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### County Hits 2,000 Cases Of COVID

#### 4 of 18 Confirmed

Three new coronavirus cases on Wednesday, July 13, moved Calhoun to 2,000 confirmed and probable cases, the next-to-last West Virginia county to reach that mark.

According to figures announced by Dept. of Health and Human Resources, the county had four new cases reported on Tuesday, making a total of 18 for the week, four more than the previous seven days.

Calhoun has been on (Continued on Page 2)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Wednesday, July 20

Solid Waste Authority meets, Mom's Place Too, Grantsville, 4 p.m.

#### 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.

#### Monday, July 25

Order of Eastern Star, Grantsville Chapter #73, (Continued on Page 2)

### Under Distressed County Program

## \$5 Million For Two Calhoun Projects Submitted For ARC Approval By Gov.

Gov. Jim Justice has announced over \$18.1 million in Appalachian Regional Commission grant funding recommendations for 14 projects in communities across West Virginia, including \$5,053,055 for two Calhoun projects and a multi-county project.

ARC is an economic development partnership agency of the federal government and 13 state governments across the Appalachian region. Its mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to

build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia.

West Virginia's ARC grant program, which is managed by the State Development office, provides financial and technical assistance for economic development and infrastructure projects via a partnership of federal, state and local participants.

“We truly appreciate all of the people and entities that have come together to make the funding for these projects a reality,”

said Justice. “Whether they are providing leadership training to our people, financial or technical assistance to our businesses, renovating dilapidated buildings, providing much-needed infrastructure improvements in areas that haven't seen them in awhile, and more, these projects are going to bring all kinds of goodness to West Virginia.

“I'd also like to recognize Gayle Manchin's efforts as federal co-chair of the ARC. I know that Gayle loves West Virginia just like I do, and so I applaud her for helping secure this funding that will provide our people, businesses, and communities a leg-up. It's my honor to be able to award this funding for over a dozen very worthy projects.”

The ARC grants will leverage an additional \$22,230,299 from other funding sources, bringing the total amount of funding supporting these projects to \$40,364,993.

Grants are awarded in two categories: Area Development, where funding can be spent in any county, and Distressed Counties, where funding can only be spent in areas officially designed as “distressed” by ARC --census tracts in at-risk and transitional counties that have a median family income no greater than 67% of the U.S. average and a poverty rate 150% of the U.S. average or greater.

The following governor's recommendations concerning Calhoun County will be sent to ARC for final approval:

#### Distressed Counties:

**Minnie Hamilton Health System, \$2,500,000**

MHHS Sewer/Water Line Replacement: The project will replace the water and sewer lines at MHHS in Grantsville. The current water and

sewer lines at the facility are deteriorating and beyond their useful life. The facility has suffered repeated failures due to obsolete water and sewer lines, resulting in closure of parts of the facility, hampering critical care services to the local public.

Minnie Hamilton is the only critical access hospital and community health center serving Calhoun and Gilmer counties.

#### Pleasant Hill Public Service District, \$2,500,000

Norman Ridge/Bull River Water Extension: The project will provide new water service to approximately 77 customers in the areas of Norman Ridge, Big Root Run Road, and Bull River Road.

Customers currently rely upon private wells or cisterns that provide poor quality or insufficient quantity of water. USDA grant funds are fully committed to the project.

#### Multi-Counties:

**The EdVenture Group, \$53,055**

Simulated Workplace Leadership Series Project: SWLS is a leadership development program designed to serve career and technical education students within the W.Va. Dept. of Education's Simulated Workplace initiative.

The project includes professional development for CTE instructors and training for CTE students in leadership skills and project management.

Leadership and management skills will bolster the technical education students receive in CTE and better prepare them for post-secondary employment.

The project will benefit approximately 270 CTE students in the counties of Calhoun, Gilmer, Mingo, Nicholas, Roane and Wyoming.

## WAG To Be In Orma And Grantsville Areas

Welfare of Animals Group will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Grantsville and Orma areas on Thursday, July 28, to have

them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program). (Continued on Page 3)

## First Days For Students: Aug. 17-18 School System Prepares For New School Year

The Calhoun County board of education met on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Mt. Zion board office, with all members present.

Superintendent Kelli Whytsell announced that

CM/HS teacher Dan Cosgrove was the recipient of the 2022 Explore Outstanding Industry Educator Award and was the Behring Teacher Award nominee from

West Virginia.

Whytsell announced that a vote would be held on placing an excess levy on the Tuesday, Nov. 8, General Election ballot during the board's meeting

on Monday, Aug. 8.

The superintendent reported on Arnoldsburg Elementary's greenhouse project. The school reported a profit of \$263 (Continued on Page 2)



Superintendent Kelli Whytsell explains the features of the large new freezer while giving a tour to board of education members on Thursday.



Saturday's Summer Splash Party was held for Calhoun County Schools' Summer Camp students at Calhoun/Middle High School from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The party included inflatables, food, music, presenters, vendors, etc. Photos from the event are shown.



# OBITUARIES

## RANDALL KENNETH 'Bear' YOAK

Randall Kenneth "Bear" Yoak, 67, of Grantsville, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, at his home.

He was the son of Elenore Bush Yoak and Judson K. Yoak. From an early age, he resided with his paternal grandparents, John M. and Martha Starkey Yoak of Grantsville. He was a 1971 graduate of Calhoun County High School, and in the early '70s, he served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for the Dept. of Highways, Jack Foraker Timber Co. and Donald P. Gunn. In later years, he was a truck driver for Waste Management. He also drove Grantsville's trash truck.

His family asks you to join them in a private celebration of his life on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2 p.m., at Sycamore Baptist Church Cemetery, located next to Momentum Pipeline, LLC, and near Calhoun Middle/High School. It would be the family's privilege to have family and friends attend to honor and pay their respects to a life well lived and known to many in the Grantsville and Calhoun communities.



## JAMES SCOTT

James Scott, 62, of Sand Fork, died Saturday, July 16, 2022.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of Loretta Welch Scott of Big Springs and the late James Joshua Scott. He was an auto mechanic in the Glenville area for many years, having spent a lot of his time working for Glen Ashley.

