



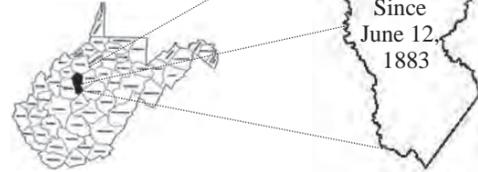
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"Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts"



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Thursday, July 14, 2022



County clerk Jean Simers swears in Horst Motz and Jenna Jett for their new terms on the county board of education at the July 5 school board meeting.

## School Board Discusses Potential Excess Levy

County clerk Jean Simers gave the oath of office to Horst Motz and Jenna Jett for their new terms of office at the July 5 board of education meeting.

Also present was board member Mitch Morgan, with Tammy Yoak present virtually on the phone. Absent was Jimmy Gregory.

Jett was elected president and Yoak was elected vice president. Gregory and Motz were selected to serve on the WVU Extension Service committee and the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center advisory committee, respectively.

All votes were 4-0 with one absent.

Superintendent Kelli Whytsell said that the Single Audit Act found no issues and was closed.

She also discussed a potential excess levy. She reminded the board that the Legislature has ordered that an excess levy vote must be held during a primary or general election.

Concerning an excess levy, Whytsell said, "This is just a discussion . . . if we want to move forward, I will have it on the (July) 14th agenda so it can be voted on."

"As you know, we tried in '18 to pass a levy. We

worked very hard and we were not successful.

[977 votes were cast in favor, 45.2%, and 1,185 votes were cast against, 54.8%.]

"I'm suggesting that we want to consider running one on the general election in November."

She said that funding for paving at Pleasant Hill had not been approved, so "we are going to do that on our own."

"We have started Fund 51 that sets aside permanent building improvements of \$100,000 a year, but even at that rate, it is going to be quite awhile before we see substantial improvement."

"We are looking to upgrade the HVAC at the high school. We are going to do that a little at a time, so we can deal with it."

"What we are proposing, and this is not set in stone, this is just a discussion, and on the 14th (we can) have a serious discussion about it. We can even put it off to Aug. 1, but by Aug. 17, we need to let Mrs. Simers know . . . that we do want to do (an excess levy)."

"The full levy would be \$668,349 a year. We have it broken out as follows: \$168,000 in instructional (student learning), \$200,000, support maintenance of buildings, and \$300,000 for facilities."

"As we know, in our county, if we put in something that is related to (Continued on Page 7)

## Commissioners Have Several Topics To Discuss At Meeting

by Bill Bailey  
The Calhoun county commission met on Monday at 9 a.m., with commissioners Matt Walker and Michael Hicks present, and Kevin Helmick

absent. Trevia Fulks of the sheriff's office said that the tax tickets that are usually sent out in early July will be late this year due to the state of West

Virginia not getting the necessary information to the sheriff's office in a timely manner (not received until July 6).

She said that they are in (Continued on Page 5)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Wednesday, July 13

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

Calhoun Youth helmet fittings and football equipment handouts, CM/HS practice field, 5 to 5:40 p.m. for C team players; 5:40 to 6:20 for B team; and 6:20 to 7:00 for A team.

### Thursday, July 14

Calhoun County High School will host Glenville State University coach for volleyball camp, grades 9th-to-12th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; form reprinted inside this issue.

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## Tire Collection

Tire collection will be held on the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Cabot Recycling Station, two miles west of Grantsville on Rt. 5.

Tires will be accepted free of charge. Tires on wheels will not be accepted. Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, will be accepted.

A limit of 10 tires per person will be accepted. Tire round up is for residents of Calhoun only. Bring valid W.Va. ID (such as driver's license). It is sponsored by West Virginia Dept. of Environmental Protection and Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.



Rick Fitzwater (right), along with Ammanda Frame and Kyerstan Perkins, instruct CM/HS students in banking operations.

## Summer Students, Community Partners Explore 'Game of Life'

Calhoun Middle/High School Summer Camp has partnered with local businesses and government agencies for adventures in the "Game of

Life." Students visited Calhoun Banks, Calhoun Courthouse, and Minnie Hamilton Health System to understand how each of

the organizations impact the community and directly affect daily lives.

On Tuesday, July 5, the leadership of Calhoun Banks walked students

through the process of managing monthly net income by assigning them jobs and families, then budgeting vehicles, housing, utilities, groceries,

gas, insurance, etc.

According to Lorie Strange-Paylor of CM/HS, the value of the dollar became clear, "as a few of these bright-eyed teens

went in the red with their budget."

Participants learned the reality of what it takes to meet their future needs, while building relationships with employees of Calhoun Banks.

On Wednesday, July 6, county clerk Jean Simers organized a tour of her office, along with offices of assessor Jason Nettles, sheriff Warren Basnett, and a surprise visit with judge Anita Ashley and those involved in her court.

County commissioner Michael Hicks was also introduced to the students, who were amazed as they explored the records vault, and discovered how to pay their future vehicle registration with Trevia Fulks.

They also realized the importance of property taxes; practiced reading a ballot, while voting on a machine; and "witnessed multiple government offices working together to make their community run."

On Thursday, July 7, MHHS CEO Stephen (Continued on Page 3)



Judge Anita Ashley (seated center) and county clerk Jean Simers (second from right) with Calhoun Middle/High School students in the courtroom.



Eric Ritchie (second from right) is shown with summer camp students at Minnie Hamilton Health System.

# OBITUARIES

## BUBBY DEAN MITCHELL

Bubby Dean Mitchell, 84, of Arnoldsburg, died Monday, July 4, 2022, at Charleston Area Medical Center, Memorial Division.

He was born in Liverpool, the son of the late Roy and Janie Rhoades Mitchell.

Surviving are two daughters, Jill Skaggs and Tina Dawn Helton; one brother, Junior Mitchell; one sister, Annalee McGrady; and three grandchildren, Michael Skaggs, Mitchell Irwin and Barry Irwin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ava Dawn "Patty" Mitchell; three brothers, Lawrence Mitchell, Buddy Mitchell and Gay Mitchell; and four sisters, Evelyn Willis, Dorothy Grady, Violet Burdette and Barbara Freeman.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Rick Metheny officiating. Burial was in Sand Ridge Cemetery.



## BILLY DWAIN BUTLER

Billy Dwain Butler, 77, of Arnoldsburg, died Monday, July 4, 2022, at Camden Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg.

He was born in Akron, Ohio, the son of the late Everett and Lear Butler Wears.

Surviving are his wife, Sheila Butler; five sons, Dustin Shelley, Jacob Dodd, David Dodd, John Dodd and Jacob Butler; three daughters, Sabrina Dooley, Sharma Lott and Jessie Summers; four sisters, Geraldine Skinner, Barbara Honas, Connie Crawford and Sherri Wears; 26 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and special friend, Frank Butler.

He was preceded in death by grandparents who raised him, Roy and Marthjane Butler; two sons, Derrick Shelley and Brent Butler; and two brothers, Earlen "Bud" Wears and Larry Wears.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Delmas Stutler officiating. Burial was in Bailey Cemetery, Beech Road, Orma.



## KAREN MARIE CAIN

Karen Marie Cain, 60, of Spencer, died Saturday, July 2, 2022, at Camden Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg.

She was born in Gassaway, the daughter of the late Alex Lee and Violet Goodrich Murphy.

Surviving are her husband of 42 years, Marshall Cain; two daughters, Amanda Moore of Calhoun County and Kayla Smith of Elizabeth; one sister, Carla Webb of Spencer; one brother, Randy Murphy of Reedy; and four grandchildren, Damian and Dylan Smith and Rhiannon and Sophie Moore.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother. There will be no services at this time.

## MARY LUCILLE STALNAKER

Mary Lucille Stalnaker, 95, of Glenville, died Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Crestview Manor Nursing Facility, Jane Lew.

She was born on Lower Cedar Creek Road, the daughter of the late Robert Lewis and Orpha Whiting Stalnaker. She completed the first eight years of her education at Cedar Creek School, rowing a flat bottom boat across the Little Kanawha River to attend.

She graduated from Tanner High School in 1945, earned an AB degree from Glenville State College in 1949, and a MA degree in elementary education from West Virginia University in 1954. She retired from teaching with 36 years of service in Gilmer and Wood counties. She was a member of Tanner High School Alumni Association and served on the scholarship committee. She was a member of Gilmer County Historical Society, Gilmer County Association of Retired School Employees, and W.Va. Association of Retired School Employees. She was inducted into Kappa Beta Pi and was a Methodist.

