/Heroes Grant

W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture has announced a request for applications for FY22 Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant Program (VHAGP).

Grant recipients have one year to plan, implement, and gather data on their respective projects. The total grant funding available is \$24,000. Applications are due Friday, Apr. 1.

“As we continue to see the age of the farmer rise, we need to identify the next generation of those who will grow our food. Active or retired veterans and emergency response personnel are the perfect group to target as they often seek hands-on careers,” said commissioner of agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “We hope to provide some support to those organizations who seek to help these groups through agriculture.”

The purpose of VHAGP is to provide funding to organizations around the state that work directly with or provide support to law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency medical service, first responders, veterans, active-duty military and/or their spouses and family within an agricultural capacity.

The grant program provides an opportunity for organizations to develop and enhance programs and activities

targeted at veterans and heroes entering or currently working in agriculture to benefit their health and welfare, as well as the state’s agricultural economy.

The program seeks to further promote the development of agricultural industries, products, and marketing opportunities across the state.

For information, email cgallagher@wvda.us or call 558-3708.

Farmer’s Market

There will be a Farmers Market vendor meeting for Spencer Farmer’s Market on Thursday, Mar. 17, 6 p.m., at Roane County Library, Spencer, hosted by WVU Roane County Extension Service.

Market managers and support personnel will attend to discuss the 2022 season and make plans.

W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture’s Farmer’s Market Vendor Guide can be found at agriculture.wv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Farmers-Market-Vendor-Guide-2022.pdf.

If you are interested in becoming a farmer’s market vendor of fresh produce, eggs, meat products, dairy products, or value-added items like baked goods, jams, jellies, relishes, honey, maple syrup, hand-made soaps, etc., call 927-0975 or email brandy.brabham@mail.wvu.edu.

Foundation Still Wants--

(Continued from Page 1) 18,500; and Mt. Zion Public Service District, \$15,000.

The requested amounts were approved, and await the receipt of federal funds for disbursement.

Crystal Mersh of The 1982 Foundation apprised the commission of her negotiations with the board of education concerning the conveyance of Wayne Underwood Field to the foundation.

Mersh said that once the property has been conveyed to the foundation, they will begin the process of doing an impact study and flood plain assessment.

Mersh read from a memorandum that she had received from the office of Jeff Taylor on how the transfer of the old football field can occur within the code:

“The original property of the high school included the old Wayne Underwood Field, the baseball field, the bus garage and the band booster building.

“The foundation has made no secret that it needs to also own this property to be able to accomplish all of its goals and improvements planned for the citizens of Calhoun County.

“The old football field property was previously conveyed by the board of education to this honorable commission.

“Based upon the past conversations with each of you, I believe the commission would support the foundation owning the property, if we could establish a way to convey the property that would be in compliance with state law.

“Based upon my, with ‘my’ being our attorney, recent conversations with Chief Deputy, West Virginia Attorney General, Doug Buffington; Deputy West Virginia Attorney General, John Gray; Mitchell Carmichael, Director of West Virginia Economic Development Authority, and based upon my own review

of West Virginia code, I am of the opinion that we can accomplish this conveyance of property to The 1982 Foundation in the following manner:

“West Virginia code 733B2 expressly permits a county commission to sell, or dispose of, county owned property to the State of West Virginia or to another political subdivision, accordingly the Calhoun County Commission is permitted to convey, by sale or gift, the property in question to the State of West Virginia.

“This conveyance of property from this would be to the West Virginia Economic Development Authority. This proposed conveyance would have to be reviewed and approved by the West Virginia Board of Public Works.

“The Economic Development Authority could then convey the property back to The 1982 Foundation with the approval of the governor and the West Virginia Board of Public Works. So that’s the legal pathway that we are proposing.”

Mersh said that if there were permitting problems prohibiting the use of the field in the way that the foundation has proposed, they would work to make the field useful for recreation for the community.

Michael Fitzwater, COO, administrative service/attendance director, for the board of education, was asked for input on the aforementioned conveyance.

He said that if the county commission does not want the field, they would think about retaining the field for the board of education. The board would then meet with the foundation to see if the board wanted to keep it or part ways with it.

Commissioner Kevin Helmick read from the original deed for the property, which states that the board of education has the first right of refusal, if the commission decided to get rid of it.

