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Valedictorian

Salutatorian

2022 Wood Festival Planned June 2-4



Leading the 98th graduating Class of 2022 at Calhoun County High School on Friday evening were valedictorian Anne Pingley (left) and salutatorian Josie Montgomery.

Queen Flora LX Marlee Hall will reign over the 2022 Calhoun County Wood Festival next week.

The contestants, juniors at Calhoun County High School, along with the new queen and former queens, are shown in the picture below.

The festival gets underway on Thursday, June 2, with booths opening at 10 a.m., and CM/HS Performance Arts Showcase highlights at 5 p.m.

Opening ceremonies, presentation of pageant royalty, crowning of Mr. and Miss Woodchuck,

and presentation of the Charlie Whipkey Spirit of the Wood Festival Award are at 7 p.m.

Entertainment begins at 7:30 and continues each 15 minutes with The Calhoun Boys Quartet, Jan Whited, Jodi and Brylee Rowe, Shari Johnson, Trenton Cunningham, and Clayton Barnhart and Jake Walker.

The festival continues on Friday, with booths opening at 10 a.m., and entertainment on the Main St. Stage beginning at 4 p.m. with Grantsville Conservatory of Music students, including piano, voice, and string instruments.

The Johnny Staats Project is at 7:00 and Track 9 Band at 9:00.

Saturday's full-day of entertainment includes a 5K and Kids Run at 8 a.m. (registration begins at 7:30) and booths opening at 9 a.m.

The parade line-up is at 10:30, followed by the Grand Parade at 11:30.

Registration for the Wood Festival Car Show begins at Wayne Underwood Field at 11 a.m. The show will be from noon to 3 p.m.

Kids Day activities will be held after the parade. A cornhole tournament gets underway on Market St. at 2 p.m.

Main Street Stage entertainment gets underway at 5 p.m., with Calhoun Musician Showcase, hosted by Will Freed.

It will also feature Underground, Neon, John Richards, Fatboy Houchin, Jake Walker, and Surprises From the Past, Present and Future.

The featured act at 9:00 will be 7 Bridges Road, an Eagles Tribute.

The Grand Fireworks Finale will be at 11 p.m.

On Saturday, June 11, the Wood Festival Mud Bog will be held at Poe Gunn's Farm at Mt. Zion, with registration starting at 9 a.m. and Speed Pit Racing at noon, followed by Deep Pit Mud Bog.



Matthew Keener (right) helps Matthew Allen hold down a large kite during Calhoun County Park's Kite Festival on Saturday.



Savannah Cunningham missed Friday evening's graduation ceremony at Calhoun Middle/High School, while competing in the 2022 Class A State track and field championships in Charleston. On Saturday at Laidley Field, assistant principal Gina Stump presented her with a diploma, just before Cunningham was to compete in another event. See story on Page 5. Photo by Brenda Bush.

County Stays Green With 10 New Cases; 29 Counties Yellow

According to DHHR, Calhoun County had 10 new COVID cases in the last seven days, up from the previous week's four cases, but down considerably from the previous three-week average of 25.

The 10 new cases showed six as confirmed and four as probable.

The county remained green, but on Monday, 29

counties were on yellow alert.

Calhoun has now had 1,898 cases, with confirmed cases at 967 (the lowest in the state) and probable cases at 921. Deaths remain at 15.

The seven-county area had 107 new cases, compared to 69 the previous week. Cases in the area now total 17,531.

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Left to right, 2022 Queen Flora contestants, Mickaylee Cowan, Lindsey Schoolcraft (Miss Congeniality), Summer Parsons (1st runner up), Queen Flora LIX Lexi Gregory, Queen Flora LX Marlee Hall, Queen Flora LVIII Marissa Taylor, Aislin Summers (2nd runner up), and Brooklynn Harris. Not pictured - Queen Flora LIX Tysa James. Pageant photos by Patty Haught.

OBITUARIES

SCOTT ERLEWINE

Scott Erlewine, 55, of Ridgeway, S.C., died Monday, May 9, 2022, at his home. He was born in Parkersburg, the son of Linda Kay Barr Erlewine Metz and the late Richard Charles Erlewine. He was a 1985 graduate of Calhoun County High School, where he played football, baseball, and wrestled. He attended Glenville State College. He started his career with 84 Lumber in West Virginia and transferred for a management opportunity to Columbia, S.C. He ran several companies, including Ram Jack dealerships in South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife of 31 years, Susan L. Erlewine; three children, Rachel Erlewine, Courtney Graham and Jack Erlewine; two grandchildren, Madeline Graham and Luke Easterly; two sisters, Melanie Henderson and Leslie Erlewine; two sisters-in-law, Beth Moore and Lisa Reichard; and nieces and nephews, Jacob Erlewine, Macie Erlewine, Taylor Erlewine, Chloe Erlewine, J.D. Henderson, Sawyer Henderson, Jessica Moore, Krista Wright, Wynonna Wright, Ben Reichard and Sloane Reichard.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Todd Erlewine, and his mother-in-law, Madaline Moore.

Services were held at Powers Funeral Home, Lugoff, S.C.

BARBARA JOANN BAILEY

Barbara Joann Bailey, 59, of Dalton, Ohio, died Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at home.

She was born in Barberton, Ohio, the daughter of the late Robert G. and Deloris Butler Bailey, and spent all of her adult life in Dalton, Ohio. She served the community by working for Shady Lawn Nursing Home for 46 years and Professional Touch as a home health aide for two years.

Surviving are her husband of 28 years, Dan; one sister, Marilyn Conley; one brother, Rick Bailey; two sons, Adam Layfield and Brad Bailey; one nephew, Andrew Conley; four grandchildren, Gabriella, Jacob, Alessa and Franklin; and many other family members.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg. Burial was in Bailey Cemetery, Beech.



GEORGE DANA HART

George Dana Hart, 82, of Shock, died Thursday, May 19, 2022, at his home.

He was the son of the late Troy and Madge Wise Hart. He retired from W.Va. Dept. of Transportation after 29½ years of service.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Kearn Cottrill Hart, whom he married on June 4, 1966; one son, Martin Hart; grandson, Caleb Hart; daughter, Brenda Hart-Stevens; grandson, Luke Stevens; seven siblings, Ruth Carr, Mary Nicholas, Margaret Moore, Raymond Hart, Retha Cottrill, Faye Sexton and Sue Hall; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dana Martin Hart; two brothers, James Hart and Hayden Hart; and one sister, Reva Short.

Service of remembrance was held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Pastor Roger Luzader and Pastor Scott Raynor officiating. Burial was in Rosedale United Methodist Church Cemetery.

MILDRED CHARLENE McDONALD

Mildred Charlene McDonald, 65, of Glenville, died Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at Camden Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Ralph Leonard McDonald and Clara Ethel Stemple McDonald. She was a 1975 graduate of Calhoun County High School.

Surviving are her partner of 45 years, Rodger Lloyd; their child, Joni Lloyd; and seven siblings, Delford McDonald, Larry McDonald, Ralph McDonald, Marvin McDonald, John McDonald, Lawrence McDonald and Virgil McDonald.

She was preceded in death by five siblings, Troy McDonald, Norman McDonald, Cleo Watkins, Veda Marie McDonald, and a stillborn child.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville. Burial was in Nobe Cemetery.



KADEN JAMES MYER

Kaden James Myer, 21, of Brohard, died Monday, May 16, 2022.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of James "Jamie" Myer and the late Heather Richards Myer.

Surviving in addition to his father are one son, Dimitri Myer; two sisters, Kamaira Hamilton and Dylan, and their children, and Kyla Myer; his grandparents, Arlena and Jim Myer; his grandmother, Natalie Valdez; six aunts, Debra Sampson and Tim, Angelia "Nikki" Clark and Dale, Tracy Swisher and Tony, Kristin Smith and Jason, Jessica Cain and Eric, and Victoria Poore; and many cousins.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his grandfather, Larry Richards; his grandmother, Sue Richards; and his uncle, David "Archie" Bain.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 2 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Shelly Mace officiating, and burial in Norman Ridge Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, noon to 2 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



THOMAS JAY COOPER

Thomas Jay Cooper, 82, died Friday, May 20, 2022, at home.

