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Brad Stevens Represents Calhoun In Independent Banker's 40 Under 40

Independent Banker recently released its pick for the fourth annual 40 Under 40: Emerging Community Bank Leaders competition.

Brad Stevens, retail manager of the Grantsville office of Calhoun Banks, is the only West Virginia banker recognized for the competition. Achievements of young community bankers across the nation are recognized through Independent Banker's 40 Under 40 competition:

"From innovators and digital bankers to mentors and educational advocates, these bankers are making a profound impact on their communities. Our 2022 winners are leading the charge on the future of community banking."

Stevens was named as a mentor, a community banker bridging the knowledge gap within the communities. He has been a volunteer teacher and council member of Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center.

He encourages learning and participation in training events among his staff.



Brad Stevens

He has led the Calhoun Banks Community Outreach team for three years, assisting in providing materials and lessons to be spread throughout area counties.

Stevens has worked for Calhoun Banks for 18 years. He recently completed his first year at the West Virginia School of Banking, pursuing his own need to further his banking education.

Stevens expressed thanks to his wife, Andrea, and son, A.J., for their unconditional support throughout his career.

15 Cases In Past Week

Calhoun Is Last County With 1,000 Confirmed

New COVID cases increased from 13 to 15 in Calhoun County in the past week, according to Dept. of Health and Human Resources.

The 15 cases included nine confirmed cases and six probable. The county remained "green" through Tuesday.

Calhoun is the last county to hit 1,000 confirmed cases, while the misleading probable cases are now at 953, the highest percentage per

population in the State of West Virginia.

County deaths have remained at 15 since May 3, the lowest in the state.

The seven-county area had 184 new cases, up considerably from last week's 138. Cases in the area now total 18,075.

Net new cases in area counties, in addition to Calhoun, in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Roane, 59 (3,387/37); Braxton, 43 (4,093/44);

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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Spring Recital

Grantsville Conservatory of Music invites the public to be a part of its spring recital for 2022.

The free recital will be held at the Calhoun Middle/High School auditorium on Saturday, June 25, at 2 p.m.

It will feature banjo, fiddle, guitar, piano, ukulele and voice students. All are invited to come out and support the students.

Pancake/Sausage

Grantsville Volunteer Fire Dept. will host a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, June 25, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 341 S. Calhoun Hwy., Grantsville.

Delivery will be available. Summer raffle tickets will be drawn. Donations benefit Grantsville VFD.

For information, call GVFD, 354-6566, or see any fire department member.



Those present at the board meeting for recognition of the Intermediate Band's "Excellent Rating at Adjudication," included Abbigale Reed, Griffen Parsons, Halle Lawson and Kaylee Adams.

School Board Recognizes Students' Achievements

The Calhoun County board of education met in the CM/HS commons area on June 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Recognized for efforts in their activities or sports were the following:

--Above and Beyond, Gina Cano-Stump, Jeanie Bennett-Yoak, JoLynn Wilson, Michael Fitzwater, Dwayne O'Neal.

--Zenna Zwoll, 1st Chair Percussion, Glenville State Honor Band.

--Intermediate Band: Excellent Rating at Adjudication, Kaylee Adams, Jaxton Bell, Halle Lawson, Griffen Parsons, Bret Richards, Brody Richards, Eithen Villines, Kian Wise, Destiny Langford, Kylee Quick, Abbigale



Faith McClain (left) and Remedy Riddle were recognized for All-Central West Virginia Athletic Conference middle school softball.

Reed, Orion Swearingen, Zwoll.
--Emerging Elite Manufacturing Award: Kendall Sandra Tanner, Zenna

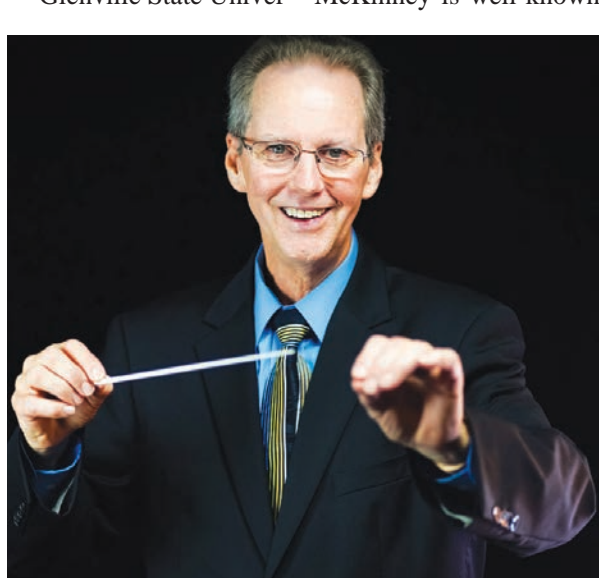
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Among those recognized for "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" video contest were Hoyt Helmick, Anessia Kerby, Kayleigh Cunningham, Aubrey Laughlin and Laura Reeves.

GSU Music Faculty Member John McKinney Retires

(McKinney is a former band director at Calhoun County High School, and married former Calhoun resident Cheryl Fleming.)



John McKinney

GSU professor of music John McKinney has retired with nearly 40 years of service to the institution.

According to GSU, McKinney is well-known

for creating and directing the famous percussion ensemble concert at Glenville for 39 annual performances. The last of those concerts was held in 2019.

Plans were already underway for the 40th annual concert in 2020 when the performance was canceled due to COVID-19.

During his years at Glenville, McKinney worked with 10 university presidents, saw the construction of several campus buildings, taught and interacted with countless students, and built a legacy of music.

That musical legacy traces all the way back to his teenage years.

The idea for organizing

a percussion ensemble at Glenville State began simply enough--from a magazine spread:

"In 1965, I got my first Ludwig percussion/drum instrument catalog. It included a two-page centerfold showing all the instruments they made. I was mesmerized, carefully removed the two pages, and taped them to the inside of my closet door, where I would see them every morning and evening.

"I told my mother that I planned to have all those instruments someday. She would just smile and make no comment."

Later on, he discovered an album made by RCA to demonstrate the "new" music medium known as

stereo. It used percussion instruments to show off this recording, because of the wide spectrum of sound possible with percussion.

"I was hooked," he said. "Nothing like this existed in my high school band program, but I never forgot the feeling that magazine spread and album had on my thinking."

During his four years at Glenville State as a student, he had hoped to do something with the idea of a percussion ensemble. Unfortunately, during most of his time, he was the only percussion major and the program had limited instrumentation.

McKinney was finally able to witness a live percussion ensemble

performance in 1971 at West Virginia University. Seeing that performance only steeled his resolve to make something similar happen.

McKinney graduated from Glenville State in 1973 before continuing his education at West Virginia University. He would go on to spend several years as band director at Calhoun County High School.

"With my first high school band director job, I got the opportunity to put this percussion ensemble idea into action. I prepared the typical Christmas concert with the concert band," he recalled.

"However, I also created, after school hours

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OBITUARIES

JEAN HUGHES

Jean Hughes, 97, of Martinsville, Va., died Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Sovah Health, Martinsville.

She was born at Orma, the daughter of the late George Washington and Judith Ann Duncan Keaton.

Surviving are one daughter, Eppie Greene; three grandchildren, Ashley Mateo, Clinton Greene and Nathaniel Greene; three great-grandchildren, Bella Mateo, Gabi Mateo and Javi Mateo, all of Virginia; and two brothers, Kenneth Keaton of Orma and Dorton Hughes of Akron, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Hughes, and one son, Terry Hughes.

Graveside service was held at Minnora Cemetery.



DORRIS JANE WITTE GHERKE

Dorris Jane Witte Gherke, 93, of Grantsville, formerly of Bridgeport, died Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Minnie Hamilton Health System's Long Term Facility.

She was born in Morgantown, the daughter of the late Clifton E. and Dessie Long Witte, and raised by her father and Etta L. McQuain Witte after the death of her mother. She attended First Ward School, Morgantown, Simpson Grade School, Bridgeport, and graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1946. She was employed by Hall Office Equipment, Inc., in June of 1946, and completed 47 years of service, retiring on July 31, 1993.

During the 1960s, she became a member of Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary and served as its president in 1968. She was a member of Boothsville Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday School secretary, church clerk, past president of American Baptist Women, and member of the choir. She married Ira E. "Art" Gherke at First Baptist Church, Glenville, on July 17, 1949, officiated by Rev. Cornelius De Block.

Surviving are one nephew, Richard R. Crislip of Texas, and many nieces and nephews from the Gherke Family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Ira E. Gherke, on Dec. 22, 2003, and by one half-sister, Opal McClain Crislip.

Services were held at Ellyson Mortuary, Glenville. Burial was in Collins Community Cemetery, Stumptown.

DARIS GAROLD WATKINS

Daris Garold Watkins, 83, of Duck, died Monday, June 13, 2022, at Braxton Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Chloe, the son of the late Glen and Mary Magaline Anderson Watkins.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Long Watkins; one son, Daniel Watkins; two daughters, Michelle Shamblin and Sherry Watkins; two granddaughters, Tiffany Mollohan and Stephanie Rollyson; two grandsons, Justin Mollohan and Logan Watkins; one great-granddaughter, Ella Smith; one great-grandson Tallon Smith, all of Duck; one brother, Walter Watkins; one sister, Mary Marks; four nephews; and one special niece, Karen Vaughan.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Watkins; one daughter, Angela Watkins; one granddaughter, Felicia Conley; two brothers, Buddy Watkins and Jack Watkins; and one niece, Kimberly Blake.

Graveside service was held at Nebo Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Hubert Sears officiating.



ANNA MARIE WINE

Anna Marie Wine, 88, of Parkersburg, died Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Brook and Sylvia Starcher Booth. She was as a caregiver and had worked for Parkersburg Steel Mill. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Steve Cale, Jeff Cale, Jack Cale and Larry Cale, all of Parkersburg, and Mitchell Cale of Marietta, Ohio; one daughter, Sheila Whited of Parkersburg; 11 grandchildren, Paul, Greg, Janice, Daniel, Luke, Jacklyn, Joshua, Mathew, Michael, Jessica and LeAnn; several great- and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Fay Williams and Sandy Nester; one brother Carl Booth; and friends, Thelma Ayers and Wilda Bailey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Orville Wine; one sister, Norma Fridley; and four brothers, Sonny Booth, Dink Booth, and twins Ron Booth and Dan Booth.