Helmick said that they

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--Crystal Mersh,
The 1982 Foundation

had met with Mersh in October, and had told her at that time that, if the board of education was willing to do so, the commission could do a 99-year lease for one dollar, which she declined; or the commission could sell it at auction, which is through the state code,

Helmick had a document from the commission’s attorney, Nigel Jeffries, that confirmed that the property had to be auctioned off.

West Virginia Code 7-3-3 provides that all county property has to be auctioned. When offered the auction route last year, Mersh had declined the offer.

Mersh asked if the board of education wants to take the property back.

Fitzwater said that he could not speak for superintendent Kelli Whytsell on the matter.

Mersh said that it was her understanding that Whytsell was meeting with an attorney, which is the first step toward resolving the matter.

It seemed resolved that the board of education and The 1982 Foundation would have to work out the particulars of the conveyance.

Mersh said, “It is fine with me. If you guys choose to do this, it is fine. If not, then, I’ll take my half million dollars to Mon[ongalia] County or to Cabell County, where I’ve been doing business elsewhere as well.”

Robin Hughes asked if the Comprehensive Plan for the county, which was finalized in October, was available for public access. She was told that the documents, along with

all other pertinent documents for the county, are available online for free.

Hughes asked if the plan could be amended and, if so, could the Calhoun County Community Center be added to it.

She was assured that there was no problem with this addition.

Donnie Pitts spoke about the light ordinance portion of the comprehensive plan to help Calhoun County Park become designated as an International Dark Sky Park.

The E-911 report was given by Michael Hicks, as Julie Sears was unable to attend the meeting. There were 944 calls to the center in February, including the following:

Arnoldsburg VFD, 4; Dept. of Natural Resources, 4; Sheriff’s Dept., 82; EMS, 52; Grantsville Police Dept., 2; Grantsville VFD, 9; Upper West Fork VFD, 3; State Police, 84; wrecker service, 10.

Hicks reported that the EMS loan, which was \$300,000 four years ago, and was initially required to start and fund the service, had been reduced to approximately \$40,000.

Pitts reported that they are in the process of getting quotes for new playground equipment for Calhoun County Park.

He said that a county website had been discussed at the last park board meeting, and members felt that one of the priority issues for the website be a calendar of upcoming events.

Pitts said that Calhoun Middle School has a student initiative going to promote the park and stargazing. He reminded the commission that there is an event day scheduled for May 21, with New Era Kite Club of Mineral Wells, which will be open to the public.

The club’s program begins with building and flying kites, and learning about kites. The event will end with a night sky portion, with telescopes brought to the park by the group.

Pitts said that a fund

drive earlier this year to provide trout stocking in a park pond was successful, and that there will be a youth fishing day set soon, and, after that, a day for the adults.

He said that they plan to stock the ponds with regular game fish later on this year. He reminded the public that, due to their status, no license is required to fish in the ponds.

The Calhoun County Family Resource Network reported that a Community Day will be held on Saturday, Apr. 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Main St., Grantsville, with many activities.

Shelia Burch of Little Kanawha Area Development Corp. reported that she had no new issues to report, but in her communications with businesses in her domain, she is still hearing about supply chain issues adversely affecting some businesses, which may cause layoffs.

She has been putting affected businesses in touch with the W.Va. Economic Development office, which she hopes will help resolve these issues.

Dates for county office budget meetings were set for Mar. 22 and 24 at 4:30 p.m.

County clerk Jean Simers said that she had sent out bid requests for

the two-year county audit to 20 companies, and received two bids.

BHM, CPA Group of Huntington, bid \$18,000 a year (\$36,000 total) and Perry and Associates of Marietta, Ohio, bid \$25,000 a year (\$50,000 total). The commission accepted BHM’s bid.

There was only one bid received for mowing Wayne Underwood Field. Holbert’s Lawn Care of Chloe bid \$260. Commissioners hope that the field will not be mowed before Saturday, Apr. 9, for the annual Melissa Oshway Easter Egg Hunt.

Bradley Stevens was re-appointed to the LKA DC board.

MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) was approved concerning the State’s lawsuit of opioid manufacturers. It will allow the State to work for a judgment and disbursement of allocated funds, rather than individual counties.

The next county commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 19, at 9 a.m.

Levy Rates

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

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Calhoun Co. Magistrate Court Case Disposition Feb. 1-Feb. 28

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

Case Type: Felony

Case 21-M07F-00044, Alfred Glenn Rose, Jr., 61-07-07(b)(1), Persons prohibited possessing firearms (felony violence); four counts, probably cause found; RP (State Police, E.E. Taylor).