He was born in Chloe, the son of Arno and Roxie Sears Cooper. He was owner of Cooper's Salvage Yard, Sunshine Lounge, Cooper and Son Right-of-Way Co. and co-owner of Long Branch. He worked at Monarch Rubber Co. and raised Polled Hereford cattle. He was later involved with Cabot Station Recycling.

Surviving are four children, Tammy McCullough and Lisa Cooper, both of Grantsville, Kathy Moneypenny of Phoenix, Ariz., and Marty Runnion of Parkersburg; grandchildren, Brian, Nora, Scarlett and Evert Beecher, and Brad Moneypenny, all of Las Vegas, Stevie Beecher and Sara Ritchie, both of Pennsylvania, Jamie, Payton and Robert Moneypenny, all of Grantsville, and his caregiver Erica Cottrill; great-grandchildren, Landon White, Jonan Maze, Kayla Cooper, Cameron Cottrill, Caylee Cottrill, all of Grantsville, Adam Roberts and Matt Dettman, both of Arizona, Madison Hall of Clarksburg, and Liam Bailey of Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Dollie Cooper; two brothers, Addis Cooper and Glenn Sears; one son, Basil "Bud" Arno Cooper; one grandson, Dennis "Denny" Cottrill; and Helen Jarvis Cooper, wife and mother of his children.

There will be a private family service at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Welfare of Animals Group, c/o Jane Carpenter, 1425 Kelly Rd., Big Bend, WV 26136.

TIMOTHY HALL

Timothy W. Hall, 83, of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Sand Ridge, died Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

He was the son of the late Kenneth and Martha Hall. He worked at Banner Printing, Parkersburg, for many years as a manual color film separation artist.

Surviving are his wife, Dolly Cardoza Hall; one sister, Margaret Jane Hall Klemick; and three children, Todd, Cara and Andy.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Patrick.

A private celebration will be held during the summer.

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.

Cremo and Hur

Cremo Community Church is holding services at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Hur Community Church is only open for funerals and weddings. For information, call Hollie Murphy, 354-6971.

PHYLLIS KAY EVANS

Phyllis Kay Evans, 75, of Mt. Zion, died Friday, May 20, 2022, at Minnie Hamilton Health System, following a tragic accident.

She was born in Orma, the daughter of the late Clyde and Obal Laughlin Houchin. She was a 1964 graduate of Calhoun County High School and received her AB degree in teaching from Glenville State University in 1978. She taught fourth grade at Arnoldsburg Elementary School for 28 years, retiring on June 6, 2006. She taught an extra year in kindergarten at Pleasant Hill School.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Lee Evans, whom she married on Sept. 3, 1965; two children, Seana Miller and husband Brian, and Brian Evans, all of Mt. Zion; two grandsons, Barrett Shea Evans of Williamstown and Brady Douglas Miller of Mt. Zion; one sister, Barbara Powell of Lubeck; one sister-in-law, Verba Jean Cargill of Franklinton, Louisiana; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Janet Marks, and one sister-in-law, Aileen Panrell.

Phyllis' request for cremation has been honored, and per her request, memorial services will not be conducted. Arrangements by Ellyson Mortuary.

STEVEN BRIAN 'Lovey' ALKIRE

Steven Brian "Lovey" Alkire, 51, of Harrisville, died Thursday, May 19, 2022, at his residence.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of the late Ralph R. "Tiny" and Connie Sue Reaser Alkire. He was a 1990 graduate of Ritchie County High School.

Surviving are three siblings, Patty Riddle of Glenville, Mike Alkire of Harrisville and Donna Meadows of Richardson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Stanley Alkire and Ralph R. "Bub" Alkire, Jr.; paternal grandparents, Ralph and Alfarette Alkire; and maternal grandparents, Stanley and Ruby Reaser.

Memorial service will be held at a later time.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

I know that all light-bugs live only a short time every summer, but I indulge myself in the fantasy that one particular firefly can live forever. This legendary flashy little firefly I choose to call Blinky.

If you can allow me this journey into the dusty corners of my mind, I will tell you that Blinky has returned once again.

Monday night, Jeanne and I both saw him at the same time, sending his Morse code messages from the large full-length window in our living room.

We gladly welcomed him back and promised him that we would learn Morse code this summer and get a flashlight so that we could communicate with him and his ilk.

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Monday night, while taking little Shiloh for an evening stroll, I heard this year's crop of little barred owls in the trees around the house.

Their calls are very high pitched, almost at the edge of my ability to hear them, but hear them I did.

As I do every year, I imitated an adult barred owl so that I could get an idea of how many owlets there are this year. Going by the direction of sound that I heard on Monday night, I believe there are at least four.

Whenever they hear me, I guess that they think I am their mother or father, and that I have made a kill for them to share.

I am certain that I am a real big disappointment to them, since they seem to get real excited when I call out to them, but after a few minutes of them screeching, awaiting an answering call that they do not get, they go silent for a while.

They seem to learn to hunt each year during the dark of the moon by flying in front of our exterior motion-detecting solar flood lights so that they can catch and eat whatever comes to the detritus pile of sunflower seeds and shells beneath our feeders.

We occasionally find mouse bits and pieces, along with a chipmunk tail, in the yard area that become illuminated by the lights. Everything has to eat something.

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Next week, Grantsville will welcome the annual Wood Festival to its streets, and I am happy to see that the tradition and spirit of volunteerism freely given by our forebears lives on.

Finding volunteers to help plan, promote and make festivals like the Wood Festival happen is becoming more difficult throughout the state, as people no longer seem to have the spare time to donate to the causes.

We all need to remember that without volunteerism there would not be much of anything going on anywhere.

Looking back at the history of Calhoun County, you see that so much of what we take for granted was only possible because enough people cared to do what it took to get things done.

The swimming pool and municipal park in Grantsville, Mt. Zion Community Park, Upper West Fork Park, West Fork Park at Arnoldsburg, etc., were only accomplished through volunteerism and dedication.

We still have dedicated volunteers doing what they can, and they are fantastic, but there needs to be more people helping in every way. Please give whatever you can, money and/or sweat.

We seem to have lost our way and I cannot help but blame easy entertainment. The Roman Empire was reduced to ashes by bread and circuses.

They filled the bellies and the mind of the populace back then differently than we do now, but the result will ultimately be the same.

If you wish to prove me wrong on this, I look forward to it. That is exactly what I want all of us to do.

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That's enough of my maudlin thoughts. Enjoy the Wood Festival while we still can.

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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This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Charley Nutter, substantial farmer and excellent citizen of near Hur, was badly injured on Wednesday, when he fell from a new house he is building. No bones were broken, but he was severely shaken up and bruised by the fall.

Rhoden W. Richards, who has been employed by Hope Natural Gas Co. at a station near Clarksburg, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Richards of Big Springs. His station is temporarily shut down and he will likely go on duty at Cabot Station for a short time.

Henry Heiney, Center District's efficient and capable road patrolman, has the Center District part of the Creston road in fine shape. He has spent quite a bit of time on it, with the large tractor and plow, and it is a boulevard compared to the roads in Wirt County, especially the Creston hill.

Supt. L.J. Morris of the Cabot interests started work on Monday morning on a 12-inch gas main that will run from the schoolhouse on Leafbank to Cabot Station, two miles below town. The work will furnish employment for 30-35 men and will last some time.

Work on the high school is progressing nicely and will move along much more swiftly when the Phillips Run road is finished, so that plenty of stone can be hauled to the job. Few people who have not made a careful inspection of the building are aware of the magnitude of the job. For comparison: Two buildings the size of the new Masonic Temple at the corner of Main and Court Streets, except for height, could be placed side-by-side in the gymnasium and auditorium wing of the school building. Strangers coming here are greatly impressed with the size and appearance of the building, and the comments on the spirit of the county are gratifying indeed.

