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Additional County Death Is 14th **21 New COVID Cases Is Nine-Week High As Area, State, U.S. Soar**

Twenty-one COVID cases have been reported by the Dept. of Health and Human Resources in the past seven days--eight confirmed and 13 probable--for the county.

The 21 cases were the most in one week since 33 from Feb. 23-Mar. 1.

The county has now had 1,859 cases, with confirmed cases at 955 (the lowest in the state) and probable cases at 904.

The report on Apr. 21 of the death of an 82-year-old female was the 14th of a county resident, also the lowest of any county in West Virginia.

For the first time since Mar. 8, Calhoun was yellow on the alert map last Friday, and by Tuesday, the county was joined by Wirt and Monroe, with all others in green.

The seven-county area had 50 new cases, the highest since there were 52 cases reported from

Mar. 16-22. Cases in the area now total 17,280.

Net new cases in area counties, in addition to Calhoun, in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 12 (3,914/43); Ritchie, 5 (2,451/31); Wirt, 4 (1,450/24); Gilmer, 4 (2,098/19); Clay, 3 (2,343/41); and Roane, 1 (3,165/36).

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia was 5.1, the highest since 5.7 on Mar. 7.

New West Virginia cases were 1,156, the highest in four weeks (670, 490 and 575), after 10 weeks of decreases. Total cases during the pandemic are 500,444.

The number of deaths reported by DHHR was 41, up from 30 last week. Total deaths in West Virginia are 6,845.

The number of new cases in the United States continues to grow, with 346,400 in the past week,

up for the fifth week, including 253,359 and 230,377 the previous two weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 82,662,748.

New deaths in the U.S. were 2,883, down from 3,300, 3,954, 4,736 and 5,529 the previous four weeks. Total deaths are 1,018,335.

New weekly worldwide cases were 4,809,216 down from 5,552,118, 7,279,938, 9,275,982, 11,215,441 and 12,528,569 the past five weeks. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 508,873,606.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 20,059, a slight increase after 19,641, 26,953, 27,446 and 47,046 the previous four weeks. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,247,059.

DHHR reported that 973,605 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (54.3%), an increase of 1,225 in the last week. There have been 463,010 booster shots given, an increase of 8,891 from last week.

Infant Immunization Week Reminds: Keep All Shots Up-To-Date

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources has joined partners across the country to celebrate and recognize National Infant Immunization Week, Apr. 24-30.

The annual observance highlights the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases.

This year's priority is ensuring families stay on track for routine check-ups and vaccinations following disruptions from COVID-19.

"Childhood immuniza-

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, April 27

First day for early voting in-person for Primary Election, old jail building, Grantsville; continues through May 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays.

COVID-19 booster shots available at Minnie Hamilton Health System, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call 354-9704 to schedule.

CCHS baseball and softball teams each play doubleheader at Wirt County, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

Ribbon cutting ceremony and Star Gazing Cabin dedication, Calhoun County Park, 1 p.m.; sponsored by Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center construction class.

CCHS baseball team hosts South Harrison, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Calhoun Historical Society's History Center on Main St., Grantsville, open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Parish-wide Yard Sale, Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; proceeds support U.M. Missions.

Spring Poker Run, Creston Community Buil- (Continued on Page 2)

Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center construction class will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and Star Gazing Cabin dedication on Thursday.

Star Gazing Cabin To Be Dedicated Thursday At Park

The Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center construction class will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and Star Gazing Cabin dedication on Thursday, Apr. 28, 1 p.m., at Calhoun County Park.

The cabin will be dedicated to William Etling, Sr., known to his friends as "Big Bill."

According to the news release, he "was a skilled trade worker who led a generation of workers whose skills are some of the highest in demand today."

The career center's culinary program, Coyote



William Etling, Sr.

Beautiful, will provide catering from 1 to 3 p.m. at the park barn.

Early In-Person Voting Underway

In-person early voting in the Primary Election is underway for registered voters in Calhoun County.

Early voting is being held in the old jail building, Grantsville, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays, and will be available on the next two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to secretary of state Mac Warner, the most efficient and secure way for voters to cast a ballot is in-person at a polling location where trained poll workers guarantee every voter the right to vote a secret ballot without intimidation, undue influence, or uncertainty.

Ballots cast in-person remain under the care and custody of election officials throughout the entire voting period. Any registered voter may vote their ballot early.

West Virginia's 2022 primaries are semi-open, allowing for voters who are not affiliated with a recognized political party to participate in the party's primary of their choosing.

Unaffiliated voters must ask the poll workers

for the specific party's ballot they desire to cast. Poll workers are instructed to refrain from prompting voters to request any specific party's ballot.

"History shows that West Virginians love the experience and security of voting in person," said Warner. "Our state's option to vote early provides flexibility for voters who wish to avoid lines, crowds, or those who cannot participate on election day."

Warner said that recent data for absentee-voting figures suggest that the substantial shift in absentee-by-mail voting during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic is returning to normal.

To learn about in-person and absentee voting guidance and options, view a list of early voting locations, or check your registration, visit GoVoteWV.com.

Wearing a mask inside a polling location is not required. Voters and poll workers who choose to voluntarily wear a mask while inside a polling location may do so.



Paislee Perkins was one of the pitchers when the Diamond Devils met up with the Dirt Devils in the Calhoun 11-and-under softball game last week. The Dirt Devils won, 5-2. See more photos on Page 10.

OBITUARIES

JAMES CLAY McKOWN

James Clay McKown, 73, of Arnoldsburg, died Tuesday, Apr. 19, 2022, at his residence.

He was born in Calhoun County, the son of the late Lee Jr. McKown and Marie Wallbrown McKown. He was a member of IUOF Local 132, Charleston.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Karen Marks McKown; four sons, Doug Marks of Minnora, Phillip Marks of Tennessee, and Douglas Marks and Dustin Marks, both of Arnoldsburg; three great-grandchildren, James, Kristopher and Kaden Marks; six sisters, Patty Dickey, Joyce Newell, Sherry Dalo, Judy Schartiger, Donna Butler and Sandra Butler; two brothers, Eddie McKown and Mike McKown; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Dean Marks; one sister, Frances Greathouse; and four brothers, Danny McKown, Jerry McKown, Johnny McKown and Eugene McKown.