She assisted with the formation of Pisgah Cemetery Trust Fund and served as secretary from 1975 to 2013. In 2011, a modern two-lane bridge was completed across the Little Kanawha River, near the mouth of Cedar Creek, which was named in her honor.

She was preceded in death by four siblings, Byron Stalnaker, Fred Stalnaker, Ruth Miller and Gladys Coberly.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Kevin Jones officiating. Burial was in Pisgah Cemetery, Rt. 5 East of Grantsville.



## LINDA LOU BLOSSER

Linda Lou Blosser, 78, of Reedy, died Thursday, July 7, 2022, at CAMC-Teays Valley, Hurricane.

She was born in Spencer, the daughter of the late Franklin and Julia Hunt Clute. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are five daughters, Jo Anne Blosser of Leroy, Roseanna Harper of Elkview, Tammy Blankenship and Crystal Blosser, both of Reedy, and Rebecca Funk of Grantsville; two sons, Charles Blosser of Mt. Olive and Earl Blosser of Spencer; one sister, Loretta McLaughlin of Newton; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Blosser; two children, David Blosser and Debbie Goodrich; 10 sisters; and one brother.

Graveside service was held at Hodam Cemetery, Roane County, with Pastor Randy Whited officiating.



## CARLA JANE ASHLEY

Carla Jane Ashley, 63, of Elizabeth, died Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

She was born in Wood County, the daughter of the late Carlos "Mick" and Betty Jane Watson.

Surviving are her husband of 30 years, Malcolm Ashley; one sister, Melissa Dotson; one brother, Shane Watson; three sons, Michael Sheppard, J.D. Ashley and Travis Ashley; two daughters, Stacey Wyr and Kenna Wagner; 10 grandchildren, Brittani, Haleigh, Emma, Logan, Easton, Levi, Lucas, Elynn, Rowan and Ella; seven nieces and nephews; and special friend and cousin, Nancy Sheeves.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Beth Watson; one brother, Barney Watson; niece, Kayla Villers; and lifelong friend, Pam Nicolais.

Celebration of Carla's life was held at Big Island Run Church, Elizabeth, with Rev. John Larrison officiating. Burial was in Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Elizabeth.



## OPAL GAY MARKS

Opal Gay Marks, 88, of Evans, died Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Hubbard Hospice House West.

She was born in Orma, the daughter of the late Andrew J. "A.J." and Lucy Price Sampson. She was a homemaker and a member of Fairview Church, Given.

Surviving are three sons, Calvin Marks, Marvin Marks and Billy Marks; three daughters, Karen McKown, Norma Myers and Janet Starcher; one sister, Mary Hall; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter Sampson, Russel Sampson, Weldon Sampson and Warden Sampson; one half-brother, Creed Frame; and three sisters, Ivah Cottrell, Josephine Westfall and Mattie Roberts.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Casto Funeral Home, Evans, with Rev. Roger Miller officiating, and burial in Board Cemetery, Reedy. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m., at the funeral home.



# Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Well, I am now another year more mature. I feel that I am now somewhat like a rusty old wagon sitting in a hayfield . . . an antique.

I guess that I can now retell all of my old jokes, because I have most likely forgotten who I told them to already.

I remind myself that if I had lived this long 200 years ago, I would be regarded as a "wise one," and would sit at the elder's circle on the top of the mound.

I am glad that I live in this era, because the moment that I opened my mouth to spew forth some wisdom, the tribe would see me as I am and throw me to the wolves.

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There was a fire at Bramblewood Village last week and, thankfully, nobody was seriously injured. The property damage extended to the apartments on either side and there was a lot of stress for the residents of Bramblewood.

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The river has been looking extremely good for several weeks now. It is at summer pool level and the water is as clear as it gets. Bass should be off of their nest now and ready to feast on the bugs and anything else that comes their way.

Perhaps Jeanne and I need to make it to the river on a hot and sultry afternoon, sit on a rock in the middle of a riffle, and feed a few smallmouth bass. If Jeanne is hungry, we will take one home with us so she can have it for dinner.

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I still see little Shiloh out of the corner of my eye every now and then, lying in one of his favorite spots on the living room rug, and basking in the morning sunlight.

I played a video of him the other day from a few years ago, singing the Star Spangled Banner before a hockey game, and Brownie, his last four-legged friend, came running into the living room, whining and looking all over for him.

I don't think I will be playing any more of those videos for a while. It is still too fresh a wound on our hearts, mine, Jeanne's and Brownie's.

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In the past, Jeanne and I would always take a week's vacation around July 4 and travel down to the Gauley River to camp at a beautiful spot on the upper stretch of the river

by the name of Mason's Branch.

This idyllic spot on the end of a peninsula, with a class II rapid whispering alongside, surrounded by huge hemlock trees that had the magic within it to take you back in time to when life was simpler and fish were stupid. Oh, those were the days, my friends, those were the days.

We haven't been back there for many years now and I almost fear returning, because I simply cannot stand the thought that it might no longer be as I remember it being.

I think that I will just remember as it was, since these memories are precious and golden, and contain friends I will never see again and family members as they were back then.

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Camping was fun when I didn't mind sleeping on an air mattress that needed re-inflated every few hours. Now, I have to buy a new thick mattress pad every few years, so that my shoulders and hips don't hurt so bad.

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I have been riding my e-bike around a little more now that it is at work. I probably should ride it home and use it to get back and forth from work.

That would be an excellent exercise for me, but I really don't think that my legs would put up with it. After all, they aren't what they used to be, and besides, they never did like going up a hill anyway.

## Benefit Dinner

On May 13, John David Stump had a brain bleed/stroke, and was taken to Minnie Hamilton and flown to Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

He has been battling Parkinson's disease since 2011, which adds to the brain damage. He was in the hospital until June 2 when he was transferred to The Madison, a skilled nursing facility in Morgantown, for rehab.

He is getting occupational therapy and physical therapy, with hopes of coming home as soon as he reaches his maximum potential.

All proceeds from a benefit dinner on Sunday, July 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Grantsville Fire Dept., will go to travel and medical expenses.

Cost will be \$8 per plate. Menu will include pulled pork sandwich or hotdogs, coleslaw, chips, dessert and drink.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continued from Page 1) Calhoun board of education meeting, board office, Mt. Zion, 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, July 16

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

### Sunday, July 17

Benefit Dinner for John David Stump, Grantsville Fire Dept., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for travel and medical expenses.

### Monday, July 18

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

All ages are welcome to Calhoun Library to decorate two cupcakes, July 18-22; supplies will be provided; hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 3

p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Practice for Calhoun Youth football will begin at Calhoun Middle/High School, 6 to 8 p.m., and continue on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until school starts, when time will change.

### Tuesday, July 19

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

### Thursday, July 21

Representative of A.G. Patrick Morrissey's office will be at Calhoun County Committee on Aging, 11 a.m. to noon.

### Saturday, July 23

Holbert Family Reunion, Calhoun County Park barn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# This Week In History

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

## 1922, 100 years ago

Richard H. Marshall was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the stated communication of the local Masonic Lodge on Monday night.

Chautauqua dates are July 17, 18 and 19. Get behind it and push.

Mrs. Mary Morgan of Salem, who spent a few days here visiting her mother, Mrs. Minnie Hamilton, has returned to her home.

Miss Nettie Stump is having erected on her lot on Main Alley, a pretty five-room cottage that will be for rent. Contractor Amon Smith is in charge of the work.

Howard Walters of Glenville was here on Monday to look after business matters.

He was formerly a resident of Sycamore and has many friends in this section, who are always glad to see him.

For Sale: One phonograph in a large mahogany case manufactured by Williams Piano & Organ Co., cabinet record case containing 20 Edison records, and 18 Okeh records, attachment with two diamond points for Edison records, one sapphire point for Pathe records and 200 loud and soft toned steel needles. Apply at Methodist Parsonage.

Mrs. Amanda Metz fell from a horse on Sunday. She was not hurt seriously, but received a badly sprained ankle.

The girls of this place are doing quite a bit of work on the roads. Soon, they will have them in shape to walk over.

Mr. Sidney Bell has not been in our neighborhood this summer.

Chautauqua Street Parade: One of the best features of the local Chautauqua, which will open next Monday, will be the mammoth street parade that will be held on Saturday evening. Don't forget the date, Saturday, July 15.