The big gas well in Sheridan District, drilled in some time ago by Coal Fork Oil & Gas Co., has been turned into the lines of Hope Gas Co., to whom the product has been sold. It makes 6,000,000 feet daily, and is one of the big wells of the state. The company is made up of a number of local people. The well has stimulated drilling in that section, and two other wells are going down and another location has been made.

"Pud" Luzader and Rupert Woodyard, who were guarding prisoners in the local Bastille on Monday night, experienced a little sideshow that would have made a thriller in the motion picture world, if it could have been filmed. Old Okey Grogg, notorious gunman, got hold of one of the guns of the guards and forced the boys to unlock his cell door and gained his freedom. Before leaving, Grogg relieved the other guard of his gun and took both guns with him, after having locked both guards in the cell that he had vacated.

Luzader was lying on a cot in the corridor of the jail asleep and had put his gun under his bed, and Woodyard was on the outside of the building, when Grogg made a hook out of a piece of his bed springs and hooked Luzader's gun without awakening him. When Woodyard returned, Grogg covered him with the gun and made Luzader unlock the cell door. After gaining the corridor of the jail, Grogg forced the boys into his cell, locked them up, and made his escape. Grogg is still at large at the time of going to press, armed with a 38 Colt Army Special and a Colt 45 revolver that the boys donated to him.

1947, 75 years ago

The Dorman Bros. Circus, with Mrs. Tom Mix, famed screen and rodeo star, is coming to Grantsville for two complete performances on the NYA campgrounds on Thursday, May 22. It will be autograph day for the children, with Mrs. Mix at the children's special afternoon matinee.

Circus will arrive in town early in the morning of circus day and spectators are invited to watch the erection of the big top and many other tents that are required to house the people and equipment.

Among the many headliners with the big show this season will be Mrs. Mix, widow of the idol of millions of American boys and girls; Miss Pearl Snyder with her Hollywood horses, who remains unchallenged as the foremost cowgirl equestrienne and who will thrill the crowds with her daring and fearless feats of horsemanship at the performance.

Also there will be Bernice Kelly, beautiful dancing lady of the tight wire; Miss La Tell, queen of the high swinging trapeze; the Hartley Duo, lovely lady atop a lofty perch pole supported by her male partner; and the Moreen Troupe of Acrobats twisting, somersaulting and catapulting through the air onto shoulders, and into barrels and chairs. These are artists who have grown to their present greatness by their training from childhood.

On hand to thrill the youngsters and oldsters will be Capt. Kelly, with his dogs and ponies, which were featured at the New York's World Fair.

The circus also carries a big circus sideshow annex filled with human oddities gathered from the remote corners of the earth. It will open its doors to the patrons early to allow ample time to visit some before the main performance starts. The big performances will start at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., with doors opening an hour earlier.

1972, 50 years ago

The 1970 Census of Housing counted 2,487 housing units in Calhoun County, and 1,925 households had at least one television set (328 UHF-equipped), Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce announced this week. The figures are from the first report for West Virginia, which presents detailed statistics on housing for each county.

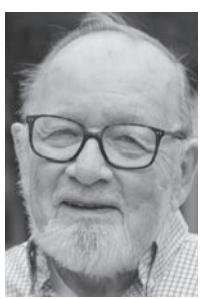
The report shows that in the county:

There were 165 housing units with air conditioning (105 with room units and 60 with a central system), 1,963 units with a clothes washing machine, 854 with a clothes dryer, and 90 with a dishwasher.

The 1970 population was 7,046, with an average of 3.2 persons per housing unit. A total of 1,865 housing units were built before 1949, 2,558 during the

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why do people close one eye when sighting a gun? (Asked by a curious shooter.)

Reply: First of all, some vision background. We humans have binocular vision. With two eyes located side-by-side in the front of the head, each eye takes a view of the same area, but from a slightly different angle. As a result, each eye picks up some visual information that the other doesn't. The two images are sent to the brain for some processing, which results in a combined image that is a three-dimensional stereo picture. The word "stereo" comes from the Greek word meaning "solid" or "firm." With stereo vision, we see an object as a solid in three dimensions--not just a flat surface, but a third dimension that gives depth perception to our vision.

Back to shooting with one eye closed. Not everyone needs to close one eye when shooting, but most of us do because of what is known as binocular rivalry. If you sight a gun with one eye, what you see is not identical to what you see if you sight with the other eye. Some people can mentally compensate for the competing images, but most find it distracting, and close one eye.

In aiming, most people tend to use what is known as the dominant (or master) eye, which generally has better vision. Here is a test for determining whether you are right eye dominate or left eye dominate:

With your arm extended, point and sight your finger at an object (the target) with both eyes open. It doesn't matter which hand you use for this. Then, alternately close one eye, followed by the other. Your finger will be better lined up with your dominate eye.

In some instances, the dominate eye may not give the better vision. For example, suppose the focal lengths of the eyes differ so that one eye is farsighted and one eye is nearsighted. Then, some people may use the farsighted eye for long-distance sighting, and the nearsighted eye for short-distance sighting. Also, I read those safe, responsible hunters will have their eyes tested for color and vision blindness regularly. Color-blind hunters may have trouble identifying game species or their sex--even with the dominant eye.

That was a relatively short column, so here are some afterthoughts.

As most of you know, I wrote textbooks, and my editors were always throwing up the Chicago Manual of Style to me--the "Bible" of proper form. Here's something that I came across with a play on homonyms (words that sound alike, or even spelled alike, but with different meanings). I sent it to my editors (in good fun) to see if it would pass editorial muster. What do you think?

"When you write copy, you have the right to copyright the copy you write, if the copy is right. If, however, the copy is not right, then you must rewrite your copy. If you write religious services, you write rite. Very conservative people write right copy. A right-wing cleric would write right rite, and has the right to copyright the right rite that he has the right to write. His editor has the job of making the right rite copy right before the copyright can be right. Should Tom Wright decide to write right rite, then Wright would write right rite. Duplicating that rite would copy Wright's right rite, and violate copyright, which Wright would have the right to right. Right?"

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "I am not a member of any organized party. I am a Democrat." --Will Rogers.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, May 26 will be at Calhoun County Community Health Library, Grantsville, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Democrats meeting, courthouse little courtroom, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 2 MHHS offers free youth sports physicals; call 354-9244 to schedule.

Friday, May 27 Calhoun Historical Society's History Center on Main St., Grantsville, open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, June 3 Pancake and sausage breakfast, Grantsville Lions Club building, 7 a.m. to noon.

Monday, May 30 MEMORIAL DAY.

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This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from May 26-June 1 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.



ball player Jerry West was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. He led East Bank High School to the state basketball championship in 1956 and then rewrote the record book at West Virginia University.

May 28, 1998: The Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse in downtown Charleston was dedicated. The 440,000-square-foot building incorporated Neoclassic, Egyptian, and Art Deco designs.

May 29, 1778: Dick Pointer, a slave, helped save about 60 settlers who were attacked by Indians at Fort Donnally, near Lewisburg.

May 29, 1961: Elderson Muncie in McDowell County received the first food stamps in the nation. After observing malnutrition and poverty during his campaign, President John Kennedy directed the government to establish a pilot food stamp program.

May 30, 1940: Smoke Hole Caverns (shown below) in Grant Co. opened for tours. The cave is beautifully decorated with stalactites hanging in rows along the ceiling; the main room is called the "Room of a Million Stalactites."

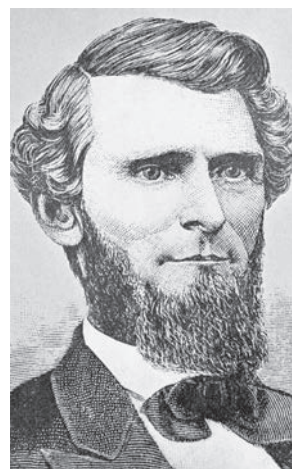
May 31, 1841: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Kain was born near Martinsburg. As bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, he worked to meet the needs of the newly arrived immigrants who came to labor in West Virginia's mines and factories.