Surviving are four children, Harlin Andrew Campbell of Cox's Mills, Justin Edward Scott of Parkersburg, Mary Ann Miller of Glenville and Anthony Charles Campbell of West Union; seven grandchildren, Jacob Campbell, Clarissa Carol Dawn Miller, Zara Riki Miller, Miranda Campbell, Zach Reel, FaithLynn Scott and Tayelir Scott; two great-grandsons, Kaisyn Wayne and Tate Edward; five siblings, Jason Scott of Parkersburg, Beverly Dawson and Marie Frymier, both of Big Springs, Marie Jones of Smithville and Sue Dawson of Grantsville; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Ellyson Mortuary, 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, with Rev. Tim Davis officiating, and burial in Big Springs Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m., at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions be made to Ellyson Mortuary to aid with James' final expenses.



## School System Prepares--

(Continued from Page 1) new freezer, located to the rear of the central office building.

Under old business, results of a board member self-appraisal was announced (see the survey on Page 9). School calendar dates were announced as follows:

--Thursday, Aug. 11, first day for teachers.

--Wednesday, Aug. 17, students in grades K, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 report to their respective schools;

--Thursday, Aug. 18, students in grades 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12 report to their respective schools;

--Friday, Aug. 19, all grades report except pre-school;

--Tuesday, Sept. 6, first day for pre-school.

--There will be no school on the following dates (holidays, election, breaks, etc.): Sept. 5, Oct. 14, Nov. 7, Nov. 8, Nov. 11, Nov. 21-25, Dec. 22-Jan. 3, Jan. 13, Jan. 16, Feb. 17, Feb. 20, Apr. 3-7, Apr. 14.

--Graduation day for seniors will be on May 19.

--Last day for students will be on May 26.

Approved under new business were the following:

--Finance, general fund invoices, \$791,973; supplements, \$75,400; transfers, \$1,163,738; June financial statement.

--Sports handbook.

--School handbooks for AES, CM/HS and PHS.

--Band Booster By-Laws.

--Contracts: Linguicare Associates, Inc., speech, language and physical therapy services; Therapedics, Inc., occupational therapy services; Integrated Speech Solutions, speech services.

Personnel items approved:

--Resignations, service, Britney Simmons, multi-classified aide II/supervisory aide/bus aide/SHCP, PHS.

--Employment, professional, Amy Nicholas, .5 math coach/TIS, CM/HS.

The board went into executive session at 6 p.m. for expulsion review of student 2021-22-06.

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

## Calhoun Hits 2,000 Cases--

(Continued from Page 1) 3,612 over the previous five weeks. Total cases during the pandemic are 545,745.

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia has averaged 12.6 percent other the past week.

The number of deaths reported by DHHR in the last seven days was 15, a decrease from last week's 22. Total deaths in West Virginia are 7,106.

The number of new cases in the United States was 936,492, an increase from 804,832, 739,557 and 790,213 the previous three weeks. Total cases since the pandemic began are 91,275,149.

New deaths in the U.S. were 3,051, up from 2,472 and 2,515 the previous two weeks. Total deaths are 1,048,843.

New weekly worldwide cases were 7,105,275, up from 6,391,438 last week. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 567,571,460.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 14,550, up for the fourth straight week, from 11,681, 10,602, 10,073 and 9,665. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,393,794.

DHHR reported that

Net new cases in area counties, in addition to Calhoun, in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Braxton, 71 (4,345/45); Roane, 67 (3,592/39); Ritchie, 24 (2,610/31); Gilmer, 20 (2,250/19); Clay, 18 (2,462/47); and Wirt, 4 (1,526/25);

New West Virginia cases were 5,553 in the last week, up from 4,984, 4,032, 3,739, 3,561 and

## Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

We now have new front steps and the gutter on the front porch has been re-attached with new pressure-treated fascia boards.

The steps have been slowly disintegrating for a few years now, and I have been using stop-gap methods to keep them usable, so that is on me.

The gutter, on the other hand, was not correctly installed initially. It is only a few years old, didn't really work right from the start, and all of the snow that we got down in the holler this past winter turned to ice and pushed the gutter away from the roof before we could alleviate the problem.

At any rate, it is all good now with the front porch, and it should last throughout our lifetime.

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Frontier Communications' telephone service is questionable at best. At home, there are times when the phone rings and there is no one there, or when you answer, there is a whole lot of static, so much that you cannot hear the caller and they have to call back and hope for the best.

Other folks report that there are times when someone calls them and they get the message that the number you are dialing has been disconnected or is no longer in service.

Jeanne tried calling the assessor's office on Monday, and kept getting a rapid busy signal, which means the line is down.

She called another courthouse office to make sure that the problem was not on our end, and was told that they knew about the problem at the assessor's office and that Frontier had been notified.

The Public Service Commission needs to start taking Frontier to task over its landline service.

Of course, Frontier knows that the future of telephony is not in landlines, but in cell service and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), so it most likely has already made the decision to allow the landlines to deteriorate, while it focuses more on the future of communications, and putting its money towards

that end.

Now that Starlink is in the holler and functioning so much better than Frontier's Hi-Speed broadband ever did, I am not really concerned with Frontier at the old home place.

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Jeanne and I have been enjoying having "date nights" on the deck from time to time. Now that we have an internet connection with StarLink that is fast enough for streaming, we move out onto the deck at dusk, set up one of our 10-inch Amazon Kindle Fire streaming devices, or my laptop, if we want to watch a "big screen."

If it is hot, we take a fan with us that operates through a USB connection, along with an external power device, and then we relax in our plastic Adirondack chairs and stream what we wish to see.

If we have watched an action movie and feel too keyed up to go to sleep afterwards, we spend a half hour or so streaming standup comedy. That really helps to take the edge off of adrenaline.

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Last week, we had two date nights and streamed the entire documentary "Unprecedented," which was filmed during the election year of 2020 all the way through Jan. 6, 2021.

The documentarian said that the only reason that the Trump family allowed the filming was because of their hubris. They thought they were going to win again and actually had their transgressions against the democratic process filmed for posterity and, I guess, the prosecution.