The Junior Chautauqua, under the direction of Miss Edington, will head the parade. The various business houses will have floats in the line, displaying their wares, and the whole business will be headed by the local band.

A number of impersonations will be staged on floats in the parade by some of the town's leading talent.

Merchant Ira Hardman will impersonate President Harding, providing he does not have to assume the character for too long a period. General Pershing will be represented by Supt. J.W. Taylor of the Hope office.

Charles Stump will play the part of Uncle Sam. A number of the popular cartoons will be represented: Hon. A.G. Mathew and Col. R.L. Marshall as Mutt and Jeff; R.L. Hamilton as Everett True; Mrs. Ira Hardman as Mrs. True, being some of the characters that will be portrayed.

There will be no charge for witnessing the street parade, and those who have tightened up and took a firm grip on the family pocketbook, when approached on the subject of season tickets, will do well to get in on this big absolutely free pageant.

## 1947, 75 years ago

Four initiations in the first degree, or rank of Page, and one in the second, rank of Esquire, were given by Cremo lodge, Knights of Pythias, at their regular meeting on Saturday night. Degree work in all three ranks will be conferred upon candidates at the next meeting.

Although situated in that section of the county not easily accessible by good roads, the Cremo lodge did not miss a meeting night during the past winter. With the thermometer reading below zero on several occasions, and, even though most of the members had to travel several miles, these meetings were carried on as scheduled.

Initiated in the rank of Page on Saturday night were John C. Rogers, F.A. Rogers, Gifford Weaver and James B. Rogers. Weaver was also given the second degree work. Conley Smith was reinstated and Dan C. Bower was voted to membership in the organization.

Members attending were Bryan Ward, chancellor commander; Albert Smith, vice chancellor; Dan Duskey, keeper of records and seals; L.R. Kerby, master of finance; W.B. Riggs, Alva Starcher, Russell Slider, Rader Greathouse, Vergil Riggs, Shirley Greathouse, Darrel Villers, Brown Starcher, S.T. Greathouse, Ray Roach, Lonnie Gainer, Olin Barrows, Austin Husk, Bruce Ferrell, Jr., Clarence Bower, George Duskey and Thurl Rogers.

## 1972, 50 years ago

A three-day old time festival of music, arts and crafts, and a community gathering will be held at Upper West Fork Park at Minnora, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 14, 15 and 16.

The old time festival is sponsored by Mountain Music Festivals of Ivydale, in cooperation with the Roane-Calhoun Old Time Music and Crafts committee.

No electric instruments will be allowed. The festival is dedicated to old time musicians, and there will be workshops for young people interested in learning old time music.

Craftsmen are welcome to display and sell their products.

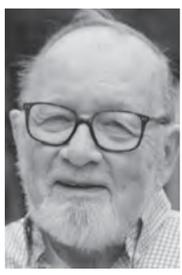
There is no admission charge, food and drink will be sold (no alcohol permitted), but chairs or blankets should be brought to sit on.

The program will start on Friday, July 14, at 7:30, and continue until midnight, then start up again on Saturday morning at 10:30 and continue until 1 p.m., then start again at 7:30 and continue until midnight. The Sunday morning hymn singing will start at 10:30.

Old time music, singing and dancing, workshops, and jam sessions will be the main features of the festival. Everyone is invited.

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



**Question:** I see advertisements about filling your car tires with nitrogen, instead of air. What are the advantages of this? (Asked by a concerned, curious car owner.)

**Reply:** Yes, you see ads for this, and you may have even noticed green valve caps. This indicates that a tire contains nitrogen. The main reason for using nitrogen in tires, rather than air, is that nitrogen provides better pressure retention and less pressure fluctuations, leading to increased fuel economy and improved tire lifespan. Let's take a look at why this is so.

First of all, recall that air is made up of 78 percent nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) and 21 percent oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), with small amounts of water vapor and other gases. Oxygen molecules are smaller than those of nitrogen, making it easier for oxygen to migrate through the tire walls and causing pressure changes. Replacing the air (oxygen) with dry nitrogen in a tire reduces this. Water vapor, which can cause pressure changes with temperature, is also replaced and helps prevent the corrosion of steel and aluminum rims.

Nitrogen is predominately used in racecar and airplane tires, where temperature is a big consideration. In racecar tires, the nitrogen helps lessen the pressure changes as the tire temperature increases during the race. On touching down or landing, airplane tires receive a sharp increase in temperature. Nitrogen is non-combustible, whereas oxygen is. Before nitrogen, there were instances of tires exploding with the sharp temperature and heat increase.

So, what about car tire pressure? Consumer Reports has done a study with 31 different automobile model tires inflated to 30 psi (pounds per square inch), and the pressure was followed for a year. It was found that the air-filled tires lost an average of 3.5 psi, compared to the nitrogen-filled tires losing 2.2 psi. That is, the air-filled tires leaked 1.6 times faster than the nitrogen-filled tires. This varied with the brand of tire (one brand lost 7 psi during the trial!). Tire age was another factor. Older tires tended to be leakier with time and wear.

So, should you have your tires filled with nitrogen? That's up to you. Some dealers fill new tires with nitrogen free as a promotion. Otherwise, it could cost you \$5 to \$10 per tire, but could give you some fuel savings over the long run (assuming gas prices are reasonable). The other and cheaper option is to check your tire pressure regularly. It is estimated that 60 percent of car owners don't do this. I admit that I am one of them. Instead, I depend on the electronic tire pressure indicator.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Happiness is good health and a bad memory." --Ingrid Bergman.

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

## Summer Students--

(Continued from Page 1) Whited invited students into the inner workings of the hospital. COO Eric Ritchie and Hannah Moore explained the business structure, the many services provided, and career opportunities.

Students were escorted through the halls and explored several depart-

ments--from laundry services to physical therapy.

Ritchie thrilled the middle-schoolers when he promised to buy them lunch on the first day of their future job at Minnie Hamilton.

"The Game of Life summer camp was a huge success, as community partners engaged students with vital information that will assist them, as they transition into adults and future leaders of Calhoun County," said Strange-Paylor.

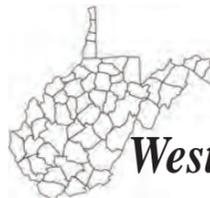
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## Food Pantry

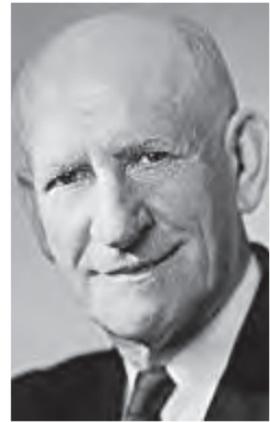
CRI operates a food pantry, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court St., Grantsville.



# This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from July 14-20 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

July 14, 1861: Union troops under Gen. Jacob Cox drove Confederate militia and cavalry out of Barboursville during the Battle of Barboursville. Union forces remained in control of the city for the remainder of the war.



July 15, 1886: Congressman Cleveland Monroe "Cleve" Bailey was born on a farm in Pleasants County. He represented West Virginia's third congressional district for eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1945-47 and 1949-63.

July 15, 1988: Interstate 64 was completed when the final section between Sam Black Church and the West Virginia Turnpike was opened to traffic.



July 16, 1869: Philanthropist Michael Late Benedum was born in Bridgeport. He made a fortune in the oil and gas business, but he is best remembered for the establishment of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.



July 17, 1914: Singer Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metro-

politan Opera in 1940.

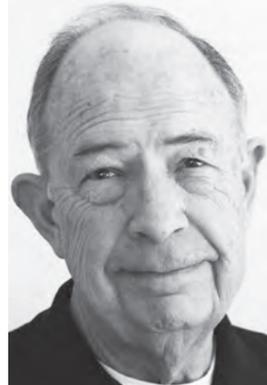
July 17, 1922: Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff's forces left at least nine people dead.

July 17, 1861: The Battle of Scary Creek took place in Putnam County. It was one of the earliest battles of the war and one of the first Confederate victories.

July 18, 1776: Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital (shown below) opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. It remained in operation until June 1989.

July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on Buffington Island, near Ravenswood. The Confederates were overtaken by federal troops, local militia, and three U.S. Navy gunboats.



July 19, 1946: Author Stephen Coonts was born in Morgantown. After graduating from West Virginia University and serving in the navy during the Vietnam War, he became a best-selling action and adventure novelist with the 1986 publication of "Flight of the Intruder."