Case 22-M07F-00002, Paul Dylan Little, 61-07-07, Persons prohibited from possessing firearms, classifications; probably cause found; LD (State Police, E.E. Taylor).

Case 22-M07F-00003, Joseph Thomas Cunningham, 61-05-17(f), Fleeing from officer; penalties, definitions, vehicle - reckless indifference; 61-10-31, Conspiracy, construction of section; both transferred to circuit court; LD (E.E. Taylor).

Case Type: Misdemeanor

Case 21-M07M-00316, Larry A. Dawson, 17C-04-02, Attempt to commit a misdemeanor; no contest plea; LD (State Police, David C. Moore).

Case 21-M07M-00349, Matthew Donald Stevens, 17D-2A-3, No insurance; no contest per plea agreement; LD (State Police, E.E. Taylor).

Case 21-M07M-00368, Matthew Donald Stevens, 17B-2-1, No operators; 17A-09-03, Improper use of evidence of registra-

tion; no contests per plea agreement; LD (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 21-M07M-00398, Brittney Hannah, 61-3-30, Destruction of property; guilty plea; RP (David C. Moore).

Case 21-M07M-00445, Cody Lewis Clark, 61-07-07(a)(4), Persons prohibited possessing firearms, mental; no contest plea; LD (State Police, Jeffrey B. Hunt).

Case 21-M07M-00491, Derek Michael Brannon, 17C-5-2(e), DUI 1st; 60A-04-401(c), Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription; guilty pleas; RP (State Police, E.E. Taylor).

Case 22-M07M-00016, Maysen S. Boggs, 17C-07-05(a), Limitations on overtaking on the left; guilty verdict; LD (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 22-M07M-00025, Tyler Ray Carpenter, 60A04-401(c), Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription; guilty plea; RP (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00029, Danny Hale Burrows, 17A-09-02(a), Operation of vehicle without evidence of registration; 17C-16-09, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; no contest pleas; RP (State Police, Josh

Richards).

Case 22-M07M-00031, Christopher Allen Gibson, 17C-06-01, Speeding, general; guilty plea; RP (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 22-M07M-00032, Eric McKinney, 17A-03-15(a), Display of registration plates, rear of vehicle; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 22-M07M-00033, Adam Cole Walker, 17C-16-09, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 22-M07M-00034, Twila Starr Cross, 17B-04-03(a), Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; 17D-2A-3, No insurance; no contest pleas; LD (State Police, E.E. Taylor).

Case 22-M07M-00036, Heather Marie Parkin, 17C-06-01(g), Speed limitations, generally, 10 mph or less above; no contest plea; LD (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00039, Christopher Michael Jones, 17C-15-01, Defective equipment; 17C-15-05, Tail lamps; no contest pleas; RP (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00046, Larry Travis Copen, 17C-06-01, Speeding; no contest plea; RP (State Police, E.E. Taylor).

Friday Deadline

LIEAP Assistance Available

West Virginia Dept. of Health and Human Resources reminds qualified individuals that applications for Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted until Friday, Mar. 18, or until funds are exhausted.

Eligibility is based on income, household size, and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill.

To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines, which includes an applicant's annual income being at or below 60 percent of the state median income.

In situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must contact a DHHR worker for case evaluation.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for LIEAP Federal Fiscal Year 2022 are listed

below:

Household size (gross monthly income limit): 1 person (\$2,005), 2 (\$2,621), 3 (\$3,238), 4 (\$3,855), 5 (\$4,472), 6 (\$5,088), 7 (\$5,204), 8 (\$5,583), 9 (\$6,150), 10 (\$6,718), each additional (add \$567).

Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP, including social security and veterans.

Applications are available at www.wvpath.org and may also be obtained at local DHHR offices, Community Action Agencies, or senior centers operated by an area Agency on Aging.

Individuals can return the application to their local office, DHHR, Calhoun Office, 85 Industrial Park Road, Grantsville,

WV 26147, or complete it online at www.wvpath.org. For information, call 354-6118.

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.

Food Pantry

Calhoun FRN Food Pantry and Thrift Store hours are Monday-Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is closed on Fridays.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



In addition to the crocuses and daffodils, chickweed and henbit were blooming, as robins scurried around looking for worms and other tasty morsels.

Then, Friday (during the night), it snowed and there was more than six inches. Folks with side-by-sides and tractors plowed off Creston area roads and driveways, but traffic was minimal, to say the least, and the mail did not run.