June 1, 1880: The bare-knuckle prize fight for the championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big city police.



May 27, 1912: Legendary golfer Sam Snead was born at Ashwood, Va. When The Greenbrier reopened as a resort after World War II, he returned as the golf pro.

May 27, 1922: Labor leader Bill Blizzard was acquitted of treason charges. He was charged following the Battle of Blair Mountain in 1921.



May 28, 1863: Arthur Boreman was elected as the first governor of the new state of West Virginia.



June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

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May 28, 1938: Basket-



Smoke Hole Caverns in Grant County opened for tours on May 30, 1940.

1950s, 163 during 1960-64, and 193 within the last five years preceding the April 1970 census. Utility gas was used to cook meals in 1,934 households, electricity in another 70, and bottled, tank or LP gas in 33.

There were 1,711 housing units with complete kitchen facilities and 1,359 with complete bathrooms, both for the exclusive use of the households. The number of bedrooms in all housing units ranged from none in 26 units and one in 205 units to four or more in 638 units. Owners occupied 1,616 units, renters 561, and a total of 303 units were vacant year round, with 16 for sale and 75 for rent.

My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



I can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and it is getting closer every minute. There is one week of school left, and then summer vacation begins. This girl is ready for some much-needed rest and relaxation. I will no longer be tied to my calendar and clock. My time will be mine and mine alone. Can you tell that I am excited to say goodbye to Miss Walburn and just be Melody for a few months?

This past week was all about the seniors. There were graduation practices, highest honors banquet, award ceremony, elementary school walk-through, and graduation itself. In the midst of all these events, regular classes continued. My students spent most of the week preparing for their semester exams, while I worked on numerous end-of-the-year tasks.

I am thrilled to say my to-do list is getting shorter and shorter. Many of the items on that list had to do with the highest honors banquet, which took place Tuesday. Thankfully, I had lots of great help. The meal was prepared by the cooks at school and was delicious.

Many of my colleagues lent a hand to help everything run smoothly, and some of my NHS students set up for the event, served the dinner, and cleaned up afterwards. It was definitely a perfect example of "many hands make light work." I will admit that I felt like I had lost 100 pounds as I drove home late Tuesday evening, and I slept like a baby.

With the banquet behind me, I turned my attention to graduation and end-of-the-year projects. My lesson plans and semester exams were already written, so I began to tackle my classroom. We received a check-out list that we need to complete before leaving for the summer.

I printed that out late in the week and started at the top. I would like to say that I made a lot of progress, but the week was just too busy to check off many items. I'm not worried though; I will get it all done.

I knew Friday was going to be a long day, so I packed a bag with a change of clothes, my make-up bag, toothpaste and toothbrush, and a curl brush. The plan was to stay after school, do a little school work, order pizza, and get ready for graduation with my teacher friends.

As an added bonus, my friend and former Calhoun English teacher, Loren, decided to drive up from North Carolina to attend graduation. She arrived at the end of fourth period, just in time to eat lunch with me. I loved seeing the expressions on students' faces when they realized that she had come back for a visit and graduation.

There is something about a graduation that is both joyful and sad. I love the "pomp and circumstance" of the event. The students, staff and faculty all look regal in their gowns as they enter the gym, and the music is second only to that of a wedding march. As I sat there on Friday night, listening to the speeches and watching this great group of young men and women receive their diplomas, I reminded myself that this wasn't truly an end, but more a beginning.

Because everyone in that room had done their jobs well, these graduates were prepared to go out into the big world. The ceremony is called a commencement for a reason. To commence means to begin, not to end. I said a little prayer for the class of 2022 as they walked out of the gym and into their futures, and let them go.

After graduation, Loren and I waited for all of the NHS students to bring me back their stoles, and then we headed back to my home among the hills. It had been a long day, and Loren was driving back to North Carolina early Saturday morning. I got her settled in the green guest room and then began to put away all of the paraphernalia that I had taken to school that morning. I planned to read a bit, but my bed was calling my name, so I answered.

Loren hit the road early, so she was already gone when I came downstairs on Saturday morning. I had told my parents that I would go to the Kite Festival at the park with them, so I ate some breakfast and got ready. The weather was perfect, and Rascal and I enjoyed walking around the park, looking at all of the kites. I spent a relaxing afternoon on the parents' deck and then took a walk with Maricia in the late evening. It was a lovely Saturday. Next Sunday won't be a school night, and that thrills me. Until then, there are five days and counting.

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)

The following letter to Mary discusses a potential suitor.

Parkersburg, West Va.

January 28th., 1864

Dearest

Your very kind and welcome note came to hand yesterday, and I was happy to hear from you. I am in very good health, and hope this may find you enjoying the same good blessing.

This is a most beautiful day, I have just taken a walk out to the Hospital this forenoon, we have the most beautiful weather I ever saw this time of the year, it seems almost like summer. While walking along in the warm sunshine, I just imagined how soon the time would come when we would be on the march again and have to undergo the hardships of the summers campaign, which there is no doubt we will make just as soon as the weather will permit, but perhaps I had best not make a mountain out of a mole hill, and climb it before getting to it, but wait and see what time will bring forth.

You say you have not written to Wm. H. yet, poor fellow, he will think very hard of you for treating him so, but upon my word I think he was a little too fast in making such strong avowals before he knew your feelings toward him. But now I have no business to be saying anything about this, as it is a matter of your own, but as you was so honest as to disclose the whole thing to me, I think you will forgive me for venturing a remark.

Glad to hear that Miss Ray's hero has been down, compliment her for me.

It does not seem to me now that my visit was anything but a dream, and well do I know you regreted to see me leave so soon, and can affirm to the truth of your remark, that "the best of friends must part," but let me add to meet again if not on earth to hope for a more joyful one, in a brighter clime, where imagination in anticipation pictures a genial and one continual season of summer, robed in all the beauty of a country fit habitation only for such as do His will, where soft zephyrs in all their balmy effulgence, float over all, and the cold death chill of winter never comes.

Perhaps I ought here to say that I did not receive the appointment, as I told you I thought I would., but the orderly was commissioned. I care but little about it, as I do not think it would have been very pleasant, besides McDonald would have felt that I had wronged him. I think he will make a good officer, do not say anything about this, no doubt you will hear remarks made about this matter, but let it all pass away. There is other positions opening and I will without doubt get one toward spring, if I do not I am content where I am. Indeed I must close, for I have run this out to a far greater length than I intended.

Answer at your leisure, for your letters are full of interest to me.

With every sentiment of high regard I am, dear Mary, your devotedly,

M.A. Ayers

The following letter is from Michael's cousin, W.P. Green.

Hd.Qrs. Co. A.

14th. Regt. W.Va. I. Vols

Petersburg, W.Va.

Jan. 29th., 1864

Dear Cousin,

In the midst of my impressive duties I snatch a few moments to inform you that I received your kind and much welcomed letter, and was truly glad to hear from you. Cousin they is nothing of any thing interesting agoing on in this mountainous country, only laying in Camp.

Cousin I have been in the service about 18 months. I like it splendid the first 8 or 10 months we did not do much duty only guard the Rail Road but since then we have had a pretty hard time of it. I have not herd the cares blow since the 7th. day of July 1863. I dont like this place at all. They is no society of any kind here.

They is quite an excitement up here to day there is reported 5 or 6 thousand rebels in Morefield which is 9 miles from here. We have but 3 Regiments of Infantry here the 14th, and 1st Va. and 23rd Ill. Six pieces of artilery and one Co of Cavalry. We have constructed a very strong fort at this post.

Cousin the last I herd from home they was well I expect to go home on a visit soon. You must write and let me know how times is with you. I hope that our Regiments may have the pleasure of meeting some day. Write soon.

I am with Respect your Cousin

W.P.Greene 2nd Lieut.

Co. A. 14, W.Va I. Vols

To

M.A. Ayers

S.M 11th. WVa Vols

P.S. give my love to your Ma. and Pa.

(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 26: rib sandwich, onions, french fries, jello with fruit.

Friday, May 27: chicken and pasta, vegetables, pineapple, whole wheat bread.