James donated his body to West Virginia University Human Gift Registry. There will be no services at this time. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com.



SHEILA RENEE HARDBARGER

Sheila Renee Hardbarger, 66, of Elizabeth, died Thursday, Apr. 21, 2022, at Camden Clark Medical Center.

She was born in Parkersburg, the daughter of the late Murlene Starcher Coon and Freddie Coon, Jr. She worked many years for Wirt County Schools as a custodian, cook, and teacher's aide, along side of her daughter, helping students with special needs. She was a Christian.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, David Hardbarger; two daughters, Lisa Starcher and Julie Perdue; five grandchildren, Elizabeth Perdue, Lysie Perdue, Sierra Perdue, Trevor Starcher and Carter Starcher; one sister and friend, Sandra "Sue" Luskin; and one brother-in-law, David Wagner.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Freddie Coon and Charles Coon, and two sisters, Beverly Wagner and Norma Coon.

Services were held at Matheny Whited Funeral Home, Elizabeth, with Rev. Dwight Goff and Rev. William D. Stutler officiating. Burial was in Freddie Coon Cemetery, Calhoun County.



MESCAL 'Mick' KUHLE

Mescal "Mick" Kuhl, 81, of Normantown, died Wednesday, Apr. 20, 2022.

She was the daughter of the late Carry and Maud "Lady" Sumpter James. She graduated in 1959 from Normantown High School and retired from B.F. Goodrich after 31 years of service. She was a long-time member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Martha and Mary's Women's Club, American Baptist Women's Club, CEOS, American Cancer Society, and Mission Circle at church.

Surviving are one brother Jerry James; 12 nephews and nieces, Todd Bailey, Debbie Allen, Cody James, Lori Radcliff, Brad Furr, Lisa Law, Deena Enoch, Barry Kuhl, Anna James, Brent Kuhl, Bryce Kuhl and Leah Peram; 21 great-nephews and great-nieces; four brothers-in-law, Donald, Bobby Kuhl, Billy Kuhl and Bryle Kuhl; and one sister-in-law, Deloris Furr.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Bernard Kuhl, on May 24, 1998; one sister, Linda Bailey; one infant brother, Cecil Lee James; and one nephew-in-law, Tim Enoch.

Services were held at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, with Pastor Tim Underwood and Elder Larry Fisher officiating. Burial was in Collins Community Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



MARY KATHERYN PROPST WILSON

Mary Kathryn Propst Wilson, 76, of Vienna, died Thursday, Apr. 21, 2022, at Waterview Pointe, Marietta, Ohio.

She was born at Mt. Zion, the daughter of the late Millard Ford and Gertrude Little Propst. She spent most of her working life at BF Goodrich.

Surviving are her husband of 25 years, Ron Wilson; one daughter, April Miller of Covington, Va.; two granddaughters, Kaitlyn Peters and Mikayla Miller; one great-grandchild, Jayla Grace; one stepson, Donald Wilson; one sister and brother-in-law, Bill and JoAnn Stevens of Grantsville; and one brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Trish Propst of Grantsville.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Pastor Ronnie Little officiating. Cremation followed the service, in keeping with her wishes. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

ROSE MARY BROWN

Rose Mary Brown, 66, of Grantsville, died Thursday, Apr. 21, 2022.

She was the daughter of the late Aaron James Stull and Tracy Madeline Lamp Stull. She was a homemaker and attended Victory Baptist Church, near Grantsville.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald J. Brown; four children, Dale Bruce Martin II of Washington, Kevin H. Richards of Grantsville, Jason Brown of Melbourne, Fla., and Melissa Brown of Spencer; six grandchildren, Kamri Richards of Grantsville, Samuel Atkinson of Washington, Luke Martin and Jake Martin, both of Washington, Dylan Phippings of Windsor, Va., and Ivy Lee Brown of Melbourne; nine siblings, Doug Stull, David Stull, Eugene Stull, Johnny Stull, Larry Stull, Jack Stull and Linda Simers, all of Grantsville, and Elizabeth Parsons and Kathy Wagoner, both of Big Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Stull and Earl Stull, and three sisters, Leona Yeager, Phyllis Sampson and Dottie Harris.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.



ELEANOR JOYCE SMITH

Eleanor Joyce Smith, 81, of Arnoldsburg, died Friday, Apr. 22, 2022.

She was born in Left Hand, Roane County, the daughter of the late Isaac Jackson and Mildred Francis Snodgrass Hays. She was an active member of Walnut Grove Community Church for 27 years.

Surviving are her husband, Charles D. Smith; two sons, John Truman and Gary Smith; four daughters, Rhonda Browning, Tammy Irizary, Sandy Ranton and Theresa Irizary; two brothers, Melvin Hays and Larry Hays; one sister, Patsy Keough; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Carolos Coy Hays, William Hays and Dannie Neal Hays.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 11 a.m., at John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer, with Pastor Clark Samples and Preacher Jerry Sondwers officiating, and burial in Clover Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Last weekend was an excellent time to be out and about, getting things done outdoors in your yard or garden, or just hanging out with the kids and grandkids down by the creek.

On Saturday, I spent a half hour playing catch with our grandson, Conor, beside our house. We had some plastic golf balls and a ping pong ball in our creek toys, and Conor would throw them to me as I stood in the creek, gathered the balls back, and tossed them to him.

To my surprise, I noticed that he was throwing them very accurately and pretty hard for a 10-month-old child, and then I noticed something else, he was throwing the balls equally well with either arm, left or right. He made no big deal about it, he just did it. He seems to be naturally ambidextrous.

Personally, I consider this to be a good thing. The ability to hit what you aim at when throwing rocks or balls is paramount later on in life. As a child, I would hunt squirrels with a pocket full of rocks and my dog, Sugar.

Sugar would tree the squirrel and, when I got to the tree, she would go to the other side and jump around while barking. The squirrel would go to the side that the dog was not on.

Unfortunately for the squirrel, that was where I stood with rock in hand. We never came home empty-handed whenever we had the time to hunt.

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We have two fairly large dogwood trees along the edge of our yard, which, along with the redbud trees flanking them, are very beautiful this time of year, unless the winter was harsh, snowy and cold, which it was.

