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## Calhoun Grand Jury Returns 9 Indictments

*(Editor's Note: The return of an indictment by a Grand Jury indicates that a person has been charged formally by the State with the commission of a crime or crimes. It is an accusation. The U.S. Constitution provides that a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty by the State. Upon entering a plea of innocent, persons accused of a crime are entitled to a trial by a jury of their peers. The guilt or innocence of the accused is determined by a Petit Jury, not by means of indictment by a Grand Jury.)*

The Calhoun County Grand Jury returned nine indictments on May 3. Prosecuting attorney Nigel E. Jeffries provided the following information:

- Christopher Mark Sampson, Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine and Conspiracy to Commit a Violation of Chapter 60A.
- Christopher Daniel Mason, Conspiracy to Commit a Felony.
- Kia Shavonne Mason, Attempt to Commit a Felony and Conspiracy to Commit a Felony.
- Isaac Charles Grounds, Fleeing with Reckless Indifference.
- William Thomas Abicht, Malicious Wounding, Strangulation, Domestic Battery (second offense), and Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person.
- Dylan Paul Little, Receiving or Transferring Stolen Goods and Conspiracy to Commit a Felony.
- David Paul Little, Conspiracy to Commit a Felony.
- Amanda Louise Teserman, Grand Larceny.
- Robert Scott Carpenter, Willful Injury to Timber.



Savannah Cunningham placed in the top six of each of her four running events on Friday in the Little Kanawha Conference championships. The CCHS senior's 15 points earned her first team All-LKC. See story on Page 5.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wednesday, May 11**  
COVID-19 booster shots available at Minnie Hamilton Health System, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call 354-9704 to schedule.

**Friday, May 13**  
Last day to submit letter of request as member of Calhoun County Planning Commission; send to calhounclerk@gmail.com.  
Calhoun Historical Society's History Center on Main St., Grantsville, open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CCHS boys and girls compete in Region IV state-qualifier, Laidley Field, Charleston, 5 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14**  
Mix-It-Up Bingo, Arnoldsburg Elementary School, 5 p.m.

Wood Festival Queen Flora Pageant, along with Little Miss and Jr.

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## County Returns To Green

DHHR had not updated State COVID statistics as of 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The following numbers are through Monday.

Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported that Calhoun had five COVID-19 cases in the last six days, down from 20 and 21 the previous two weeks.

After being the only yellow alert county in West Virginia on Tuesday, May 3, Calhoun dropped to green the following day, and has remained

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## Public Forum

The Calhoun county commission will have a forum to hear public concerns on Thursday, May 19, at 6 p.m., in the little courtroom.



Mickaylee Cowan



Marlee Hall

## Queen Flora Contestants Pictured Wood Festival Pageants Are Saturday & Sunday

The annual Wood Festival Queen Flora pageant, along with other festival pageants, will be held Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, starting at 6:00 each evening in the Calhoun Middle/High School auditorium.

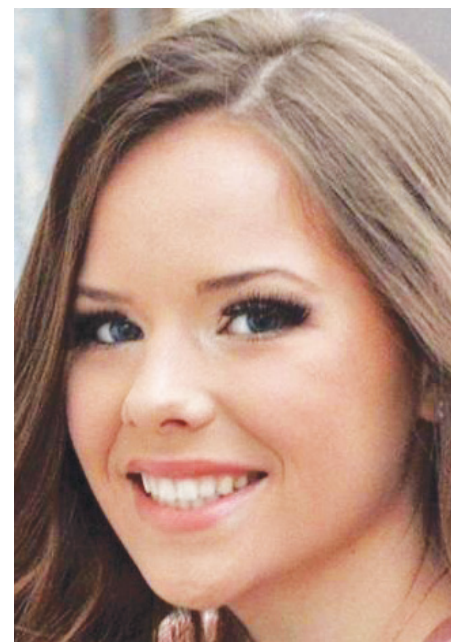
Six CCHS juniors will compete for the title of Queen Flora LX on Saturday: Mickaylee Cowen, Marlee Hall, Brooklyn Harris, Summer Parsons, Lindsey Schoolcraft and Aislin Summers.

evening for the title of Little Miss Wood Festival will be Rowan Ashley, Emery Atkinson, Henley Cunningham, Kelsey Lawson, Rosie Lytle, Kendall Richards, Evie Stark and Addalynne Stewart.

Competing the same (Continued on Page 2)



Brooklyn Harris



Summer Parsons

## Minnie Hamilton Health System MHHS Named In Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals In Country For Quality

Minnie Hamilton Health System was recently named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals (CAHs) for quality in the country.

The top 20 CAHs, including Minnie Hamilton, scored best among CAHs, as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health for Quality.

The rankings were announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA's Critical Access Hospital Conference in September at Kansas City, Mo.

The top 20 CAHs have achieved success in overall performance based on a composite rating list of strengths: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and finance.

The group was selected from the Chartis Center's 2022 top 100 CAH list,

which was released earlier this year.

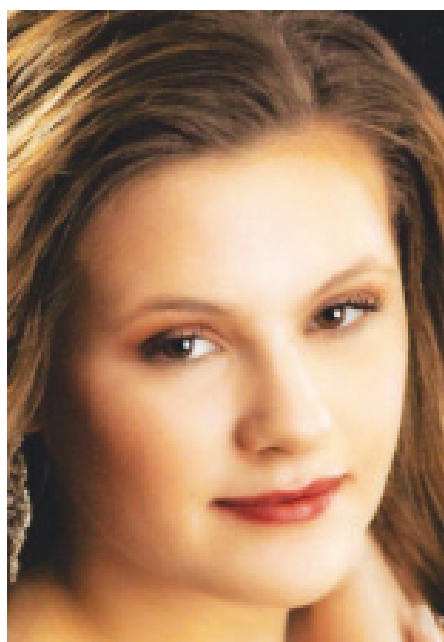
The top 20 CAH best practice recipients have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance:

**Quality index:** A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures.

**Patient perspective index:** A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains.

"Minnie Hamilton Health System is proud of the efforts of the physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," said chief executive officer Stephen Whited.

"Our results as a top quality performer means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future."



Lindsey Schoolcraft



Aislin Summers

## Kite Festival, Star Party, May 21

Calhoun County Park will host a Kite Festival on Saturday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The free event will also offer free kites to the first 100 kids. There will be hundreds of kites and yard decor for sale.

There will also be large

show kites, banners, giant pinwheels, windsocks, bubble machines, and DJ-style music.

Concessions will be available.

Star party will be held at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Minnie Hamilton Health System.

Build a star chart, and learn how to operate a telescope (bring your own or use one available at the park).

For information, call Kelly McGill, New Era Astronomy Club, 681-417-0990 or email neweraairspace@yahoo.com.

# OBITUARIES

## LISA ANN SAMPSON

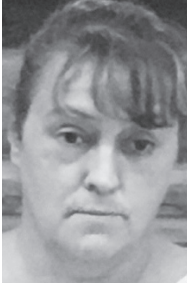
Lisa Ann Sampson, 52, of Rosedale, died Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at home.

She was born at Gassaway, the daughter of the late Curtis and Nella Nicholas Sampson Yancey.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Patric and Valarie Cook of Grantsville and Christopher and Kiara Cook of Sand Fork; three grandchildren, Noah Cook, Brooklynn Cook and Olivia Cook; siblings, Jimmie Nicholas of Spencer, Janet and Charles Rucker of Spencer, Timothy and Darlene Nicholas of Rosedale, Charles and June Sampson of Stumptown and Robin Elliott and Jesse Nicholas of Gandeeville; a niece that she thought the world of, Brenda Billingsley of Stumptown; and numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her step-father, John Yancey, and one sister, Ann Patterson.

Graveside service will be held Thursday, 1 p.m., at Nicholas Cemetery, Buck Fork Drive, with Rev. David McQuain officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., at the cemetery. Condolences may be shared at [www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com).