July 20, 2010: Carte Goodwin became the nation's youngest senator when he took the oath of office. He was appointed to fill Robert C. Byrd's seat in the U.S. Senate following Byrd's death.

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## My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



I have to say that the month of July is treating me well so far. While it has still been hot and humid, the temperatures have cooled off enough in the evenings to allow me to sit outside and read a bit. I just love sitting on my porch as the sun is going down and watching the lightning bugs come out.

After the stifling hot Fourth of July we had, I was more than ready for a little break from the heat. The historical society had Heritage Village open from 5 to 7 p.m. on July 4, and boy was it hot! Maricia and I were manning the schoolhouse, while my parents and Rascal took charge of the cabin. Other society members manned the other buildings and gave tours.

We set up our History Mystery, even though no one had made reservations to take part in the adventure. We did have two groups take on the challenge. I think I am safe to say that both groups had a good time and were able to solve the history mystery. Based on how much fun was had, we haven't given up the idea, and will try another mystery in the near future. I will give you a little more information about this, once I know more.

On Tuesday, I returned to the library. I spent an enjoyable 45 minutes or so talking to the library staff about books and picking out four more to take home with me. As I feel my summer slipping away, I grow more and more determined to read as much as I can between now and the beginning of the new school year.

Before I started reading my new books, I finished one that came with our curriculum. It was called "The Hired Girl" and was the story of a 14-year-old who ran away from her home on a farm to become a hired girl in the city. It took place in 1911 in a Jewish home, and I learned a great deal about the life of a chambermaid during this time period. I don't see me using this in class, but it was an interesting read.

On Wednesday, I received an email from school about professional development that could be completed at home. This would enable me to have one more day of summer vacation, so I jumped at the chance. I spent a portion of Wednesday and Thursday completing these modules. It was well worth the time and effort, and now my first day back will be on Aug. 12, instead of Aug. 11. When it comes to summer vacation, every minute counts.

Thursday evening, we had our weekly dinner with my parents. We had the meals delivered. This worked out so well, because everyone can order what they like, and we know whatever it is, it will be delicious. If the weather is nice, we eat out on the back deck. If not, we gather around the dining room table. This week, I ordered crunchy chicken salad and enjoyed every bite.

After dinner, Maricia and I were asked to give Rascal a bath. If you were to look at him, you would think this would be no big deal. Rascal is little, but he is mighty, and hates getting a bath. We have to tag team him to get it done, and we are all usually soaked by the time that we are finished. Mom and Dad have a big, deep bathtub, and it is hard for Rascal to jump out of it. Don't get me wrong; he tries, and tries hard. We did manage to get him clean, but it wasn't an easy task.

My Saturday was booked, so I spent Friday cleaning house, doing laundry, and baking cookies. In between loads of laundry and batches of cookies, I managed to read a few chapters of one of my library books.

I was soon caught up in the adventures of an art professor on the hunt for a missing painting worth millions of dollars. I still managed to get everything accomplished, but I had to force myself to put the book down a time or two.

On Saturday, I helped with Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church. We spent the day singing, playing games, making crafts, and learning about Jesus in Bible classes.

We even had a delicious lunch and healthy snack served to us. A good time was had by all. I really enjoyed getting to know the kids in my group and had fun seeing the world through their eyes for a bit.

I have some fun adventures planned for this week that I am looking forward to sharing with you. I am sure that I will have some great tales to tell. I am down to about a month of vacation left, so every moment is precious!

## 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)

Point Pleasant: the Great Kanawha River: five miles above the falls is the "Hawks-nest" and "Lovers Leap" two very high precipices, the former is said to be eleven hundred feet high, the turn pike passes along within twenty five of their brink. March 15 miles to day.

Monday, [May] 2: Start at 6 A.M. across "Cotton Mountain" and to Fayetteville, distant 12 miles, country hilly and rough, land poor; heavy rain fell in the afternoon, which rendered the road very slippery, we however reach camp about 3 P.M. and prepare for the night.

A severe snow squall blew up just before dusk, which continued till after dark rendering the men very uncomfortable, I write a letter home, as I presume, this point of (missing) mail communication (missing) Adjutant Elkins and (missing) the quarters of the 9th W.Va. Reg't to (missing) monthly return of our Regiment which keeps us at work till Midnight (missing). Send it to Brigade H.Qrs.

Tuesday, [May] 3. Morning cloudy and cool, we march at 6 1/2 A.M. and pass through a poor country, but over a good road, and camp on "Soup Creek" at a place known as "McCoy's Farm" distance 14 miles, did not stop for dinner to day, but went into camp at 2 o'clock P.M. nothing of importance took place to day.

Wednesday, [May] 4th. March at 5 A.M. enter Raleigh C.H. at 10 A.M. Camp on "Piney Creek" in an old rebel camp, said to be McCauslands. Marched 15 miles. Country very poor, pass a rebel breastwork in a wild pass on "Piney", Timber mostly pine through this section. The day was clear and beautiful. and in the evening the bands of the several Regiments played some beautiful airs, making the surrounding hills echo with (missing) strains.

Thursday, [May] 5th. In (missing) M. cross "Flat Top Mountain", it is now we (missing) with the first resistance from the enemy who have filled the road with fallen trees to impede our march, but (missing). With our efficient corps of Pioneers, we march 20 miles to day and camp on "Camp Creek." The day has been clear; the country over which we pass to day is very barren and rough.

Friday, [May] 6th. March at 4 A.M. cross Wolf and Blue Stone Mountains in forenoon, on Blue Stone Creek at foot of a mountain we come to a rebel picket post, from which the "Johnnies" had but left as our advance came up.

I was informed by a Lady that there was about one hundred of them, and that they saw our column crossing a mountain, as the supposed near 5,000 men, and that they thought it about time to "fall back" which they did in hot haste.

We arrived in Princeton the County seat of Mercer Co, at 2 o'clock and drove off a small force of the enemy with who (missing) had a skirmish in which we had (missing) the rebels retreated to the Narrows (missing) their camp together with a considerable amount of Equippage fell into our hands.

(missing) unfinished Fort was found here styled "Fort Breckenridge" which was written in large letters in Green Sod, on top of the embankment; our Boys did not like the name, so they transformed the title to "Fort Crook" which produced a smile on the countenance of many as they would pass by: This village is on a nice level plain, but the land is poor. 16 miles.

Saturday, [May] 7th. March at 4 A.M. The advance had a skirmish at forks of the road at the West foot of East River Mountain, with a small squad of the enemy. We cross this mountain which is very high, reach the opposite side and stop for dinner on "Clear Fork" a branch of "Wolf Creek", pass on through some rocky defiles, up Wolf Creek, through "Rocky Gap" to forks of road and camp. March 20 miles to day: one road (missing) here to Wytheville the other to D(missing) and Tenn. Railroad. Man on (missing) camped was a rebel quartermaster.

Our men secured several thousand dollars in Confederate money, his [rebel quartermaster] fence was [missing] not a live animal left on his farm, sheep, calves, hogs, chickens, turkeys, and geese all mysteriously disappeared. Also several stands of bees furnished a "sweet" bit of enjoyment to the boys, to which can be added a considerable amount of tobacco. A cleaner stripped or more perfect "used up man" could not easily be found.

Sunday [May] 8th. Column in motion at 4 A.M. Our Reg't is rear Guard to day and consequently we have a very tedious march; bushwhackers fired on our column as we passed a narrow on Walkers Creek. Our men return the fire and kill one of them, who was said to belong to the 8th. Va. Rebel Cavalry. Wade the creek twice; Col Oley's Cavalry is coming up in our rear this afternoon.

It is midnight when we get into camp at "Poplar Hill", after a march of 12 miles; this afternoon we pass some fine farms; saw a flock of sheep charged upon and disappear as is by magic. Soldiers have a queer way of "wiping out" flocks and herds.

Monday [May] 9th, dawned bright and clear, and we are on the march by 5 o'clock A.M. After a march of some three miles up a creek, and among stupendous mountains, we come to a halt at the foot of "Cloyd's Mountain" over which the road passes: The enemy had been discovered in (as was supposed) considerable force on top of the Mountain. Our forces are disposed of so as to flank the passage of the road across the Mountain, on each side.

(Continued Next Week)

## Senior Citizens Menu

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

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

Thursday, July 14: cook's choice.

Friday, July 15: sloppy joe, raw vegetable salad, peaches, tomato juice, whole wheat bun.