What happens when the winter hits hard is, other than our bird feeders, food for our critter friends, feathered and furred, is scarce down deep in the holler.

That means that some birds and all squirrels will climb out on the thin branches of the dogwoods to savor the flower buds on the dogwoods.

When winter was almost over earlier this year, I looked at the limbs where the flower buds had been last fall to find the majority of buds missing.

One of our dogwoods has five flowers on it, usually there are hundreds. The other tree has

a lot more flowers on it, but it is still lacking the abundance of flowers that it has produced in past years.

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Trilliums and fiddle-head ferns are up and looking good, and Jeanne and I keep watching for the grandfather Jack-in-the-Pulpit that grows in the rock garden beside the front steps.

We planted a few hosta flowers some years ago, and we have been fighting them ever since. Last year, I cut off the seed pods and disposed of them before they opened, and cast their seeds all over the rock garden again.

This year, I think I will try something different that should definitely work. I will cut the growth off at ground level every time one of them shows up. I do have to be careful that I don't cut off the pulpit, just the hostas.

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Our beloved 15-year-old friend and cutest little dog in the world, Shiloh, has been having seizures for a while now.

They scare him whenever they paralyze him, and when it happens, we hold him and comfort him until he returns to his senses.

The seizures don't seem to bother him as much as they have in the past. He no longer wants to be held and comforted, he just wants to lay down on his bed and sleep.

Jeanne found an all-natural remedy online that actually works--we think. We feel certain that his seizures would come more often and would be more severe, if he were not getting this medicine daily.

He most likely is not long for this world, and I know that both Jeanne and I will be devastated on that sad day, but we must remember, we made sure that his life on this world was the best we could make it.

Since he was a tiny puppy, he loved to sing opera, and the J.G. Wentworth ad on TV was his favorite. Well, that and the national anthems of both the U.S. and Canada, which he grew up hearing whenever the Pittsburgh Penguins played hockey against one of the teams from up north.

I know that there will always be a tear rolling down my cheek whenever I hear those songs in the future; in my head, I will be hearing Shiloh singing along, full voice.

SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continued from Page 1) open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
ding; registration from 9 a.m. to noon,
Bingo, Calhoun County Park barn, 5 p.m.

Monday, May 2
Mt. Zion Community Park meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3
CCHS baseball team plays doubleheader at Doddridge County, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4
Last day county clerk can accept absentee ballot applications.

COVID-19 booster shots available at Minnie Hamilton Health System, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call 354-9704 to schedule.

Calhoun 11-and-under girls softball teams play at Gilmer County, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 6
Calhoun Historical Society's History Center on Main St., Grantsville,

Saturday, May 7
Last day for early voting in-person for Primary Election, old jail building, Grantsville, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Creston Area Neighborhood Watch litter cleanup, Creston Community Building, 9 a.m.

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

Corrections

Teresa Overton reports that Crystal Mersh would like to have two corrections to last week's county commission story: Mersh has not been working with the Federal Drug Administration . . . that should read Federal government, and Mersh has been working with elected representatives in Washington and Charleston, not in Calhoun County.

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Homeowners Rescue Program

West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program will provide assistance to state homeowners who have experienced a financial hardship related to COVID-19. The program can provide assistance for past-due mortgage payments of up to \$15,000, past-due utilities of up to \$2,500, past-due insurance, property tax payments, and other housing costs of up to \$5,000, \$300 in internet assistance, and \$500 of assistance on certain down payment loans.

To be eligible, your income cannot exceed 150% of the area median income for the county where you reside. Your primary residence must be in West Virginia, and this can be a single family home, a condo, a townhouse, a mobile home, or a duplex.

To qualify, applicants must be able to demonstrate a COVID-related hardship, such as a decrease in your income, and/or an increase in expenses related to the pandemic. WVHDF is accepting online and paper applications. For information, visit wvhdf.com/west-virginia-homeowners-rescue.

This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Frank O. Taylor received word this morning of the death of his brother, Silas Raymond Taylor, which occurred last week in Ely, Nevada, and resulted from electrocution. The funeral was held in Ely on Sunday. It will be remembered that the paper carried a notice a few days ago of Mr. Taylor's having been badly burned by contact with a live wire, and that his condition was critical, but it was hoped that he might recover.

The deceased was well-known here where he formerly resided and his death will be learned of with sorrow. He is survived by his wife and two children; also by his two brothers, Frank O. Taylor of Parkersburg and James Taylor of Grantsville, and by one sister, Mrs. Harvey Yost of Sistersville, and his mother, Mrs. George O. Taylor, also of Sistersville.

It should be noted that it is the intention of the county court to establish a new precinct in Washington District, to be known as Stinson No. 4. This will be a great convenience to many voters in that section, and is something that should have been done long ago. Before the general election, the court expects to divide some other precincts in the county.

Lynn Oles of Grantsville made two trips to White Pine last Sunday in his little red flivver.

If the people who have taken Tanlac were to form a line of march in single file, this grand army would reach clear across the American continent from New York to San Francisco and extend over 3,000 into the Pacific Ocean, according to Dr. W.T. Dye. (It should be noted that Tanlac was actually 36-proof alcohol, sold as a "patent medicine" during prohibition).

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Bower and sons, Paul, Forest and Gerald, spent Sunday with Sidney Bell and family at Industry.

1947, 75 years ago

Breaking one of the most corrupt political rings in the state, the city of Charleston will have a Democratic administration for the next four years on the basis of unofficial returns from Monday's municipal election, which saw Republican Mayor D. Boone Dawson defeated by his Democratic opponent, R. Carl Andrews.

Andrews, the former state banking commissioner, received 13,962 votes, while Dawson had 12,019, on the basis of unofficial returns from 92 out of the city's 94 precincts.

Dawson conceded his opponent's election shortly before midnight Monday night.

At the same time, approximately 14 of the city's 22 council seats went to Democrats. The vote in some wards was so close that exact determination could not be made from available precincts.

Democrat Frank T. Litton won the municipal judgeship, receiving 7,341 votes over Republican Joseph Thomas who had 6,849.

Dawson, who has served three consecutive four-year terms, based his campaign on accomplishments in a public works program during his 12 years in office.

Andrews, in his campaign, promised the city's voters that they would be permitted to cast ballots on a city charter referendum, which would permit the city manager type of government. A similar vote was taken last summer, but resulted in defeat for charter proponents by a narrow margin.