Services were held at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with Pastor Dan Stephens officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.



JEFFREY KEITH 'Jeff' BALL

Jeffrey Keith "Jeff" Ball, 53, of Tanner, died Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the WVU Medicine Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

He was born in Grantsville, the son of Charlotte Simmons Wilson of Clarksburg and Wilber Lee Ball and wife Vivian of Tanner. He worked as a heavy equipment operator in the oil and gas industry for many years.

Surviving are three sisters, Brenda Heldreth and husband Scott of Clarksburg, Katina Smarr and husband John of Dusk Camp, and Laurie Crouch and fiancée Dave Waddell of Tanner; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held at Ellyson Mortuary, Glenville, with Pastor Bryan Groves officiating. Burial was in Meadow Lane Cemetery, Rt. 5, West of Glenville.



JIMMY GOODRICH

Jimmy Goodrich, 68, of Mt. Zion, died Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Camden Clark Medical Center. Private cremation will be held at Mid-Ohio Valley Cremation Society. No other information was submitted.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Last week was only a glimpse at the high temperatures that we may have to suffer through this summer, and now that summer is officially here, the temperatures are forecast to be just as hot as last week, but perhaps not quite as muggy.

I personally don't like hot and muggy weather, unless I am camping along a river bank, sitting on a rock in a riffle with cool, clear water up to my waist cooling me while I cast, catch and release smallmouth bass all the lifelong day.

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Little fledglings are being escorted to our feeders by their parents, who are showing their offspring how to properly choose just the right sunflower seed, how to pluck the meat out of the husk, and, most importantly, how to feed themselves so that their parents can then decide whether or not they want to go through all of this again by raising another brood.

It is easy to tell when this instruction time is ongoing. The sound of impatient, needy baby birds appealing to their parents to stuff a sunflower seed into their beak is loud enough to wake you up, if you

happen to be trying to take a nap. Believe me, I (Continued on Page 10)

PAMELA JANE HICKS

Pamela Jane Hicks, 68, of Chloe, died Friday, June 17, 2022, at her residence.

She was born in Parkersburg, the daughter of the late Ernest Habred Siers and Jean Groggs Siers. She was a 1972 graduate of Calhoun County High School and a member of Walker United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 47 years, Donnie Hicks; one son, Scott Hicks of Chloe; one daughter, Kari Maack of Servia; and four grandchildren, Eden and Karigan Maack and Lacy and Gavin Hicks.

In keeping with her wishes, no service will be held. Burial will be in Lamb Cemetery, Chloe. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



LYNN 'Pat' PITTMAN

Lynn "Pat" Pittman, 81, of San Diego, Calif., died Thursday, June 16, 2022, at her home.

She and her twin sister were born in Phoenix, Ariz., the daughters of the late Stanton and Jerusha Weatherford Cook. She was a 1959 graduate of Arroyo High School, El Monte, Calif., and worked until her retirement. The twins were best friends and long-time volunteers at Arnoldsburg and Minnora elementary schools.

Surviving are three sons, Herb, Dan and Scott; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her twin sister, Lynda Jarvis of Chloe; and one brother, Rusty of Washington.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ben, and three brothers, Earl, Bill and Bob (a Vietnam war casualty).

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

ALAN ANDREW MOLLOHAN

Alan Andrew Mollohan, 44, of Winchester, Va., died Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at LewisGale Hospital, Blacksburg, Va.

He was born in Sibley Hospital, Washington, D.C., the son of Alan B. Mollohan and Barbara Whiting Mollohan.

Surviving in addition to his parents are four siblings, Robert, Andrew and wife Rachel, Karl and wife Pauline, and Mary Kathryn; two nieces, Eleanor and Malia; four nephews, Bob, Killian, Karl and Patrick Alan; one aunt, Mary Bland Whiting Strickland; and one uncle, Robert Holt Mollohan.

He was preceded in death by one aunt, Kathryn Mollohan Nelson; his maternal grandparents, Andrew Edmunson Whiting and Barbara Dowd Whiting; and his paternal grandparents, Robert H. Mollohan and Helen Holt Mollohan.

Alan's wish for cremation has been honored. A funeral mass will be held Saturday, 10 a.m., at St. James Catholic Church, 49 Crosswinds Dr., Charles Town, with Father Timothy Grassi as Celebrant.

The mass will be followed by a luncheon for all. Inurnment will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Canaan Valley. Condolences may be expressed at www.eackles-spencerfuneralhome.com.



WANETTA HOPE SCHOOLCRAFT

Wanetta Hope Schoolcraft, 89, of Orma, died Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Weston.

She was the daughter of the late Cecil and Nell Arnold Jarvis. She was a member of Minnora Church.

Surviving are one son, Steve Schoolcraft of Parkersburg, one daughter, Barbara Jarvis of Orma; and three sisters, Alice Conley, Donnie King and Jean Holmes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Schoolcraft, in 2018; one daughter, Susan Cottrill; one grandson, Brian Jarvis; two brothers; and six sisters.

Burial was to take place in Minnora Cemetery following cremation.



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This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Mrs. Col Haddox and three children of Grantsville have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Snider at Freed.

Miss Carrie Monroe of Hartley underwent a surgical operation recently at Camden-Clark Hospital, Parkersburg, when Dr. E.T. Goff, of that city, removed a piece of chair rung from one of her limbs which had embedded in the flesh near the bone. She had occasion to be standing on a chair about two years ago, when the chair broke down and let her fall, and one of the broken rungs ran into her limb and broke, remaining until Dr. Goff removed it.

Willie Collins of Freed was seriously hurt by a bull rope striking him under the chin and knocking four front teeth out. The injuries were attended to by Dr. Dearman of Smithville. Four stitches had to be taken in the cut under his chin.

Quite a storm visited this community on Sunday evening. Waters in Leading Creek, Five Mile and Three Mile were higher than they have been known to be. Much damage was done to gardens and crops along the creeks.

A most sorrowful accident occurred in the Weston B&O railroad yards on Thursday morning, May 25, when Lee Wilson was run over by a train of five freight cars. Mr. Wilson had been, for a number of years, a brakeman on the road, and at the time of the deplorable accident was on the night turn. Details of the dreadful accident could not be learned, but it is said that he was at the rear end when the train backed over him.

His mangled remains were discovered by a fellow workman after the train had passed over his body and it was shown by the headlight. Lee Wilson was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife, who is a daughter of Mrs. Emma Wales, and three sons, Robert, Bernard and Eber. His parents were the late Eber and Fannie Wilson, who were former residents of Smithville. He is also survived by three brothers and four sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Ina Ayers of Smithville. Mrs. Garrett Elliott of Hartley is his aunt. Interment was made at Weston on Saturday, May 27.

1947, 75 years ago

Bernard M. Baruch, one of the great Elder Statesmen of America, recently gave his countrymen some wise advice.

"The world," he said, "can get going only if men work," and "if we accept the challenge to preserve civilization, it means greater effort than that exerted during the war." He pointed to the pressing need for maximum production, with no strikes and no layoffs, in the future. Then he said, "Unless we work, we shall see a vast inflation. Unless we work, we shall not be able to maintain our claim to power. That would be the greatest blow we could receive, for it would strip us of our strength to preserve our way of life."

We have sought for an easy way to do things--and we have found that no such way exists. Our whole philosophy of late has been the suicidal one of asking for more and giving less. Capital, labor, agriculture, the consumer--the indictment fits large segments of all.

No country has ever undergone a great inflation and kept its institutions free. No country has ever turned to government to solve every real or imagined domestic difficulty and escaped from degrading itself into some kind of totalitarian state. Freedom is not imperishable. It must be earned, and it must be constantly defended.

Mr. Baruch pointed to a choice that cannot long be postponed. We will work and we will assume the clear duties of a free people or we will lose our freedoms in a terrible economic and political upheaval.

1972, 50 years ago

Average family income was \$4,504 in Calhoun County in 1969, compared with \$7,415 for the state, according to a report on the 1970 census by the Bureau of the Census. Per capita income for the county amounted to \$1,658, the report shows.

The 1970 census counted 7,046 residents in the county, none foreign born, and only 0.3 percent native born, with one or both parents of foreign birth.

Among the county's 6,519 inhabitants age five and over in 1970, 372 were living in a different county within the state in 1965, and 264 in a different state.

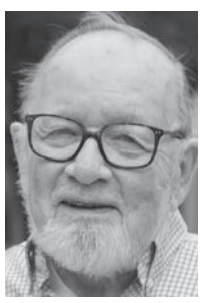
In the population age 16 and over, 53.2 percent of the men and 22.5 percent of the women were in the labor force. Among the employed, 34.7 percent were holding white collar jobs, and 34.9 percent were government workers.

About 23.9 percent of the married women with husband present were in the labor force, and 22.8 percent of these wives had children under six.

There were 1,747 persons 3-to-34 years old enrolled in school. In the 25 and older population, 24.8 percent of the men and 23.3 percent of the women were high school graduates.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why do men go bald, but still have facial hair (beards)?

Reply: As promised at the end of last week's column, I have the answer!

Men go bald for several reasons, but a common one is that some men carry a specific gene that causes the body to convert testosterone hormone into a substance called DHT. (I'll save you from giving the full name for the acronym.) DHT damages the follicles in the scalp hair, so the more testosterone you have, the balder you can be.

Facial hair grows because of testosterone. Testosterone and facial hair begin at puberty. Young men shed their peach fuzz and start to sprout hairs--a few on the chin and upper lip. My son at that age was so proud of his newfound moustache. I told him it looked like a football game: 11 on each side!