Monday, July 18: ribs, onions, peppers, ranch potatoes, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, July 19: chicken, peas, potatoes, fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, July 20: baked beans and wieners, mixed vegetables, kale,

fruit, cornbread.

Thursday, July 21: salisbury steak, brown gravy, potatoes, peas, oranges, pineapples, whole wheat bread.

Friday, July 22: lasagna, vegetables, applesauce, whole wheat garlic toast.

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.

## Applications Due By July 31 Clothing Allowance

West Virginia Dept. of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Family Assistance will accept School Clothing Allowance applications through Sunday, July 31, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools.

Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The following groups will automatically receive clothing benefits for each school-age child in the home by the end of June:

--Families with school-age children who currently receive W.Va. WORKS cash assistance.

--Parents or guardians of children in foster care.

--Children ages 4-18, who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are enrolled in school, and whose household income is under 130% of the Federal Poverty Level

Families receiving School Clothing Allow-

ance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should have received a application by U.S. Mail in late June.

Others may be eligible for benefits based on the income limits by household size as listed below. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application:

Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2022:

Number of persons in household and monthly income limit for the program for 2022 are: 1, \$1,396; 2, \$1,888; 3, \$2,379; 4, \$2,871; 5, \$3,363; 6, \$3,855; 7, \$4,347; 8, \$4,839; 9, \$5,331; 10, \$5,823.

Families may apply online at [www.wvpath.org](http://www.wvpath.org) or request a paper application be mailed by contacting their local DHHR office, 354-6118, or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received by July 31.

If you need to update your address, go to [www.wvpath.org](http://www.wvpath.org) or call DHHR's Customer Service Center, 1-877-716-1212.

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## Calhoun Realty Team welcomes our newest team members...

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**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**

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE

TO: CHRISTOPHER LANE

Pursuant to the authority of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Christopher Lane to Christopher A. Barnum, Trustees for:

1. Norman Lane, beneficiary, dated January 29, 2021, and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 185, at page 60. Said Trustees having been instructed by the owner and holder of the notes evidencing said obligation to advertise and sell the property hereinafter described pursuant to the terms and provisions of said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustees will, on the 1st day of August 2022, at 12:00 o'clock p.m. (noon), at the front door of the Courthouse of Calhoun County, West Virginia, offer for public sale to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Lee District, Calhoun County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at an iron pipe on the southerly edge of U.S. Route 33 & 119, a corner to Clyde Houchin, then with Houchin; S-11-27-W 186.00', crossing the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River, to an iron pipe, a corner to Mary Hays Powell, thence with Powell; N-76-29-W 20.00' to an iron pipe, thence; S-88-31-W passing an iron pipe at 285.00', an iron pipe at 553.50', an iron pipe at 778.50', crossing Anthony run, an iron pipe found at 1003.50', an iron pipe at 1228.50', in all 1453.50' to an iron pipe found, thence; N-30-34-W 356.00', crossing McCune run, 356.00' to an iron pipe, a corner to Joseph Kelly, thence with Kelly; N-09-08-W 107.00' to an iron pipe, thence; N-45-23-E 574.45' to a point, a corner to a 4.93 Acre tract, thence with said tract and with new lines through parent tract; S-38-23-E passing a fence post at 69.30', in all 192.45' to a fence post, thence; N-53-05-E passing a point the edge of a Right-of-Way at 293.95', in all 300.34' to a fence post, thence; N-76-00-E passing a fence post at the edge of a Right-of-Way at 39.85', a fence post at 151.66', in all 168.79' to a point on the westerly edge of U.S. Route 33 & 119, thence with the edge of said road and original tract lines; S-13-20-E 319.06' to a point, thence; S-26-33-E 72.38' to a point, thence; S-34-21-E 56.50' to a point, thence; S-45-43-E 63.25' to a point, thence; S-57-55-E 61.22' to point, thence; S-67-17-E 62.85' to point, thence; S-76-29-E 66.42' to a point, thence; S-81-45-E 151.85' to a point, thence; S-78-25-E 237.59' to the place of beginning containing 19.79 Acres, more or less and more fully shown on a map prepared by Prine Land Surveying dated 10/20/1995.

And being the same real estate conveyed to Christopher Lane from Ronald Lane by deed dated November 17, 2021 and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 293, at page 237.

This conveyance is made subject to any and all exceptions, reservations, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way, and conditions as contained in prior deeds of conveyance in the Grantors' chain of title.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or certified funds in the amount of TEN (10) percent of the bid, with the balance due within twenty (20) days of the date of sale. The successful bidder shall pay all excise taxes, a six percent (6%) buyer's commission, recording fees and real property taxes connected and associated with the sale of such property.

Such property shall be conveyed by the undersigned Trustees "as is," "where is," with no covenants of warranty of title, subject to any and all exceptions, reservations, covenants, restrictions, agreements, municipal zoning ordinances, land use regulations, assessments, charges, conditions, rights of way, easements, mineral severances and limitations of use as have been imposed upon such property by the predecessors in title, subject to any and all matters which a visual inspection and accurate survey of such property might reveal.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustees not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance, please contact the office of the Trustees to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustees. The undersigned reserve the right to reject any or all offers.

Should any party have any inquiries, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the Trustees in writing to the address set forth below.

The undersigned reserves the right to continue the sale from time to time and to reject any or all offers.

CHRISTOPHER A. BARNUM  
Trustees  
1714 Mileground  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
Phone (304) 291-6300  
Fax (304) 291-6307

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §44-1-4(h), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Affidavit
Denise Bentz	1778 Candleberry St. Bunnell, FL 32110	June 7, 2022	July 1, 2022

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Patricia Carpenter	107 Brooklyn Drive Glenville, WV 26351	Daughter	July 6, 2022

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

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

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

Enter this 6th day of July, 2022.

*Joanna Tabit*  
Clerk of the County Commission  
Class II Legal

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

Calhoun County schools is requesting an RFQ for locally sourced ground beef. The quote is for price per pound of ground beef delivered to the schools. The quote must be good for the entire 2022-2023 school year. Ground beef must be frozen and vacuumed sealed, and processed at a state-inspected facility. Fat content can be no more than 80/20. Quotes are due by August 1 and can be dropped off at the county board office located at 540 Alan B Mollohan Dr, Mt. Zion, WV 26151.

Spay/Neuter

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee.

It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens.

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville. The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, and W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture.

Adopt-A-Highway

The 33rd annual Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Appreciation Day picnic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Pipestem Resort State Park, hosted by W.Va. Dept. of Environmental Protection and W.Va. Dept. of Transportation.

Festivities for active volunteers who pick up litter along West Virginia's highways will begin at 9 a.m. It will include bingo, arts and crafts, children's games, and other activities. Pre-registration is required.

Active volunteers and AAH groups can call 1-800-322-5530 or email dep.aah@wv.gov to register and for information. Deadline is Friday, July 22, and early registration is encouraged, as space is limited.

Attendees will enjoy a complimentary catered lunch at noon, followed by presentation of annual AAH awards and the 2022 Volunteer of the Year.

The Adopt-A-Highway program improves the quality of the state's environment by inviting public involvement in the elimination of highway litter.

AAH volunteers provided the state with over \$1.5 million in volunteer labor value in fiscal year 2021.

School Board Discusses--

(Continued from Page 1) sports, you have a higher probability, not necessarily a guarantee, of being able to pass something.

"This would put turf on the football field, and lights on the softball and baseball fields, and finishing the floors in the gymnasium.

"Now, \$300,000 is not going to put turf on the football field. We do have to save that for two years, and still the county will have a pay a little bit more in order to do that.

"Only through a levy or bond would we be able to do it. The current bond will not be paid off until (19)31, so we cannot issue a bond."

Whytzell reported that Roane County's turf cost \$1 million, but it covered a much larger area than Calhoun's field would cover. She said that Roane's cost included upgrades to the track and field area, etc.

If passed, the levy would take effect on July 1, 2023.

Approved under new business were the following:

--Policies Out for Comment (10 days):

Chapter: Instruction; Title: Dual Credit And College Classes;

Chapter: Students; Title: West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and Partici-

pation by Homeschooled Students.

Chapter: Administration; Title: Service Animals and Access to Equal Education Opportunity.

Chapter: Administration; Title: Policy and Procedures for Use of Therapy Service Dog.

Chapter: Students; Title: Early Entrance to Kindergarten/Entrance Age/Student Admission to Secondary Schools.

Chapter: Personnel; Title: Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage.

Chapter: Finance; Title: Internal Controls.