Both Andrews and Dawson have been gubernatorial candidates during their political careers.

The Democrats, at the present time, hold only one of the 22 city council seats.

1972, 50 years ago

Principal Roy J. Stump of Calhoun County High School and principal Paul Bush of the Arnoldsburg Grade School are two who are retiring at the end of the present school term.

As a preliminary to their retirement, their resignations were given to the Calhoun board of education at its last meeting.

Mr. Stump, who has taught for 42 years, has been principal at Calhoun County High School since 1955.

Replacement of these two key employees will come before the board at a later date. At the present time, superintendent Paul Siegrist is "looking hard and hoping to find the right people to fit in the future plans of advancing education in Calhoun County."

Finding fully qualified people to fill the principal's positions, both in secondary and elementary schools, he said, is a complicated matter, since qualified persons are not always available.

To be certified as a principal, the person must have a master's degree, having 12 hours in administrative subjects, and have at least three years as a vice principal. An elementary principal must have a teacher's certificate, three years experience as a teacher and a master's degree.

These are set by the West Virginia Dept. of Education. At the present time, the superintendent says that there are no teachers in the Calhoun school system who meet all of the qualifications as set by the state.

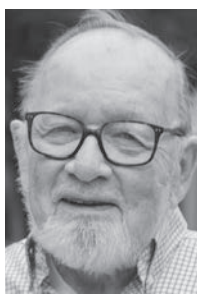
Siegrist said that he was actively pursuing a policy of recruiting for all positions in the school system wherever there would be a vacancy, to secure personnel fully qualified for positions. Last year, he went to 12 colleges to recruit new personnel.

Not settled as yet is the salary of the superintendent, who at present time is earning slightly less than one principal. Siegrist has a one year contract that started July 1, 1971.

Calhoun taxpayers will have completed all payments on the last bond as of July 1, 1972. These bonds were issued in 1952 to build schools at Arnoldsburg, Minnora and Brooksville, and the high school gym.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why do we say a person who doesn't understand something "can't see the handwriting on the wall?" (Asked by a curious column reader.)

Reply: The source of this comes from the Bible. In the Book of Daniel (Dan. 5:25-28), the Babylonian king, Belshazzar, looted the temple and was having a big feast, with wine being drunk from sacred goblets. A hand appeared and put some handwriting on the wall. No one could interpret it. Daniel was sent for, and told the king that God had judged and condemned them.

Belshazzar was killed that night. Guess he saw the handwriting on the wall and still didn't understand!

Question: Why do they call left-handed baseball players, "south paws?" (Asked by a curious lefty.)

Reply: This supposedly goes back to the early days of baseball, when diamonds were set up so that the batter always faced east. This way, the afternoon sun wouldn't be in the batter's eyes. (Hey, how about the outfielders?) So, if the batter was left handed, he and his "paws" were on the south side of the plate. Don't know if this is true, but if so, I'd be a "north paw."

To round out this highly educational column, did you know . . .

--The Hawaiian alphabet only has 12 letters: A, E, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, P, U and W.

--The word "ma" in Chinese has five different meanings: mother, hemp, horse, to scold, and a question marker--depending on the voice inflection with which word is said.

--The oldest commercial carbonated drink (other than natural mineral water) in the U.S. is Moxie, which was originally sold in New England in the 1880s as a nerve tonic. It later became a soft drink, with a taste described as a combination of root beer, cola and licorice. I had some Moxie when I was a kid. It definitely had an acquired taste!

Well, there you have it! We used to say a person had a lot of "moxie," meaning a lot of courage, gusto, etc. Am I the only one who remembers?

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "All men make mistakes, but married men find out about them sooner."
--Red Skelton.

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

Infant Immunization--

(Continued from Page 1) boosters, HPV and vaccines required for child care, school entry, and at grades seven and 12. For information on how vaccinations can protect your family, call W.Va. Division of Immunization Services, 558-2188. You can also find immunization information and vaccine schedules at oeps.wv.gov/immunizations.

The West Virginia Vaccines for Children program provides vaccines at no cost to children up to age 19 who are underinsured or whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them.

VFC coverage includes the seasonal flu and COVID-19 vaccines, as well as age-appropriate

Parish Yard Sale

There will be a parish-wide yard sale on Saturday, Apr. 30, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. All proceeds will be used to support the United Methodist Missions.

James Clay McKown

James Clay McKown, 73, of Arnoldsburg, W.Va., went home peacefully to be with the Lord on April 19, 2022, at his residence.

He was born August 11, 1948, in Calhoun County, W.Va., and was the son of the late Lee Jr. McKown and Marie Wallbrown McKown.

James was a devoted family man, hard worker and storyteller. He loved his family, friends and farm. He enjoyed farming, horses, working in the hay fields, and his wife's cooking. He was a member of IUOF Local 132 in Charleston, W.Va.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 43 years, Karen Marks McKown of Arnoldsburg; four sons, Doug Marks of Minnora, W.Va., Phillip Marks of Tenn., Douglas Marks (companion, Leah McCumbers) and Dustin Marks (Kaitlin), all of Arnoldsburg; three great-grandchildren, James, Kristopher and Kaden Marks; six sisters, Patty Dickey (George), Joyce Newell (Paul), Sherry Dalco, Judy Schartger (Rodney), Donna Butler (Clarence) and Sandra Butler (Paul); two brothers, Eddie and Mike McKown; and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Robert Dean Marks; sister, Frances Greathouse; and four brothers, Danny, Jerry, Johnny and Eugene McKown.

James donated his body to the West Virginia University Human Gift Registry. There will be no services at this time.

Arrangements provided by Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, Spencer, W.Va. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com.



This Week In West Virginia History



An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine on Apr. 28, 1914, killed 174 men.

The following events happened from Apr. 28-May 4 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Apr. 28, 1914: An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine (above) in Raleigh County killed 174 men. The mine connected with Eccles No. 6, operating in another coal seam, and nine men in No. 6 died of injuries and of afterdamp, the deadly gas left after a mine explosion.

Apr. 28, 1924: An explosion ripped through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.