So, that which causes facial hair in some men can actually reduce the hair on top of their heads, if they have the baldness gene that produces DHT. If a man does not have the gene, he can have plenty of hair on his head and on his chin.

Women produce less testosterone than men, and generally don't develop much facial hair. Both sexes are sensitive to testosterone in particular areas. Men and women both have under-arm and pubic hair. While testosterone stimulates hair growth, genetics are what determine how thick and dark the hair will be. So, if you go bald or can't grow a goatee, it's your family tree and not your hormone levels.

A few more facts to round out this column. The average full-headed person has on the order of 100,000 scalp hairs. People lose up to 100 hairs a day, as evidenced by your comb or brush. Human hair occurs everywhere on the body except for the soles of the feet, the palms of the hands, the lips and the eyelids (apart from the eyelashes).

A person's hair has its own cycle of growth. Generally, hair grows for a few years, rests for a few months, sheds, and new hair grows in its place. The rate or speed of hair growth is about 0.5 inches per month, or about six inches per year (but most people get a haircut before then).

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Indeed, even the very hairs of your head are all numbered." --Luke 12:7.

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

(Continued from Page 1) Group will be trapping stray and feral cats in the Grantsville area to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped.

Friday, June 24

Sports physicals, CM/HS School-Based Health Clinic; call 354-9732 or 354-9244 for an appointment, or email calhounsbh@mhhs.healthcare.

Saturday, June 25

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Grantsville Volunteer Fire Dept., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; delivery will be available, call 354-6566; benefits GVFD.

Free Spring Recital, CM/HS auditorium, 2 p.m.; includes banjo, fiddle, guitar, piano, ukulele and voice students; hosted by Grantsville Conservatory of Music.

Minnora Church will host preaching and singing, 7 p.m.; guest speaker,

Dustin Ellyson of Awaken Recovery Outreach.

Sunday, June 26

Whipkey Family Reunion, Chapel Baptist Church, Nobe, after the Sunday service.

Wesley Clayton Metz reunion, Calhoun County Park (first shelter on right); lunch at noon.

Monday, June 27

Calhoun FRN summer feeding program for children under 18, weekdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 364 Main St., Grantsville.

Tuesday, June 28

High school volleyball camp begins for 9th-12th grades, CM/HS gymnasium, 6 to 8 p.m. through June 30.

Wednesday, June 29

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

Calhoun Is Last--

(Continued from Page 1) Gilmer, 29 (2,188/19); Clay, 18 (2,407/43); Wirt, 11 (1,498/25); and Ritchie, 9 (2,549/31).

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia has averaged 8.7 percent other the past week.

New West Virginia cases were 3,561, down from 3,612 and 4,339 the previous two weeks. Total cases during the pandemic are 527,437.

The number of deaths reported by DHHR in the past week was five, although DHHR has explained that deaths may be under reported for several weeks, due to changes by the CDC. Total deaths in West Virginia are 7,018.

The number of new cases in the United States was 682,370, a decrease from 799,142 and 806,347 the previous two weeks. Total cases since

the pandemic began are 88,004,073.

New deaths in the U.S. were 2,476, an increase from 2,256, 2,318 and 2,349 the previous three weeks. Total deaths are 1,038,323.

New weekly worldwide cases were 3,569,706, up slightly from the last three weeks of 3,578,915, 3,312,564 and 3,130,651. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 539,176,860.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 9,665, down from 10,173 and 9,869 the previous two weeks. Total deaths are 6,346,888.

DHHR reported that 981,178 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (54.7%), an increase of 637 in the last week. There have been 513,600 booster shots given, an increase of 6,454 from last week.

This Week In West Virginia History

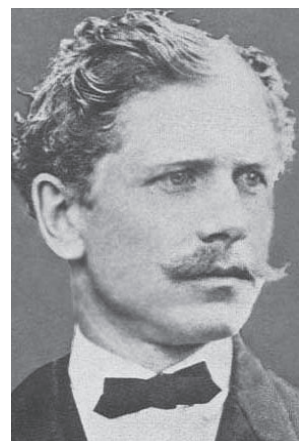


A tornado struck Shinnston and the surrounding area, killing 103 people, on June 23, 1944.

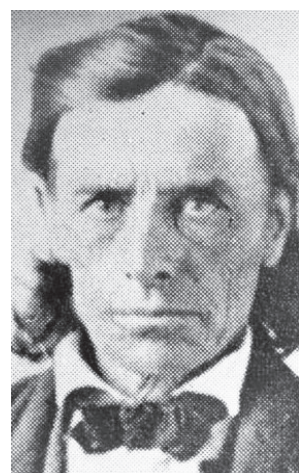
The following events happened from June 23-29 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

June 23, 1944: A tornado struck Shinnston and the surrounding area (shown above), killing 103 people and injuring hundreds more.

June 23, 2016: Eight inches of rain fell in a 12-hour period. The Meadow, Cherry and Elk rivers, as well as Howard Creek, flooded downtowns and The Greenbrier resort, and killed 23 people.



June 24, 1842: Author Ambrose Bierce was born. He found the setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil War-era West Virginia.



June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges also included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

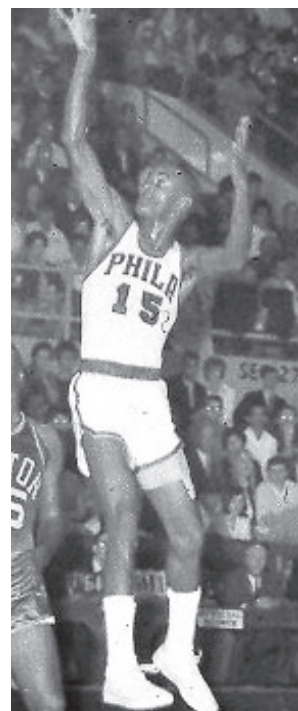


June 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. He was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County.

June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield. He became one of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era.

June 28, 1936: Athlete Charles Louis "Chuck" Howley was born in Wheeling. He played line-backer for 12 seasons for

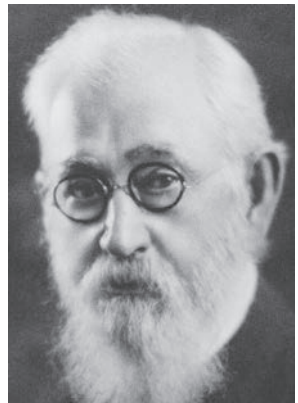
the Dallas Cowboys. He was named All-Pro six times and named to six Pro Bowls.



June 26, 1936: Basketball star Harold Everett "Hal" Greer was born in Huntington. He was the first African-American athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). During his three-year college career, he scored 1,377 points and averaged 19.4 points per game.



June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature for "The Good Earth."



June 29, 1845: George Wesley Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, he was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts, which ended 26 years of Democratic rule.

June 29, 1952: Writer Breece D'J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of his stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as "Rock Camp."

June 29, 2012: A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

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Alice's Attic

The Grantsville Conservatory of Music invites you to be a part of our Spring Recital for 2022!

The recital will feature our Banjo, Fiddle, Guitar, Piano, Ukulele and Voice students.

The recital will take place at the Calhoun County Middle-High School auditorium June 25th at 2 p.m.

This is a free event and everyone is encouraged to come out to enjoy the music and support the students!

My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



In my last article, I waxed poetic about June and all her glories. I must admit that I had to remind myself how much I love June a few times this past week when it was so hot and humid. Thank God for air-conditioning and ceiling fans. It truly felt like the dog days of summer, and not the week before the season truly begins. We did get a nice break for the weekend, but more hot and humid days are predicted for this week too.

On Monday, I finally made it to the library. Since it was going to be so hot, I talked my parents into going with me. I knew it was going to be uncomfortable for them to sit on their deck because of the heat index, so having something to read would help occupy their time. They were thrilled to discover our library contains a lot of inspirational fiction and a large print section too. Mom walked out with two books, Dad chose one, and I picked out three. We all did quite a bit of reading and will be ready to make another trip to the library soon.

I know it will come as no surprise when I tell you how much I love to read. There really is nothing like escaping into the pages of a book. You know that you have hit the jackpot when you are reading and the world around you disappears. The three books that I chose were all quite different, but each was good in its own way.

In the first book, called "One Italian Summer," I traveled vicariously to Positano, Italy. I loved this book because of the great descriptions of the scenery, sights and food. Some readers don't enjoy detailed descriptions, but I love them. This novel made me want to travel to Italy even more than I already do. I was also hungry for Italian food the whole time I was reading.

The second book, "The Messy Lives of Book People," told the story of a woman who dreamed of being a writer, but lacked the confidence in herself to do so. Through the course of some strange events, she was given the chance to ghostwrite for her favorite author. This one had some twists and turns in the plotline that I found appealing. I like not knowing where a book is going at times.

The third book was a bit of historical fiction interwoven into a story about four different women. I picked this one up because it centers around the history of the women who lived at the Biltmore estate. "The Wedding Veil" does a great job of mixing historical details about the Vanderbilt family into the story of four strong women finding their way in the world.

When I wasn't reading, I did accomplish a few things. My sister Mindy and her family were coming into town for Father's Day weekend, so I needed to prepare for their visit. I freshened up the two guest rooms, cleaned both bathrooms, and went grocery shopping. We are all trying to eat a bit healthier, so I bought a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables.

I also had to take my Jeep to see Keith Smith this week. The brakes were making a funny noise. It turned out one of my back calipers was stuck. Keith and his crew took good care of me, as usual. The problem was fixed and my Jeep returned good as new. It is times like this that I count my blessings for living in a small town where you know your mechanic personally and know they will take care of you.

The end of my week saw my returning to the high school. I am a senior sponsor this year, and the senior class was sponsoring a basket bingo fundraiser. I helped with set up on Friday and worked the event on Saturday evening. Bingo is not as big a deal in Ohio, so

I am still learning about the ins and outs of these events. I worked the table where the 75 chances tickets were sold. I had never heard of this type of game before, so I had to have it explained to me. Thankfully, tickets were a dollar a piece, so I didn't have to do any hard math.