It is unbelievable that this kind of thing happened, and what is even more unbelievable is that they thought they would get away with it.

Next, we are going to watch "Unhinged," if we can stand to see what kind of idiot attempted to run the country the last time.

Actually, we were incredibly lucky that he didn't run us into the ground, although he did try really hard to turn our democracy into his very own theocracy.

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We all need to take a deep breath, look over into the eyes of all of our fellow Americans and just keep repeating, "never again" over and over until we can proceed with free elections once again.

We need to bind this country back together, and the only way to do that is to no longer take what any politician says as the truth, and look deeply into what they say, and always fact check to determine the validity of their statements.

If they cannot be absolutely truthful with us when they are running for office, they will most likely not be truthful when elected.

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I almost fear what we will learn on Thursday evening from the Congressional Committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack. I saw what happened on that day. We all did. It was the scariest thing that I have ever seen, and it cannot happen ever again for any reason.

The ranting of a madman, who would not take no for an answer on election day, and only kept saying, both before the election and to this day, that the only way he

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# This Week In History

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

## 1922, 100 years ago

Ed Jarvis left on the Parkersburg stage on Thursday for Akron, where he will find employment

The Chautauqua has come and gone. The programs for the main part were very good and large crowds attended, and appeared to enjoy all the features. Director Dr. Dombie was such a smooth and pleasant gentleman, and had the faculty getting along well with the patrons of the Chautauqua. The junior worker was a star. Her work here with the children was worth as much as the whole thing cost. We all should remember that we are paying only \$550 for the six programs, and for that money, we cannot expect to have the best talent available.

During a severe electrical storm that visited this valley on Monday evening, lightning struck two of the large wooden tanks of the Eureka Pipe Line Co., located at the station a short distance below Brooksville. The tanks and their contents, about a thousand barrels, were destroyed. Harold Shafer, one of the engineers on duty at the time, was thrown down by the shock and sustained slight injuries. New tanks were rushed on trucks from Parkersburg, and the local fields will be discommoded only a short time by the accident.

L. John Fogle of Russett was here for a few hours on Wednesday. He informs us that Mrs. Fogle, who is in Parkersburg under the care of a physician for a troublesome throat trouble, is considerably improved.

George W. Hays of Arnoldsburg is here this week and demonstrating Dodge automobiles to prospective customers. He sold Dressman Gum of Cabot Station a touring car one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Maze, and a bevy of fine looking girls from Industry, were here on Wednesday night for the Chautauqua.

## 1947, 75 years ago

The annual election meeting of Calhoun County Merchants Association was held last month in the courthouse at Grantsville, with good attendance. The proceedings were turned over to George W. King of Charleston, executive secretary of the West Virginia Association of Retail Grocers.

He spoke on what the 1947 legislature did of interest to retailers and wholesalers, and told of the defeat of a co-op bill that would have been detrimental to independent merchandising, if it had been allowed to pass.

King took occasion to congratulate W.B. Gibson of Grantsville, president of the local merchants association, and secretary Otice Brannon of Minnora, for their fine work done during the fiscal year just closing. He said an association is now needed more than ever and must be kept going. He suggested getting 50 members in Calhoun this year.

The following officers and directors were selected for the new year:

President, W.B. Gibson; vice presidents, Paul Barr and J.B. Smith, Grantsville; secretary and treasurer, Otice Brannon, Minnora; and directors, A.R. Holbert, chairman; Eula Poling, Joseph Adams, Pearl Kelley, Darel Gunn, C.C. Kingsbury, A. Poling and Howard Rader.

## 1972, 50 years ago

Shortening by seven miles the Charleston to Glenville mail route is going to mean that mail service from Grantsville to Stumptown, Sand Ridge, Norman-town and Lockney will probably be a lot slower. Subscribers to the Chronicle may have to wait a day or two on their paper.

The Chronicles have been going out to the post offices each Thursday morning at 11. Now, they will have to wait until 5 p.m., and then be shipped to Parkersburg, from there transferred to Charleston, and back up to Stumptown, Sand Ridge, etc. That's doing it the hard way.

Many of our subscribers who get the paper at Stumptown actually live only a few miles from Grantsville, up the Steer Creek Valley. With this mail route change, they will certainly have well-traveled papers.

If your mail is late and later, why not complain to your congressman, John Slack, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

## Orma And Grantsville--

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According to the news release, "We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Wednesday, July 27, as we will be trapping on July 28.

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

"So far, we have spayed and neutered 650 community cats (363 females and 287 males).

"Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them Thursday, July 28. If you have questions, call Linda Buchanan, 354-7506.

"If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the

best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only five or six cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to county residents at no cost to the caretaker."

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

### 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.

### Siers and Sears

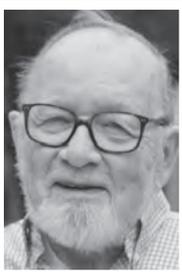
Siers Reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, noon, at Upper West Fork Park. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day.

### Whytself

The annual Whytself

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



**Question:** While sitting, lift your right foot and make clockwise circles. While doing that, draw a "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction, and there's nothing you can do about it. I tried it, and my foot did indeed go back the other way. What causes this? (Asked by a curious column reader via cyberspace.)

**Reply:** This is an old one! I think I addressed it years ago, but let's have some fun and do it again, with a little experimenting. It's true that normally, when you are sitting and rotating your right foot clockwise, and then draw a figure 6 in the air with your right hand, your leg will jerk and start in the other direction. You can do these movements with the opposite foot and hand if you are left footed. Now, rotate your foot clockwise again and at the same time, rotate your right hand in the air clockwise. What happens? You should have a couple of nice, continuous rotations.

Now, start rotating your hand counterclockwise. There's the jerk and reverse foot direction again! This reverse direction is essentially what you do when you draw a figure 6. The first movement is in the six is counterclockwise. You can do the same thing starting the foot and hand in the counterclockwise directions and then reversing the hand direction clockwise.

As explained to me, the motor control center on the left side of the brain controls the right side of the body (and vice versa). When you are moving your right foot in a clockwise circular path, while trying to make a figure 6 with your right finger, you are using the same (left) side of the brain, and it has trouble discerning the prior rotational foot command.