Apr. 28, 1948: Watt Powell Park opened in Charleston. About 8,000 people, including Gov. Okey L. Patteson, attended the city's inaugural game in the Class A Central League. The park was replaced by the city's new Appalachian Power Park after the 2004 season, and the old ballpark was demolished in 2005.

Apr. 29, 1863: Confederate Gen. William E. "Grumble" Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards, and volunteers. The Confederates prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.



Apr. 30, 1871: Coach Fielding Harris "Hurry-Up" Yost was born in Marion County. He was a tackle on West Virginia University's football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, his first season as coach at University of Michigan, the Wolverines compiled an 11-0 record, including a 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.

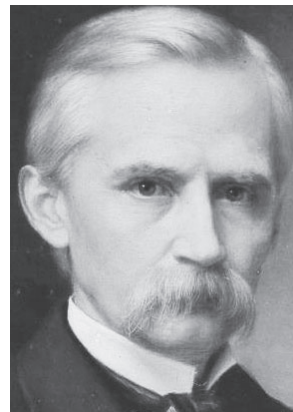
Apr. 30, 1927: An explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine (below), owned by New England Fuel and Trans-



An explosion at Federal No. 3 mine, Everettville, on Apr. 30, 1927, killed 97 men.

portation Co. of Everettville, Monongalia County. The explosion, subsequent fire, and gas in the mine killed 97 men.

May 1, 1788: Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta and Hardy counties. It was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803).



May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.



May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffe, Braxton County. He became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s, after investigating the sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster Gen. William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. He joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. The following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson Co., an experiment that was instituted nationwide.

May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. It was rebuilt, and evolved into the institution now known as Potomac State College.

May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society was formed by a group of Charleston ministers at the YMCA.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



Baby, it's hot outside! Holy moly, what happened to spring? I was enjoying the warmer weather and all of the budding and blooming, but high 80s is a little much. I had to turn the air-conditioner on in my bedroom over the weekend. Evidently, this is just a brief period, but one I could have done without. Not that anyone is asking, of course.

On a happier note, I am in what I like to call the final countdown of the school year. There are officially five weeks of school left. They are a busy five weeks, but at least I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I am still sticking to my taking one day at a time mantra, but I will admit to enjoying crossing another day off of the calendar each day when I come home from school. I am more than ready to say goodbye to Miss Walburn for a couple of months.

My Grandma Haught would always tell me not to wish my life away and to count each day as a blessing, so I am trying to heed her wisdom and to look for joy in these busy days. One source of joy this week was attending the spring show at the high school. The cast put on a staff performance on Thursday evening, and I was thrilled to attend. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and was so proud of all the students. I laughed at the hilarious skits, enjoyed the dance numbers, and was impressed by the musical talent of the bands, percussion groups, and choir. As a former choir member and actor, I found myself wanting to join them on stage and relive some of my glory days.

I was also impressed by the students and staff who celebrated Earth Day by working on projects around the school. All types of work took place on Friday and Saturday. Walls were wiped down, lockers scrubbed, supply closets cleaned out, and flowerbeds weeded and mulched. The baseball field also received some TLC. With so many activities coming up in the weeks ahead, this was the perfect time to give the school a little spring cleaning.

My evenings were relatively quiet this past week. Mom and Dad were out of town visiting my sister and her family in Canton, Ohio, so there were no visits there. Early in the week, it was so cold that I just wanted a hot shower, warm pajamas, and a blanket by the fire. Then, the rain came in and ruined any chance of exercising after school. This did give me a chance to get a lot of grading done in the evenings, which was a good thing. If I stay caught up, this will make the end of the year go much smoother. I also did a little reading for pleasure, which doesn't happen much during the school week.

This week promises to be a bit busier. I am a junior sponsor, and this is prom week. We will be working on turning the commons area into an enchanted garden. The prom committee has been working very hard over the past few weeks, and, this Saturday, all of their hard work will be on display for everyone to see. It promises to be a beautiful sight. I have been charged with making cookies, so that will keep me busy at least one evening this week.

I also received all of the applications for National Honor Society on Friday. Now, I will need to make copies, distribute them to the faculty council, and schedule a meeting for them to deliberate. Finally, I will be charged with letting the students know the committee's decisions. The honor society inductions will take place in May.

It is hard to believe that this week we will flip the calendar to May. I did manage to take my Easter decorations down this weekend. My yard was mowed for the first time, and my tree and bushes are in full bloom. I still haven't gotten around to cleaning and setting up my porch, but I plan to do that soon. I plan to do a lot of reading there this summer.

Well, it's time to start my Sunday night routine. I have four more Sunday school nights, and then Sunday becomes just like any other night of the week. I can't wait. Until then, I need to pack a lunch, lay out my clothes, and get my school bag ready for tomorrow. The clock is ticking.

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)

Parkersburg, West Va.
Oct. 4th., 1863
Sunday Evening 7 o'clock
My Dear Girl,

Your welcome note of 29th. last month, came duly to hand, and it is with pleasure I once more attempt to write you a few lines

I should certainly have been very happy if I could have been there to go to meeting with you. I was glad to hear from Friend Andy J. H. Give him my regards when you see him. I have no doubt Miss Ray enjoys herself while he is there, which must be very agreeable. Give her also my compliments.

Your decision is in perfect unison with my own on that subject, concerning which I wrote to you. It seems long to wait, but it is certainly the best, for I know you are often thinking of your soldier Boy who is far away, and for loving friends to part is hard, but when they are inseparably united as man & wife, it renders parting still more painful.

My dear girl, my thoughts are often wandering back to the happy moments which we once have enjoyed in each others society, and think if you do not at this moment feel sad & lonely, I often feel so myself, perhaps this is weakness in me, but at such times I am happy, while anticipating a bright future for us, and while we wait patiently, would it not be well for us to make all the improvement we can? I know you will say yes, for its of the greatest importance that we should aim to qualify ourselves in all the duties of life, that unhappiness & regret may never beset us in after life.

For its a fact admitted by all writers that more than half of the misery and woe in the world results from hasty and ill advised marriages. And I have long since set my mark high with a picture of love, peace, and happiness in the foreground, and I know you would never wish for any thing less.

I written a longer letter now than I intended to when I commenced, but I must tell you that I have been to the city of Wheeling, last week. I went there Thursday and got back last night, took a rebel prisoner up, had a nice trip & think it paid very well.