I spent Sunday on my parents' deck with three-fourths of my family. My sister Missy and her family couldn't make it in this time. The weather was perfect for porch sitting, so we spent the whole day there. We ate a picnic lunch and then relaxed. Some of us read, some of us bird watched, and others worked on a craft project. It was a lovely way to spend a summer day, especially knowing more unbearably hot weather was on the horizon. This week, summer officially begins, and it will definitely feel like it! Stay cool, drink water, and wear sunscreen.

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)

We have a hard march before us, will have to move on for six days without resting except at night, and that will not be much satisfaction if the weather continues as it is now. If ever I felt the need of your prayers and sympathy since I have been in the service it is now.

Just think of my making a bed on the cold ground to night, after marching several miles through mud and rain, we are now experiencing what we have not yet passed through, but our duty is plain. This was all in the bargain when we went into the service. The number of troops in our column, I cannot exactly estimate, but will be not far short of twenty thousand in all.

Whether it will be my fortune to return from this trip in safety is more than I dare say, but I hope such may be happy lot. Yet I have no doubt that some of us will never revisit our friends again, but do not let my anticipate misfortune before it comes. Keep in good cheer, and don't forget your little soldier boy, who ever thinks of the one love guiding star of every noble thought and action.

I hope to see you again but should it be my lot not to be permitted to do so, don't forget the memory of one who has cherished you as my dear Guardian Angel.

May heaven bless and keep you is the prayer of one who loves you dearly.

Ever yours,
M.A. Ayers

The following letter is to Michael's parents. He mentions a journal that he kept of his march, which we will soon publish.

Send me a dollars worth of Postage Stamps
Camp Near Lewisburg WVa.
May 23rd. 1864
Dear Father & Mother:

I again take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that we are both in good health, hoping that you are still enjoying the same good blessing.

I wrote to you from Camp Meadow Bluffs, the day we got there and possibly you have not received it yet, so I will send you this.

The Colonel has written all the particulars of our fights to the Major so I will not go into any details, if we could see each other I could tell you all about it. We left Meadow Bluffs yesterday morning and came up this far, about 4 miles west of Lewisburg. We are in very pretty country, and I know not how long we are to remain here. Our Brigade (the 3rd) is all of our Division that came up yesterday. Gen'l Arwell is here with his cavalry. The other two Brigades of ours are at Meadow Bluffs yet. Suppose the whole force will move up in a day or two.

Our march up to the 19th. inst was a terrible one, beside the fighting we done, we had almost nothing to eat for 8 or 10 days and marched through rain and mud for nearly a week I think this expedition is without a paralell in this war, it has passed over roads that would seem almost impassable, forded streams and crossed rivers in one small boat.

The men had to help drag the cannon and wagons up the mountains. Have seen horses fall dead in their tracks, men drop down by the roadside exhausted and soon be asleep. We crossed mountains 10 to 12 miles from one side to the other. We marched 22 miles and got to camp at midnight the day before our first fight and marched in the morning at 4 o'clock, fought & whipped the rebs and marched 13 miles that day, whipped them again next day & marched 9 miles.

I have kept a journal of our march and if I ever get back it will be some interest for you to read it. Our men have bore all the sufferings of the marches with fortitude and heroism. What more is in store for us I know not, but I do know that this part of our Reg't have won an imperishable fame. I have not heard from any of you since we left, write soon as you can, direct to 11th Reg't. 3rd Brigade 3rd Division Dept. WVa, in care of Col Frost, and it will reach us where ever we may be. The name of our camp here is "Mungers Mill".

Give my kind regards to Mrs. Simpson and all the family and any other friends of mine you may see, our best love to you both. Bill & the other boys are well. I will write every chance.

Remaining your affectionate son,
M.A. Ayers

S. Major
11th. WVa Infty.
We have marched over 250 miles.

Camp near Lewisburg,
Mungers' Mills, WVa
May 27th. 1864
My dear Girl,

Your very kind and affectionate note of 11th inst. came to hand at 10 o'clock last night.

I was truly glad to hear from you, and that you were in good health. I am still enjoying very good health, for which I feel, truly thankful, and that I am still spared, having passed through so much danger, since leaving your part of the state.

Oh: if you only knew just where I have been and how them ugly shells and bullets whistled around me, and the long, long weary marching, amid all kinds of weather, you would shudder at the thought, but amid all this I have been protected and blest, by the kind hand of Him who does all things well.

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Updates

Deb Miller, JD, W.Va. Senior Legal Aid Volunteer

Looking at the big mess that was supposed to be his new deck, Barry was upset.

The contractor had been a good salesman, but not a good carpenter. Barry could sue that company, but he knew it would be difficult. Many fly-by-night contractors are judgment-proof and hard to find.

The many knowledgeable and conscientious contractors working in West Virginia are appreciated for their skills.

The bad apples are not interested in making your job turn out as expected. They are only interested in taking your money.

Avoiding the hiring of a bad contractor in the first place would have been the best thing for Barry to do.

Word of mouth recommendations for recent work is one of the most important aspects of such a project. Barry had been in a hurry and the contractor said all the right things.

As he now knew, if others have had bad experiences, he was likely to as well. He regretted not asking others at church, social events, and even at the grocery store about good contractors and ones to avoid, because this information could have saved him money, mess and heartache.

Also, asking the contractor for references and whether he could see the finished work would have helped. Barry should have taken the time to see for himself what the contractor can do and ask questions.

Photos of jobs or pages on a website can be misleading (or even someone else's work).

Barry may have had to wait longer for a top-notch contractor to start work, but it likely would have been right the first time.

Beware that small jobs are often not a priority for busy contractors, making them very fertile ground for bad contractors. Contractors generally make a bigger profit on bigger jobs; the size of the job can make it more difficult to find a quality contractor.

For that reason, many unscrupulous contractors focus on small project work that is less popular.

West Virginia's testing of contractors is rigorous. Doing an advance check on whether a contractor is licensed in the state by calling 558-7890 is smart. An online search for licensed contractors is available at www.wvlabor.com/new_searches/contractor_search_new.cfm.

Those handling repair or remodeling jobs as handymen are generally not licensed.

When discussing a job with a contractor, also ask for his or her liability insurance and workers compensation insurance (if they have others working for them) certificates. If they don't have them, ask why.

Those coverages are protections against things that go wrong and can protect you, the consumer, from big-money lawsuits on liability issues and hassles.

The contract that is drawn up and signed by both parties is crucial to the success of the project. Barry didn't get one. If just a verbal contract is suggested to speed things up and it is an expensive job, insist on a written contract before any work starts or material is purchased.

Be sure to check over all of the contract terms about the work to be done, especially the preliminary demolition or prep work, and ask someone else for help with interpreting what the terms are.

Often, the homeowner assumes something is going to be done, but the contractor hasn't agreed to that. Better safe than sorry, because as Barry now knows, this is your money that could be wasted needlessly and your costly problem to clean up.

If you are asked to make an advance payment for the materials, that tells you something about the contractor. Many reputable contractors will give you a listing of what's needed and request that you order the materials from the supplier you want.

You know what you're getting that way. Others include the materials in the bill as they go, because they can buy them on their credit account at the supplier.

Focus on quality materials being used on your job. Don't let low-quality items shorten the life of the repairs or additions. Barry also missed out on doing that.

He was mostly concerned about the low price that the contractor had promised, and was happy with how quickly they could start the work.

Inspect the work as it is being done, or have someone experienced in construction help you with that. Ask questions. Don't take it for granted that everything is being done correctly.

Stick to the plan. If the contractor says, "While I'm here, I could do x, y and z," that could be an expensive come-on.

Don't approve extra jobs until you've seen the quality of the contractor's work and without consulting with someone who is knowledgeable about the necessity for the extras.

When payment is discussed, make it clear that you will not pay the final amount until all of the work is done completely and as agreed upon. Actually, that term should be included in the contract. Don't be pressured into paying early, as Barry was.

If things have not worked out as planned, and you can't locate the contractor or he won't come back, you may consider contacting your county's prosecutor to make a criminal complaint or filing a consumer fraud complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-382-4357.

Tough as it was to face these facts, Barry realized that he honestly couldn't afford the costs of employing a good contractor using quality materials at this point in his life.

Instead, he was now thinking seriously of finding a smaller place, with fewer responsibilities and expenses, very soon. He would save money in the process and decrease his worries too.

If you have issues with a contractor or other legal matters and are a West Virginia resident aged 60 and over, feel free to call West Virginia Senior Legal Aid, 800-229-5068, to speak with a staff attorney at no cost.

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School Board Recognizes--

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--Kanawha Valley Regional, "What's so Cool About Manufacturing?" Video Contest, Viewer's Choice Award and Virtual State Contest Honorable Mention, Best Marketing Plan Award, Addison Collins, Kayleigh Cunningham, Aniah Davis, Hoyt Helmick, Anessia Kerby, Aubrey Laughlin, Laura Reeves, Tucker Sampson, Kendall Snodgrass, Coby Staples.

--Calhoun Middle School baseball, All Conference, Chase Schoolcraft, Charter Cottrell; All Tournament, Chase Schoolcraft.

--High school baseball, Ian Persinger, Special Honorable Mention All-LKC; Levi Morris, Honorable Mention, All-LKC; Bryant Yoak, 2nd Team, All-LKC; Grant Sterns, Drue Goad, David Boggs, Kolton Garrett, Trevor Collins, Joel Bassett, Cole Lane, Brady Toney, Trenton Nelson, Tyler Nelson, Jesse Hess, Kade Swearingen, Dakota Quick, Jobe Loudin, Logan Tingler, Landon Church, Kayden McCormick, Dalton Hawkins, Camron Jarvis, Hunter Thacker.

--Calhoun Middle School softball, CWVAC All Conference, Faith McClain, Remedy Riddle; CWVAC All Tournament, Tiara Rogers.