Chapter: Finance; Title: Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Pay Schedule.

--Contracts: Roane-Jackson Technical Center School of Practical Nursing.

--Hope Scholarship Intents, 2022-2023: parent Kendra Curry, 4th grade; parents Joseph and Amber Blaire, 3rd and 1st grades; parent Nancy Kirby, kindergarten.

--Policy 5000 Moves, FY2022-23:

Talonne Gungle, academic coach to academic coach with 10%

administrative duties; Brandi Sampson, itinerant counselor with home school elementary to itinerant counselor with home school, CM/HS;

Laura Webb, 3rd grade elementary teacher at AES to 4th grade elementary

teacher at AES.

Personnel items approved:

--Employment: professional, Jennifer Helmick, Patty Kight, multi-categorical special education, CM/HS, pending certification; Melissa Belcher, After School tutor teacher, CM/HS; Debra McClain, social studies teacher, CM/HS.

Service, Whitley Cottrell, multi-classified aide II/supervisory aide/bus aide/specialized health care procedures, AES.

Extracurricular/supplemental, Nathan Allison, \$1 assistant varsity football coach, pending certification; Samantha Moles, \$1 assistant middle school volleyball coach, pending certification.

--Transportation requests: COSI; Columbus, Ohio, July 9, Jeremy Johnson, summer school trip, 2 busses; Hocking Hills: Hocking Hills, Ohio, July 13, Patty Haught, summer school outdoor adventures. 1 bus.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion board office.

August meetings are scheduled as follows: Monday, Aug. 1, 5:30 p.m., special, Mt. Zion board office; Monday, Aug. 8, 5:30 p.m., Mt. Zion board office.

Pros & Cons Of 'Hope' Decision

Kanawha circuit judge Joanna Tabit has ruled that the Hope Scholarship program that provides state funds for students leaving the public school system runs afoul of the state Constitution.

That conclusion on July 6 led Tabit to determine that the scholarship program is null and void: "I'm granting preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, enjoining the state from implementing that statute."

(More than 3,100 students have been awarded the scholarship, but the program was challenged on grounds that it violates the state Constitution by diverting funding away from the public education system.)

The following are excerpts from news releases by various organizations on the pros and cons of the ruling:

PROS

Senate's Minority Caucus

The West Virginia Senate's Minority Caucus applauds the decision issued by judge Joanna Tabit in Kanawha County Circuit Court, affirming the caucus' longstanding position that the Hope Scholarship program is unconstitutional.

From the beginning, our caucus believed that this program was a dramatic overreach by the supermajority in Charleston. Our state constitution mandates that we must provide a "thorough and efficient system of free schools" for our citizens.

We do this by using public funds for public education. We agree with Tabit that siphoning public funds to bolster private organizations, beholden to separate laws and accountability standards, is detrimental to maintaining and providing a thorough and efficient system of free public schools.

Sen. Mike Romano (D-Harrison)

"I stand by what I said last year: I've never heard of anybody move to a state because they had great private schools. They move to a state because they have great public education.

Employers bring their business here because there are educated students coming out of the public school system that can then receive training and go to work for them.

Nobody is going to come to West Virginia because we implement this program. All it would do is show us to be a backwards state that doesn't care about the modern ideas of non-discrimination and inclusion, and, instead, continues on with an antiquated and prehistoric notion of who should receive benefits from our tax system and who should not."

Sen. Richard Lindsay (D-Kanawha)

"The Hope voucher, left unchecked and unregulated, is extreme, unconstitutional and would ultimately lead to consolidation or closure of West Virginia public schools. We warned the supermajority of this in 2021 and attempted to amend in common sense measures. Unfortunately, they would

have none of it. Choice is fine, but not at the risk of public education. While I agree with the ruling, I am sad for the families that have been granted the voucher. They are in limbo because of a law that was constitutionally suspect or infirm from the beginning."

Sen. Mike Caputo (D-Marion)

"I think the 'hope' here is to destroy public education. We, as elected leaders of the state of West Virginia, hold an obligation to uphold the constitution, which requires a public education for our children."

CONS

Attorney General Morrisey

The ruling by judge Joanna Tabit enjoined the state from implementing the program, finding it violates a provision of the state constitution that requires the state to provide a thorough and efficient system of free public schools.

"I am disappointed with this ruling. We will appeal, because this is an important law that provides parents greater freedom to choose how they educate their children," said Morrisey.

"Our kids deserve the best educational options--we will fight for our kids and the hard working families of our state to retain this law and uphold its constitutionality."

State Treasurer Riley Moore

State treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as chairman of the Hope Scholarship board, said, "I am deeply disappointed that a judge has decided to halt this program, which would help so many families in West Virginia."

"More than 3,100 West Virginia students were relying on having this funding in the fall, and now--at the last minute--they may not be able to get the educational services they want and need. I certainly plan to appeal this decision to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. This program was authorized by the Legislature and we firmly believe it is constitutional.

"We will vigorously defend our implementation of this program, which the people of West Virginia have clearly demonstrated they want, so that West Virginia families can choose the educational opportunities best suited for their children."

Conor Beck, Institute for Justice:

There's a strong likelihood the issue will next go to the state Supreme Court. "We will be appealing," said Beck, communications project manager of I.J.

Institute for Justice is supporting parents who want to use the scholarship.

The legislature passed and the governor signed a bill providing money for students leaving the public school system to use for a variety of financial costs.

West Virginia's program also allows students old enough to enter the school system for the first time to be eligible immediately.

Benefit Dinner

July 17 at Grantsville Volunteer Fire Dept. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Cost: \$8 plate Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches or hot dogs; Cole slaw, chips, dessert and drink.

On May 13, John David Stump had a brain bleed/stroke. He was taken to Minnie Hamilton and flown to Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. John has been battling Parkinson's Disease since 2011 which adds to the brain damage. He was in the hospital until June 2, when he was transferred to The Madison, a skilled nursing facility in Morgantown, for rehab. He is getting Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy with hopes of coming home as soon as he reaches his maximum potential. All proceeds go to travel and medical expenses. Thank You.

# WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



# Creston News

by Alvin Engelke  
Phone 275-3578



## Statistics:

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

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
2020					
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
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 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
June 22	528,049	5,815,235	7,018	8.3	9.1
June 23	528,651	5,822,675	7,054	8.3	6.3
June 24	529,262	5,826,515	7,056	8.3	12.4
June 27	530,612	5,841,661	7,056	8.3	10.8
June 28	531,176	5,844,773	7,057	8.3	12.1
June 29	531,843	5,849,176	7,059	8.3	9.5
June 30	532,503	5,857,108	7,064	8.3	6.6
July 1	533,213	5,862,807	7,064	8.3	8.7
July 5	535,208	5,876,491	7,069	8.3	18.5
July 6	535,776	5,878,916	7,069	8.4	14.7
July 7	536,573	5,883,272	7,069	8.4	10.8
July 8	537,443	5,891,700	7,069	8.4	8.6
July 11	539,431	5,905,371	7,091	8.4	11.5
July 12	540,192	5,906,454	7,091	8.4	38.1

\*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 (5,156), Berkeley (38,417), Boone (7,124), Braxton (4,267), Brooke (5,401), Cabell (29,570), Calhoun (1,993), Clay (2,444), Doddridge (2,235), Fayette (14,069), Gilmer (2,228), Grant (3,966), Greenbrier (10,532), Hampshire (6,230), Hancock (7,239), Hardy (4,443), Harrison (21,786), Jackson (7,341), Jefferson (15,599), Kanawha (51,026), Lewis (5,874), Lincoln (5,906), Logan (10,466), Marion (16,604), Marshall (9,653), Mason (7,284), McDowell (6,058), Mercer (18,516), Mineral (8,547), Mingo (8,314), Monongalia (26,989), Monroe (4,587), Morgan (4,470), Nicholas (7,921), Ohio (12,090), Pendleton (2,058), Pleasants (2,167), Pocahontas (2,132), Preston (9,758), Putnam (17,949), Raleigh (24,884), Randolph (10,123), Ritchie (2,582), Roane (3,521), Summers (3,034), Taylor (4,946), Tucker (2,099), Tyler (2,319), Upshur (7,476), Wayne (10,385), Webster (2,417), Wetzel (4,677), Wirt (1,522), Wood (23,500), Wyoming (7,537).