Then, it turned cold (John Kerry and Al Gore, Jr., and their "global warming"), with the mercury dropping into the single digits. Church services were canceled and there was the smell of wood smoke.

Some local folks took a trip into Ohio Amish country. Several residents there, especially those who have equine transportation or who ride bicycles, will not, at once, suffer from the high fuel prices. Of course, all will be impacted far too soon. The wheat crop there looks good.

Our "clever" legislators passed the oil and gas forced pooling bill, so that more money can go to other states and nations while West Virginia remains impoverished. As they say, "Money talks."

It was understood that a bill that would be another death knell to county government was pushed through by "Baldy" Blair, who hopes EQT will finance his run for governor.

If they had the best interests of the state and its citizens at heart, they would be working to utilize the natural gas that is being produced in the state. One easy example is making fertilizer, as even the green weenies need and like to eat. Such would be work and there would be no "quick bucks" to pocket.

The World Economic Forum, run by Klaus Schwab, has been pushing the Great Reset. It was noted that there should be "re-education camps," perhaps like China has for the genocide of the Uyghurs that formerly lived in Sinkiang province, next to Mongolia.

Those who question the "ruling junta" are now banned by the big tech guys, and then investigated as "domestic terrorists," like parents who ask hard or embarrassing questions at school board meetings.

The ruling junta (Biden administration string pullers) have been adamant to destroy the U.S. Energy industry. Hillary said that she was going to put a lot of coal miners out of work.

She and the Big Eared One did that. Southern West Virginia is suffering, and steam coal, if you can find any, now brings \$435/ton. There are over 1,700

tons/acre foot in a coal vein, so the math is easy. Multiply by the thickness of the vein in feet.

Last October, the administration called in the biggies, Exxon, Shell, BP, etc., and told them to reduce domestic oil production. Being good little boys and girls, they minded.

Of course, the intent was to raise the price of gasoline and such has now happened. Within one week, the price in Parkersburg rose \$1/gal. or \$42/bbl.

The ruling elites have made it clear that they do not like the peasants being able to come and go as they please. They should walk like they do in Third World countries.

Of course, now the party line is a completely different tale. A local fellow has some ocean front lots for sale too--and a special price, just for you.

For some years now, "environmental groups" like Natural Resources Defense Council and the Sierra Club, have fought drilling, hydraulic fracturing and pipelines.

The purer than the driven snow groups received over \$10 million from the Sea Change Fund, which got the money from Russia.

Now, we face the consequences, a weak America that is begging Iran ("Death to America") and the dictator in Venezuela for oil to keep prices low until after the November election.

In addition, there is the war in Ukraine, which the U.S. has been funding by buying lots of oil and natural gas from Vladimir. It also turns out that Russia supplies us with fertilizer, and the price went from \$230/ton to \$800.

That means that the price of food is going up, and the price of wheat, for those who like bread, is the highest now in history. Older folks remember when many local farmers raised their own wheat, and older people recall when Spencer had the largest flour mill east of the Mississippi River.

The local state road

crews obviously have been ordered not to deal with real road work, like removing boulders that have fallen in the "clear zone" to keep using the high dollar rented machinery to cut tree tops. Talk about marauding morons running the show.

More reports continue to come out about the health problems and deaths caused by the vaccines. Dr. Malone, who developed ribose nucleic acid vaccines, noted that the treatments resemble "gene therapy."

One can read the statistics from the U.S. military, although now a spokesperson said that the numbers for the five years before 2021 were wrong.

Dr. Fauci is obviously being kept out of sight --no problems now, just take your shots. Pfizer is scheduled to make \$94 million/day this year, thanks to the deep state.

Rt. 5 has been busy with oil trucks hauling oil that producers had been holding and waiting for the price to go up.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$108.33/bbl., with condensate, \$94.33, Marcellus and Utica light, \$99.33, and medium, \$108.33. Henry Hub natural gas was \$4.84/mmbtu.

Bloomberg News announced that HG Energy, based in Parkersburg, is on the market for \$3 billion.

According to press reports, Texas-based Quantum Resources is the financial backer. Recently, HG sold its shallow wells in the Hartley/Brohard field to Warren Haight.

It was also reported that Exxon, the Rockefeller flagship company, is contemplating selling its wells in the Bakken shale in North Dakota.



Recently, the governor of Alaska noted that in his state no natural gas (methane) is flared, polluting the atmosphere and wasting resources, but not so far away in Siberia, vast amounts of gas is flared, so that Putin can get the oil to finance his war machine. Where is the Squad when one needs them?