--Track, Savannah Cunningham, 1st Team, LKC; Region IV Champion, 100, 200, 400 and 800; State Conference, 6th, 400; 4th, 800; Dani Cunningham, State qualifier high jump, school record, high jump, 4'8"; Joselynn Yeager, State qualifier, shot put.

--Governor's STEM Institute, Kiara Lanham. Approved under new

business were the following:

--Finance: General fund invoices, \$573,836; supplements, \$1000; transfers; May 2022 Financial statement; Blanket approval for June invoices, supplements and transfers and year end close; County salary schedules for FY2022-23 (approval from W.Va. Dept. of Education).

--Service staff development.

--Board meeting calendar for 2022-23, Tuesday, July 5, special/re-organizational meeting; Thursday, July 14, regular; Monday, Aug. 1, special, Monday, Aug. 8, regular, Monday, Sept. 12, regular, Monday, Oct. 10, work session; Monday, Oct. 10, regular, AES LSIC; Tuesday, Nov. 15, regular, PHS LSIC; Tuesday, Dec. 13, regular, CM/HS LSIC;

2023: Tuesday, Jan. 17, regular; Monday, Feb. 13, regular; Monday, Mar. 13, regular; Tuesday, Apr. 18, regular/statutory; Monday, May 8, regular; Monday, June 12, regular.

--Transfer of Wayne Underwood Field property to 1982 Foundation.

--Hope scholarship intents, 2022-23, Roberta Ellison, 10th grade; Jessica Houchin, 2nd grade; Christina Dawson, 9th grade; Jenny and Eric Echard, 1st grade; Jamie Husk, 3rd grade.

--High school athletic booster by-laws.

--Surplus, forklift.

--Contracts, Debra Smith, Community in Schools ambassador; Joyce Williams, Special Education consultant; James Mullins, school psychologist; Minnie Hamilton physical therapy services; Wanda

Wayne, Community In Schools, greenhouse and community garden facilitator.

--Sports identification: Calhoun Middle School, cross country, wrestling, football, cheerleading, co-ed; baseball, boys basketball, male; softball, girls basketball, volleyball, female.

Calhoun County High School, cross country, wrestling, football, cheerleading, golf, track, co-ed; baseball, boys basketball, male; softball, girls basketball, volleyball, female.

Personnel items approved included:

--Resignations, professional, Julia Bettis, chemistry and general science teacher, CM/HS.

--Employment, professional, Courtney Lewis, Kaitlyn Burch, elementary teachers, AES; Kelli Bishop, mathematics teacher, CM/HS; Sailah Hill, multi-categorical, Special Education teacher, AES (pending certification); JoLynn Wilson, After School site coordinator, CM/HS; Deborah Toppings, multi-categorical Special Education teacher, CM/HS; service, Terry Marks, custodian III, all locations AES, PHS, CM/HS floater; extracurricular, William S. Snodgrass, assistant CMS football coach; Doyle Hupp, Jr., \$1 assistant CMS girls basketball coach.

Future board meeting dates: Tuesday, July 5, 5:30 p.m., special/re-organizational, board office, Mt. Zion; Thursday, July 14, 5:30 p.m., regular meeting, board office, Mt. Zion.

Volleyball Camp

High school volleyball camp for 9th-12th grades will be held at Calhoun Middle/High School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 28-30, from 6 to 8 p.m.

According to coach Angie Hersman, this is not tryouts. You must have a new physical form, knee pads, and gym shoes.

Glennville State University will have a one-day, two session camp/recruitment on Thursday, July 14, in the CM/HS gymnasium, with a cost of \$20 per athlete.

"I will post times as soon as I know for sure what those are," said Hersman.

Bethlehem

Mowing and general upkeep is underway at Bethlehem Cemetery. Our only means of support is through donations from families of loved ones who are interred there. We thank all of you for your never-ending support. Send donations to Bethlehem Cemetery, c/o Richard Jarvis, P.O. Box 560, Grantsville, WV 26147.

Creston

Creston Community Building's homecoming and community picnic will be held on Saturday, July 9, at 2 p.m.

Hotdogs, fruit tray, cake, and punch will be provided. Bring your favorite picnic covered dish to share. There will be games for the kids.

For info, call Betty Bish, 485-9873, or Kathleen Cervone, 275-0003.

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, June 23: kraut, italian sausage, potatoes, carrots, fruit, cornbread.

Friday, June 24: cook's choice.

Monday, June 27: chicken, cauliflower, green beans, fruit, biscuit, whole wheat bun.

Tuesday, June 28: pinto beans, onions, spinach, fruit, cornbread.

Wednesday, June 29: beef macaroni, brussels

sprouts, carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Thursday, June 30: spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed green salad, pears, wheat garlic bread.

Friday, July 1: 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.



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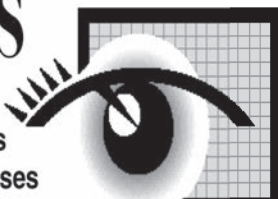
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Calhoun Realty Team welcomes our newest team members...

Jerry D. Mann - Jerry is a Veteran that served our country with the US Army and has moved to Calhoun County to build his real estate career.

Crystal A. Elkins - Crystal prides herself in providing excellent customer service and always strives to exceed her clients expectations. With a BA in Advertising/Graphic Design, she has the knowledge to effectively market your property and help you reach your buying or selling goals.

Sheila R. Rader - Sheila worked as a real estate agent in Ohio for several years. Serving the North Central West Virginia area, Sheila is ready to take on new clients to help them reach their goals.

723 Nobe Road, Big Bend, WV || 1.841 Acres +/- || Ridgetop living with new updates! This 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom home is located just 6 miles from Grantsville. Everything in this home is on the main level. The inside boasts lots of beautiful handcrafted wood walls and cabinets made by a local craftsman. So many new upgrades to list: HUGE brand new wrap around deck that leads down to the new greenhouse, new gutter drains, new stainless kitchen appliances and a carrier central heating cooling system with warranty that was installed this year. Need storage space? The full length basement, cold cellar and 12X20 outbuilding with power is perfect for all your needs. Underneath the home is a garage perfect for mowers, a small tractor and equipment. Have a family coming in with an RV? No problem, RV hookups on the property ready to use. Home also has natural gas for cooking, heat and hot water with two natural gas wall heaters installed in case the power is lost to the main gas furnace. **\$159,900**

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 Bath. 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**

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256 Carroll Road, Big Bend, WV || 1.21 Acres +/- || Looking for your very own fishing camp or mini-RV camp?? This 1.21-acre lot with three 30amp hookups with water and septic in place may be what you're looking for. This river camp comes with a large storage shed to store all your camp necessities and toys. Site also has a metal car port that can be used for vehicle cover or picnic tables. So, if you're looking for a place to just get away or maybe a way to make some extra income this camp has loads of potential. Also, with today's housing costs you could live cheap with your own RV on this site. Located next to the property is a natural gas compressor that does make noise when turned on.



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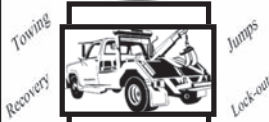
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Have A Safe Holiday

Three statewide agencies are uniting to remind the public of potential hazards that can occur during the summer, as many West Virginians and tourists are active outdoors.

If you choose to consume alcohol and are legally able to do so, be aware that the sun and heat may cause a negative physical reaction and have unintended consequences. Some alcohol and mixers may increase dehydration and cause your blood alcohol content (BAC) to reach a higher level and lead to impaired judgment, lowered inhibitions, slowed reactions, and a loss of coordination.

Elevated BAC levels could rapidly affect the body's ability to process the alcohol consumed, and could lead to sickness or a life threatening situation, such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Recreational activities on the water pose a greater risk of injury and death when alcohol is consumed. In 2021, there were seven boating incidents, with two fatalities in West Virginia.

WVDNR will be working throughout the summer season to enforce the laws and keep everyone safe. Their efforts increase for "Operation Dry Water," a

national enforcement campaign designed to heighten awareness, will be held over the Fourth of July weekend.

According to DNR's Capt. Goodson, last year 67 officers participated and 1,478 vessels were contacted. During the three-day campaign, 44 citations were issued, five BUI's were issued, and 168 boating warnings were issued.

As much as pools, lakes and rivers are part of summer, so is true of cookouts and fireworks. According to W.Va. State Fire Marshal's public information officer Tim Rock, there were over 15,600 ER visits in 2020 in the U.S.

Sparklers account for nearly one-fourth of these visits.

According to National Fire Protection Association, approximately 7-in-10 adults in the U.S. own a grill/smoker. From 2014-2018, there were nearly 19,700 ER visits due to grilling accidents. During the same time frame, there were 8,900 fires caused by grilling.

From hiking to biking, camping to climbing, or using an ATV or kayak, safety first is the message.

WVABCA commissioner Fred Wooton said, "Keeping everyone safe during the summertime

is our goal. As our agencies have united, I would encourage all West Virginians to join together and look out for one another this summer."

Remember, water and alcohol only mix well in a glass.

Coplin Health

Coplin Health Systems and Westbrook Health Services recognize the prevalence of the opioid epidemic in the U.S. and its harmful impact in West Virginia.

Because of the great need for medication-assisted treatment (MAT), Westbrook and Coplin have partnered to offer services to residents.

Westbrook's Mobile MAT unit will visit Coplin's Wirt County Family Care site to offer Suboxone or Buprenorphine as an option to treat opioid dependence.

The visits will be on Mondays from 9 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment, call 485-1721, ext. 875, or email amay@westbrookhealth.com.

The program helps to manage both the short-term and long-term effects of opioid dependence as part of overall treatment, which consists of medication, counseling, attendance at support group meetings, and ongoing monitoring to build a lifestyle that supports recovery efforts.

Coplin will also offer Vivitrol or Naltrexone. Vivitrol is an available treatment option to individuals with substance use disorder or alcohol dependence. Naltrexone blocks the effects of opioids by competitive binding at opioid receptors.

Barr Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of Barr Cemetery on Sycamore Road would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Barr Cemetery Fund and mail to Renae Vannoy, 133 Forshey Road, Mineral Wells, WV 26150.