From our experiment, it looks like a nerve-muscle interaction. When the foot and the hand are rotating in the same direction, the muscles and nerves are in coordination. When you want to make a voluntary change in the arm direction, the brain fires off nerve impulses to the arm muscles to do this. The impulses also affect the leg muscles and attempt to facilitate the leg to move in the same rotational direction as the arm. Hence the jerk and attempted change in leg rotation.

This doesn't occur when the foot and finger rotations are in the same direction. To see this nerve-muscle interaction more clearly, rotate the right foot clockwise and draw a figure 8 in the air with the hand. I don't know about you, but I get a foot jerk or some sort of figure 8 motion.

This is just my take on the phenomenon as an experimental physicist. A neurologist could no doubt give a more detailed, and perhaps more correct explanation.

Here's another one you can try: simultaneously rotate the index fingers of both hands clockwise. Do it slowly at first, then speed up, faster and faster. Pretty soon, the fingers will be going in the opposite directions. I'll let you explain that one.

**C.P.S. (Curious Postscript):** "Man was made at the end of the week's work when God was tired." --Mark Twain.

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

# Waste Not/Want Not

by Judy Wolfram

July: Heat, humidity, swimming pools, water parks, water slides, wet hair, hair dryers.

Did you know that there are many ways to use your hair dryer? I'll bet not. Oh, sure you can dry your dog after a bath. Forget the cat, not a chance of a bath or a hair dryer.

The uses are:

--Defog your mirror. After enjoying a hot shower or a bath, give fogged-up mirrors a blast of air from your hair dryer. You will be able to see your face in a few seconds.

--Remove crayon marks. If your little artists used your wall as a canvas, heat up the crayon drawings with a hair dryer. Once they are soft, you can easily rub them away with warm water and detergent.

--Unstick a price tag. No more wasting time trying to peel off tiny bits of labels. Blasting them with hot hair from your hairdryer loosens the glue, making removal a cinch.

--Goodbye, keyboard crumbs. Instead of spending money on a can of compressed air, blast food and dust from the crevices of your keyboard using your hair dryer set on cool.

--Dry your nails. The fastest way to dry your nail polish? Turn your hair dryer to the coolest setting and hold it a few inches from your nails. Then, direct the air onto your nails until the polish dries.

--Forget your iron. Your hair dryer is a great substitute for removing wrinkles from a shower curtain, tablecloth, or even your favorite shirt or skirt. Blowing the hot air over creases minimizes them.

Maybe you can think of more uses.

## Reunions

family and friends reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7, at Whytself Park, Altizer (Rocksdale-Richardson Road). Covered dish dinner will be served at 1 p.m. For information, call Peggy Stemple, 655-8659.

### 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.



# This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from July 21-27 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 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. He will be forever remembered as Barney Fife on the "Andy Griffith Show."

July 22, 1859: Athlete John Wesley "Jack" Glasscock was born in Wheeling. Playing bare-handed, he became one of baseball's premier shortstops in the 19th century.

July 22, 1937: Musician Tommy Thompson was born in St. Albans, Kanawha County. With his group, the Red Clay Ramblers, and a career that spanned four decades, he played a major role in keeping old-time music alive.



July 23, 1863: Financier and industrialist Isaac Thomas "Ike" Mann was born in Greenbrier County. As president of the Bank of Bramwell and president of the Pocahontas Fuel Co. for three decades, he held vast holdings in coal, timber, and especially financial institutions.



July 23, 1919: Novelist Davis Grubb was born in Moundsville. His renown came with his first novel, "Night of the Hunter (1953)," a gripping suspense story adapted to film in 1955 and for television in 1991.



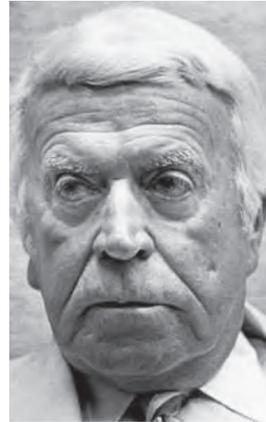
July 24, 1942: Actor Chris Sarandon was born in Beckley. A film, stage and television performer, some of his credits include "The Nightmare Before Christmas," "The Princess Bride" and an Oscar nomination for "Dog Day Afternoon."

July 24, 1823: Arthur Boreman, West Virginia's first governor, was born in Waynesburg, Pa. His family moved to Middlebourne, Tyler County, while he was still an infant.

July 24, 1919: Sam Taylor of Mercer County took the oath to become a member of the W.Va. State Police, the first person to do so. During his tenure with the State Police, he tracked moonshiners and bootleggers, and helped to set up new state police detachments.

July 25, 1864: A colony of eight Catholic nuns set out from Washington, D.C., and Frederick, Md., for Parkersburg. The sisters, who created a monastery there and named it DeSales Heights, ran a boarding school for young women for 75 years.

July 26, 1942: Camp Washington-Carver was dedicated and opened to the public. The camp, located at Clifftop, Fayette County, was the first 4-H camp for African-Americans in the country. The camp's great chestnut lodge is the largest log structure in West Virginia.



July 27, 1909: Coach "Dyke" Raese was born in Davis. He directed West Virginia University to its first major sports national championship, winning the 1942 National Invitation Tournament in basketball.

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# My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



As I sit to write this article, I have recently returned from a family trip. I love going on vacation, but there is nothing like going away to make you appreciate coming home. As much as I would like to claim that I am a wanderer, at heart I am a homebody who likes to sleep in her own bed. That being said, I still look forward to vacations, but I find that I am no longer sad when it is time to pack up and return to my home among the hills.

I spent most of last week in a lovely log cabin in New Market, Va. Bear Necessities was the name of our cabin, and it was our home base for another family vacation. The house was secluded in the woods, but still very close to town and tourist activities. When we were at the cabin, it was quiet, and we could sit on the porch and watch the birds, squirrels, rabbits and deer that came to visit. Yet, a short car ride was all that was needed to return us to civilization.