## ADRIAN DON COLLINS

Adrian Don Collins, 46, of Rosedale, died Sunday, May 1, 2022.

He was born in Amherst, Ohio, the son of Darrel and Marie White Collins. He worked several different jobs as a laborer and was a Baptist.

Surviving in addition to his parents are one brother, William Darrel "Bill" Collins and wife Marybeth of Elyria, Ohio; one nephew, Carter Brayden; one step-niece, Eloise Marie; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his girlfriend, Martha Baisden; his maternal grandparents, Ronzal and Gladys White; his paternal grandparents, Ali and Virginia Collins; and several uncles and aunts.

Services were held at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, with Rev. Rich Demastus officiating. Burial was in Orma Methodist Church Cemetery.



## REBECCA KAY 'Beckie' MURDOCK CARPENTER

Rebecca Kay "Beckie" Murdock Carpenter, 67, of Vienna, died Friday, May 6, 2022, at Camden Clark Medical Center.

She was born in Charleston, the daughter of the late Harlan "Duke" and Juanita Holstein Murdock. She worked many years at United Bank and Kay Jewelers, and ended her career as a manager at JCPenney Dept. Store.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Jearold "Jerry" Carpenter of Vienna; one daughter, Heather Whaley of Vienna; two granddaughters, Madison Pagan and Olivia Whaley, both of Vienna; one sister, Charlene Charles of Naples, Fla.; three brothers, Allen "Bud" Hunt of McHenry, Ill., Ronald "Ronnie" Murdock of Ripley and Byron Murdock of Spencer; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one son, Damien G. Carpenter.

Services were held at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, with Pastor Adam Myers officiating. Burial was in Orma Cemetery.



## BONNIE LOU MCKOWN HOCKMAN

Bonnie Lou McKown Hockman, 77, of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., died Sunday, May 1, 2022.

She was born in Beech, the daughter of the late Lee and Vada McKown. She worked at Kellwood for 25 years and lived in Tennessee for the last 10 years.

Surviving are one son, Scott Hockman of Tennessee; two sisters, Phyllis Spurlock and Barbara Miller; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by seven siblings, Carol Sue Romine, Iva Hoskins, Gene McKown, Junior McKown, Brice McKown, Billy McKown and Glen McKown.

Graveside service was held at McKown/Mt. Herman Cemetery, Roane County, with Pastor Jack Roberts officiating.



## NORMA LEA FRIDLEY

Norma Lea Fridley, 85, of Davisville, died Sunday, May 8, 2022.

She was born in Orma, the daughter of the late Brooks and Sylvia Boothe. She retired as a press operator from Parkersburg Steel.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie Kinney and Carolyn Martin; five grandchildren, Shannon Husk, Chastity Stewart-West, Christina Cullum, Michael Stewart and Ricki Riggs; 11 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and four siblings, Fay Williams, Marie Wines, Carl Boothe and Sandra Nester.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Evan "Frank" Miller, in 1971; second husband, A.C. "Cliff" Fridley, in 2005; four brothers; and one infant great-great-grandchild.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, Vienna, with entombment in Sunset Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.lamberttatman.com](http://www.lamberttatman.com).



# Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Looking out our windows shows just how quickly the holler can go from winter to summer.

In winter mode, you can see everything in the woods and in the trees throughout both sides of the holler. Within the last two weeks, the trees have all sprouted leaves to the point that the hills are now alive, hillsides are hidden . . . and very, very verdant.

\* \* \* \*

We now have at least five pairs of rose-breasted grosbeaks visiting our feeders on a daily basis. We love watching them come to the feeders and politely waiting for their turn at the sunflower seeds.

At least the males politely sit on a limb while waiting. The females will intimidate all of the other birds, with the possible exception of red-bellied woodpeckers and blue jays.

When it comes to those birds, the grosbeaks are fighting out of their weight class, so the girls will politely sit beside the boys whenever the bigger birds come to the party.

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Over the weekend, while drinking our morning coffee, Jeanne and I kept hearing a noise near the sliding doors beside my chair. Our dog Brownie noticed it as well, and sat in front of my chair with her head tilted at an interested angle, trying to figure out exactly what was making the rustling noise.

I got up and stepped over to the curtain that we have there to keep out the morning sun. When I looked down and saw the noise maker, I smiled and told Brownie it was alright, it was just a bird, a little bluebird.

I carefully caught the frightened little bluebird in a small butterfly net that we keep on the deck for the grandkids to carry while chasing butterflies all over the yard.

After Jeanne and I stroked its little head and calmed it down a bit, we released it outside, unharmed, with quite the tale to tell its feathered friends.

Oddly enough, I think that the bird got in the house the night before when I took one of the dogs out on a business trip.

There are some birds that roost under the roof on the front deck of our house that I startle into flight whenever I take the dogs outside at night.

I believe that the bluebird woke up and avoided flying into our front door

--and me--by flying behind my head, which would force it to fly into the darkened house, where it spent the night peacefully roosting somewhere out of the way.

Once it became light enough to see, the little bird woke up and flew to the sliding door, thinking it could get outside that way. Of course, it couldn't, and after wearing itself out, it hid on the floor behind the curtain until we got up and came into the living room.

There are surprises every so often down in the holler and this is simply one of the things that make life interesting off of the grid.

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The inclement weather of last weekend did cause the creek to rise, but not enough to overflow the creek bank and spread into the yard. It takes more rain than we received last week to cause a flash flood on Big Run, and it has to fall in less time.

We have experienced localized cloudbursts before and you don't want to get caught in one of those. We suffered through two of those over the course of one week last June.

We have seen the creek send a wall of water down the run during severe thunderstorms that help to end the summer drought season. It was over a foot high, pushing leaves, sticks and anything else that was in its path down the creek.

It is literally a flash flood that has no respect for anything that man has placed in its way, while it heads down to the sea.

While we ended up safe from the flooding, I felt for those who were not so lucky and had to watch the water take what they worked so hard to make their own.

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At least the weather for the rest of this week is forecast to be nice and warm, without being too hot and muggy.

Unfortunately, the forecast for Sunday night is calling for a chance of rain. I just hope that forecast is wrong, because of the total lunar eclipse that will be occurring Sunday night.

The eclipse will begin around 10:30 p.m., when the moon enters the shadow of the earth and begins to darken slowly across its surface.

The moon will be in total shadow around 11:30 and will stay that way for more than an hour.

As it is in the deep shadow, the only light reaching the moon is being bent through the atmosphere of the earth and can cause the moon to appear anywhere from gray to red to orange.

It is definitely worth staying up for and letting the kids see it in totality, even though it is happening on a school night.

I am looking forward to this rare super blood moon occurrence, as there will only be one more lunar eclipse this year that will be visible from North America.

Don't miss this one if you have the chance to see it, either live or on the web.

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Starlink continues to connect us to the world, despite the poor internet connections available down deep in our holler.

Perhaps one day, everyone will have the ability to access medical help, or even be able to work from the comfort of their home.

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

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## Wood Festival Pageants--

(Continued from Page 1) Competing in the Jr. Miss Wood Festival division will be Raelyn Arnold, Brianna Barger, Brenna Goodnight, Adalynn Griffin, Aerial Heiney, Riley Holbert, Kenlie Jarvis, Audrey Johnson, Jaylee Mulligan and Hazel Winkler.

On Sunday, the pageants and contestants will include:

- Miss Wood Festival Queen: Lillian Bowles, Corbin Casto, Madelyn Lynch, Lidia Midcap, Cyleigh Sampson, Lindsey Schoolcraft and Evie Young.
- Miss Teen Wood Festival: Sophia Colon, Rylie Gerlach, Addison Laughlin, Kyla Myer, Delaney Roberts, Emma Waughaman and Kaelin Williams.
- Miss Preteen: Addison Collins, Kenna Marple, Caydence Moss, Gwen Sampson and Kendall Snodgrass.