Monday, May 30: closed.

Tuesday, May 31: closed.

cook's choice. June 1-3: not announced.

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 CCCOA, 354-7017, to be placed on a list.

From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,

Chairman of Public Service Commission

New Internet Bill Assistance Program

There are many programs to help low-income people pay for electric, gas, water and telephone utility bills, but until now there has been little in the way of assistance for internet service.

During the pandemic, the Federal Communications Commission created the Emergency Broadband Benefit program, which ended Dec. 30, and has been replaced by the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

ACP offers a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for qualifying households. Participants may also be eligible for a one-time discount of up to \$100 for the purchase of a computer or tablet from participating providers.

The sellers are required to contribute between \$10 and \$50 toward the purchase price. ACP is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

According to Frontier and Suddenlink, the two largest internet service providers in the state, customers can request an internet package that costs \$30 per month. When paired with the ACP, you could get basic internet service at little or no cost.

Households qualify for ACP if the household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$55,500 for a family of four), or if a member of the household meets at least one of the following criteria:

Received a federal Pell Grant during the current award year; is eligible for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program; or participates in SNAP, Medicaid, federal public housing assistance, Supplemental Security Income, WIC, veteran's pension or survivor benefits, or Lifeline.

If you think you may qualify, go to ACPBenefit.org to apply, and then contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill. Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

The Public Service Commission does not regulate the internet, so it can't resolve complaints against internet service providers, regulate their rates, or force them to provide service in specific areas, but it can help low-income customers find resources that can make it easier to pay for the service.

County Stays Green--

(Continued from Page 1) Net new cases in area counties in addition to Calhoun in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Roane, 34 (3,230/36); Braxton, 17 (3,968/44); Ritchie, 17 (2,492/31); Wirt, 13 (1,470/25); Clay, 10 (2,364/41); and Gilmer, 6 (2,109/19).

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia has averaged eight percent over the past week.

New West Virginia cases were 4,692, the eighth straight week of increases (3,431, 1,839, 1,524, 1,156, 670, 490 and 575), after 10 weeks of decreases. Total cases during the pandemic are 511,930.

The number of deaths reported by DHHR was 29, after weeks of 21, 12, 25 and 41. Total deaths in West Virginia are 6,932.

The number of new cases in the United States increased once again, with 773,609 in the past week, up for the ninth straight

week, including 649,114, 498,290, 420,677, 346,400, 253,359 and 230,377 the previous six weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 85,004,438.

New deaths in the U.S. were 2,254, up slightly from 2,122 the previous week. Total deaths are 1,028,924.

New weekly worldwide cases were 4,256,758, up from 3,934,941 from last week. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported are 525,585,024.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 11,868, down from 12,074, 17,166, 18,451 and 19,641 the previous four weeks. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,306,618.

DHHR reported that 977,781 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (54.6%), an increase of 1,131 in the last week. There have been 493,167 booster shots given, an increase of 7,285 from last week.

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Governor's Update

Gov. Jim Justice and members of the W.Va. COVID-19 pandemic response leadership team have updated the public on the state's latest pandemic response and vaccine distribution efforts.

Justice announced that the U.S. FDA has authorized the use of a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11, who are at least five months removed from the completion of their primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

As a result of this authorization, FDA is encouraging booster doses for ages five and older.

"This stuff is not going to go away easily, but it's something we can live with, if we are all properly vaccinated," said Justice.

Second booster shots are recommended for all West Virginians 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 who qualify can get a second booster dose anywhere vaccines are available.

A COVID-19 Vaccination Due Date Calculator --the only tool of its kind in the nation--has been updated to determine whether people are eligible for a second booster dose.

Summer Camp

Skills and Drills summer camp will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, June 6, 7, 9 and 10, 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Calhoun Middle/High School.

Football and cheer players will need sports physicals to participate. Minnie Hamilton will offer free sports physicals to all youth athletes from Tuesday-Thursday, May 31-June 2. Call MHHS, 354-9244, to schedule a physical.

For information, contact league president Kevin Cunningham, 482-4489, or on Facebook.



Dani Cunningham attempts a high jump of four feet, six inches during the Class A State championships at Laidley Field. Photos by Brenda Bush.



Competing in the 800-yard run, Savannah Cunningham set a school record of 2 minutes, 30.25 seconds to place fourth. Photos by Brenda Bush.

Savannah Cunningham Earns All-State In Two Events At Charleston

Representing her county and school, Calhoun senior Savannah Cunningham missed her formal graduation ceremony on Friday night, as she was competing in the Class A track and field championships in Charleston.

Cunningham, who won all four of her running events--100, 200, 400 and 800 meters--in last week's Region IV competition, ran a personal and school record 2:30.25 in the 800 to place fourth and earn All-State honors on Saturday.

She was also treated to her own commencement when assistant principal Gina Stump presented her diploma during a brief ceremony at Laidley Field.

Cunningham wore her graduation gown over her track suit (photo on Page 1), and headed to one of her competitions immediately after the presentation.

She also earned All-State in the 400-meters with a time of 1 minute, 2.61 seconds, and a sixth place finish.

Cunningham was eighth in the 200 (28:93,

qualifying for the finals with a 28:03) and ninth in the 100 (13:76, missing out on the finals by two hundredths of a second).

The five points that she earned (four in 800 and one in 400) accounted for all of the Calhoun girls' scoring, as the team finished 18th of 26 scoring teams.

Also qualifying and competing at the States for the Lady Red Devils were Dani Cunningham in the high jump and Joselynn Yeager in the shot put.

Track and Field Season Scoring

Calhoun girls individual scoring - season: Savannah Cunningham 216.5, Joselynn Yeager 49.25, Dani Cunningham 41.25, Grace Vincent 13.5, Christee Craddock 12.75, Cassie Fowler 9, Josie Montgomery 7, Lacy Hicks 7, Nyla Warner 5.25, Ariety Hickman 3.

Calhoun boys individual scoring - season: Daniel Kargol 34.5, Joshua Hixon 8.5, Landon Warner 3, Mason Siwicki 2.5, Kason Hupp 1.5, Antonio Mathero 1.5, Gabriel Waldron .5



Joselynn Yeager, CCHS junior, throws the shot put 28 feet, 3 inches during her best attempt.

National Foster Care Month Celebrated

Gov. Jim Justice has issued a proclamation recognizing May as National Foster Care Month in West Virginia.

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Social Services, has joined partners nationwide in honoring National Foster Care Month by acknowledging the foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policy-makers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections.

"National Foster Care Month is not only a time to share the need for foster parents in West Virginia, but it is also an opportunity to highlight the hard work of DHHR staff and those who provide homes and

stability for West Virginia youth," said Jeff Pack, commissioner of Bureau for Social Services.

"We are thankful for all who join us in our mission to ensure child safety, permanency, and well-being through foster care and adoption."

The primary purpose of foster care is to reunite the child with their family by providing interventions aimed at reunification whenever safely possible.

Bureau for Social Services is committed to ensuring that the nearly 7,000 West Virginia children in out-of-home care and their families receive adequate and appropriate services that best meet their needs.

Those interested in becoming a foster parent can contact Mission West Virginia, www.missionwv.org or 512-0555.