We left on Sunday afternoon and drove through the beautiful mountains of West Virginia before crossing the border into Virginia. I was glad that Andy was driving so that I could just soak in the scenery. No matter how many times I drive our country roads, I am always awestruck by the beauty of our state. We arrived in New Market around 5:00 and made our way through the quaint, little town. After we unpacked and got settled in our respective rooms, Dad, Maricia and Andy went back into town to pick up some dinner. Mom and Rascal relaxed on the porch, and I joined them with one of the many books that I had brought along with me.

Once we had eaten dinner, it was decided that we would wait until tomorrow to make our big grocery run. Maricia and I decided to take a walk along the gravel road that led to our driveway. We doused ourselves with bug spray and headed out the door. The visitor's guide provided by the cabin owners warned us to keep our eyes open for copperheads and rattlesnakes, so we didn't veer off the main road. It was a lovely evening, and felt good to stretch our legs after a long car ride.

The next morning, we traveled into Mt. Jackson to do our grocery shopping for the week. Andy and I created our menu as we walked around Food Lion. Our friends Tim and Elizabeth Busch and their three little ones would be joining us for part of the trip, so we made sure to buy enough to feed 10 people. Our goal was to make one trip for groceries, and we were successful. The only things we returned for were ice cream and chips.

After our grocery run, the Mlyneks and I decided to run into New Market and visit the chamber of commerce. We were glad that we did for two reasons. One, we were able to pick up a bunch of information about local attractions, and two, the building also contained a coffee shop where we purchased delicious frozen espresso frappes. I ordered a white chocolate one, and it was worth all the calories.

The Busch Family arrived around dinner time, and we spent the evening catching up and just enjoying being together. We ate Andy's delicious pulled pork sandwiches and then went on another walk to burn some energy and calories. To say Rascal was loving life would be an understatement. He loves walks, and he was eating up the attention from the little ones.

Over the next few days, we did quite a bit of sightseeing. Tuesday, we visited the Route 11 Potato Chip Co. and watched them make potato chips. Then, we hiked the Story Book Trail that ended with a gorgeous view. Our final stop was in New Market. The kids got ice cream, while the adults had frozen frappes.

On Wednesday, we visited Shenandoah Caverns. I have been in caverns before, but it was special to see this experience through the children's eyes. We also visited the American Celebration on Parade. This was a huge warehouse that contains displays of more than 20 full-sized parade floats from Presidential Inaugurations, the Tournament of Roses, and other famous parades. I had no idea how large these floats really were until I saw them with my own eyes.

The rest of the week flew by and soon we were saying goodbye and heading home. We stopped for a bathroom break at a little general store in Brandywine. As soon as we walked in, I knew that we needed to eat lunch there. The place smelled delicious. We ordered pepperoni rolls, and they tasted as good as they smelled. I admit that I enjoyed the beautiful scenery on the way home too. We live in a gorgeous state, and I am proud to call it home.

# 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)

### Journal entries from the Spring Campaign of 1864 in West Virginia continue.

The 2nd. Brigade, Col. White, and a part of the 3rd. Brigade, Col. Sickel, consisting of 3rd. & 4th. Pa. Reserves, and the 11th. W.Va. Reg't's. all led by Gen'l. Crook in person, went to the left of the road, up a hollow for a mile and then ascended the precipitous side of the mountain. [missing] and 1st. Brigade, Col. Hays, and [missing] batteries of artillery went on the road and to the right of it.

The enemies pickets are found on top of the Mountain which are driven in but no force is met here. The force on the left arrive at the top of the Mountain at 9 A.M. and rest a few minutes.

We can see the rebels in the valley below, where there whole force are drawn up to receive us. As we ascended the mountain, the sharp report of a musket, every few moments, told too plainly that we were nearing the battle field, where some of us would fall to rise no more, and all along the path up the steep ascent, was strewn with "cards" which were thrown away.

On top of the Mountain, we separate. The 2nd. Brigade move on further to the left, and we to the right accompanied by the General. While passing around a knoll in full view of the enemy, they fire on us at a distance of a mile and a half, the first shot did not reach by a long way. The 2nd. & 3rd. came close to our line, and produced a queer sensation among many of our men who had never been under fire before.

We move on steadily toward the road, a shell exploding occasionally, without doing any injury. Near the road we lay down behind a point of the hill, for a half an hour, and wait till the batteries come up: We again move down the hill in the road, and again leave the road to make a cut off across a point to the left, enter the road, double quick a couple hundred yards, and again file into the woods to the left of the road, when we are formed in line of battle, and remain here a half an hour.

[Monday, May 9th]

12 noon, the skirmishing has given way to a general engagement, the firing is very heavy on the left where the 2nd Brigade are engaged, we are ordered out to support the 15th. W.Va. and a battery, file into a field about [missing] of the rebel lines and in full view of them and its now they concentrate a heavy fire on our Reg't.

We move across the field to the right and await the approach of our battery, which soon came dashing into the field and took a position, through some mistake the 15th. Reg't. went on further to the right, crossing the road, and left the 11th. which by order of Col. Sickel halted, and lay down to avoid the shell which the rebels were flinging at us with a vengeance, in less time than it takes me to narrate it, the whole action was over.

Col. Frost asked permission of Col. Sickel to lead his Regiment forward which he assented to, and most gallantly did the Colonel lead his regiment forward, at double quick, and with a shout that made the enemy tremble, for it was the deep shrill yell of the true Virginian; and at the sight of the flying rebels told plainly that the victory was won [missing] across a creek and up the opposite hill to their entrenchments where we secure one piece of artillery, here lay four horses, on one mangled pile.

The 2nd. Brigade on the left did the hardest part of the fighting, and drove the foe off from his breastworks at very close musket range, who resisted stubbornly till they saw us about to turn their left flank, our battery did good work, theirs only firing a few shot in reply.

Our forces were in full possession of the field by one o'clock P.M. But we did not stop, the flying rebels were pursued, and about two miles on the road to Dublin they met a reinforcement of 800 men from John Morgans command.

When they made another stand, but the valor and impetuosity of our gallant boys proved too much for them, and in a few minutes they were all in full retreat again, we pursued them as far as Dublin Depot of Va. Tenn. Railroad.