Admission each evening will be \$5, with children under four free.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continued from Page 1) Wood Festival pageants, Calhoun Middle/High School auditorium, 6 p.m.

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

**Sunday, May 15**  
Miss Wood Festival Queen Pageant, along with Teen and Pre-Teen pageants, Calhoun Middle/High School auditorium, 6 p.m.

**Monday, May 16**  
County commission meets in courthouse little courtroom and also virtually (using zoom), 9 a.m.; #5936021621, password, 1234; by phone, +13126266799 or +19292056099 (toll free); canvass of primary election, 8 a.m.  
Calhoun board of education meeting, budget hearing, and discussion of transfer of Wayne Underwood Field, CM/HS commons area, 6 p.m.; work session, board of education office, 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 17**  
Emergency Service Week Celebration, Minnie Hamilton Health System, 4 to 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 18**  
COVID-19 booster shots available at Minnie Hamilton Health System, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call 354-9704 to schedule.  
Solid Waste Authority meets, Mom's Place Too, Grantsville, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, May 19**  
Welfare of Animals Group will trap stray and feral cats in the Orma area to have them spayed/neutered, and vaccinated.  
Calhoun county commission will conduct a forum, open to the public, courthouse little courtroom, 6 p.m.

**Friday, May 20**  
Free tire collection, Cabot Recycling Station, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Calhoun residents only, limit of 10 tires.  
Calhoun Historical Society's History Center on Main St., Grantsville, open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Saturday, May 21**  
Free Kite Festival, Calhoun County Park, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (first 100 kids receive free kite); star party, 7:30 p.m.  
Bingo, Grantsville Lions Club, 103 Stump St., 6 p.m.

# This Week In History

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

## 1922, 100 years ago

A fine big son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kelly of near White Pine on Wednesday of last week.

Work on the Walton Road has started and the grading of the Spencer-Arnoldsburg road will be under way soon. W.L. Piper and T.H. East of Cooper and Piper of Charleston, the firm that has the contract for grading the Arnoldsburg road, arrived in town on Saturday, and have been over the ground. Their steam shovel arrived yesterday from Big Chimney, Kanawha County, and the work on Arnoldsburg Pike will begin the first of the week, it is thought. Cooper and Piper recently completed some work on the Charleston-Clendenin road.

The grading will start at the residence of Presley Short about six miles from town, and will be carried on to the Calhoun County line. The work will require four or five months, Piper informed us. Ten or 12 Roane countians will be employed on the job. No outside labor will be used unless it is necessary. Six dump wagons and a compressor, drill, etc., will arrive soon. East will run the shovel and Piper will superintend the job until it is completed.

George Hays and Dr. Guy Stalnaker of Arnoldsburg, Dodge dealers for the county, were here last week delivering cars to customers and transacting other business. Their car is a daisy and they are disposing of several of them. They point out that only two cars have made the trip from Grantsville to Arnoldsburg this spring and that both of them were Dodge Bros.

C.E. Kingsbury and H.G. Butcher, oil operators of Parkersburg, were here over Friday night enroute home from the Tanner field, where they had just drilled in a nice well on the Ellis lease. They also spent a day or two in the Sycamore and Millstone country looking over some leases in that coming field. Kingsbury is a former resident of this county, having been raised near Arnoldsburg, and his many friends here will be glad to know that he has prospered in his oil operations.

## 1947, 75 years ago

Effective May 5, air mail out of Grantsville will be operating on the following schedule:

Trip 1, Pittsburgh to Huntington, leaves office, 6:40 a.m.; trip 2, Huntington to Pittsburgh, leaves office 8:40 a.m.; trip 21b, Pittsburgh to Huntington, leaves office, 2:40 p.m.; trip 22b, Huntington to Pittsburgh, leaves office, 4:55 p.m.

Under the new schedule, mail may be delivered in Spencer, Charleston, Nitro, Dunbar, Huntington, etc., before noon and will reach Clarksburg, Elkins, Fairmont, Morgantown, Pittsburgh, etc., by 10:30 a.m. Air mail is but two cents more than regular mail and may be sent anyplace in the United States, all possessions, Canada and Mexico for five cents per ounce.

## 1972, 50 years ago

If you've been upset at the sight of the tent caterpillar and the destruction it causes, stock up on your favorite tranquilizer, you ain't seen nothing yet. The Gypsy Moth is coming!

The scourge of the forests, contained for many years in the New England states, has been moving rapidly westward and southward in the last 10 years. At last report, it was about two miles from West Virginia, at the Pennsylvania and Maryland borders. It has been spotted as far south as North Carolina and Virginia. By some miracle, it has missed the Mountain State, where its favorite trees--oaks, pines, beeches and other hardwoods--abound.

The Gypsy literally migrates with the wind. At a certain life stage, the moth develops into a hairy, wispy-like form that hangs from tree tops to be whisked away by the breezes. One of its best modes of migration today is the camping trailer and the automobile. In its woolly worm stages, it crawls over and under these vehicles, to be carried by human travelers to new places.

Gypsy caterpillars feed on the leaves of forest, shade and fruit trees, as well as on many ornamentals. A single defoliation by caterpillars can kill white pine, spruce and hemlock. Two or three defoliations can kill hardwoods. In heavily infested areas, caterpillars can quickly strip the leaves from whole forests.

Its damage increases fire and erosion hazards, affects the flow of streams, reduces land and recreational values, and destroys the habitat of wildlife. Like the tent caterpillar, the crawling creatures are a nuisance to homeowners and patrons in recreational areas.

The Gypsy Moth is a Native of Europe. It was accidentally introduced in America in 1869 when imported specimens escaped from the laboratory of a Medford, Mass., naturalist.

The pest yearly strips the leaves of about 400,000 acres of trees. In 1953, it defoliated 1.5 million acres. According to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, this damage, coupled with necessary control measures, is very costly. It will greatly increase if the moths spread to the Allegheny, Appalachian, and Ozark mountain regions.

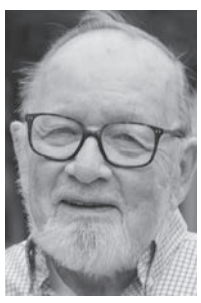
The lady Gypsy also has her own built-in lure; therefore, not all males romance the traps. Certain insecticides, Seven, for example, can be helpful in controlling infestations, but conditions--weather, spraying, spraying methods, and moth life stages must be perfectly coordinated for best results.

According to Albert Cole, director, Plant Pest Control Division, traps in each county of the state will be placed this year on a nine square mile grid pattern. It's estimated that some 2,500 traps will be necessary in this matter. Additional traps will be set at selected sites, at state parks, camp sites, and trailer parks, for example. All traps will use the new disparlure synthetic attractant.

West Virginia, in gearing up for the anticipated invasion of the pest, has alerted all major agencies whose interests relate to the gypsy moth in some way. This spring, a planning conference to conduct a state-wide educational program was held at Mont Chateau. Agencies participating view the threat of the Gypsy Moth as alarming, and expect evidence of infestation in the Mountain State this year.

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



The English language is quite difficult for people learning English to understand. On top of that, we have a bunch of idioms that get put in. An idiom is an expression whose meaning is not predictable from the usual meanings of its words, such as "kick the bucket." I was reading a couple of things in this vein that I thought I'd share with you. First, some food-related items that have crept into the vernacular. Some of the things we do:

- Fish for compliments.
- Stay cool as a cucumber.
- Beef about the weather.
- Ham it up to get a laugh.
- He's just plain chicken.
- Butter people up.
- Toast the bride and groom.
- Have dinners to roast our friends.
- Get caught with our hands in the cookie jar.
- Cook up new ideas.
- Offer recipes for success.
- Turn beet red.
- Want the whole enchilada.
- Bet dollars to donuts.
- Talk turkey.
- Quit cold turkey.
- And as Forrest Gump says, life is like a box of chocolates.