Bible School

Brooksville Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, "Spark Studios, Created In Christ, Designed For God's Purpose," will be held daily through Friday, June 24, from 6 to 8 p.m.

There will be classes for nursery through 7th grade. VBS picnic will be held on Sunday, June 26, with waterslide, food and fun. For information, call 354-7344. The church is located at 6303 W. Little Kanawha Highway.

History Mystery

Calhoun Historical Society will present a "History Mystery" Escape Room on Monday, July 4, at Heritage Village in Calhoun County Park.

The title of the Finders Seekers Society event is "Raid on Ripley, Part 1." You will step into an historical tale full of facts and a little fiction to capture creative minds of all ages.

It will combine problem solving, clue finding, and super sleuthing. For admittance call 354-7663.

Nobe Cemetery

Nobe Cemetery will remove flowers still on the ground after one month. Money to keep the cemetery mowed and looking nice for 2022 is needed. Send donations to Barb Roberts, 359 Nobe Road, Big Bend, WV 26136.

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

General Legal Notice

The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration and the Retail Liquor Licensing Board are bidding retail liquor outlets for the 2020-2030 license period and have been authorized to initiate Phase V of the License Bid Process pursuant to WV Code §60-3A-1, et seq., as amended and the Legislative Rules at 175 CSR 1 and 175 CSR 5. Open competitive bidding will begin on July 5, 2022. In Market Zone 12 in Calhoun County, 1 license (744) is available. All bids are due on or before 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, August 8, 2022. For bid information go to www.abca.wv.gov. No exceptions to this deadline.



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TO: Justin Gagnon Magistrate Court Case No. 22-M07D-00013
 116 Henry Fork Road Family Court Civil Action No.: 22-DV-12
 Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

ORDER OF PUBLICATION PROTECTIVE ORDER

- The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
- The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of which may be obtained at the Calhoun County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until a hearing can be held on the 7th day of September, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W.Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date the Order was entered. Issued this 16th day of June, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

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WATER OPERATOR

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Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or equivalent; Valid WV driver's license with clean record, a valid Class 1 Operator license in the State of West Virginia or ability to obtain Class 1 Operator license within 6 months. Class 2 water operator license preferred.

Desirable Qualifications: Experience with water & sewer piping/repair. Operation of large equipment; mechanical / technical skills experience in water / wastewater. Prior experience working for a municipality (public works, public utilities).

Starting wage range will be dependent upon licensure. Obtain an application from the City of Shinnston website @ <http://www.shinnstonwv.com/>. Interested candidates are required to submit an application with supplemental information to: City of Shinnston, 40 Main Street, Shinnston, WV 26431. Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled with those received by July 21st earning first consideration.

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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).

2020	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
2021					
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638~^	5.8	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409>	2,821`	5.7	3.7
DHHR stopped updating on weekends and holidays.					
May 24	160,354	2,724,689	2,775	5.6	5.7
June 30	164,041	2,844,286	2,891	5.5	1.5
July 30	167,016	2,953,133	2,946	5.4	6.4
Aug. 31	189,690	3,203,536	3,084	5.6	9.5
Sept. 30	240,459	3,623,522	3,670	6.2	10.6
Oct. 29	270,984	3,957,070	4,426	6.4	10.8
Nov. 30	294,794	4,235,663	4,868^	6.5	9.1
Dec. 30	328,162	4,537,412	5,336	6.7	19.3
2022					
Jan. 31	446,771	4,959,152	5,763	8.3	21.6
Feb. 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. 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
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
May 25	512,571	5,660,044	6,933	8.3	14.3
May 26	513,305	5,670,178	6,942	8.3	8.3
May 27	513,953	5,676,416	6,945	8.3	8.4
May 31	515,925	5,695,003	6,948	8.3	11.7
June 1	516,553	5,699,642	6,962	8.3	10.3
June 2	517,249	5,705,433	6,971^	8.3	8.0
June 3	518,061	5,714,962	6,974	8.3	6.8
June 6	519,762	5,733,838	6,977	8.3	9.4
June 7	520,264	5,737,520	6,993^	8.3	7.4
June 8	520,896	5,744,042	6,997	8.3	7.0
June 9	521,543	5,752,306	6,998	8.3	5.8
June 10	522,061	5,758,841	6,999	8.3	6.4
June 13	523,367	5,773,966	7,001	8.3	9.5
June 14	523,876	5,776,935	7,013^	8.3	11.8
June 15	524,432	5,782,250	7,016	8.3	6.9
June 16	525,086	5,789,340	7,017	8.3	6.9
June 17	Not updated by DHHR (holiday)				
June 21	527,437	5,811,279	7,018	8.3	12.1

*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 (5,092), Berkeley (37,697), Boone (6,936), Braxton (4,093), Brooke (5,318), Cabell (28,970), Calhoun (1,953), Clay (2,407), Doddridge (2,209), Fayette (13,709), Gilmer (2,188), Grant (3,896), Greenbrier (10,250), Hampshire (6,124), Hancock (7,078), Hardy (4,347), Harrison (21,236), Jackson (7,152), Jefferson (15,244), Kanawha (49,803), Lewis (5,721), Lincoln (5,826), Logan (10,207), Marion (16,164), Marshall (9,410), Mason (7,120), McDowell (5,846), Mercer (18,016), Mineral (8,379),

Mingo (8,169), Monongalia (26,402), Monroe (4,467), Morgan (4,422), Nicholas (7,758), Ohio (11,898), Pendleton (2,043), Pleasants (2,117), Pocahontas (2,110), Preston (9,628), Putnam (17,513), Raleigh (24,287), Randolph (9,976), Ritchie (2,549), Roane (3,387), Summers (2,930), Taylor (4,838), Tucker (2,070), Tyler (2,287), Upshur (7,240), Wayne (10,248), Webster (2,339), Wetzel (4,578), Wirt (1,498), Wood (22,978), Wyoming (7,314).

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; 1,800, Mar. 3; 1,900, May 26. 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.

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.

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

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

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. 30	83,037,059	1,020,660	512,204,412	6,263,058
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	520,602,574	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	525,106,973	6,306,145
May 23	85,004,438	1,028,924	525,585,024	6,306,618
May 24	85,113,962	1,029,121	525,816,374	6,307,971
May 25	85,241,016	1,029,624	526,515,528	6,310,097
May 26	85,440,340	1,030,415	527,135,940	6,312,625
May 27	85,670,755	1,030,775	527,640,303	6,314,172
May 28	85,699,847	1,031,218	528,182,473	6,316,071
May 29	85,711,442	1,031,259	528,517,002	6,316,691
May 30	85,716,214	1,031,273	528,715,675	6,317,181
May 31	85,730,697	1,031,286	529,951,029	6,318,405
June 1	85,901,797	1,031,613	529,782,614	6,320,289
June 2	86,146,955	1,032,410	530,441,930	6,324,645
June 3	86,271,283	1,032,862	530,990,525	6,326,320
June 4	86,450,603	1,033,369	531,534,999	6,327,953
June 5	86,503,057	1,033,571	531,829,747	6,326,509
June 6	86,522,561	1,033,591	532,028,239	6,327,050
June 7	86,637,487	1,033,830	532,485,699	6,328,164
June 8	86,782,404	1,034,284	533,178,225	6,330,288
June 9	86,988,671	1,035,031	533,870,292	6,332,621
June 10	87,114,740	1,035,320	534,402,411	6,334,174
June 11	87,246,309	1,035,675	534,980,794	6,335,846
June 12	87,305,419	1,035,828	535,318,013	6,336,740
June 13	87,321,703	1,035,847	535,607,154	6,337,223
June 14	87,424,846	1,036,084	535,971,812	6,338,004
June 15	87,549,563	1,036,483	536,794,423	6,340,054
June 16	87,759,180	1,037,664	537,520,147	6,342,478
June 17	87,861,132	1,037,928	538,075,129	6,344,247
June 18	87,968,819	1,038,265	538,602,460	6,345,653
June 19	87,981,568	1,038,289	538,926,214	6,346,346
June 20	88,004,073	1,038,323	539,176,860	6,346,888
June 21	88,054,080	1,038,385	539,735,789	6,347,981

Cases by states and territories: California 9,894,792, Texas 7,073,407, Florida 6,389,198, New York 5,547,045, Illinois 3,380,095, Pennsylvania 2,975,031, North Carolina 2,823,979, Ohio 2,815,069, Georgia 2,608,172, Michigan 2,581,397, New Jersey 2,456,359, Arizona 2,093,680, Tennessee 2,093,359, Massachusetts 1,905,719, Virginia 1,841,786, Indiana 1,755,959, Wisconsin 1,710,576, Washington 1,628,383, Minnesota 1,537,314, South Carolina 1,524,771, Colorado 1,498,847, Missouri 1,491,762, Kentucky 1,384,338, Alabama 1,338,177, Louisiana 1,210,760, Maryland 1,117,397, Oklahoma 1,061,792, Utah 968,731, Arkansas 855,292, Connecticut 820,870, Mississippi 820,659, Kansas 798,466, Oregon 791,280, Iowa 788,289, Nevada 751,504, Puerto Rico 740,455, New Mexico 551,614, West Virginia 525,086, Nebraska 494,031, Idaho 457,907, Rhode Island 399,282, New Hampshire 329,685, Hawaii 297,851, Montana 283,054, Delaware 281,986, Maine 267,707, Alaska 266,731, North Dakota 247,796, South Dakota 242,298, Wyoming 162,160, D.C. 153,903, Vermont 134,415; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

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**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
CALHOUN COUNTY, to wit:
In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12, as amended, the Calhoun County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the 2023 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 2,702,684
Other local sources	2,000
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	4,956,320
Other unrestricted: Retirement & PEIA	2,426,626
Federal Sources:	
Unrestricted	-
Miscellaneous Sources	
Total estimated revenues	10,087,630
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	238,904
Estimated beginning balance	1,042,482
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	<u>\$ 11,369,016</u>
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 5,471,042
Supporting services:	
Students	349,100
Instructional staff	1,991
Central administration	298,550
School administration	690,870
Central services	326,170
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,265,960
Student transportation	1,354,552
Food services	
Community services	96,017
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	9,854,252
Estimated transfers and other financing uses	375,314
Estimated budgetary reserves	1,139,450
Total estimated revenues, other financing uses, and reserves	<u>\$ 11,369,016</u>