Our lines were formed on the South side of the road, but the enemy showed no disposition to renew the engagement. We then fell back a half-mile and camped for the night.

We secured 162 prisoners on the field, three pieces of artillery, the loss on either side I have never been able to definitely ascertain. The force on each side engaged were about equal being near 3000 to 3500.

Gen'l. A.G. Jenkins who commanded the rebels was wounded in the arm and a few weeks later after having it amputated he died. They also suffered severely in field officers being according to their own statements nearly all killed or wounded. On our side Col. R.H. Woolworth was killed and wounded.

Among others 1st. Lt. and Adj't. John H. McLaughlin 11. W.Va. Reg't. and A.D.C. to Col. H.G. Sickle was seriously wounded and left on the field, and who subsequently fell into the enemies hands. He was a brave young officer.

Weary and tired we lay down to rest, having driven the foe from his own position, and marched 13 miles.

(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 21: Salisbury steak, brown gravy, potatoes, peas, oranges, pineapples, whole wheat bread.

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

Monday, July 25: oven fried fish, potatoes, buttered carrots, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, July 26: steak, onions and peppers, cooked rice, sweet corn, fruit medley, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, July 27: taco salad, tomato, lettuce,

cheese, whole wheat chips, brownie.

Thursday, July 28: baked steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, pineapples, whole wheat bread.

Friday, July 29: chicken salad, pasta salad with vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bun.

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.

## Senior Updates

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

Looking for ways to avoid being financially exploited? In today's world, an ounce of prevention is worth its weight in gold.

Just about anyone with more than a penny to their name can become the target of those who would happily rip you off. Financial exploitation is happening every minute of every day.

The Federal Trade Commission reported \$5.8 billion in reported fraud losses to consumers during 2021. The agency received 2.8 million complaints from adults in every age group for a variety of scams.

To help avoid such losses happening to you, here are three worthwhile protective measures:

--Sign up online for the free service from the U.S. Postal Service that emails you images of the mail you will receive each day. That allows you to watch for financial statements, family messages or other important documents coming in the mail hours before it arrives.

You can also choose to have a trusted family member or friend receive these emails. If they see something suspicious, or an unexpected change in your mail patterns, they may be able to detect exploitation or a scam and alert you to take action.

It's easy to benefit from this free service at informedelivery.usps.com. Protecting your mail is also protecting yourself from horrible surprises.

--A second way to minimize the possibility of financial exploitation is to give your debit and credit card companies permission to send you emails or text messages for purchases, withdrawals, and other transactions above a certain amount that you select.

This free financial monitoring method gives you early warning of any suspicious charges or other activity. Acting quickly can prevent further fraud.

Check online or call the company to find out how this notification service can work to your benefit.

--The third protective measure is to select and work with a "watchdog."

You and the watchdog, a trusted relative or friend, can set up an informal arrangement to discuss financial and budgeting decisions and undertake planning to assure long-term financial well-being. It's not a typical topic of conversation, but it can be highly effective.

No formal document is needed, because this helpful person will simply provide their input on financial choices to be sure the right things are happening for you.

Of course, part of the arrangement will be that you are willing to listen seriously to your watchdog's opinions and guidance. Otherwise, it will be frustrating for all.

Knowing that you have a back up for such important directions in life, an extra set of eyes and ears, helps assure that you can protect your financial well-being and not fall victim to scammers, thieves or other greedy people.

For free assistance with financial exploitation concerns and other legal matters, state residents who are 60 or older may call the West Virginia Senior Legal Aid hotline, 1-800-229-5068.

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# Around Calhoun

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could lose would be if the election was corrupt and rigged in his opponents favor.

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While Jeanne and I were on the deck for date night, both nights in fact, I felt the hair on my neck stand on end an hour or two after darkness fell. We paused the movie and only had to listen for a

moment to find out why there were alarms going off in my head, coyotes.

There was a group of coyotes down the holler below the house and another group a couple of hundred yards up the holler. They were quite vocal both nights and seemed very excited, which made me think that they had something cornered and probably were not coming to our house.

\* \* \* \*

Oh well. They live here too, and as long as they stay out of our yard and off of our decks, I will not hunt them.

I have a son-in-law who excels in coyote hunting, and would just love to come into the holler and convince these coyotes that they should move elsewhere.

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Another perk of date night on the deck is that we get to hear all of the night sounds, including the immature barred owls, which complained to us for interrupting their evening feast.

They are on watch in the trees, anxious to catch whatever comes in the night to clean up sunflower seeds on the deck and in the yard beneath.

Their voices are no longer very high-pitched screeches of weeks before, but a lower pitched sound, and very loud.

I think they will be fine living in our holler. There are plenty of small game animals in the woods and fields in the holler to feed an army of raptors, along with other predators, like bobcats, foxes of both colors, and snakes galore.

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As they say, life abounds and we abide, and we enjoy watching all of the life that abounds around us.

## Volleyball Tryouts

Volleyball tryouts for Calhoun County High School students in grades 9-12 will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 8-10, 5 to 8 p.m., in the school gymnasium.

You must have a 2.0 GPA, knee pads, gym shoes, and new physical form.

Call head coach Angie Hersman, 619-3081, for information.

# Calhoun Youth Football

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

The teams will host other league teams for pre-season competition on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m.

Calhoun will play eight teams on Saturday or Sunday during the nine weeks from Aug. 13 to Oct. 8:

The schedule is (A team first, followed by C and B teams):

Saturday, Aug. 13, at Doddridge, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20, at Clay, noon.

Sunday, Aug. 28, host Gilmer, 1 p.m.

Sept. 3-4: Open.

Saturday, Sept. 10, at Braxton, noon.

Sunday, Sept. 18, host Roane, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25, host Elk River, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2, host Webster, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8, at Ravenswood, 1 p.m.

Playoff schedule for South Division:

First round, Saturday, Oct. 15, 1st and 3rd seeds play at Clay; Sunday, Oct. 16, 2nd and 4th seeds play at Tyler.