So, be careful. You may have to eat your words. Another word that has crept into, or "nosed" into our idioms, is "nose." Did you know that some people:

- Have a nose for news.
- Can't keep their noses out of other people's business.
- Count noses.
- Cut off one's nose to spite one's face.
- Follow one's nose.
- Keep their nose clean.
- Keep their nose to the grindstone.
- Get led around by the nose.
- Look down their nose at people.
- Can tell you exactly, right on the nose.
- Pay through the nose.
- Rub someone's nose in it.
- Turn up their nose.
- Can't find something, even it is right under their nose.

So there you have it! It should be as plain as the nose on your face.

**C.P.S.** (Curious Postscript): "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished how much he'd learned in seven years." --Mark Twain.

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

## Hope Scholarship Deadline Monday

State Treasurer Riley Moore has reminded potential Hope Scholarship applicants of the Monday, May 16, deadline to apply for the 2022-23 school year.

"We have seen a tremendous response from the public on this program, and we want to make sure that everyone interested in receiving the Hope Scholarship for the upcoming school year submits their application by May 16," said Moore.

Typically, the application period for the scholarship will run from Mar. 1 to May 15, but since May 15 falls on a Sunday, the program's legislative rules allow for the deadline to extend to the following Monday.

Since applications opened Mar. 1, 2,236 West Virginia students had been awarded the scholarship by Apr. 29.

The scholarship program is an education savings account available for kindergarten through 12th grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to use the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

The scholarship amount varies each school year. For 2022-23, year, it will be \$4,298.60.

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

- Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.
- Enrolled full-time in a public elementary

or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current 2021-22 academic year immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying, or --Enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application.

The first distribution of Hope Scholarship funds for approved applicants will be available for qualified expenses through the online portal by Aug. 15. To apply or for information, visit [www.hope-scholarshipwv.com](http://www.hope-scholarshipwv.com).

## Governor's Update

During Friday's briefing, Gov. Jim Justice and Joint Interagency Task Force director Jim Hoyer announced that 6,481 West Virginians opted to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine within the past month.

"It's never too late to make a decision that could save your life," said Justice. "Out of these thousands of people, who knows how many lives we might save. It could be one. It could be 60. What we do know is that every life is worth saving."

"These people took time to get educated on the value of the vaccine and went out and got it," said Hoyer. "It's the reason why the governor continues to



# This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from May 12-18 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

May 12-14, 1921: Bullets peppered down on about a dozen mining towns in the Matewan-Williamson area, and non-union miners fired back, in what became known as the Battle of the Tug. Three people were shot and killed.

May 13, 1962: Editorial cartoonist Henry Payne was born in Charleston. In 1989, he was the first editorial cartoonist in the country to make his work available via computer.

May 14, 1878: Photographer Rufus "Red" Ribble was born in Blacksburg, Va. For nearly 40 years he traveled the coalfields making panoramic photographs of miners, towns, family reunions, church congregations and school groups.



May 14, 1906: Social reformer Mary Behner was born in Xenia, Ohio. From 1928 until 1937, she worked in the coal camps along Scotts Run, near Morgantown, fighting poverty and creating social and educational outlets for families.

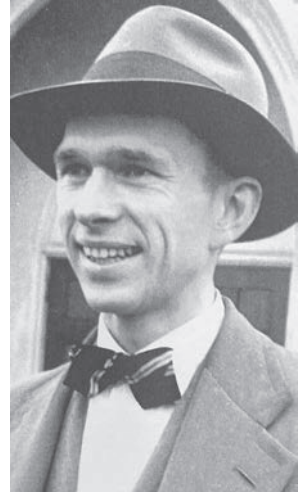
May 15, 1880: The state's first telephone exchange was placed in service in Wheeling with about 25 subscribers.



May 15, 1886: Minnie Buckingham Harper was

born in Winfield. She was the first African-American woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the U.S. She was appointed by Gov. Howard Gore on Jan. 10, 1928, to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper.

May 16, 1928: Minister



Robert Graetz, Jr., was born in Clarksburg. He helped organize the Montgomery bus boycott, and was the only white minister in the highly segregated Alabama city to support the boycott publicly.

May 16, 1778: About 300 Wyandot and Mingo Indians attacked Ft. Randolph at Pt. Pleasant. Unable to take the fort, the Indians proceeded up the Kanawha River toward other settlements.

May 17, 1854: A violent windstorm swept up the Ohio River and severely damaged Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

May 17, 1862: The Battle of Pigeon Roost took place in Princeton during the Civil War. Union soldiers were noisily approaching Princeton from the southeast, unaware that the Confederates were lying in ambush. The attack left an estimated 18 federal troops killed and 38 wounded.

May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain (shown below) in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.

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Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark on May 18, 2012.

press his efforts to educate people."

All West Virginians ages five and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. After the primary series, first booster shots are recommended for those ages 12 and older.

Second booster shots have now been authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC for those ages 50 and over, who are also at least four months removed from

their first booster dose, as well as younger immunocompromised individuals ages 12 and older.

West Virginians can get this dose anywhere vaccines are available.

The state's COVID-19 Vaccination Due Date Calculator has been updated to determine whether people are eligible for a second booster dose.

For information, visit [Vaccinate.wv.gov](http://Vaccinate.wv.gov) or [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov).

# My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



I am happy to say that I returned to the land of the living this past week. After finishing my days in isolation, I was able to return to school on Monday wearing a mask.

In all of my years of teaching, I have never missed four school days in a row. I take a personal day a time or two a year, but thankfully, my sick days are rarely used. So, to be home when school was in session felt very odd.

I knew that there would be lots of paperwork to catch up on upon my return, as well as figuring out what my students accomplished and what I would need to cover before moving on.

I arrived early on Monday morning so that I could sift through everything on my desk and determine my starting point. I worked my way through the papers and notes, and placed them in a folder to deal with during my planning period.

Next, I updated my attendance records using my class rosters. Finally, I printed my lesson plans for the week and wrote my agenda for the day on the board.

Then, I turned my attention to my classroom. I changed the seating arrangement of my student desks as I sanitized them. I sanitized my desk and podium, and prepared for my first class. When my first period started arriving in the room, I was ready for the day.

My first class is school newspaper, so we jumped into preparing our next edition for publication. This issue would feature the prom that I missed while in quarantine. From the looks of all the photos the class looked through to choose those for the paper, it was one of the prettiest proms that I've seen, and a good time was had by all.

The rest of the day proceeded normally, and it felt good to be back in a routine. I will admit that I was pretty beat down by the end of the day. The tiredness and lack of energy associated with COVID do not disappear just because you are allowed to return to work.

In fact, by the time Friday night rolled around, I was ready for a hot shower and bed. I have been told that this fatigue hangs on for a while, but I determined to take care of myself and get plenty of rest so that I'll be 100% as soon as possible.

I need to be at my best, because I have quite a few responsibilities between now and the end of the school year. Last week, one of my duties was to inform those students who were chosen to be inducted into the National Honor Society. On Thursday evening, I will join with two of my fellow teachers to induct students into NHS, Spanish National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta, a math honor society.

I am also in the process of preparing for the High Honors Banquet, which will take place on Tuesday, May 17, preparing semester exams for both the seniors and underclassmen, and keeping up with planning for classes and grading papers. This is a tiring time of the year, even without COVID. As I've said before, I am just taking it one day at a time, and that time is now down to three weeks.

Last week also saw the first ever Senior Thuse. This was a time for the whole school to come together to honor and celebrate each and every senior. This week is the last one for the class of 2022. They will be taking their senior exams, turning in their final assignments, and preparing for graduation next week. They also have their senior trip this Friday.

Last week did end a bit differently than I expected. Rain was in the forecast, but boy did it rain! Shortly after lunch, it was announced that we would be releasing early because of the threat of flooding.

It was a good call. By the time I drove home around 1:30, the creeks were extremely swollen and water was running off of all the hillsides. The situation continued to worsen as the afternoon progressed, and the southern part of our county really took a hit.