2022 CCHS Track & Field Results

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, Girls (3rd of 10) Boys (8th of 10)

20-21 at States, Laidley Field, Charleston, Girls (18th of 26)

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1901 Vandale Fork Road, Spencer, WV || 0.36 Acres +/- || Looking for a workshop/garage not far from Spencer? This shop is 8 miles from the center of Spencer. This garage has 3 bays totaling 1,360 sq. ft. One small shop that would be great for small repairs or an office and two big bays for large vehicles/equipment. The steel beam construction allows for pulley use and durability. The roof and sides are covered with metal roofing material. Concrete floors throughout making cleanup a breeze. Large front lot for parking/storing of vehicles. * This will be a cash or owner financing purchase only! **\$49,900**

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. **UNDER CONTRACT** The stream as the water source. The drive way into the property requires a lift remote 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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NOTE OF THANKS
 I would like to thank everyone who helped take care of Marlene during her time of sickness: the ones that stayed overnight, brought food, or just stopped by to visit. Thanks to all who sent cards or gave donations; there are too many to thank personally, but you know who you are. Thank you to all who worked on the benefit and to those who opened and closed the grave. A special thank you to my family and all of Marlene's close friends. Additionally, thank you and appreciation to Stump Funeral Home and Rev. Edward Easley for his comforting words before and during the funeral.
 Eric Webb

NOTE OF THANKS
 I would like to say, "Thank you to all those who supported me in the Primary Election, as your democratic candidate for county commission." I ask for your continued support throughout the General Election on Nov. 8. I will once again see you during the campaign trail. I'll "Bee" The Difference.
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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until June 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the construction of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
014	2022830006	R083-REM/GR- 23 00		GUARDRAIL D3 2023 REM Guardrail Midpoint COUNTY: DISTRICT 3

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferral, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E. Ph.D.
Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management
Deputy State Highway Engineer



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.

Veteran's Help

W.Va. Dept. of Veterans Assistance (WVDVA) has announced that a veteran's service officer will be at Calhoun County Library, 250 Mill St., Grantsville, on Wednesday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The officer will provide guidance to veterans who wish to file for federal or state benefits, such as federal VA pensions or service-connected disabilities. Widows' pensions and VA home loans are other potential benefits.

Sessions are conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis, but calling ahead of time is encouraged. For information, call the Spencer field office, 927-0980. The office is located at 216 Market St.

College News

Southern New Hampshire

Jennifer Hoskins of Orma has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2022 President's List, which includes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above are.

Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, N.H., is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

Cedarville Reunion

Cedarville School Reunion will be held at Cedar Creek State Park activities building on Saturday, May 28. Eating supplies and drinks will be furnished. Bring a covered dish and an auction item.

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Request for Qualifications

Minnie Hamilton Health System is requesting Statements of Qualifications from experienced Architectural and Engineering Firms specializing in Healthcare Design and Construction Administration Services for future expansion and renovations to the Grantsville, WV Campus. Qualified firms are encouraged to submit their qualifications highlighting their experience in Rural Healthcare design with emphasis on project phasing to maintain critical services while renovations and construction occur. Phase 1 healthcare planning has been completed and copies of project renderings and preliminary space planning documents are available upon request.

All qualified and interested firms should contact Eric Ritchie for more information:

Eric Ritchie, COO
eric.ritchie@mhhs.healthcare
Phone: 304-354-9737

Qualifications should include the following: Company Background in Healthcare, Proposed Project Team and Subconsultants, Relevant and Recent Project Experience of Healthcare Renovations and Expansion, Project Approach with Timeline, and Healthcare References. Qualifications should be emailed to Eric Ritchie, COO on or before June 15th, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

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"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plan** for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2023 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

Contact
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Division of Water & Waste Management
Clean Water State Revolving Fund
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Kathryn.D.Emery@wv.gov
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Contractors - Calhoun County Park seeking bids.
• 1st Project, concrete slabs under picnic shelters. 4" thick, grading, forms, expansion joints and wire reinforcing: 3 at 26' x 20' and 1 at 20' x 18'
• 2nd Project, brown metal roofs on picnic shelters. Gable trims, ridge caps, furring strips 24" O.C.: 3 at 36' x 20' and 1 at 20' x 18'
For more information, call 304-354-6852 or 304-354-7981. Send bids to P.O. Box 276, Grantsville, WV 26147.
Bid deadline is Wednesday, July 20.

LETTER BOX

Couple weeks ago, there was a notice in the Calhoun Chronicle for an organizational meeting of a Republican Club or GOP. I know we have had for a few years a committee chairman, Gaylen Duskey. He has done much of the work alone, which is unfortunate in a county the size of Calhoun. I've been embarrassed that we are not working together to increase the visibility and activity of the Republican Party for our county and our state.

Where did my interest in politics begin? Around the dinner table, on election night, television communication of the party platforms, electoral speeches, laws being changed that violated the tenets of my faith, but the most important person to influence me was Orvan Todd Hathaway, my dad. He was active with the Republican party and served as a Calhoun committee chairman. The party in our county would have the Lincoln Day Dinner, a time to educate, fellowship, and have fun together for those who were politically like-minded.

Is the Republican Party active in registering new voters who have moved to our area? Do we post state and national signs? Do we provide transportation for those who may need rides to the polls to cast their vote? Do we seriously research the backgrounds of those running for office and what they might bring to the office, and how they will represent us, if elected?

These are a few of the reasons I attended the first organizational meeting. I was the only Calhoun County native in attendance. This was further disappointment to me. I am appreciative that folks from New Jersey, Missouri and California were there. They transplanted to our beautiful area and noticed that the organizational concerns were missing and opportunities to grow the Republican numbers in our area are lacking. It is no one person's fault, it is all of our failures to grow our party and representation.

The next meeting will be held at Mom's Place in Grantsville at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31. It would be wonderful to see more local participants who are interested in the GOP becoming more active in our area.

Loretta Propst

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) is asking Calhoun County residents to help address a long-observed problem with our animal community--feral or community cats. If you feed a feral cat colony in your neighborhood, or know someone who does, please call Linda Buchanan, 354-7506, or notify us via email calhounwag@yahoo.com.

Our humane and effective Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program's volunteers will live trap the cats, take them to the vet to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, respiratory disease, worms, and fleas, and return them to their outdoor home, at no cost to the colony's caretaker. The colony will be healthier and no longer producing unwanted kittens.

At four months old, a female kitten can start breeding, and can have two or three litters per year. Removing cats from an area (i.e., catching and killing) is useless.

When cats are removed from an area, new, unsterilized cats move in to take advantage of available resources--and begin reproducing. This well-documented natural trend is known as the "vacuum effect."

TNR stops the breeding cycle and eliminates mating behaviors, such as yowling, spraying, roaming and fighting. Trap-Neuter-Return also benefits public health, because community cats are vaccinated against rabies. We can only trap once a month, so please contact us soon, if we can help with a colony.

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.

The 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.

Rosedale Reunion

Rosedale School Reunion will be held at Cedar Creek State Park activities building on Saturday, June 4. Eating supplies and drinks will be furnished. Bring a covered dish and an auction item.

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.

Courthouse Closed

Calhoun Courthouse will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

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 filled baskets or monetary donations would be appreciated. For information, call Anita West, 655-8625, or Marie King, 354-6137.

Bennett/Bethel

Those who have loved ones in Bennett/Bethel Cemetery, your donations are needed to help with upkeep and work that needs to be done. Send donations to Barbara Burns Ayers, 5334 E. Little Kanawha Hwy., Grantsville, WV 26147.

Haught Cemetery

Haught Cemetery in Brohard is accepting donations for the maintenance and mowing charges for the cemetery. To mail a donation, send to Sherry Haught Luzader, P.O. Box 107, Sand Fork, WV 26430.

**2022 Calhoun County Wood Festival
5K Run/Walk
Saturday, June 4, 2022 * 8:00 AM**

Please print legibly and complete the entire entry form. Please make check payable to Calhoun County Wood Festival.

5K Run/Walk: \$20.00 entry fee
Kids Race (Ages 10 & Under): Free (after 5k completion)

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T-Shirt Size: **Small** _____ **Medium** _____ **Large** _____ **XLarge** _____

Registration begins at 7:30 am in front of Calhoun Courthouse, where race will begin.