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, 76; sixth, Nov. 23, woman, 86; seventh, Dec. 1, female, 53; 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,

Rev. Kevin Gillespie brought the message at Burning Springs M.E. Church, and his wife led the singing. There will be no service on July 17, as there will be a joint service of all three churches at Pisgah on Garfield Road at 11 a.m.

Bill Duskey had his tumors removed and is now home. He is awaiting results as to their nature. A big crowd was on hand Saturday for the Creston homecoming and picnic. Ted Grimm cooked his special hotdogs and

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.

	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
2020				
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept.28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov.30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec.28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
2021				
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb.22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar.29	30,966,974	562,551	127,963,064	2,799,992
Apr.26	32,824,618	586,152	148,006,342	3,127,343
May31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 31	35,688,506	629,064	198,207,725	4,232,644
Aug.31	39,946,708	656,393	218,104,333	4,531,744
Sept.30	44,200,421	713,953	234,173,044	4,795,746
Oct.31	46,799,970	766,117	247,382,939	5,018,389
Nov.30	49,301,070	801,326	262,581,538	5,233,860
Dec.31	55,252,823	845,745	287,003,899	5,454,054
2022				
Jan.31	75,578,076	907,190	375,571,291	5,687,759
Feb.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
May31	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
June 22	88,244,870	1,038,900	540,642,615	6,349,773
June 23	88,443,398	1,039,771	541,476,982	6,351,900
June 24	88,566,961	1,040,236	542,254,377	6,353,773
June 25	88,708,703	1,040,641	543,049,837	6,355,540
June 26	88,777,658	1,040,792	543,492,824	6,356,409
June 27	88,794,286	1,040,805	543,784,417	6,356,961
June 28	88,910,140	1,041,027	544,759,944	6,358,419
June 29	89,030,727	1,041,354	550,523,449	6,360,156
June 30	89,236,449	1,042,291	551,566,924	6,362,509
July 1	89,360,080	1,042,678	552,416,806	6,364,237
July 2	89,507,083	1,043,281	553,366,823	6,366,240
July 3	89,622,328	1,043,308	553,735,418	6,366,944
July 4	89,533,825	1,043,320	554,074,747	6,367,563
July 5	89,567,321	1,043,372	555,042,914	6,372,113
July 6	89,731,799	1,043,879	556,222,414	6,370,825
July 7	89,930,463	1,044,557	557,454,242	6,373,325
July 8	90,065,165	1,045,080	558,445,463	6,375,341
July 9	90,273,079	1,045,740	559,563,833	6,377,692
July 10	90,314,718	1,045,782	560,041,208	6,378,498
July 11	90,338,657	1,045,792	560,466,185	6,379,244
July 12	90,491,960	1,046,232	561,625,488	6,380,889

Cases by states and territories: California 10,274,349, Texas 7,297,449, Florida 6,561,833, New York 5,668,645, Illinois 3,462,948, Pennsylvania 3,018,129, North Carolina 2,892,680, Rhode Island 2,867,291, Georgia 2,667,557, Michigan 2,619,533, New Jersey 2,520,736, Arizona 2,145,765, Tennessee 2,139,625, Massachusetts 1,936,447, Virginia 1,890,973, Indiana 1,787,059, Wisconsin 1,738,219, Washington 1,684,668, Minnesota 1,561,487, South Carolina 1,560,139, Colorado 1,554,788, Missouri 1,530,944, Kentucky 1,414,766, Alabama 1,373,684, Louisiana 1,326,364, Maryland 1,145,444, Oklahoma 1,084,914, Utah 989,767, Arkansas 877,380, Mississippi 845,205, Connecticut 837,751, Oregon 823,247, Kansas 813,020, Puerto Rico 802,317, Iowa 800,648, Nevada 774,845, New Mexico 570,866, West Virginia 537,443, Nebraska 503,390, Idaho 467,770, Rhode Island 404,604, New Hampshire 333,789, Hawaii 313,076, Montana 289,345, Delaware 287,978, Alaska 275,322, Maine 271,596, North Dakota 251,876, South Dakota 245,705, Wyoming 165,619, D.C. 158,281, Vermont 136,145; West Virginia was last state to record a case.

years. Barb Wright, Kathleen Cervone and Hayleigh Paugh decorated the building for the event.

Xander Martin, Debbie McCracken's grandson, who lives in South Carolina, spent a few days in Creston. He helped pick up the limbs and sticks that had fallen on the lawn at Creston Community Building due to a windstorm.

He added them, one by one, to a bonfire. He also got to go kayaking and four-wheeling. In short, he had a great time while in Creston.

Several Wirt County residents attended the Sen. Donna Boley breakfast on Friday at Parkersburg.

Featured speaker was Jeremiah Samples, who pointed out that the way welfare is done, especially in West Virginia, does not work, and is, in fact, an abject failure.

West Virginia leads the nation in drug deaths among the working age population, which many feel is a war technique from China that sends the drugs to Mexico where the cartels bring them in, with the assistance of the ruling junta, who tell the senile one what to read from the teleprompter.

In 1999, West Virginia had the lowest overdose death rate, but starting in 2010, West Virginia led the nation. In 1999, there were 75 and in 2020 there were 1,330, to put matters in perspective.

The problem with the "drug treatment facilities" in Wood County was also addressed, and it seems that some of the contractors that have lined up to take the federal dollars are from foreign nations.

# Calhoun County Magistrate Court Case Disposition, June 1 to June 30

# Red Cross, Discovery Sponsor Shark Week

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

## Case Type: Felony

Case 22-M07F-00020, Shannon Brown, 60A-04-401(a)(ii), Manufacture/deliver/possess with intent to manufacture/deliver, scheduled I, II, III; 61-10-31, Conspiracy, construction of section, penalties; 61-08D-04(c), Gross neglect of a child creating a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury; probable causes found; LD (Brian E. Young).

Gelinda Jean Skaggs, 60A-04-414(c), Conspiracy to manufacture/deliver heroin/cocaine/phenylcyclidine/diethylamide/meth, etc.; probably cause found; RP (W.Va. State Police, Josh Richards).

## Case Type: Misdemeanor

Case 19-M07M-00214, Eric Warner, 17B-04-03 (a), Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; 17D-2A-3, No insurance; no contest pleas; LD (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00012, Dalton James Cottrell, 17C-05-02(g), Driving under the influence of

controlled substances or drugs, habitual user; 60A-04-401 (c), Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription; guilty, plea agreements; RP (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00018, Ronald Lee Sampson, 61-03-18, Receiving or transferring stolen goods; no contest plea; RP (E.E. Taylor).

Case 22-M07M-00126, Coty Allen Roberts, 17A-9-1(a), Expired registration, 9/20/20; 17D-2A-3, No insurance; no contest pleas; LD (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00169, William Thomas Abicht, 48-27-903(a)(2), Misdemeanor offense for violation of protective order, condition of bail, probation; transferred to circuit court; LD (Calhoun County prosecutor).

Case 22-M07M-00170, Hunter J. Poole, 11-16-19, underage consumption, guilty plea; RP (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00172, Bobby Lee Starcher, 17F-01-01(a)(2), Acts prohibited by operator, road; no contest plea; LD (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 22-M07M-00174, Ester L. Bell, 17C-06-01, Actual speed, 40; no contest plea; LD (State Police, Josh Richards).

Case 22-M07M-00175, Jasmine Amanda Nicholson, 17D-2A-4, No proof of insurance; no contest plea; RP (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00176, Richard G. Ferrell, 17C-15-49, No seatbelt; no contest plea; RP (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00177, Paul Richard Goodrich III, 17C-6-1, Speeding; no contest plea; RP (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00178, Russell Joseph Duskey, Jr., 17C-15-49, No seatbelt; no contest plea; LD (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00179, Lisa Marie Duskey, 17C-15-49, No seatbelt; no contest plea; LD (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00180, Charles D. Garrett, 17C-15-49, No seatbelt; no contest plea; RP (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00181, Lisa Marie Wilmoth, 17C-15-49, no contest plea; RP, (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00184, Jeremy D. Houchin, 17D-2A-4, No proof of insurance; no contest plea;

RP (State Police, Sgt. Christopher J. Weekley).