It continued to rain on and off on Saturday, but Sunday was bright and beautiful. It was perfect weather for a picnic on my parents' deck to celebrate my dad's birthday and Mother's Day. It was the first of many cook-outs that we will have this summer, and it felt good to just sit in the sun and soak it in.

I will take my peaceful moments when I can get them until I am on summer vacation. The end is in sight; I just need to keep moving toward it.

# 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. Dec. 18th., 1863

Dearest girl,

Your kind and affectionate letter of 13th. inst. came to hand yesterday, and I was very glad to hear from you and that you was in good health.

I wrote you a note, I think the day before yours came to hand, but I suppose you will have patience to read it & this one too.

Now about coming up Christmas. I cannot tell just yet, but think I will try and do so if possible, but you need not be disappointed if I am not there. I will certainly come about that time or New Years as stated in my former note.

It would certainly afford me pleasure to be permitted to read such an excellent letter as you speak of and I believe that I could give you employment for a couple of weeks at least, in the way of reading letters, and I hope some time to be enabled to interest you in such amusement, but don't suppose it would be a very profitable mode of spending one's time, enough of this.

You puzzled me considerable to read the close of your letter but I figured it out at last and I have no doubt of the sincerity of the sentiment thereby expressed.

I believe there is no news at this time, that would prove of any interest to you, except that the Seige of Charleston, in South Carolina, is progressing with good prospects.

The Army of the Potomac have gone into winter quarters, and I believe Genl. Grant's Army have also. I do not think there will be much more fighting this winter unless the "Eleventh is ordered" on to Richmond", which is not very probable.

There is a report here that old Dan Duskey was killed the other day, in Webster County, I hope it may be true. Major Simpson is here in Command. Colonel Frost is at Cumberland, Md. & Col. Bukey at Clarksburgh, both on Courts Martial.

When I come up I want to stay several days and visit my old home, and friends.

I must close for this time. My regards to the family, and accept yourself my love.

Remaining most truly and tenderly yours alone.  
M.A. Ayers

## The following is a field history from his journal.

Field History of the Eleventh Regiment of West Va Infantry

Volunteers for the Year Ending December 31st 1863 And Statistical figures showing the condition of the Regiment during the year.

The most of the Regiment was stationed at Parkersburg, WVa during the winter, toward spring several companies were sent to the out posts, at Glenville, Elizabeth, Burning Springs, and Ravenswood, scouting the country adjacent thereto till early in May, when the raid of Jones' Cavalry into West Virginia, caused a concentration of the Regiment again at Parkersburg, from which point it was sent out on the N WVa Branch of the B&O Railroad, to protect it, but owing to the injudicious distribution of a company at each station on the road, upon the advance of the enemy, those isolated companies were compelled to fall back, and seek safety in retreat, leaving the road entirely exposed, which was cut in several places, and bridges destroyed, after which the raiders made their way back toward "the land of Cotton." "Cinnamon Seed and Sandy bottom," where they doubtless arrived in safety, and then laugh over their exploits.

Concentrating again at Parkersburg and making a reconnaissance as far as Cairo, in force, returned to Parkersburg and went into Camp, where nothing of any importance occurred, except the usual drill which was carried to a good degree of perfection, under the excellent Supervision of its field officers.

In the first part of the month of July a portion of the Regiment were ordered to Clarksburg, where it arrived on 4th. July, and went into Camp. A few days afterward this portion was ordered to New Creek, and then the ballance of the Reg't was ordered to join those who had preceded them, at the latter place, where the whole regiment took the train on 14th, July, under orders to proceed eastward, and join Genl Kelly, at Hancock Md. who was watching the movements of Genl Lee's army, at that point.

Leaving the train at Cumberland Md. and marching across the country, arrived in Hancock on 16th, July, here orders were to Stop for the present, and put up camp, expecting orders to move on, daily, no order came however, and as Genl Kelly's supplies all passed this way, and order came that this Regt at once be put to work forwarding supplies, loading wagon trains, unloading Canal Boats, and such other duty, as was necessary to keep up a constant supply was now performed, being occupied thus at this place for several weeks.

As soon as the rebel army had cleared the Potomac, and where out of the reach of Genl Meade, we were ordered to take position on the B&O R.R. to Guard several stations. Sir John's Run was made Head Quarters, and for several weeks nothing more worthy of note occurred till about 18 August, when orders came to return to West Virginia, taking the cars and arriving in Parkersburg on 21st Aug, where it lay one day, and was ordered to the frontier, to protect the State from Bush-whackers, and petty invasion, once the latter was signally defeated at the Post of Bulltown 13th Oct. Since which time but little of interest has taken place.

(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, May 12: pork chops, potatoes, greens, whole wheat bread.

Friday, May 13: calico beans, potatoes, brussels sprouts, fruit, cornbread.

Monday, May 16: baked steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit medley.

Tuesday, May 17: italian sausage, kraut, potatoes, carrots, fruit, cornbread.

Wednesday, May 18: fish, cauliflower, green beans, fruit, juice, whole

wheat bread. Thursday, May 19: cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, peas, whole wheat roll.

Friday, May 20: chicken salad, potato salad, pineapple salad, jello.

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.

## County Returns To Green--

(Continued from Page 1) with 498,290 in the past there, while 17 counties were yellow on Monday.

The county has now had 1,884 cases, with confirmed cases at 966 (the lowest in the state) and probable cases at 918. Deaths remain at 15.

The seven-county area had 35 new cases, 5 less than the previous week. Cases in the area now total 17,355.

Net new cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 12 (3,934/43); Roane, 12 (3,183/36); Ritchie, 4 (2,459/31); Clay, 2 (2,344/41); Wirt, 1 (1,452/24); and Gilmer, -1 (2,098/19).

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia on Monday was 8.9, the highest since 9.2 on Feb. 21.

New West Virginia cases were 1,839, the highest in six weeks (1,524, 1,156, 670, 490 and 575), after 10 weeks of decreases. Total cases during the pandemic are 503,807.

The number of deaths reported by DHHR was 12, down from 25 and 41 the past two weeks. Total deaths in West Virginia are 6,882.

The number of new cases in the United States continues to grow,

with 498,290 in the past week, up for the seventh week, including 420,677, 346,400, 253,359 and 230,377 the previous four weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 83,581,715.

New deaths in the U.S. were 3,694, the highest in three weeks, after 2,519, 2,883 and 3,300 in previous weeks. Total deaths are 1,024,548.

New weekly worldwide cases were 4,486,258, up from 4,033,461, after six weeks of decreases. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 517,393,325.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 17,166, decreases from 18,451 and 19,641 the previous two weeks. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,282,676.

DHHR reported that 975,425 974,581 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (54.4%), an increase of 844 in the last week. There have been 477,743 booster shots given, an increase of 7,132 from last week.

## 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.

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# Cunningham Earns 1st Team, Leads CCHS To LKC 6th Place

With only two girls and four boys competing from Calhoun County High School in the Little Kanawha Conference track and field championships, you might not expect too much success.

Often competing in a pouring rain, Savannah Cunningham changed that thinking by scoring points in all four of her running events.

The CCHS senior was third in the 100-meter dash (6 points), fourth in the 200 (4), fourth in the 400 (4), and sixth in the 800 (1).

Those 15 points were enough to give the girls team a sixth place tie of 15 competing schools.

It was also enough to earn Cunningham first team All-LKC.

(Robert F. Bonar, sports historian, said that Cunningham's 186.5 points, so far, is not only a season record, but is also more points than any other CCHS track and field, boy or girl, has scored in their career.)

Finishing just out of the points in the shot put and in the discus throw was junior Joselynn Yeager.

Competing for the boys were Gabriel Waldron, Antonio Matteredo, Josh Hixon, and Daniel Kargol,

who was ninth and 11th in the 3200 and 1600 meter runs, respectively.

The Red Devils will compete in the 13-team Region IV track and field state-qualifier on Friday, May 13, 5 p.m., at Laidley Field, Charleston.