Please check one event: **5K Run** _____ **5K Walk** _____

Kids Fun Dash (for kids/parents up to age 10 & under) _____

Race Waiver: I, individual, (and/or as parent, and/or guardian of the named minor) for an in consideration of acceptance of this entry in the aforementioned event, do hereby release, remise, waive, and forever discharge Melinda Fitzwater, Brenda Bush, Calhoun Wood Festival Committee all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of, or relating to any injury, illness, loss, or damage, including death, relating to participation in the aforesaid event. I further state I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event. I further grant permission to this race and the organization conducting the race and/or agents authorized by them to use any photographs, videotapes, motion picture, recordings and any other record of this event for any purpose. I also agree that all entry fees are non-refundable and that this entry is non-transferable. Thank you for participating.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



Statistics:

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

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
2020					
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3

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2021					
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638~^	5.8	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409>	2,821^	5.7	3.7

	Positive Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily	
2022					
Jan. 31	446,771	4,959,152	5,763	8.3	21.6
Feb. 28	490,111	5,221,878	6,317	8.6	8.3
Mar. 31	497,769	5,422,855	6,831	8.4	1.2
Apr. 1	497,864	5,428,853	6,835	8.4	1.5
Apr. 4	498,035	5,441,070	6,839	8.4	2.0
Apr. 5	498,128	5,444,526	6,716^	8.4	1.8
Apr. 6	498,235	5,449,931	6,741^	8.4	1.1
Apr. 7	498,322	5,456,225	6,749^	8.4	1.6
Apr. 8	498,414	5,461,366	6,753	8.4	2.7
Apr. 11	498,542	5,472,690	6,755	8.4	1.9
Apr. 12	498,618	5,475,999	6,774^	8.3	1.7
Apr. 13	498,643	5,481,150	6,777	8.3	2.0
Apr. 14	498,773	5,486,554	6,791^	8.3	2.6
Apr. 15	498,890	5,491,043	6,794	8.3	3.4
Apr. 18	499,193	5,500,300	6,796	8.3	3.0
Apr. 19	499,288	5,503,186	6,804^	8.3	2.8
Apr. 20	499,445	5,507,590	6,807	8.3	3.7
Apr. 21	499,619	5,511,496	6,822^	8.3	2.8
Apr. 22	499,796	5,516,517	6,823	8.3	4.5
Apr. 25	500,228	5,526,892	6,824	8.3	5.1
Apr. 26	500,444	5,529,976	6,845	8.3	4.1
Apr. 27	500,697	5,533,935	6,851	8.3	3.3
Apr. 28	500,972	5,540,999	6,855	8.3	4.2
Apr. 29	501,204	5,545,521	6,856	8.3	5.0
May 2	501,743	5,556,778	6,857	8.3	6.2
May 3	501,968	5,558,563	6,870^	8.3	5.1
May 4	502,192	5,562,109	6,872	8.3	5.5
May 5	502,566	5,567,312	6,879^	8.3	5.6
May 6	502,930	5,572,444	6,880	8.3	8.9
May 9	503,807	5,583,733	6,882	8.3	5.5

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May 10	Not updated by DHHR (holiday)				
May 11	504,510	5,593,007	6,886	8.3	7.3
May 12	505,037	5,598,642	6,893^	8.3	7.9
May 13	505,528	5,603,215	6,893	8.3	11.6
May 16	506,833	5,615,336	6,895	8.3	17.5
May 17	507,238	5,616,525	6,903	8.3	20.9
May 18	507,678	5,622,917	6,905	8.3	6.8
May 19	508,538	5,632,261	6,912^	8.3	7.3
May 20	509,251	5,638,793	6,915	8.3	8.1
May 23	511,382	5,653,151	6,918	8.3	9.2
May 24	511,930	5,657,631	6,932^	8.3	9.5

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

As of Sept. 20, total cases by county are not listed by DHHR. Each county must be totaled separately; therefore, the following numbers are as of Monday, instead of the usual Tuesday total:
Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (4,971), Berkeley (36,615), Boone (6,735), Braxton (3,965), Brooke (5,129), Cabell (28,121), Calhoun (1,896), Clay (2,363), Doddridge (2,170), Fayette (13,378), Gilmer (2,107), Grant (3,795), Greenbrier (9,926), Hampshire (5,967), Hancock (6,881), Hardy (4,233), Harrison (20,387), Jackson (6,979), Jefferson (14,726), Kanawha (48,303), Lewis (5,455), Lincoln (5,659), Logan (9,882), Marion (15,521), Marshall (9,177), Mason (6,792), McDowell (5,709), Mercer (17,353), Mineral (8,140), Mingo (8,014), Monongalia (25,458), Monroe (4,321), Morgan (4,348), Nicholas (7,463), Ohio (11,497), Pendleton (2,026), Pleasants (2,081), Pocahontas (2,086), Preston (9,427), Putnam (17,085), Raleigh (23,458), Randolph (9,610), Ritchie (2,489), Roane (3,225), Summers (2,845), Taylor (4,651), Tucker (2,035), Tyler (2,232), Upshur (6,993), Wayne (10,000), Webster (2,288), Wetzel (4,395), Wirt (1,469), Wood (22,466), Wyoming (7,085).

Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster, last counties to hit 100 positive cases, Dec. 10, 2020; Calhoun last county to 200 cases, Jan. 23, 2021; last to 300, May 6; last to 400, July 22; last to 500, Sept. 1; last to 600, Sept. 6; last to 700, Sept. 13; last to 800, Sept. 27; last to 900, Oct. 21; 54th to 1,000, Nov. 13; 54th county to reach 1,100 cases on Dec. 7; 54th county to reach 1,200 cases on Dec. 23; 1,300, Jan. 11, 2022; 1,400, Jan. 19; 1,500, Jan. 25; 1,600, Feb. 2; 1,700, Feb. 10; 54th to 1,800, Mar. 3. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second, Sept. 15, 2021, woman, 73; third, Sept. 29, man, 79; fourth, Sept. 30, man, 73; fifth, Nov. 1, woman, 73; sixth, Nov. 23, woman, 86; seventh, Dec. 1, female, 56; eighth, Dec. 6, female, 92; ninth Dec. 7, male, 93; 10th, Jan. 21, 2022, female, 80; 11th, Feb. 9, female, 50; 12th, Feb. 24, female, 71; 13th, Mar. 2, male, 40; 14th, Apr. 21, female, 82; 15th, May 3, female, 86.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Craig Blankenship filled his regular appointment at Burning Springs M.E. Church.

There were a dozen vehicles on hand for the antique car cruise on Saturday at Creston Community Building.

The Calhoun County clerk brought her prize automobile, which should

make the event "official." The most unusual item was an old (1930, someone said) wrecker that has been completely restored. Not the sort of item one sees every day.

There will be an antique car show at Creston on Aug. 24.

The June auction was canceled.

In United States:

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

	Positive Cases	Deaths	Positive Cases	Deaths
2020				
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept. 28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov. 30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec. 28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977

	Positive Cases	Deaths	Positive Cases	Deaths
2021				
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb. 22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar. 29	30,966,974	562,551	127,963,064	2,799,992
Apr. 26	32,824,618	586,152	148,006,342	3,127,343
May 31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June 28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 31	35,688,506	629,064	198,207,725	4,232,644
Aug. 31	39,946,708	656,393	218,104,333	4,531,744
Sept. 30	44,200,421	713,953	234,173,044	4,795,746
Oct. 31	46,799,970	766,117	247,382,939	5,018,389
Nov. 30	49,301,070	801,326	262,581,538	5,233,860
Dec. 31	55,252,823	845,745	287,003,899	5,454,054