Please! Write again, if I have wearied you by writing a long letter this time tell me so, and I won't waste so much ink next time, still I hope your stock of patience is sufficient to enable you to read it through.

Give my kind regards to your Mother & the rest of the family. I still remain as ever before your true and devoted,

M.A. Ayers

Parkersburg, W.Va.
October 10th., 1863
Dearest Mary,

Your very kind and affectionate letter came to hand yesterday, and I was very glad to hear from you again.

I would like very much to come up, but there is to be a great Union Meeting in Ohio about 6 miles from here on Monday, and I want to go to it, as I have not been to anything of the kind yet, and then Tuesday Father and Mother are going on a visit to West Union to see a sister of Mothers and I am going with them.

I hope you will not think me unkind for not coming up, for I know it would be a very pleasant and agreeable trip, and would have come if it was not for the reasons I have given.

I will come up before a great while, as I can get leave at any time when our business is not pressing. I know you would be glad to see me, and can hardly satisfy myself that I am not doing wrong by not coming, but I feel assured that you will pardon me if I do wrong.

I often find myself day-dreaming of home with all its happy surroundings, and I do most earnestly hope & pray that we may yet enjoy a life of happiness in a home of our own.

Give my kind regards to your dear Mother & all the rest of the family.

I am in good health, & hope you may be enjoying the same good blessings of God.

Don't fail to write again.

I am yours truly and affectionately,

M.A. Avers

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Parkersburg, West Va.
October 28th. 1863
Dear Mollie,

Your kind note came to hand this morning. I was truly glad to hear from you again, and hope this may find you in better health.

I am well today, for which I have every reason to feel thankful.

I received a letter from Friend Alfred this morning, and he says Co. C. was going to Glenville. I suppose they are there before this time. Those interloping rebs who have been troubling the people in that section will have to look out.

I would enjoy a walk to meeting with you very much, if I was only there, but as I am not, we can commune together by writing, which is a pleasure and satisfaction. Was glad to hear from friend A.J. & when you see him give him my compliments.

I truly appreciate the kind regards of your Mother & the rest of the family, and send them mine in return. The P.O. stamps please find enclosed, write again at your convenience. I am with every mark of respect and love your devoted friend,

M.A. Ayers

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

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

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

Thursday, Apr. 28: cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit, bread.

Friday, Apr. 29: fish, ranch potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Monday, May 2: hamburger, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Tuesday, May 3: spaghetti, meat sauce, vegetables, fruit, garlic bread.

Wednesday, May 4: beans and ham, kraut,

fruit, cornbread.
Thursday, May 5: chicken patty, ranch potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Friday, May 6: salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, juice, roll.

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

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

From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,
Chairman of Public Service Commission

Stay Alive--Don't Text and Drive!

April is Distracted Driving Month, and the Public Service Commission has joined with other law enforcement agencies nationwide to deliver this lifesaving message. Our officers are patrolling the state's highways to reinforce it with commercial motor vehicle drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car crashes that involved distracted drivers killed 3,142 people in 2020, 8% of all fatal crashes in the country.

Since 2012, when NHTSA started tracking distracted driver accidents, more than 29,000 lives have been lost in crashes involving distracted drivers. People who text while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash.

Alarming, about one in five people killed in crashes involving a distracted driver are not in vehicles--they are walking, riding bikes, or otherwise outside the vehicle.

Teenage drivers are especially impacted. AAA found distracted driving is responsible for over 58% of teen crashes. Recently, 39% of high school students reported texting or emailing while driving during the past month.

Among drivers age 15-20 involved in fatal crashes, 9% were distracted at the time of the crash. Not all teenagers are equally likely to be involved in a motor vehicle crash. Teenage males are almost twice as likely as teenage females to be victims of motor vehicle fatalities.

Texting may be the most obvious offence, but anything that takes your attention away from driving poses a danger to you, your passengers, and everyone who shares the road with you.

Seemingly harmless activities, such as tuning the radio or adjusting the climate control, can take your attention off the road. You should never even consider eating, applying makeup, styling your hair, or shaving while behind the wheel.

That may sound far-fetched, but people do it. Children and pets should be securely belted-in before setting out on the road. When you are behind the wheel, your only job is to safely navigate from Point A to Point B.

It takes less than five seconds for a car traveling 55 mph to cover the length of a football field; a lot can happen in five seconds.

So fasten your seatbelt, put down the phone, and let's all arrive safely.

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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.

3670 E. Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville, WV || 1.58 Acres +/- || Remodeled from the studs, this house looks brand new on the inside! The living room, kitchen and dining room all wraps into one big open floor plan making it perfect for hosting guests. Sliding glass doors in the dining room lead out into the carport making it an easy walk with a handful of groceries. All on one end of the house, you will find 3 bedrooms and the guest bathroom. With no stairs, this home is perfect for one-level living. Outside, there is a large fenced area great for kids and pets to roam. Did I mention Riverfront? Bring your kayak, fishing pole and cooler and have a great float down the Little Kanawha River. Need a mother-in-law suite or guest house? The garages have an apartment perfect for the occasion! The rest of the garage has 3 stalls perfect for the car enthusiast or mechanic. Storage is not an issue on this property. Want to just purchase the house or garage? Contact the listing agent for details. ** The owner of this property is offering a 14 month home warranty paid for at closing! ** This property is located in the 100-year flood zone. If you are financing this property, you will need to obtain flood insurance. **\$179,900**

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(\$1,310.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: Christopher Daniel Mason
814 Spring Garden Street
Easton PA 18042

On April 10, 2022, officers with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department seized one thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$1,310.00) in U.S. Currency ("Currency") during an arrest of Christopher Daniel Mason for attempting to obtain a fraudulent prescription. The seizure of the foregoing Currency took place at 337 Main St., Grantsville, WV 26147. The Currency was found in the possession of Christopher Daniel Mason who claimed ownership of the said Currency. The said Currency constitutes moneys furnished or intended to be furnished, in violation of West Virginia Code, Chapter 60A, by any person in exchange for a controlled substance and/or proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and/or moneys used, or which have been used, or which are intended to be used to facilitate any violation of West Virginia Code, Chapter 60A. The State of West Virginia has filed a Forfeiture Petition wherein it has asked the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, to forfeit the one thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$1,310.00) in U.S. Currency to the State and to vest title to the one thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$1,310.00) in U.S. Currency in the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department.