## Friday, May 6, Little Kanawha Conference, Doddridge County

### Girls

Team results: Williams-town 181, Ritchie 106, Doddridge 106. St. Marys 59, South Harrison 34, Calhoun 15, Braxton 15, Wirt 10, Roane 8, Tyler Consolidated 7, Webster 5, Clay 4, Wahama 4, Ravenswood 3, Gilmer 1.

Calhoun girls individual scoring: Savannah Cunningham 15.

Calhoun girls individual results:

100-meter dash: Savannah Cunningham, 3rd of 30, 13.69 (prelim. 13.55).

200-meter dash: Savannah Cunningham, 4th of 27, 28.40 (prelim. 27.86).

400-meter dash: Savannah Cunningham, 4th of 21, 1:03.47.

800-meter dash: Savannah Cunningham, 6th of 22, 2:37.06.

Girls shot put: Joselynn Yeager, 8th of 33, 28-11.

Girls discus throw: Joselynn Yeager, 11th of

34, 77-09.

### Boys

Calhoun boys individual results:

100-meter dash: Gabriel Waldron, 19th of 38, 13.14; Antonio Matteredo, 36th, 15.74.

200-meter dash: Gabriel Waldron, 25th of 37, 27.19; Antonio Matteredo, 37th, 33.58.

1600 meter run: Daniel Kargol, 11th of 28, 5:16.42; Joshua Hixon, 26th, 6:23.86.

3200 meter run: Daniel Kargol, 9th of 18, 11:35.99; Joshua Hixon, 16th, 13:50.12.

Boys long jump: Antonio Matteredo, 18th of 24, 12:01.5.

## 2022 CCHS Track and Field Schedule

All matches away

March

19 at Don Williams

Girls (5th of 7)

Boys (9th of 9)

25 at Raider Country

Classic, Roane

Girls (4th of 4)

Boys (5th of 5)

29 at Lindsey Mann

Memorial, Roane

Girls (3rd of 10)

Boys (11th of 11)

April

4 at Roane County

Girls (2nd of 3)

Boys (4th of 4)

8 at Capital City Classic

at Laidley Field

Girls (15th of 23)

Boys (20th of 20)

12 at Roane County

Girls (3rd of 4)

Boys (4th of 5)

16 at Russ Parsons Invite,

Stadium Field

Girls (9th of 10)

Boys (11th of 11)

22 at Doddridge County,

Stansberry Invite,

Girls (12th of 17)

Boys (17th of 17)

30 at Laidley Field,

Charleston, 9 a.m.

Girls (12th of 12)

Boys (12th of 12)

May

6 at LKC, Doddridge

County

Girls (6th of 15)

Boys (14th of 14)

13 at Regional IV,

Laidley Field,

Charleston, 5 p.m.

20 at States

# CCHS Baseball and Softball Schedules

## 2022 Calhoun High Baseball Schedule

Most scores from opponents' websites

March

17 Calhoun 0 Roane Co. 10 ..... L

22 Calhoun 2 Gilmer Co. 5 ..... L

24 Calhoun 16 Webster Co. 2 ..... W

29 Calhoun 4 Clay Co. 3 ..... W

31 Calhoun 1 Braxton Co. 6 ..... L

April

2 Calhoun 8 Williamstown 10 .. L

Calhoun 3 Williamstown 28 .. L

11 Calhoun 4 Ravenswood 9 ..... L

12 Calhoun 5 Roane Co. 3 ..... W

14 Calhoun 14 Gilmer Co. 17 ..... L

15 Calhoun 14 St. Marys 16 ..... L

Calhoun 15 St. Marys 6 ..... W

23 Calhoun 1 Tygarts Valley 13 . L

Calhoun 3 Tygarts Valley 1 .. W

25 Calhoun 2 Ravenswood 11 ... L

27 Calhoun 5 Wirt Co. 4 ..... W

Calhoun 18 Wirt Co. 8 ..... W

28 Calhoun 7 South Harrison 2 . W

May

3 Calhoun 3 Doddridge Co. 13 L

5 Calhoun 5 Wirt 0 ..... W

LKC 13th place

Sectional

9 Calhoun 2 Wirt 1 ..... W

10 Calhoun at Wahama (TBA)

## 2022 Calhoun High Softball Schedule

Most scores from opponents' websites

March

19 Calhoun 0 Ravenswood 16 ... L

Calhoun 0 Ravenswood 15 ... L

22 Calhoun 0 Gilmer Co. 17 ..... L

23 Calhoun 0 Roane Co. 15 ..... L

24 Calhoun 3 Webster Co. 6 ..... L

29 Calhoun 33 Clay Co. 31 ..... W

31 Calhoun 1 Braxton Co. 22 .... L

April

7 Calhoun 4 Doddridge Co. 6 .. L

Calhoun 0 Doddridge Co. 16 L

14 Calhoun 0 Gilmer Co. 15 ..... L

22 Calhoun 0 Roane Co. 25 ..... L

23 Calhoun 16 Tygarts Valley 1 . W

Calhoun 18 Tygarts Valley 7 . W

26 Calhoun 3 Braxton Co. 8 ..... L

27 Calhoun 12 Wirt Co. 6 ..... W

Calhoun 24 Wirt Co. 17 ..... W

29 Calhoun 25 Clay Co. 15 ..... W

May

3 Calhoun Wirt Co.

5 Calhoun 0 Wahama 21 ..... L

## Track and Field Scoring

**Calhoun girls individual scoring** - season: Savannah Cunningham 171.5, Joselynn Yeager 39.25, Dani Cunningham 35.25, Grace Vincent 13.5, Cassie Fowler 9, Christee Craddock 8.75, Josie Montgomery 7, Lacy Hicks 7, Nyla Warner 5.25, Ariety Hickman 3.

**Calhoun boys individual scoring** - season: Daniel Kargol 28.5, Joshua Hixon 7.5, Landon Warner 2, Kason Hupp 1.5, Antonio Matteredo 1.5, Mason Siwicki 1.5, Gabriel Waldron .5

## Broomstick

Funds are needed for upkeep of Broomstick Cemetery. If you have a loved one buried in the cemetery, please contribute and help us keep it mowed and looking nice. Send contributions to Broomstick Cemetery Fund, Linda Blankenship, P.O. Box 13, Grantsville, WV 26147.

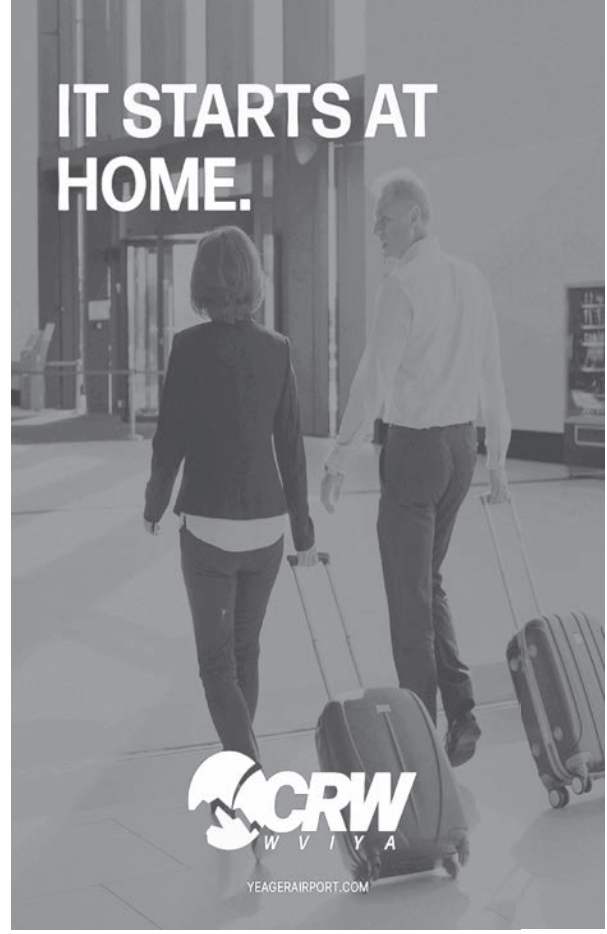
## Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 4 p.m., at Mom's Place Too, Grantsville.