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2022				
Jan. 31	75,578,076	907,190	375,571,291	5,687,759
Feb. 28	80,567,757	973,119	436,088,544	5,974,311
Mar. 31	81,740,722	1,006,445	486,702,223	6,167,304
Apr. 1	81,780,503	1,007,326	488,087,213	6,171,544
Apr. 2	81,813,515	1,007,989	489,571,930	6,175,841
Apr. 3	81,826,371	1,008,159	490,607,773	6,178,649
Apr. 4	81,832,612	1,008,198	491,232,334	6,180,406
Apr. 5	81,867,963	1,008,671	492,337,599	6,183,671
Apr. 6	81,900,217	1,009,396	493,681,152	6,187,913
Apr. 7	81,950,042	1,010,537	494,569,476	6,194,653
Apr. 8	81,988,278	1,011,096	495,999,757	6,199,792
Apr. 9	82,034,738	1,011,665	497,247,010	6,203,492
Apr. 10	82,053,242	1,012,135	497,960,545	6,205,855
Apr. 11	82,062,989	1,012,152	498,512,272	6,207,359
Apr. 12	82,103,067	1,012,462	499,418,406	6,210,178
Apr. 13	82,133,342	1,013,044	500,497,623	6,213,858
Apr. 14	82,192,880	1,014,114	501,489,854	6,218,379
Apr. 15	82,252,965	1,014,902	502,405,713	6,221,968
Apr. 16	82,295,768	1,015,357	503,177,193	6,224,297
Apr. 17	82,309,113	1,015,441	503,689,995	6,225,788
Apr. 18	82,316,348	1,015,452	504,064,390	6,227,000
Apr. 19	82,377,156	1,015,790	504,523,662	6,228,716
Apr. 20	82,416,687	1,016,159	505,387,083	6,232,179
Apr. 21	82,478,398	1,016,962	506,095,744	6,235,087
Apr. 22	82,553,058	1,017,609	507,230,364	6,240,520
Apr. 23	82,598,021	1,017,991	507,892,122	6,243,402
Apr. 24	82,649,779	1,018,316	508,533,028	6,245,951
Apr. 25	82,662,748	1,018,335	508,873,606	6,247,059
Apr. 26	82,733,863	1,018,582	509,456,139	6,250,904
Apr. 27	82,789,716	1,019,008	510,191,246	6,254,201
Apr. 28	82,888,247	1,019,774	510,926,940	6,257,682
Apr. 29	82,954,768	1,020,159	511,565,534	6,260,360
Apr. 30	83,037,059	1,020,660	512,204,412	6,263,058

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May 1	83,066,907	1,020,833	512,590,363	6,264,379
May 2	83,083,425	1,020,854	512,907,067	6,265,510
May 3	83,170,407	1,021,089	513,249,740	6,266,961
May 4	83,240,101	1,021,587	513,967,016	6,269,536
May 5	83,356,490	1,023,513	514,659,029	6,273,472
May 6	83,437,158	1,023,908	516,039,443	6,278,538
May 7	83,534,060	1,024,386	516,716,276	6,281,045
May 8	83,567,707	1,024,525	517,119,317	6,282,067
May 9	83,581,715	1,024,548	517,393,325	6,282,676
May 10	83,688,188	1,024,752	517,850,388	6,284,395
May 11	83,778,766	1,025,104	518,598,259	6,286,668
May 12	83,953,371	1,025,764	519,358,941	6,289,209
May 13	84,066,379	1,026,109	520,009,137	6,291,139
May 14	84,174,521	1,026,527	520,605,574	6,293,208
May 15	84,209,473	1,026,646	521,055,578	6,294,216
May 16	84,230,829	1,026,670	521,328,266	6,294,750
May 17	84,357,607	1,026,899	521,855,730	6,296,980
May 18	84,473,447	1,027,285	522,572,969	6,299,037
May 19	84,692,706	1,028,014	523,321,560	6,301,609
May 20	84,799,040	1,028,337	523,898,190	6,303,416
May 21	84,935,262	1,028,741	524,743,678	6,305,237
May 22	84,984,459	1,028,902	525,1	



Sophia Bartelt was one of several vendors at Saturday's Kite Festival. With help from her mom, Allison Gigl, Sophia is one of several youngsters raising funds for the Wood Festival by competing for Miss Woodchuck or Mr. Woodchuck.



Several vendors were at Calhoun County Park for the Kite Festival on Saturday.



Star Party was held on Saturday night as part of the Calhoun County Dark Skies project. It was hosted by New Era Astronomy Club and sponsored by Minnie Hamilton Health System.



Jude Walker earned the Under Armour Junior Golf Tour Championship by winning four out of six events this spring. He earned the top spot in the point standings in the 9-11 year old division in the Mid-Ohio Valley. He will compete in the Under Armour World Championship at Disney's Palm Course in Orlando, Fla., July 21-24.

Cemetery Reports and Requests

Betts
Betts Cemetery report for 2021:
Receipts: Gloria J. Vannoy (Stevens), Carole

and Steve Hosey, Louise Newbrough, Dessie Wilson (Heiney), \$200; Lydia and Dale Freeman (Stevens), W.R. Jr. and Joann Stevens, \$100; Sharon Wick (Stevens), \$50; Carol Bottenfield (Williams) \$35; total, \$1,085.
Expenses: Mowing x 5, \$325.

Thanks for your donations. Send donations to: Gloria J. Vannoy, 510 Windsor Dr., Mineral Wells WV 26150, or Carole Hosey, 636 S. Calhoun Hwy., Grantsville, WV 26147.

26147. If anyone has any complaints or comments, call Eula Murphy, 354-6971.

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.

Hur

Funds are needed for upkeep of Hur Cemetery. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, contribute to help keep the cemetery mowed and looking pretty. We wish to thank all those who donated time and/or money to help keep the cemetery looking nice last year.

You can send donations to Hur Cemetery Fund at Calhoun Banks, P.O. Box 430, Grantsville WV

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Wood Festival Parade Registration

The Calhoun County Wood Festival parade will be held on Saturday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. Parade line-up will be at 10:30 a.m.

To register or for information, call Tanya Cunningham, 786-7670. Deadline is on Friday, June 3, at noon.

Name of organization: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Type of unit:
Truck___ car___ walkers___ float___ other___

Information about organization (awards, titles, etc.)

Your information will be announced as you pass the courthouse.



Thelma and granddaughter Jessica

Happy 92nd Birthday, Thelma McCumbers.

We thank the Lord everyday for you. We thank you for all your love, understanding and forgiveness. We can only pray that we are making your life the best it can be, and doing everything you would want us to do.

Thank you, Mom, We Love You



Highest Honors Banquet was held on May 17 to recognize academic excellence of the 2022 graduates with the highest academic standing. Honor graduates were accompanied by family and their honor teacher, an educator who greatly impacted them in their academic careers. Guest speaker for the banquet was 2012 honor grad, Danielle "Brooke" Lancaster. Those honored were, left to right (and honor teacher), Abigail White (Dr. M.G. Gainer), Valedictorian Anne Pingley (Norma Randall-Myers), Lexi Gregory (Virginia McCormick), and Salutatorian Josie Montgomery (Kelley O'Harrow). Photo by Gina Stump.

Health Fair

Community Health Fair will be held at CCCOA, 105 Market St., Grantsville, on Thursday, May 26, from 7 to 10 a.m. Minnie Hamilton Health System will provide blood work at a low cost, and vendors will give out information on cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, weight and BMI, hearing and vision, behavioral health, dental, etc.

The fair is sponsored by Calhoun County Committee on Aging, in collaboration with MHHS and W.Va. Bureau of Senior Services.

For information call CCCOA, 354-7017.

Moderna/Booster

Moderna and booster shots will be available at J&B Drug Store, Grantsville, on Thursday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For information, call 354-7737.

Breakfast

The Grantsville Lions Club will host a pancake and sausage breakfast on Friday, June 3, 7 a.m. to noon, and on Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at its building behind the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.



Kylynn Keith



Roman Wilson



Jude Walker



Brodyn Rowe

LKVCS Students Earn AACCS Awards

Little Kanawha Valley Christian School elementary students have earned American Association of Christian Schools awards. Earning an Excellent

Rating at the academic competition sponsored by W.Va. Christian Education Association in social studies were Kylynn Keith (daughter of Chris

and Samara Keith), Jude Walker (son of Matt and Sarah Walker), and Roman Wilson (son of Mike and Jessie Wilson). Earning Superior Rat-

ing in mathematics were Brodyn Rowe (son of Doug and Jodi Rowe) and Jude Walker. His outstanding score earned Rowe first in West Virginia.

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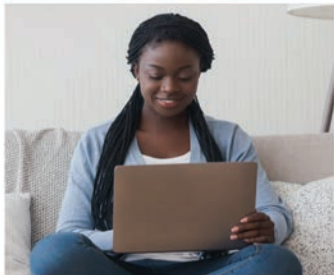


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