A copy of said Forfeiture Petition can be obtained from the Calhoun County Clerk's Office. Any person having a claim upon the above-described Currency, shall make a claim on said property on or before the passing of thirty (30) days from the first publication of this legal publication. Any claim must clearly identify the claimant and the address at which legal process can be served upon the claimant. All claims shall be delivered to Nigel E. Jeffries, Prosecuting Attorney, PO Box 337 Grantsville, West Virginia 26147.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 20th day of April 2022.

Sheila R. Garretson
Sheila Garretson, Circuit Clerk
Calhoun County, West Virginia

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 3rd day of October 2018, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction, Friday, May 6, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., the following described personal property:

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Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale.

Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks Garage, 253 Court Street, Grantsville, WV 26147

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: S.R. Juvenile Case No. 22-JA-10
(DOB: 04/01/2021)

Adult Respondent(s):
Misty Richards, Mother
Unknown Father, Father

ORDER OF CLASS II PUBLICATION

The subject of this suit is to determine custody of the Infant Respondent.

A more particular description of this suit is continued in the Petition on file in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Calhoun County, West Virginia.

To Unknown Father, father of S.R.,

You have been named as the putative father of the child who is the subject of the above-styled matter involving a petition alleging the abuse and neglect of the child, whose mother is Misty Richards. It appears after due diligence the Petitioner has been unable to locate your current whereabouts. Respondent, Unknown Father must serve upon Nigel E. Jeffries, Prosecuting Attorney, whose address is PO Box 337, Grantsville, WV 26147, an answer including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition filed in this action, on or before May 5, 2022. You have the right to counsel at every stage of these proceedings. An attorney has been appointed to represent you. His name is Calvin Honaker, Esquire. His address is 202 Main St W, Ripley, WV 25271. These proceedings can result in the permanent termination of your parental rights if you fail to file a response or make an appearance in this matter. An Adjudication Hearing is scheduled in this matter for Unknown Father, on May 12, 2022, at the Calhoun County Circuit Court at 2:00 p.m., and a Disposition Hearing may follow immediately thereafter. A copy of said petition can be obtained from the undersigned Circuit Clerk at her office.

A copy of the Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court on the 14th day of April 2022.

Sheila R. Garretson
Sheila Garretson, Calhoun County Circuit Court

LEGAL NOTICE

The Calhoun County Commission is requesting any individual interested in becoming a member of the Calhoun County Planning Commission to submit a letter of request by May 13, 2022. The letter can be sent to the county clerk at calhounclerk@gmail.com or to President Michael Hicks at michael.hicks4742@gmail.com

LEGAL NOTICE

The Calhoun County Board of Education will be holding a budget hearing on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Calhoun County Board of Education Central Office. Beginning May 1, 2022, the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Calhoun County Board of Education and the Board's website <http://boe.calhoun.k12.wv.us/>

Music

Bluegrass, gospel and country music will be played at the Lions Club Building (behind Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville), on Saturday, May 14, at 6 p.m. Musicians sign-up at the door. Everyone is welcome.

Park Meeting

Mt. Zion Community Park will host the first meeting of 2022 on Monday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. For information, call David Weaver, 354-6217.

Give Local MOV Set For Tuesday

According to Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) and its regional affiliates, you can multiply the impact of your gift to your favorite non-profits in the Little Kanawha area on Tuesday, May 3, for 24-hours.

Your donations through www.GiveLocalMOV.org enable non-profits to earn significant matching funds and cash prizes.

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Many supporters, led by Superior Toyota, Mary M. Welch Advised Fund, and Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal, supply the matching funds. Hourly cash prizes, sponsored by various local businesses, reward non-profits whose supporters contribute throughout the day.

A total of 63 participating non-profits are initially assigned a share of the matching funds; then, donors who contribute online May 3 will have their gifts matched 1:1 up to the allotted share.

Should any organizations not claim their full allocation of matching funds after the 24 hours, PACF will proportionately allocate the remaining funds among non-profits that exceeded their initial share.

The region's non-profits address many issues that affect local communities. According to a PACF spokesman, this is a once-a-year opportunity to help them in a big way.

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.

Participating from the Little Kanawha area are:

--Minnie Hamilton Health System, which is dedicated to improving the health quality of life of all people in the service area through an innovative delivery system of services and education.

--Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation works with charitable individuals, families, businesses, and civic or non-profit organizations to make a positive and permanent commitment for the future of Calhoun, Gilmer and Wirt counties.

Visit www.GiveLocalMOV.org to see the full list of sponsors and learn about participating non-profits. Return to the website on May 3 to make your online donation.

For details or to help sponsor the campaign, call development and communications officer Julie Posey, 428-4438.

Cemetery Report

Big Bend

Big Bend Cemetery report for 2021:

Virgil and Deloris Rogers Estate, \$500; Beverly Smith, \$300; Phil and Sherry Ashton, \$250; Jim and Judy Prusack, Dave Prusack, \$200;

Lorena McKown and Gene Rader, Roger Lee Basnett, Charles Swisher, Lou and Dottie Rader, Hugh and Beth Alltop, \$100; Millie Holbert Family, \$75; Vicky Great-house, \$60;

Drusilla Exline, Donna Newell, Vernon and Kathy Walker, Alice Ullum for Donna Bower, Larry and Sue Swisher, \$50; Bobby Bower, Sue Williams, \$40;

Anna McFee, Abe and Edith Barker Family, \$25; Unknown, \$200; Unknown, \$150; Money in Box, \$116.

Please forgive us if we have forgotten anyone. Thank you so much for all the donations and all the kind cards and letters.

Ron and Betty Walker, 43 Glory Lane, Munday, WV 26152.

Spring Poker Run


Creston Community Building, 340 Anns Run Road, Creston, will host a Spring Poker Run on Saturday, Apr. 30.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to noon, with \$10 entry fee.

Payback is 1st, 30%; 2nd, 10%; and 3rd, 10%, of the door. No two-wheelers allowed.

Riders must stop at all stations, and check in at station 5 by the posted deadline to be eligible for payout.