Case 22-M07M-00186, Margaret Ann Dooley, 17C-15-49, No seatbelt; no contest plea; RP (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00187, Joseph C. Marklow, 17C-15-49, No seatbelt; no contest plea; RP (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00195, Shannon Marie Miller, 60-6-9, Public intox; guilty plea; LD (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00196, Mark D. Rhodes, 17B-04-03(a), Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; no contest plea; LD (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00197, Daniel Robin Wyatt, 17C-6-1, Speeding; guilty plea; LD (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00200, Melissa Sue West, 17B-4-3a, Driving suspended license; guilty plea; LD (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00207, Dillon Lee Tanner, 17B-04-03(a), Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; 17D-2-3, No insurance; guilty pleas; RP (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00208, Terry Peggs, 17D-2A-3, No insurance; 17D-2A-3, Expired reg.; guilty verdicts; LD (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00227, Tristan Douglas Hallman, 17C-06-01, Speeding, 57/40; guilty plea; LD (State Police, Josh Richards).

The American Red Cross and Discovery are partnering for Shark Week and inviting people to dive in to help save lives by giving blood in July.

Red Cross saw a steep drop in blood and platelet donations last month, and donors are asked to make appointments now to prevent a blood shortage this summer.

In June, the Red Cross collected approximately 12% fewer blood donations than needed--one of the largest monthly blood donation shortfalls in recent years.

When less people answer the call to donate, the blood supply shrinks--and that could mean blood products aren't ready for hospital staff to reach for in emergencies.

Thanks to Discovery, all who come to give blood in July will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive Shark Week merchandise package that includes: beach bike, smokeless portable fire pit, paddle board, kayak, and \$500 gift card to put toward accessories.

Those who come to give July 21-24 will get an exclusive Shark Week T-shirt from Discovery, while supplies last. Details are available at [rblood.org/sharkweek](http://rblood.org/sharkweek).

By making and keeping blood donation appointments in July, donors can connect with patients through a lifesaving gift. To book a time to give, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety

and infection control. It will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers, and facilities.

While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason.

Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

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

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

## Building Rental

Rental information for Arnoldsburg Community Building: \$150 per day, with a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit.

For rental information, call Denise Carter, 377-9441, or Miranda Nelson, 655-8604. For other information, call Patty Hall, 588-6189.

# First Probable Case Of Monkeypox

West Virginia Dept. of Health and Human Resources has identified the first probable case of monkeypox in a resident of Berkeley County. Out of respect for patient privacy, no additional information was released.

The U.S. is currently experiencing a monkeypox outbreak, with over 600 cases confirmed nationwide, and there will likely be additional cases in West Virginia in the weeks ahead.

DHHR's office laboratory services conducted the initial testing that identified the probable case of the non-variola orthopox, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is conducting confirmatory testing.

DHHR's Bureau for Public Health and Berkeley County Health Dept. are working to identify other individuals who may have been exposed.

"The threat to West Virginians from monkeypox is extremely low," said Dr. Ayne Amjad, commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Public Health.

"Monkeypox is much less contagious than COVID-19, and is containable, particularly when prompt care is sought for symptoms."

Monkeypox can spread through close, prolonged

contact with an infected person. This may include coming into contact with skin lesions or body fluids, sharing clothes or other materials that have been used by an infected person, or inhaling respiratory droplets during prolonged face-to-face contact.

Vaccine to prevent or lessen the severity of illness is available through CDC for high-risk contacts of persons infected with monkeypox, as is antiviral treatment for patients with monkeypox.

"Over the past month, BPH has raised awareness of monkeypox among higher risk populations, alerted medical professionals, and informed local health departments throughout the state to monitor for cases," said Amjad.

For West Virginia residents that are concerned about fever, swollen glands, and a new rash, contact your health care provider for evaluation.

Health care providers should request orthopoxvirus testing for patients at the state public health laboratory by calling the local health department or DHHR's Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services, 558-5358, ext. 2.

For information, visit <https://oeeps.wv.gov/monkeypox>.

## Reunions

**Holbert**  
Holbert Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Calhoun County Park barn. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the day.

**Stump**  
Stump Family Reunion has been canceled.

**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.

**Jarvis**  
Cal Jarvis Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Upper West Fork Park. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with a covered dish lunch at noon. Come and enjoy the day.

**Richards**  
Richards Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m., at Pleasants County Park in St. Marys.

## Morrisey Mobile

A consumer representative from Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's office will meet one-on-one with residents on Thursday, July 21, 11 a.m. to noon, at Calhoun County Committee on Aging.

Brooke Albright, consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. The sessions are open to the public; reservations not required. For info, call 777-9906.

## Lions Club Bingo

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

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## WV Caring Resale Shop Looking for Volunteers

West Virginia Caring is looking for volunteers to assist with essential functions for the non-profit's Resale Shop's operation.

If you haven't been to the Burnsville shop, it offers a variety of gently used or new donated items, including clothing, shoes, home goods, toys, furniture, video and books.

It is a great place to find those unique items that are not available at other stores.

The shop is located at 77 Mike & Ike's Plaza in Burnsville, off I-79 at exit 79, and next door to the WV Caring's local Braxton, Calhoun and Gilmer counties' office.

It is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday, with volunteer availability for any of those days. Local youth and civic organizations are also welcomed to volunteer as groups to assist.

Volunteers will assist with sorting, pricing, and displaying donated items

for the store.

They will work with other volunteers in a fun working environment. Whether it's for an hour or a few days a week, it would be the volunteer's choice how they spend their time, as the organization is flexible to accommodate each volunteer's schedule.

The store will holding a "Christmas in July" event on Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will be filled with fun events, refreshments, sales, and a visit from Summer Santa.

WV Caring offers hospice and counseling, and is a community based non-profit organization that operates the Resale Shop program to extend its outreach and education of hospice in a way that the community can give back.

Its concept and purpose are to provide funding for WV Caring's terminally ill patients and families, while offering the community good value and a pleasant shopping experience.

All proceeds from the resale shops are used to fund patient support, regardless of financial status.

For information about volunteering, contact Marissa Fox, volunteer service coordinator, call 853-2279, ext. 602, or visit [mfox@wvcaring.org](mailto:mfox@wvcaring.org).

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First Choice Services, a Charleston-based non-profit that operates 15 helplines focusing on addiction, mental health, and social services, has been awarded a contract to act as a backup center for chats and texts to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The contract creates 30 new jobs, which the company is currently filling.

Contacts to the line are projected to rise sharply after July when the new 988 National Suicide and Crisis Line is activated. The previous access number, 1-800-273-TALK, will remain in service.

The new easily recalled number will also be broadly marketed for mental health distress and crisis.

While Lifeline contacts have been steadily increasing, the broader scope of 988 services, its access by call, text, or chat, and the simple number are expected to result in a dramatic increase in the volume of Lifeline contacts throughout the country.

The new number comes as experts warn of increasing rates of emotional distress and suicidal ideation, particularly among youths.

In 2020, there were 2.4 million contacts to Lifeline. Increasingly, people prefer communicating through chat and text. In April, the National Lifeline received 2,697 chats and 254 texts each day.

Helpline Specialists at First Choice Services will respond to at least 240 chats and texts per day.

While First Choice Services' call operators already answer telephone calls from within the state to the National Lifeline,

the new employees will field chats and texts from all over the country.

First Choice Services CEO Lata Menon said that the contract award reflects confidence in the company's services, "We handle over 115,000 calls, texts, and chats annually among our helplines, and that number continues to grow."

"We have one of the highest in-state answer rates in the country for the Lifeline, meaning people who call from West Virginia usually reach a local helpline specialist."

"We've also added extensive training over the last two years to be best able to respond to increasingly complex mental health needs."

Anyone feeling depressed, suicidal, or needing emotional support can reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 24/7, at 1-800-273-TALK.

### MRC Grant

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept., which houses the Mid-Ohio Valley Medical Reserve Corps, has received a MRC COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain and Equip (RISE) award from the National Association of County and City Health Officials, which represents the country's nearly 3,000 local health departments.

The award will provide resources to the MRC network to support COVID-19 response efforts, and to build the capacity for MRC to respond, innovate, evolve requirements, sustain staffing requirements, and equip units with resources needed to support their missions. Mid-Ohio Valley MRC received \$50,000.

### ATV Poker Run

ATV Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 30, at Creston Community Building.

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

First place is 30% of the door, second is 10%, and third is 10%. No two-wheelers will be allowed.

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

There will be door prizes and 50/50, and the kitchen will be open for breakfast and dinner items.

For information about the poker run, call 275-3578 or 275-0003.



**Katelyn R. Curry** of Grantsville graduated cum laude from Glenville State University as part of the school's May commencement. She earned an associate in arts degree in general studies, and was also a Hidden Promise Scholar. (photo by Kristen Cosner).

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