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I, Jacob McCumbers, was out and about through the county and had a bear of a day. So, I am asking you all to come and join me on the campaign trail as I travel throughout the county.

For those who may not know, I am seeking the Calhoun County Commission position. I have resided in Calhoun my entire life, where I am raising my three sons. I am employed as an Elementary Teacher at Arnoldsburg Elementary School in Calhoun County.

Don't forget to come out to vote on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. A vote for me, would be a vote for the county to become better for all. I'll "bee" the difference.

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WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Statistics:

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

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
2020					
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
2021					
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638~^	5.8	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409>	2,821`	5.7	3.7
DHHR stopped updating on weekends and holidays.					
May 24	160,354	2,724,689	2,775	5.6	5.7
June 30	164,041	2,844,286	2,891	5.5	1.5
July 30	167,016	2,953,133	2,946	5.4	6.4
Aug. 31	189,690	3,203,536	3,084	5.6	9.5
Sept. 30	240,459	3,623,522	3,670	6.2	10.6
Oct. 29	270,984	3,957,070	4,426	6.4	10.8
Nov. 30	294,794	4,235,663	4,868^	6.5	9.1
Dec. 30	328,162	4,537,412	5,336	6.7	19.3
2022					
Jan. 31	446,771	4,959,152	5,763	8.3	21.6
Feb. 1	448,922	4,965,551	5,778	8.3	17.8
Feb. 2	451,910	4,975,676	5,814	8.3	15.6
Feb. 3	455,201	4,991,064	5,829^	8.3	14.7
Feb. 4	458,112	5,005,630	5,846	8.3	29.3
Feb. 7	464,630	5,033,077	5,877	8.5	19.6
Feb. 8	466,125	5,040,411	5,900^	8.5	14.4
Feb. 9	468,391	5,050,812	5,939	8.5	12.7
Feb. 10	470,807	5,065,491	5,966	8.5	11.5
Feb. 11	472,928	5,079,243	5,992^	8.5	15.3
Feb. 14	476,957	5,105,254	6,023	8.5	17.0
Feb. 15	477,935	5,108,980	6,067^	8.6	10.5
Feb. 16	479,214	5,117,529	6,104	8.6	9.7
Feb. 17	480,692	5,128,677	6,146	8.6	9.2
Feb. 18	481,818	5,139,031	6,162	8.6	10.8
Feb. 21	484,923	5,164,468	6,183	8.6	9.2
Feb. 22	485,498	5,168,901	6,219^	8.6	6.8
Feb. 23	486,206	5,176,657	6,250	8.6	6.8
Feb. 24	487,446	5,188,833	6,288	8.6	6.0
Feb. 25	488,359	5,201,463	6,308	8.6	9.2
Feb. 28	490,111	5,221,878	6,317	8.6	8.3
Mar. 1	490,544	5,226,059	6,339	8.6	5.5
Mar. 2	491,042	5,233,988	6,381^	8.6	6.9
Mar. 3	491,698	5,242,146	6,427^	8.6	4.4
Mar. 4	492,276	5,255,874	6,440	8.6	5.3
Mar. 7	493,361	5,274,314	6,452	8.6	5.7
Mar. 8	493,653	5,278,200	6,470	8.6	3.2
Mar. 9	494,030	5,286,028	6,488	8.5	2.7
Mar. 10	494,406	5,297,415	6,544^	8.5	2.9
Mar. 11	494,875	5,306,734	6,550	8.5	4.0
Mar. 14	495,539	5,324,209	6,559	8.5	3.8
Mar. 15	495,728	5,327,622	6,598^	8.5	3.6

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

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

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (4,759), Berkeley (35,495), Boone (6,545), Braxton (3,851), Brooke (4,979), Cabell (27,235), Calhoun