## Prevent Suicide

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources reports that the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK, is partnering with First Choice Services, a non-profit organization based in Charleston, to answer calls from West Virginians and offer assistance during their time of need.

Calls to 1-800-273-TALK will be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All call line staff have received training in applied suicide intervention skills, the gold standard in screening and assisting suicidal callers.



# WAG In Orma Area

Welfare of Animals Group will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Orma area on Thursday, May 19, 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, May 18, as we will be trapping on May 19."

"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.

"So far, we have spayed and neutered 637 community cats (357 females and 280 males).

"Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them Thursday, May 19. 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."

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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**

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

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

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## Notice

The Town of Grantsville has tentatively scheduled street sweeping for May 16 and 17, provided the weather is agreeable. The following streets have been targeted for the sweeping: Highland Loop, Pell Street, municipal sections of Rt. 5 and 16, River Street, Mill Street, River Road by the park residents, and Liberty Street. The town asks that residents along these thoroughfares please find alternate parking, if possible, so the sweeping truck can sweep. The closer to the dates of sweeping, alerts will be sent out via the town's "Heads Up" app alert system (can be downloaded free in app store) to identify which roads on which day. For any local businesses that may be interested in having the street sweeper sweep their lots, inquiries can be made to Cam Spaur at 304-514-1295. 1tc/5/12

## Personals

WANTED -- Shapely school teacher lady, 24-38, SWF or DWF, with a tall- nice figure, for wife. Please call 354-6688, 2 to 3:30 p.m. from school office. Come see Emory King on 4167 Yellow Creek Road. 4tp/4/21-5/12

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Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Affidavit
Lois Yvonne Haught	41454 Trenouth St. Fremont, CA 94538	01/19/2022	04/13/2022

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Linda D. Haught	41454 Trenouth St. Fremont, CA 94538	Daughter	05/04/2022

The decedent died owning real estate situate in the State of West Virginia. As reported in the affidavit filed herein, (a) the decedent has left no will as far as is known; (b) no will of the decedent has been presented or probated in this State or in any other jurisdiction; and (c) more than sixty days have passed since the death of the decedent and no personal representative or administrator of the decedent's estate has been otherwise appointed in the State of West Virginia for any proper purpose.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street; PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later.

Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Administration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law.

Enter this 4th day of May, 2022.

*Jean Simers*  
Clerk of the County Commission  
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## Board of Education Meets

The Calhoun County board of education held a special meeting on Monday at 6 p.m.

After approving policy changes on Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Pay Schedule and a policy out for comment on Employee Leaves and Absences, the board also approved personnel items.

The board entered into executive session twice for ratification of unpaid suspensions.

Superintendent Kelli Whytsell announced that neither teacher had requested a hearing on the suspensions.

One of the professionals had retired and the other had resigned.

Approved under personnel were the following:

--Retirements, professional, Steve Babich, special education teacher, CMS.

--Resignations, professional, Craig Arthur, science teacher, CM/HS;

David Jones, cooks, CM/HS. Extracurricular/Supplemental, Marshall Bever, mowing at Wayne Underwood Field.

Summer School, Lorie Bailey, multi-classified aide II/supervisory aide/bus aide, specialized health care procedures/ESY; Joshua Hixon, Aspire summer school K-12 tutor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 6 p.m., in the CM/HS commons area. Work session will be held at 5 p.m. in the Mt. Zion board office.

The superintendent said that she would not make a recommendation at the next meeting, but the future of Wayne Underwood Field would be discussed.

## National Hospital Week Celebrated During May 8-14

May 8-14 is National Hospital Week, which is an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the many community contributions made by hospitals and hospital-based clinicians, caregivers, and support staff. This year's theme is "We Are Health Care."

"Community hospitals are essential to the people and places they serve, providing round-the-clock care to patients in need no matter the time of day," said W.Va. Hospital Association resident and CEO Jim Kaufman.

"The more than 49,000 frontline health care providers who work in hospitals across West Virginia have demonstrated great resilience in the face of enormous challenges while working tirelessly and selflessly to keep West Virginians safe and healthy.

"Their steadfast mission of caring and compassion has saved lives, healed families, and helped to protect communities."

According to WVHA, hospitals provide acute care and specialty medical services, behavioral health, psychiatric and substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation care, pediatric care, and more to meet the needs of patients across West Virginia.

West Virginia hospitals also help power the state economy, as major employers that contribute roughly \$11.6 billion in economic activity each year.

Hospitals also conduct research to achieve medical breakthroughs, help deliver nearly 18,000 babies, and are often the

largest employers in their communities, accounting for 11 of the top 100 employers in West Virginia.

"If we've learned anything over the last two years, it's that our team of hospital leaders and volunteers are always prepared to answer the call," said Kaufman.

"West Virginia's hospitals are dedicated to serving the needs of their communities, even beyond traditional health care.

With each health service, screening, education program and each dollar invested to help those in need, hospitals work to advance the health of the communities that they serve.

Financial results can never adequately explain how people's lives are touched, changed, and saved by services hospitals offer for free or significantly below cost.

"As we emerge from this pandemic stronger and more resilient, hospitals are committed to working with policymakers, patients, and the community to address ongoing challenges that have been further exacerbated during the pandemic, such as workforce resilience and supply.

"Over the last two years, hospitals have certainly encountered numerous challenges and changes in the delivery of health care, but the hospitals in West Virginia have never lost focus on their shared vision: a strong health care system that optimizes our health status and improves the economic condition of the state."

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### 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.

### Mix-It-Up Bingo

Mix-It-Up Bingo, featuring Longaberger, Case, 31, and more), will be held at Arnoldsburg Elementary School on Saturday, May 14, at 5 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m.

Twenty games will be \$20. There will be food, beverages, drawings, 50/50, and auctions. For early bird tickets or to donate, call 655-8616.

Proceeds go towards enrichment and getting children field trips and playground equipment, and for maintenance, etc.

### Freed Cemetery

Donations are needed for upkeep of Freed Cemetery in Calhoun County. Make checks payable to:

Freed Cemetery Fund, and mail to Bernard Murphy, 6447 Dutchman Rd., Macfarlan WV 26148.

### 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.

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Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Jeannette Stump	1500 Sawmill Rd. Raleigh, NC 27615	11/01/2021	08/09/2021

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Christina Anderson	301 Hudson St. Raleigh, NC 27608	Daughter	05/04/2022

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Robert Paul Knotts, Sr.	121 Bosc Court Thurmont, MD 21788	03/02/2022	04/02/2021

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Lori K. Knotts	121 Bosc Court Thurmont, MD 21788	Daughter	05/04/2022

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Clarissa B. Goodnight	1081 Bimeler St. NE Bolivar, OH 44612	11/17/2017	02/28/2003

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Tommy S. Goodnight	1081 South Bimeler St. NE Bolivar, OH 44612	Son	05/04/2022

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*Jean Simers*  
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Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Jerry Lee Ulderich	Ona Mae Ulderich	1885 Middle Fork Rd., Millstone, WV 25261
Dale F. Levering, Jr.	Charles D. Levering	531 Brentwater Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011

May 4, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **July 5, 2022**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

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Officers for 2022-25 of the Elk River Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter were installed at the Apr. 24 meeting. From left to right, seated, are, Elizabeth Stewart, treasurer; Amy Starcher, registrar; Ruth Mooney, regent; Dorma Dawson, vice regent; standing, Dabney Phillips, corresponding secretary; Charlene Lewis, recording secretary; and Meg Ashby, historian-librarian (not pictured, Linda Racer, chaplain). Elk River chapter members are from Nicholas, Clay, Calhoun and Braxton counties. For information, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

## \$700,000 Available For Consumers Deceived By TurboTax 'Free' Ad

W.Va. attorney general Patrick Morrissey has secured \$728,699 for West Virginians from the owner of TurboTax, Intuit Inc., for allegedly deceiving consumers into paying for tax services that should have been free.