There will be door prizes, 50/50, and kitchen open for breakfast and dinner items. For more information, call 275-3578 or 275-0003.



Here I am, Jacob McCumbers, first time Candidate for Calhoun County Commission. I have resided in Calhoun my entire life, where I am raising my family. I have supported our 4-H Organizations, Sports, School Activities, and our First Responders. My parents grew up in Calhoun and still are part of this county, as they both are employed here.

Just to let you know, May 10th, election day, is just a few days away and I am still on the campaign trail. I encourage all to come out and vote. Let's all pull together and stay strong, so that Calhoun County will always be a wonderful place to live. Remember that 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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Bingo at the Park

Bingo will be held at Calhoun County Park barn on Saturday, Apr. 30, at 5 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. The park fundraiser will have prizes, fun for all, auction items, concessions, and 50/50 drawing. For information or early bird tickets, call Loretta Freshour, 477-3695.

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.

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Starting July 16 DHHR To Transition To 988 For Suicide Prevention Lifeline

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH), has secured a \$561,131 award from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to prepare for transition of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to a new three-digit number (988) on July 16. West Virginia is one of 54 states and territories to receive a federal grant.

BBH funds West Virginia's national lifeline call center, operated by First Choice Services, to answer in-state calls, which includes the Veterans Crisis Line.

On July 16, the three-digit dialing code for the lifeline will become 988, replacing the current number, 1-800-273-8255. West Virginians needing support should continue to call that number until July 16.

The lifeline accepts calls from anyone experiencing suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress. The state Lifeline/988 call center will also begin accepting texts and chats after July 16.

The West Virginia Legislature passed and Gov. Jim Justice signed Senate Bill 181 in March to help prepare for 988, and DHHR will continue to support call center capacity.

"988 is the first step in building an accessible crisis system that includes someone to talk to, some-

one to respond, and a safe place to be," said Christina Mullins, BBH commissioner. "Roughly 75 to 80 percent of calls help de-escalate and provide support without further crisis intervention needed."

For the callers who need additional crisis services (someone to respond or a safe place to be), the state is enhancing its crisis continuum.

Presently, West Virginia has statewide Children's Mobile Crisis Response for children and youths up to age 21 available through the 24/7 Children's Crisis and Referral Line, 844-HELP4WV or www.help4wv.com/ccr. Adult crisis response services are available in certain counties.

"DHHR and its partners are collaborating to improve West Virginians' access to needed behavioral health crisis services to prevent suicide and other detrimental outcomes," said Mullins.

"This new grant assists in saving lives in our state, where suicide is a leading cause of death for West Virginians aged 10-34, and a significant cause of preventable deaths across all age ranges."

Lions Club Bingo

Lions Club bingo will be held in the Lions Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Library Raffle

The Calhoun County Library is raffling off a charcoal grill, with accessories, including a \$20 Foodland gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Stop by the library to purchase tickets. Drawing will be held Wednesday, June 1.



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Election Dates

Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 10. Dates to remember:

--Jan. 1-May 4, county clerk can accept absentee ballot applications.

--Mar. 25-May 4, mail absentee ballots to voters who completed an application.

--Apr. 27-May 7, early voting.

If you want to vote by absentee ballot, you must complete an absentee voter application, which is available at govotewv.com or by calling the county clerk's office, 354-6725, and one will be sent.

To update your address, change name because you got married, change your political party, or check on your voter registration, visit govotewv.com.

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.

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75th Anniversary



The family of Junior and Imogene Fowler Hoskins have announced the couple's 70th wedding anniversary.

They were married on Apr. 27, 1952, at Enon Baptist Church by Rev. Lloyd Cosby.

Junior is the son of the late Euell and Eunice Ethel Parsons Hoskins, Sr. Imogene is the daughter of the late Levi Franklin and Elsie Rachel Barr Fowler. Their children are Karen Hoskins Bonar and Roger Hoskins.

The Hoskins reside at Arcadia Valley Skilled Nursing, Room 3, 25675 Main St., Coolville, OH 45723.



Barb Norman was presented the county's "Above and Beyond Award" for March at the Apr. 19 school board meeting.



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The Dirt Devils' Lizzie Garrett backs away from an inside pitch during game with the Diamond Devils.



Clara Barnhart scores a run in the Dirt Devils 5-2 win over the Diamond Devils. Catcher is the Diamonds' Kaleigha Morris.



The Diamond Devils' Mandy Johnson pitches during the game with the Dirt Devils.

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Mini Golf Course

Braxton County Senior Center's Mini Golf Course grand opening will be held on Thursday, Apr. 28, at 10 a.m. It is located at 23 Senior Center Dr., Sutton. For information, call 765-4090.

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Glenville State Receives ARC Hardwood Development Grant

Glenville State University has partnered with Dabney S. Lancaster Community College in Virginia and Big Sandy Community & Technical College in Kentucky for a grant funded by Appalachian Regional Commission Power Initiative.

The federal ARC grant is providing 66% of the funding for the project for a total of \$1.466 million.

Appalachian Hardwood Training Initiative (AHTI) will develop educational and training opportunities for those employed in the industry's sawmills and wood manufacturing facilities throughout the ARC region, as well as for underemployed and unemployed individuals in the region.

The project will recruit and support new and incumbent workers through a comprehensive training and education program that will create pathways for the upskilling and creation of hardwood-related jobs over a three-year period.

AHTI will help to strengthen the hardwood industry workforce and ensure a steady supply of future applicants. The result will assist current

employers and serve as an asset in attracting new businesses to locate to the area.

GSU will be hiring a workforce coach, who will work with the hardwood industry to identify training needs, and then help create and facilitate that training. The grant will provide funding to reduce the cost of the training.

Trainings will be as accessible and affordable as possible to new and incumbent employees, and those who wish to prepare for employment opportunities within the industry.

"The GSU forestry program has been serving the forest industry in West

Virginia for over 50 years by educating and training students in a rigorous, two-year, hands-on degree program.

"The grant will allow us to provide additional education and training to current and new employees in the hardwood industry or those seeking a career in the hardwood industry," said GSU associate professor of forestry Dr. Brian Perkins.

The grant will also provide scholarship funding for students who want to enter into a forestry program at Glenville State.

For information about programs, email LandRe sources@glenville.edu or call 462-6370.

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