(1,825), Clay (2,334), Doddridge (2,131), Fayette (12,997), Gilmer (2,080), Grant (3,758), Greenbrier (9,406), Hampshire (5,795), Hancock (6,664), Hardy (4,170), Harrison (19,780), Jackson (6,839), Jefferson (14,134), Kanawha (46,940), Lewis (5,271), Lincoln (5,488), Logan (9,536), Marion (14,836), Marshall (8,853), Mason (6,614), McDowell (5,551), Mercer (16,818), Mineral (7,818), Mingo (7,882), Monongalia (24,405), Monroe (4,167), Morgan (4,216), Nicholas (7,260), Ohio (10,991), Pendleton (1,927), Pleasants (2,056), Pocahontas (2,002), Preston (9,185), Putnam (16,555), Raleigh (22,571), Randolph (9,314), Ritchie (2,412), Roane (3,125), Summers (2,786), Taylor (4,477), Tucker (1,966), Tyler (2,189), Upshur (6,812), Wayne (9,770), Webster (2,235), Wetzel (4,297), Wirt (1,434), Wood (22,066), Wyoming (6,937); Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster last counties to hit 100 positive cases, Dec. 10; last county to 200 cases, Jan. 23; last to reach 300 cases, May 6; last to reach 400 cases, July 22; last to reach 500 cases on Sept. 1; 600 cases on Sept. 6; 700 cases on Sept. 13; 800 cases on Sept. 27; 900 cases on Oct. 21; 54th county to reach 1,000 cases on Nov. 13; 54th county to reach 1,100 cases on Dec. 7; 54th county to reach 1,200 cases on Dec. 23; 54th county to reach 1,300 cases on Jan. 11; 54th county to reach 1,400 cases on Jan. 19; 54th county to reach 1,500 cases on Jan. 25; 54th county to reach 1,600 cases on Feb. 2; 54th county to reach 1,700 cases on Feb. 10; 54th county to reach 1,800 cases on Mar. 3. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second death on Sept. 15, 2021, 73-year-old woman; third on Sept. 29, 2021, 79-year-old man; fourth on Sept. 30, 2021, 73-year-old man; fifth on Nov. 1, 2021, 73-year-old woman; sixth on Nov. 23, 2021, 86-year-old woman; seventh on Dec. 1, 2021, 56-year-old female; eighth on Dec. 6, 2021, 92-year-old female; ninth on Dec. 7, 2021, 93-year-old male; 10th on Jan. 21, 2022, 80-year-old female; 11th on Feb. 9, 2022, 50-year-old female; 12th on Feb. 24, 2022, 71-year-old female; 13th on Mar. 2, 2022, 40-year-old male.

In United States: In World:
Each Monday since Mar. 16, 2020, plus last nine days since July 28, 2020. Last Monday of each month since Mar. 30, 2020, plus daily totals in last month. Last daily list in July 28, 2020, issue. Last weekly list in July 8, 2021, issue.

2020	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept.28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov.30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec.28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
2021				
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb.22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar.29	30,966,974	562,551	127,963,064	2,799,992
Apr.26	32,824,618	586,152	148,006,342	3,127,343
May31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 31	35,688,506	629,064	198,207,725	4,232,644
Aug.31	39,946,708	656,393	218,104,333	4,531,744
Sept.30	44,200,421	713,953	234,173,044	4,795,746
Oct.31	46,799,970	766,117	247,382,939	5,018,389
Nov.30	49,301,070	801,326	262,581,538	5,233,860
Dec.31	55,252,823	845,745	287,003,899	5,454,054
2022				
Jan.31	75,578,076	907,190	375,571,291	5,687,759
Feb. 1	76,222,215	910,104	379,407,503	5,698,485
Feb. 2	76,516,202	913,924	382,699,540	5,712,801
Feb. 3	76,882,290	917,600	385,823,665	5,725,841
Feb. 4	77,150,412	920,829	388,962,875	5,737,995
Feb. 5	77,496,860	924,530	391,974,683	5,750,650
Feb. 6	77,966,691	925,655	394,474,757	5,758,797
Feb. 7	78,017,402	926,029	396,375,294	5,764,879
Feb. 8	78,370,774	928,879	398,756,970	5,776,143
Feb. 9	78,556,193	932,443	401,666,145	5,789,803
Feb.10	78,824,393	935,922	404,254,013	5,803,023
Feb.11	79,052,681	939,427	407,057,544	5,815,764
Feb.12	79,228,628	942,006	409,262,448	5,827,381
Feb.13	79,293,924	942,944	411,084,688	5,835,022
Feb.14	79,325,576	943,411	412,517,232	5,840,961
Feb.15	79,470,225	946,442	414,423,007	5,851,878
Feb.16	79,639,934	949,269	416,891,755	5,864,984
Feb.17	79,808,643	952,603	418,615,045	5,876,801
Feb.18	79,915,734	955,497	420,629,671	5,888,633
Feb.19	80,024,531	958,300	422,385,144	5,899,696
Feb.20	80,072,561	959,130	423,920,801	5,907,454
Feb.21	80,087,617	959,412	425,043,350	5,912,654
Feb.22	80,145,282	960,157	426,541,550	5,920,397
Feb.23	80,270,563	963,371	428,503,265	5,932,739
Feb.24	80,372,404	966,530	430,408,737	5,944,108
Feb.25	80,446,580	969,602	431,997,335	5,954,187
Feb.26	80,532,307	972,200	433,685,657	5,963,705
Feb.27	80,560,293	972,930	434,945,594	5,969,788
Feb.28	80,567,757	973,119	436,088,544	5,974,311
Mar. 1	80,647,343	975,150	437,410,376	5,982,191
Mar. 2	80,697,924	977,402	439,155,348	5,991,143
Mar. 3	80,770,604	979,725	440,804,765	5,999,761
Mar. 4	80,843,570	981,729	442,522,241	6,008,302
Mar. 5	80,895,651	983,486	444,144,840	6,016,400
Mar. 6	80,912,619	983,837	445,601,452	6,021,412
Mar. 7	80,917,522	984,020	446,774,474	6,026,450
Mar. 8	80,979,977	985,914	448,357,166	6,033,793
Mar. 9	81,012,955	987,615	450,177,940	6,042,940
Mar.10	81,064,103	989,473	451,085,061	6,046,877
Mar.11	81,108,786	991,260	453,646,704	6,057,253
Mar.12	81,154,960	993,044	455,848,289	6,063,880
Mar.13	81,169,534	993,693	457,015,727	6,068,127
Mar.14	81,174,677	993,811	458,212,342	6,071,087
Mar.15	81,216,268	991,038!	459,926,761	6,072,638