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local sources:	
State sources:	
State grants	342,899
Other grants	223,830
Federal sources	1,985,365
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	2,552,094
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	22,364
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	<u>\$ 2,574,458</u>
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 1,077,606
Supporting services:	
Students	189,120
Instructional staff	135,029
Central administration	-
School administration	-
Central Services	33,550
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-
Student transportation	-
Food services	
Community services	1,139,153
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	2,574,458
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 2,574,458</u>

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

FEDERAL STIMULUS AND STABILIZATION FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local sources:	
State sources:	
State aid to schools	-
Other	-
Federal sources	756,020
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	756,020
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	-
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	<u>\$ 756,020</u>
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 601,430
Supporting services:	
Students	-
Instructional staff	-
Central administration	-
School administration	41,670
Business	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	112,920
Student transportation	-
Food services	
Community services	-
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	756,020
Total reserved special projects	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 756,020</u>

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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ -
Other local sources	-
School Building Authority Grants	75,928
Total estimated revenues	75,928
Estimated transfers in and other financing uses	-
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, transfers and beginning balance	<u>\$ 75,928</u>
Estimated expenditures:	
Capital projects	\$ 75,928
Total estimated expenditures	75,928
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 75,928</u>

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PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ -
Other local sources	-
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	-
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	100,000
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, transfers and beginning balance	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Estimated expenditures:	
Capital projects	\$ 100,000
Total estimated expenditures	100,000
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

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DEBT SERVICE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local sources:	
Property Taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 265,240
Other local sources	-
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	265,240
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	-
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	<u>\$ 265,240</u>
Estimated expenditures:	
Debt service	\$ 265,240
Total estimated expenditures	265,240
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 265,240</u>

**CALHOUN-GILMER CAREER CENTER
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
CALHOUN COUNTY, to wit:
In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12, as amended, the Calhoun County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the 2023 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ -
Other local sources	1,000
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	825,828
Other - PEIA & Ret.	330,489
Federal Sources:	
Unrestricted	-
Miscellaneous Sources	
Total estimated revenues	1,157,317
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	-
Estimated beginning balance	200,177
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	<u>\$ 1,357,494</u>
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 746,450
Supporting services:	
Students	-
Instructional staff	-
Central administration	314,823
School administration	3,840
Central services	3,600
Operation and maintenance of facilities	223,730
Student transportation	60
Food services	
Community services	-
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	1,292,503
Estimated transfers and other financing uses	704
Estimated budgetary reserves	64,287
Total estimated revenues, other financing uses,	<u>\$ 1,357,494</u>

**CALHOUN-GILMER CAREER CENTER
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local sources:	
State sources:	
State grants	140,139
Other	-
Federal sources	-
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	140,139
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	704
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	<u>\$ 140,843</u>
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 140,139
Supporting services:	
Students	-
Instructional staff	593
Central administration	-
School administration	-
Central Services	111
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-
Student transportation	-
Food services	
Community services	-
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	140,843
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 140,843</u>

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
Calhoun County, to wit:
I, Kelli Whytsell, Secretary of the Calhoun County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 16th day of May, 2022.

Kelli Whytsell
Secretary of the Board of Education

Minnora Church

Minnora Church will host preaching and singing on Saturday, June 25, at 7 p.m.

Alcohol or drug addiction can be devastating to the addict and their family and friends.

Guest speaker will be Dustin Ellyson of Awaken Recovery Outreach, who will present his journey to recovery through Jesus Christ.

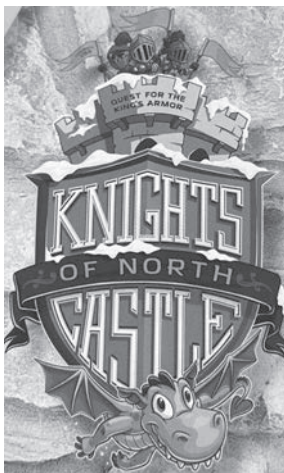
If you have a loved one who needs to hear this message or just want to hear it yourself, please attend and celebrate his recovery and find out how his ministry is helping others.

Pastor Tim Hickman welcomes everyone to attend.

Bible School

Cornerstone Praise & Worship, 527 Highland St., Grantsville, will have Vocational Bible School, "Knights of North Castle, Quest for the King's Armor," from Sunday-Wednesday, July 10-13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



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John McKinney Retires From GSU--

(Continued from Page 1) of course, a very small percussion ensemble. We played Jingle Bells and were a hit! The uniqueness of the group stole the show, and I was elated with the first success."

In 1979, McKinney was hired by the WVU Foundation to run the drumline for the WVU Marching Band: "There were more students in the drumline than in my first marching band."

There he met and studied with Phil Faini, the percussion director, who helped clarify his percussion ideas.

In the spring of 1981, McKinney met with Gary Gillespie, chair of music at Glenville State, and made him an offer.

"I offered to come one evening a week for the semester and create a percussion ensemble with the current music majors, do a concert, and show him what I could do. All for free, with no charges at all to the institution," McKinney said.

Gillespie agreed. McKinney said, "I had to bring three of my high school students with me each week to have enough performers for the show. We had less than 70 folks in attendance, but the families, including mine, thought it was a success."

"There were no openings for new faculty for me, so I was hired as an artist in residence for the next year to continue the percussion ensemble and to start a jazz band as well . . . all while I continued to teach my full-time public-school job."

"I was hired full-time at Glenville State the following year at the end of the second concert and the adventure began."

While many now only recall McKinney for percussion ensemble, for his first 25 years at Glenville, he was the marching and concert band director, in addition to directing percussion ensemble and, occasionally, the jazz band.

"When John McKinney arrived as an adjunct percussion teacher at Glenville, the music department was growing from eight majors in a dying department toward a resurrection," said Gillespie.

"John worked with the students available at the time, none of them were percussion majors. He immediately organized a percussion ensemble, and small though it was, their first performance drew great interest and the performers had a blast."

"That was the beginning of one of the greatest successes ever to take the stage at Glenville State."

Gillespie, who is now an emeritus professor at Glenville State, said that McKinney established himself as the "Pied Piper" of the department once he was promoted to full-time status.

"Word got out about the percussion ensemble, and area high school students began to audition to become percussion majors. In no time, the percussion ensemble performances gathered the largest audiences of all other ensembles, even the concert choir and concert band," said Gillespie.

"John's skill as a music maker wasn't restricted to the percussionists; he was a builder and perfectionist in working with his extraordinary marching and concert bands."

"Because his academic and musical legacy is superlative, his spirit will be ever present in the Glenville State University Music Dept."

Throughout the years as the percussion ensemble show evolved, so did the sets, sound, and lighting. Construction and planning for the shows posed no problem for the multi-talented McKinney.

Armed with a family background in construction and a contractor's license, he had no qualms about designing and building the stages upon which his ensemble would perform.

"Each year, we used a very large truckload of scaffolding, delivered from Charleston, along with dozens of wooden platforms built by the ensemble members," said McKinney.

"It usually took about six weeks to build the set, move on the instruments, rehearse, and bring in the sound and light crew from Virginia Beach."

"It was exciting for all of us from the first day the scaffolding arrived, through construction, rehearsals, food, friendship, interacting with the audience, and making music."

From humble beginnings as a single show event, the percussion ensemble grew exponentially, at one point performing a demanding seven shows in five days.

"As exciting as this was for us, it became physically overwhelming. The performers under 50,000-plus watts of lights and the exertion of playing percussion instruments for one to two hours each show, were becoming exhausted," said McKinney.

"Losing three to five pounds a show in water weight was not uncommon. Muscle cramps and injuries became the norm. Finally, we had to reduce the number of shows to maintain the quality expected by the audience."

"I like to think that we made a definite impact on our audience, gave them joy and entertainment, and changed their perspective of a percussion ensemble."

The shows didn't just change in style, they also increased in substance. Performances often included African Drum and Dance, an Udu Ensemble (clay pot drums), and a Japanese Taiko Ensemble.

The music wasn't the only thing taking the ensemble members beyond the borders of Gilmer County. The show itself was also traveling.

McKinney recalls packing instruments into two large U-Haul trucks and performers onto a bus, as the group traveled to over 100 public and private schools throughout West Virginia.

They also played in Parkersburg and Washington, D.C., for alumni events, at Greenbrier Resort, at Snowshoe Mountain Resort, and beyond.

After a special show on campus with bluegrass performers Jim and Jesse and the Virginia Boys, the group invited McKinney and the percussion ensemble to Nashville to perform in the Ryman Auditorium alongside them again.

McKinney recalls arriving at the home of the Grand Ole Opry to set up, and hearing from worried Ryman staffers that their audience would not like the percussion addition to the traditional bluegrass show:

"We got two standing ovations from the thousands in attendance, and an invitation to come back again. This was the first time that a Bluegrass band and a percussion ensemble performed together on

a national stage, and Chevrolet expressed an interest in a national tour of our two groups."

Afterwards, Jim and Jessie took our entire group to the Wild Horse Saloon in downtown Nashville for dinner, music, dancing, and fun. It was an incredible trip."

Stephanie Messenger, a 2007 Glenville State graduate and longtime percussion ensemble member, said, "The most cherished memories I have with Mr. McKinney are after rehearsals, when we would get to spend hours talking about the music and continuing to learn from him, even though some of us had graduated years ago."

"Being by his side on stage at the piano, it was always a treat for him to turn and smile at me because his joy was infectious and I couldn't help but smile back, even when it was because I played something terribly. Mr. McKinney is the kind of teacher who you never want to stop learning from."