As a result of a multi-state agreement, Intuit will pay \$141 million in restitution to millions of consumers across the nation who were unfairly charged.

In addition, Intuit must suspend TurboTax's "free, free, free" ad campaign that lured customers to sign up with promises of free tax preparation services, only to deceive them into paying for services.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have signed onto the agreement.

"Using deceptive tactics to entice customers into using a service is a practice that I will continue to fight to protect consumers in West Virginia. The victims of this scheme include low-income people and members of our military," said Morrissey.

"This company took money from consumers who thought they were getting the service for free. This agreement will put this company, as well as others who are engaging

in this unethical practice, in check."

An investigation into Intuit began after it was reported that the company was using deceptive digital tactics to steer low-income consumers toward its commercial products and away from federally-supported free tax services.

Intuit has offered two free versions of TurboTax. One was through its participation in the IRS Free File Program, a public-private partnership with the IRS, which allows taxpayers earning roughly \$34,000 or less and members of the military to file their taxes for free.

In exchange for participating in the program, the IRS agreed not to compete with Intuit and other tax-prep companies by providing their own electronic tax preparation and filing services to American taxpayers.

Intuit offers a commercial product called "TurboTax Free Edition," which is only free for taxpayers with "simple returns," as defined by Intuit.

In recent years, TurboTax has marketed this "freemium" product aggressively, including through ad campaigns, where "free" is the most

prominent or sometimes the only selling point.

In some ads, the company repeated the word "free" dozens of times in as short as 30 seconds. The TurboTax "freemium" product is only free for approximately one-third of U.S. taxpayers. In contrast, the TurboTax IRS Free File product was free for 70% of taxpayers.

Intuit bid on paid search advertisements to direct consumers who were looking for the IRS Free File product to the TurboTax "freemium" product instead. Intuit purposefully blocked its IRS Free File landing page from search engine results during the 2019 tax filing season.

Under the agreement, Intuit will provide restitution to millions of consumers who started using TurboTax's Free Edition for tax years 2016 through 2018, and were

### New at Library

The Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Adult Fiction: Welcome to the School by the Sea, by Jenny Colgan; A Relative Murder, by Jude Deveraux; When We Meet Again, by Kristin Harmel.

Inspirational: Edgewater Road, by Shelley Shepard Gray.

Juvenile Fiction: The Lost Language, by Claudia Mills; The Swag Is In the Socks, by Kelly J. Baptist; The Puffin Keeper, by Michael Morpurgo; All Of Us Villains, by Amanda Foody; The Finders Keepers Rule: American Girl; The Jazzman's Trumpet: American Girl; The Flames of Hope, by Tui T. Sutherland.

Children's: I'm Not Scared, You're Scared, by Seth Meyers; Knight Owl, by Christopher Denise; Spike It, Mo!, by David Adler; The First Blade of Sweetgrass, by Suzanne Greenlaw; Mina, by Matthew Forsythe; We Shall Overcome, by Bryan Collier; Snow Angels, Sand Angels, by Lois-Ann Yamanaka; The Library Fish, by Alyssa Satin Capucilli; I Am the Storm, by Jane Yolen.

Movies: Ratatouille; Justice League; The Fox and the Hound, 1 & 2; Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Collection; Hercules; The Emperor's New Groove; Madagascar; Robin Hood; Kubo and the Two Strings; Lincoln; The Boxtrolls; The Peanuts Movie; Knight Rider.

### 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.

## Commission Agenda

Calhoun county commission has announced the following agenda for Monday's 9 a.m. meeting in the courthouse little courtroom (also by Zoom meeting, #5936021621; password, 1234; by phone, +13126266799 or +19292056099); (canvass of primary election is at 8 a.m.):

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approve minutes: Apr. 19.
- Delegations/requests: Eric Lupardus; Melissa O'Brien.
- Reports: E-911, LEPC and OES; ambulance service; Wood Festival; CRI; Calhoun County Park; FRN; home confinement; sheriff; Little Kanawha Area De-

- velopment Corp.
- New business: Request, Pleasant Hill PSD, 1/3 cost of gravel.
- Old business: ARP funds, revenue replacement designation and funding requests; Civil Service board.
- Personnel items: Employment, Sharon Earl.
- Appointments to boards and authorities: Planning Commission.
- Grants, contracts, applications and resolutions.
- Erroneous tax assessments/consolidations.
- Fiduciary items.
- Financial items: In-house transfer #7 and resolution; transfer #4 and resolution; Coal Severance revision #2; invoices paid, need to be approved.
- Bonds, wills, settlements and orders.
- Executive session.
- Adjournment: Next meeting is Monday, June 13, at 9 a.m.

### Children's Crisis

The Children's Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities.

The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or by chat at [www.help4wv.com/ccl](http://www.help4wv.com/ccl).

In crisis situations, the helpline links families with regional mobile crisis response and stabilization teams that can help de-escalate by phone or respond in person, if the family chooses.

### Food Pantry

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

### Mix-It-Up Bingo

Upper West Fork Park will host Mix-It-Up Bingo on Friday, June 10, at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Donations of silent auction items would be appreciated.

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Dirt Devils include, left to right, first row, Abi Hardbarger, Lizzie Garrett, Cassidy Hardbarger; second row, Lizzie Collins, Colbie Wilson, Emma Frederick, Tori Cunningham, Chiara Brenneman, Vada Barnhart, Ari Bremer; third row, Klynn Keith, Clara Barnhart, Khloe Cobbett, Temperance Caldwell; coaches Homer Wilson and Steven Cunningham, and assistant Okey Collins.

## Dirt Devils Finish Regular Season, 9-0

The Calhoun 11-and-under softball teams entered league tournament play this week at Sue Morris Complex, Glenville. The Diamond Devils, who ended the regular season with a record of 4-5, lost to Base Invaders of Grafton, 13-1, in the first round of the tournament on Monday to end its season. The Dirt Devils, who were undefeated, 9-0, during the regular season, were scheduled to play in Glenville against the Gilmer Flames on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

## WIC Program Increases Eligibility Guidelines

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Office of Nutrition Services, has announced new income eligibility guidelines from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The new guidelines indicate a family of four can earn \$51,338 and qualify for WIC benefits, an increase of \$2,313 from last year. "We believe these changes will allow more West Virginians to enroll in the WIC program," said Heidi Staats, WIC director. "WIC provides nutrition services to more than 33,000 West Virginia families to keep them healthy and informed about good food choices." West Virginia WIC serves 75% of all babies born in West Virginia. Families enrolled in the program receive nutrition education, breastfeeding education, and access to maternal, prenatal, and pediatric healthcare services that may otherwise be unavailable. The new income guidelines are (household size, weekly income, yearly income):

- 1 - \$484, \$25,142
- 2 - \$652, \$33,874
- 3 - \$820, \$42,606
- 4 - \$988, \$51,338

For each additional family member add \$168/month, \$8,732/year. WIC provides pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five with nutritious, supplemental foods. The WIC Program continues to offer virtual certification, benefit issuance, and nutrition services and breastfeeding education. For information, visit [dhhr.wv.gov/WIC](http://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC).

### 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 West Virginia Dept. of Environmental Protection and Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.



Diamond Devils include, left to right, first row, Audrey McCumbers, Kenlie Jarvis, Jaylen McCumbers; second row, Embree Gungle, Mandy Johnson, Lilly Falls, Addison Caudill, Karlee Nelson; third row, coach Melissa Jarvis, Camry Parsons, Katelynn Carder, Kayleigha Morris, Paislee Perkins, Mollie Parkins, Riley Hupp and coach Savannah Church.

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