!Corrected
Cases by states and territories: California 9,037,504, Texas 6,670,677, Florida 5,868,263, New York 4,946,173, Illinois 3,045,718, Pennsylvania 2,769,336, Ohio 2,663,518, North Carolina 2,608,603, Georgia 2,476,516, Michigan 2,371,788, New Jersey 2,180,930, Tennessee 2,015,669, Arizona 1,987,318, Indiana 1,686,671, Massachusetts 1,680,673, Virginia 1,653,212, Wisconsin 1,577,659, South Carolina 1,465,127, Washington 1,437,914, Minnesota 1,421,869, Missouri 1,408,095, Colorado 1,325,063, Alabama 1,288,999, Kentucky 1,288,706, Louisiana 1,166,002, Oklahoma 1,026,650, Maryland 1,006,432, Utah 925,519, Arkansas 826,201, Mississippi 792,560, Kansas 769,425, Iowa 756,778, Connecticut 729,697, Oregon 699,362, Nevada 688,054, New Mexico 515,164, West Virginia 494,875, Nebraska 476,844, Puerto Rico 476,202, Idaho 437,931, Rhode Island 357,802, New Hampshire 299,999, Montana 271,641, Delaware 258,024, Alaska 243,397, North Dakota 239,189, Hawaii 237,672, South Dakota 236,602, Maine 232,293, Wyoming 155,744, D.C. 134,623, Vermont 113,948; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

Scholarship

W.Va. Community Educational Outreach Service, a voluntary, nonprofit organization functioning in cooperation with WVU Extension Service, annually offers four \$500 scholarships to West Virginia college and university students who are W.Va. residents of and who have already successfully completed 24 credit hours.

Scholarships awarded for the 2022-23 school year will be paid directly to the student.

The student must be majoring in a field related to health and family services, consumer sciences, education, or other helping professions.

This could include teaching, counseling, psychology, interior design, sociology, child development, nursing, etc. The nursing scholarship applicant must be enrolled in a bachelor of science in nursing program.

The scholarship brochure, the human services/education application form, and nursing student application form are available at extension. wvu.edu/community-educational-outreach-service, and scroll down to scholarships section.

Hard copy of the completed application, with requested documentation, is to be postmarked by Friday, Apr. 1, and mailed to address indicated on application.

Easter Egg Hunt

Creston Community Building will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, Apr. 9, at 1 p.m. for children ages 2-12.

There will also be a visit with the Easter Bunny. Everyone is welcome.

Candy or money donations would be appreciated. For information, call 275-3795 or 275-0006.

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.

New at Library

The Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Adult Fiction: The Next Ship Home, by Heather Webb; Gwendy's Final Task, by Stephen King; The Silent Sisters, by Robert Dugoni; Shadows Reel, by C.J. Box; Phantom Game, by Christine Feehan; The Lightning Rod, by Brad Meltzer; High Stakes, by Danielle Steel; One Italian Summer, by Rebecca Serle; Run Rose Run, by James Patterson; The Harbor, by Katrine Engberg; The Fear, by Natasha Preston; The Match, by Harlan Coben; Scarlet in the Blue, by Jennifer Murphy; The Book of Cold Cases, by Simone St. James; The Summer Getaway, by Susan Mallery.