Glenville graduate and former ensemble member Sara Rollins said, "To be in Percussion Ensemble was to be a member of a family. We were a collection of unique personalities who came together to be silly, throw our everything into a collective project, and care deeply for one another along the way."

"I joined percussion ensemble in August 2010, and I played Separate Ways with the group at Music Fest that fall. When we finished the song, Mr. McKinney jumped and yelled 'Yes!' to all of us. We were all so proud of what we had done, because it made him proud, and it was infectious."

J. Seth Elmore, a December 2016 graduate and former ensemble member, said, "I was lucky to be part of the percussion ensemble family for 10 years."

"In that time, I came to know Mr. McKinney as a determined, silly, talented, intelligent, professional, and loving person. I consider he and Mrs. McKinney to be two of my closest confidants and my biggest cheerleaders."

"Thank you, Mr. McKinney, for helping me reach my true potential as a Master of the Rhythm Universe."

"One of the biggest pearls of wisdom that Mr. McKinney gave me was the understanding of what goes on behind the scenes in a massive stage production. As a performer, being able to see the ins and outs of being a director and learning through that process different techniques that I still use today when rehearsing my own ensembles was invaluable."

"Looking back, it was always very apparent that he and Mrs. McKinney truly cared about the students they worked with, even though it may not have always seemed like it in the moment."

In October 2021, the music wing of Glenville State's Fine Arts Center was named the McKinney Division of Music.

"The naming of the McKinney Division of Music was incredible and completely unexpected. Thank you to all who made this happen. I am constantly humbled when I think about this or see it on the wall," said McKinney.

"I would, of course, like to acknowledge my parents and sister for always believing in me."

Gary Gillespie, Harry Rich and Buddy Griffin for their constant support and efforts. Lloyd Bone and Jason Barr for always asking what could they do to help."

"The many faculty that I have worked with, and for their support for my programs. The thousands of students . . . may your lives have good memories of our time together. To my wife Cheryl for always being there for me with her time, talents, and love."

"Some have asked about my sudden retirement. One's health affects all things in life, and my recent cancer diagnosis during this past year is no exception for us. My health demanded that I make this change."

He says that he hopes the fine arts programs at Glenville State continue to grow, prosper, and teach good music. In his retirement, he has plans for a few construction projects, a little writing, composing some music, and enjoying the next chapter of his life with his wife Cheryl and his family.

"Mr. McKinney has been more than just an instructor at GSU--he has been a mentor and paternal figure to both students and faculty alike. His years of dedication to the institution and the Dept. of Fine Arts have created a legacy that will last forever on this campus. We will miss him dearly and we wish him the absolute best in retirement," said Fine Arts Dept. chair Dr. Jason Barr.

"John McKinney is the type of professor that many of us in academia strive to be," said GSU President Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "He is knowledgeable, there's no question about that, but he has so many other traits that make him not only a great instructor, but also truly an inspiration to his students."

"As Harry Rich, one of our emeriti professors and a friend of John's, has been known to say, he has 'teaching magic,' that extra special something that gets students excited about learning and keeps them hooked."

"Glenville State University appreciates his years of service and we congratulate him on this milestone. I hope that John enjoys this new chapter and stays close to his alma mater."

McKinney said, "When all is said and done and the sets, lights, and props are gone . . . may everyone remember that it was always about the music."

"No amount of props, lights, sets, and costumes matter if the music is not great. It was always about teaching the students to make great music, and in doing so, they became great artists and teachers. "No matter what else, you could always count on the music being outstanding, every show."

"To all the members of the percussion ensemble and band alumni who have performed with us over the years, please know that you have been part of something very special for thousands of audience members made possible by your talent and a gracious giving of your time and energy."

"You will always be a part of our Musical Family, and we thank you for all you have given to us. Remember, if you are on time, you are late; always bring a pencil to rehearsal; if it is electronic, it will fail; and never forget that we are Masters of the Rhythm Universe!"

Around Calhoun

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know. The hummingbirds are congregating at their feeders with a little more cooperation than before. We have seen as many as four of them on the feeder at the same time, often hanging out and chittering with one another for minutes at a time.

The count total is in excess of six of the tiny little bullets zooming around the deck and yard. They are so quick, it can become difficult trying to get an accurate count, but we keep delightfully trying.

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Last week, we had our larger wooden bird feeder sitting on the railing of the deck outside our sliding door, or so I thought.

I heard some unusual animal talk from outside, and when I looked out, I saw a gray squirrel with a red tail about to get into a fight with a red bellied woodpecker.

They really were facing off in a fight over access to our blue plastic feeder--and neither one wanted to back down. This unusual event needed investigation.

When I walked out to assess what had happened to our large wooden feeder, the woodpecker flew away and the squirrel went leaping from limb to limb, until he was across the creek, sitting in a maple tree, and cussing me out.

I saw immediately what the fighting was about, the wooden feeder had been knocked off of the

railing and lay in pieces 10 feet below the deck. The woodpecker was upset because the wooden feeder is where the suet cakes are to be found, and they weren't there.

Fortunately, I was able to put the whole thing back together, fill it back up with sunflower seeds, and all was once again right with the world.

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Jeanne and I both miss little Shiloh daily, but we now see our dog Brownie going from room to room looking for him too, and whining as she searches.

I suppose the only difference between her and us is that we whine silently, within our minds, with only the occasional tear rolling down a cheek, wiped away quickly before being seen.

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I have been seeing beautiful vistas in my dreams that have to be memories of how we used to spend our Fourth of July week by going to the Gauley River and camping at a class III rapid called Mason's Branch.

It has to be one of the most delightful places on the face of this earth--great camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, and, if the day gets too hot, there is a hidden waterfall named Jane's Pool that cools the air temperature at the chamber of the waterfall by 10-15 degrees.

It even cools the air just below the waterfall by at least 10 degrees and was a spot that we spent a lot of time enjoying.

Reunions

Whipkey

Whipkey Family Reunion will be held at Chapel Baptist Church, Nobe, on Sunday, June 26, after the Sunday service. Bring a covered dish and something to drink (non-alcoholic), and spend the day. Everyone is welcome.

Wesley Clayton Metz

Family and friends of Wesley Clayton Metz will have a reunion on Sunday, June 26, at Calhoun County Park (first shelter on right). Lunch will be at noon.

Paper products will be provided. Bring a covered dish, etc., drinks and bread. For information, call Bessie Basnett, 354-7576, or Ray Metz, 354-6813.

Hathaway

Hathaway Family Reunion will be held at the Calhoun County Park on Saturday, July 9, with lunch at noon. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled and each family is to bring a drawing item and a salad or a dessert. There will be pizzas for the children.

There is a \$10 contribution for the food/drinks. Each family who is able may provide a nominal

donation for rental fee of the building/park. A box will be available.

Respond to Loretta Hathaway Propst on Facebook or call 354-6293 to assure sufficient supplies are prepared. RSVP by Wednesday, June 15.

Stump

Stump Family Reunion tentative date is Sunday, July 24. There were 12 in attendance last year. We are attempting to increase interest and attendance to determine if we should continue the costs incurred. Joanna McKown is contacting family members to determine plans to attend.

Contact Joanna or Loretta Hathaway Propst on Facebook or call 354-6293. RSVP by Saturday, June 25.

Propst

Propst Family Reunion will be held at Nickie's Restaurant (formerly Y-Restaurant) on Saturday, Aug. 20. Menu ordering will begin at 11:30 a.m. Family photos will follow; location to be determined. No cooking, no cleaning.

RSVP to Roger Propst on Facebook or call 354-6293 by Monday, Aug. 1.



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Dan Sillaman Featured In Market Bulletin

Calhoun County resident Dan Sillaman was featured in The Market Bulletin's "Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture" in the May issue, Vol. 106, No. 5.

Sillaman, a U.S. Navy veteran, said, "A lot of the veterans want to do something they feel is important. In farming and agriculture, you're your own boss."

"You're gonna get out of it, what you put into it. If you put in a lot of work, you're gonna get a lot of rewards."

Sillaman owns and operates Circle S Farms, which was described as "a cattle operation that's not only known for the taste of its beef, but also the way they distribute their product."

Sillaman said, "We have a mobile meat market. We're in an 8.5 x 20-foot trailer. I have five meat freezers in it. My



Dan Sillaman is shown with a Circle S Farms product.

meat is divided by steaks, ground pork, sausage, bacon, cube steaks and hamburger patties."

From the Market Bulletin story: "From Sillaman's wife Gail to their six adopted children, everyone has a role. The

work is hard, he says, but having a supportive community behind them helps ease the weight of it all."

Because of their unique mobile meat market set-up, Sillaman said that he has even had customers

call the number on the back of their mobile trailer and ask them to stop, so that they could make a purchase.

Circle S Farms can be found at multiple farmer's markets. For information, call 655-8503.

WAG In Grantsville Area On Thursday

Welfare of Animals Group will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Grantsville area on Thursday, June 23, 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, June 22, as we will be trapping on June 23."

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

"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, June 23. If you have questions, call Linda Buchanan, 354-7506."

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

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

Adult Classes Offered At C-G Center Center

Ken Cedar is the new Adult Education instructor at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center.

The center's Adult Learning Center offers:

High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation; test preparation for numerous exams; FAFSA assistance; College/Technical education prep;

Basic computer skills; computer literacy; customer service 1&2; resume writing; career explor-

ation; job searching; and interview skills and job readiness.

Cedar said, "We specialize in preparing our clients for West Virginia's New High School Equivalency exam, the HiSET. Call today and you might have the opportunity to study at home."

Contact numbers for information are: work, 354-6151, ext. 106; cell, 532-0912; and email, kcedar@k12.wv.us.

WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, and infants and children up to 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.

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2022-2023 Calendar for Calhoun County Schools

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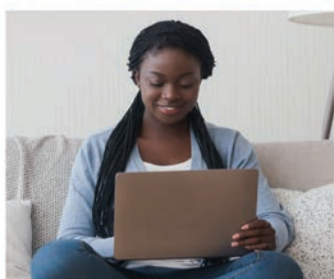


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