Second round, Saturday, Oct. 22, winners of Oct. 17 games play at New Martinsville; Sunday, Oct. 23, winners of Oct. 16 games play at Roane.

Championship game, Sunday, Oct. 30, winners of Oct. 22 and Oct. 23 games play at Ritchie.

Cheer competition will be on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Gilmer.

All-Star game, Saturday, Nov. 5, at Ravenswood.

# From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,  
Chairman of Public Service Commission

## Stay Informed and Be Heard

Public participation is an important element in cases before the Public Service Commission. When one of your utility companies requests a change that will affect your service or what you pay for that service, you have a right to know what is at stake and to voice your opinion to the commission. We want to hear from you.

I recommend three actions to keep you informed about PSC cases. The first is to sign up to receive notice when documents are filed in the case.

At [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us), click on Case Subscriptions under the Formal Case Information heading. You will need to create an account that will enable you to track as many cases as you wish.

Then log in and follow the prompts to add a subscription. Once you do this, you will receive an email update every time a non-restricted document is filed in that case.

Secondly, you should file a comment about the case. On the website, under the Inside the PSC heading, click on Submit a Comment. On the next screen, select Formal Case and follow the prompts.

In the Select a High Profile Case field, choose a case from the dropdown menu or enter the case number. Be sure to include the hyphen; for example: 21-0000. Then, type what you want to say regarding the case.

If you prefer, you may send a letter to the commission and fully express your concerns or support for a particular case (be sure to reference the utility company and the case number). Send your letter to: Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Office of the Executive Secretary, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV 25301.

Finally, you have the option of watching the hearing. Most hearings before the commission involving large utility companies are live-streamed on our website.

Under the Inside the PSC heading, click on Commission Webcast, then click View Hearing. Depending on your web browser, you may need to click the link at the bottom of the page that will take you to our YouTube channel. We look forward to hearing from you.

# DHHR Serves 80,000 Families With BCSE

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources's Bureau for Child Support Enforcement, which serves 80,000 children and families statewide by establishing paternity, child support, and enforcing support, collected \$164 million for West Virginia's child support program in the 2021 fiscal year.

Ninety-seven percent of support collected was sent directly to children and families, with the remaining 3% of funds retained to reimburse public assistance dollars.

For many families, the support is a significant part of their budget to provide shelter, food and amenities for the children.

Sixty-nine percent of court-ordered child support collected was through income withholding by BCSE, which requires employers to withhold support directly from an employee's paycheck.

"West Virginia's child support program is one of the most cost-effective government programs, as it collects \$4.84 for every \$1 spent," said Garrett Jacobs, commissioner of BCSE. "The BCSE program has the third highest caseload of all state programs serving children."

Nationally, child support programs serve 13.8 million families, lifting 750,000 families out of poverty nationwide.

# SMART529 Ranked One Of Top College Savings Plans In U.S.

State treasurer Riley Moore has announced that the state's SMART529 W.Va. Direct college savings plan has once again been ranked as one of the top direct-sold 529 plans in the country, according to the popular nationwide college planning website, SavingForCollege.com.

"We're proud that West Virginia's SMART529 college savings plan continues to be ranked as one of the best-managed plans in the country," said Moore. "Even in this time of market turmoil, we're still outperforming other plans across the U.S., so parents and families should feel confident in allowing us to help them invest for their child's future."

The plan was ranked second in the nation in 1- and 3-year performance, and first in 5- and 10-year performance, according to the website, which studies the performance of more than 3,000 529 investment options nationwide to come up with its rankings.

SavingForCollege.com said that the plan "offers

outstanding flexibility, attractive investments, and additional economic benefits (such as generous state tax incentives) that for some people will provide a substantial boost to their savings. There are few, if any, weaknesses noted in the program."

A direct-sold plan is one in which a person can directly sign up for the plan, without it being sold through a financial adviser.

West Virginia's plan is open to West Virginia residents and does not have a minimum investment requirement, sales charges, or annual maintenance fee.

Additional benefits include:

--Contributions being fully deductible from West Virginia income tax.

--Plan beneficiaries who are born or adopted in-state are eligible for a \$100 seed contribution through the SMART529 Bright Babies Program.

--An e-gifting platform for receiving 529 plan gift contributions.

"With inflation and other costs rising, it's more important than ever to start saving as early as possible for a child's future," said Moore. "I encourage every parent or grandparent to visit SMART529.com to see how our programs can work for you. It's never too early to start saving for your child's future."

The SMART529 program is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the board of trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings programs, administered by Hartford Funds. For info, visit [www.SMART529.com](http://www.SMART529.com).

## Decorate Cupcakes

All ages are welcome to come to Calhoun County Library and decorate two cupcakes through Friday, July 22. All supplies will be provided. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Eastern Star

Order of Eastern Star, Grantsville Chapter #73, will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. Contact Dawn Fox, 354-7686, for information.

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# Walmart Wellness Day Is Saturday

Walmart Wellness Day will be held at more than 4,600 Walmart pharmacies across the country on Saturday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Customers can receive free glucose, cholesterol, BMI and blood pressure screenings, as well as affordable immunizations, such as tetanus, hepatitis, HPV, COVID-19, etc.

Walmart Wellness Day encourages families to get healthy and stay on a healthy track by helping them know their numbers and then seek care to improve their healthy lifestyles.

Knowing your numbers is just a start, but additional, helpful information allows you to make decisions and track your health improvement.

Wellness Day is also a time for customers to learn about health and wellness offerings and solutions.

Select stores will also feature vision screenings to make it even easier for customers to access the resources they need.

It will feature the following health resources, administered by qualified pharmacy and vision center teams:

"An exciting time of the year is approaching fast, and we look forward to offering these health and wellness resources for families as they gear up for school," said Kevin Host, Walmart's senior vice president of pharmacy.

"Wellness Day allows us to continue helping communities live better and healthier through free screenings, affordable immunizations and other solutions.

"The back-to-school season is a busy one, and these are ways that we hope to provide some easy, convenient options for our customers.

"Healthcare delivery is something we're always innovating through, not just our pharmacies, but also through Walmart Health Virtual Care and Walmart Health centers. Our goal is to offer care for our customers when and where they need it."