Adult Non-Fiction: Hell's Half-Acre, by Susan Jonusas; Shadow Man, by Ron Franscell; Too Late to Say Good

Career Center Students--

(Continued from Page 1) presentation about their menu and presented their meal to a panel of nine industry experts, who scored the food on taste, texture, and presentation, taking into account difficulty and uniqueness of the food.

When the winners were announced on Mar. 2, history was made and the three high school students became the first Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center team to win the championship trophy for the West Virginia Hospitality Cup Invitational.

Their chef instructor is Liljon McCormick, and team mentor is Timothy White.

The team is raising money to attend national competition in Washington. For information or to contribute, call the career center, 354-6151.

Library Hours

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



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.



Shown during the awards banquet are career center students, left to right, Alex White, Hunter Seubert and Pepper McCormick, and, standing, Prostart chef instructor Liljon McCormick.

T-Mobile Breach Warning

W.Va. attorney general Patrick Morrisey urges all state residents who believe they were impacted by the massive data breach announced by T-Mobile last summer to take appropriate steps to protect their information from identity theft.

Since that data breach was announced in August, a large subset of the information compromised in the breach was recently discovered for sale on

the dark web--a hidden portion of the internet where cyber criminals buy, sell and track personal information.

Many individuals subsequently received alerts through various identity theft protection services informing them their information was found online in connection with the T-Mobile breach, confirming that individuals impacted by the breach are at heightened risk for identity theft.

The breach compromised the sensitive personal information of millions of current, former and prospective T-Mobile customers. It impacted more than 53 million individuals, including 68,361 West Virginians.

Among other categories of impacted information, millions had their names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and driver's license information compromised.

"This situation can be worrisome and frustrating for many people who have used this company," said Morrisey. "However, our office encourages consumers to follow up on the ways they can protect their information and see if their information has

been compromised."

Basic tips for consumers to protect their information and identities include:

--Monitor your bank account and credit card statements to detect unauthorized charges.

--Check your credit report for new accounts or creditors you do not recognize. All consumers are entitled to a free annual credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus--Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

Consider placing a free credit freeze on your credit report. Identity thieves will not be able to open a new credit account in your name, while the freeze is in place. You can place a credit freeze by contacting each of the three major credit bureaus.

Place a fraud alert on your credit report. The free alerts last for a year and make it more difficult for a person to open up a line of credit in your name.

If you believe you have been a victim of identity theft, call the Consumer Protection Division, 1-800-368-8808, or file a consumer complaint online at www.wvago.gov.



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Red Cross Needs Blood

For a limited time, the American Red Cross has resumed testing all blood, and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Plasma from routine donations that have high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to help meet the needs of COVID-19 patients with weakened immune systems.

At the same time, the Red Cross blood supply remains vulnerable, and individuals are urged to schedule a blood or platelet donation.

In the days and weeks ahead, it's critically important that the Red Cross maintains a readily available blood supply so hospital patients can receive the care they need.

To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross first tested donations for COVID-19 antibodies earlier in the pandemic to provide convalescent plasma for patients. When infection rates decreased and new treatment options became available, the Red Cross discontinued the program.

With the surge of new variants, hospitals began to seek out more treatments for their most vulnerable patients, and new clinical trial data has shown that convalescent plasma may benefit immunocompromised patients. The Red Cross is resuming the program to ensure that doctors have every tool available to support treatment.

How It Works

Antibody testing will indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus following vaccination or infection, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

Donations will be tested using samples pulled at the time of donation and sent to a testing laboratory where they will also undergo routine infectious disease testing. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be avail-

able 1-2 weeks after donation in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test.

Thanking All-Star Donors In March

All who come to give blood or platelets in March will get a \$10 e-gift card, thanks to Fanatics. Plus, donors will also automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to the 2022 MLB All-Star Game in Los Angeles, when you come to give.

The package includes two tickets to 2022 MLB All-Star on Saturday, the Home Run Derby, and the All-Star Game, round-trip airfare to Los Angeles, four-night hotel accommodations (July 16-20), plus a \$750 gift card for expenses.

Blood Drive Safety

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

Save Time During Donation

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

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 lbs. and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

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