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

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

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

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

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

**1395 Big Root Road, Big Bend, WV || 1 Acre +/- ||** Looking for a move-in ready home? This is it! This home has 3 bedrooms with 2 bathrooms. The home has a true Master Bedroom with a Master Bathroom. No appliances? No need! This home has all appliances needed that have been purchased recently. In the living room you will find a wood fireplace for the brisk nights. The dedicated dining room is ready for many more family dinners. The large back deck is great for entertaining multiple guests. The front yard is flat and easy to maintain. The backyard is mostly uphill with a few benches in the ground perfect for a garden (current use). For the price, this is a perfect move-in ready home just minutes from Grantsville. **\$129,900**

**955 Vaughan Road, Grantsville, WV || 1 Acre +/- ||** Great quiet neighborhood just a few miles from the Town of Grantsville. This charming 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home is perfect for the first-time homebuyer or elderly couple looking for one-level living. The living room flows easily into the kitchen dining area with a door onto the back porch. All of the bedrooms are on one end of the home. This home does feature a Master Bedroom and Bathroom. This home has central heating and air. The basement of the home is accessed from outside and has a garage door. The property has 1 acre of land. Bring your personal belongings and move into this VERY CLEAN home.

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

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

**435 High Street, Grantsville, WV ||** In the 1930's, they built them to last! This beautiful 4-bedroom 1.5-bathroom brick home sits in downtown Grantsville, WV. Original hardwood floors, oak steps/handrailing and 6 fireplaces! (Currently housing gas space heaters) On the main level you have a living room, family room, kitchen, dining room, sunroom, mud room and a half bath. Upstairs you will find all 4 bedrooms and a full bathroom. Inside the main bedroom there is a huge walk-in closet and a normal closet with a window that overlooks the Koi Pond in the side yard. Almost all windows have been replaced with new vinyl windows. Washer and dryer are in the basement. Have children or animals? The private back yard has a brand-new privacy fence that was installed in 2021. This property is on street city parking or, you can use one of the 2 off-street single car garages. If you are looking for that historic style home with a small-town feel, this is it! This home is conveniently located across the street from a 24/7 critical access hospital and within walking distance to a few stores, restaurants and more! **\$199,900**

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

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# CLASSIFIEDS

Bring Classifieds to the Chronicle office or mail to Box 400, Grantsville, WV 26147. Classifieds Ads must be paid in advance. Classifieds are \$3 plus 10¢ a word after 20 words.

## Help Wanted

THE CALHOUN County Sheriff's office is accepting applications for the position of Deputy Sheriff. All applicants must pass a background check and a physical agility test, along with a civil service test. We will be accepting applications until the 12th of August, 2022. The Sheriff's office encourages everyone who would like to be a deputy to apply.

3tc/7/21-8/4

HELP WANTED -- Looking for 3 women workers to make crafts, \$10/hour, 2 to 5 p.m. Must have a computer. Send a copy of your resume to Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. 4tp/7/14-8/4

## Want To Buy

WANT TO BUY -- 1949, 1950, 1951 or 1952 Chevrolet, 4-door Fleetline car. Running or not. No restored cars wanted. 540-395-2083. 4tp/7/7-28

## Sales

BIG YARD SALE -- Jim Sturm residence, 1002 Northside Road, Friday and Saturday, July 15-16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A lot of items, something for everyone. 1tp/7/14

## For Rent

RETAIL SPACE available in Grantsville. Approximately 1,600 square feet, easy access off of Mill Street, off street parking. \$425 month includes utilities. Call 304-916-3589. 1tp/7/21

FOR RENT -- Rivers Edge Apartments, unfurnished, utilities included except wifi and phone; 2-bedroom, 1 bath, with loft, \$725, plus deposit; 3-bedroom, 1 bath, \$800, plus deposit. Lease required. Close to Grantsville, Minnie Hamilton Health System. Call 304-532-8117. 9/2/rtn

## Thank You

NOTE OF THANKS  
Thank you to our family, friends, and neighbors for all your kindness during this difficult time. We greatly appreciate your visits, calls, flowers, food, donations to the Lewis County Youth League Basketball, and/or keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Our deepest thanks and appreciation to Pat Boyle Funeral Home, Rev. Rick Metheny and Pastor Robey Godfrey for the beautiful service; Tracy Alfred, Kaylee Kirkpatrick and Tori Hochstetler for their superb music; and the St. Matthew United Methodist Church for providing a wonderful meal for our family and friends. May God's Blessings be upon you all.  
The Donald J. Godfrey Family

## Personals

WANTED -- Teacher lady, 26-38, with tall, nice figure, for wife in Calhoun County. Reply with photo in jeans, phone number and address to Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. No male write, please. 4tp/7/14-8/4

## Career

TRAIN Online To Do Medical Billing. Become a Medical Office Professional online at CTI. Get trained, certified and ready to work in months. Call 877-635-0244. The Mission, Program Information and Tuition is located at CareerTechnical.edu/consumer-information (M-F 8 a.m.-6 p.m. ET).

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# Business Directory

## Betty Clark Gregory, Attorney

Adoption and Guardianship



(304) 389-0401

BettyGregoryLaw@gmail.com

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## Miscellaneous

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HANDS On The River Massage, Geraldine Gardner, LMT, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, W.Va. Call 304-541-9139 for an appointment. swc

## Medical

STROKE And Cardiovascular Disease are leading causes of death, according to the American Heart Association. Screenings can provide peace of mind or early detection! Contact Life Line Screening to schedule your screening. Special offer - 5 screenings for just \$149. Call 1-855-915-3562. swc

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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 a point, thence;

S-67-17-E 62.85' to a 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 10/20/1999.

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

**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.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Calhoun County is requesting any individual interested in becoming a member of the Calhoun County Civil Service Board to submit a letter of request by August 1, 2022. The letter can be sent to the county clerk at calhounclerk@gmail.com or to President Michael Hicks at michael.hicks4742@gmail.com

**CLASSIFIEDS (Continued)**

APPLYING for Social Security Disability or appealing a denied claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc. Our case managers simplify the process and work hard to help with your case. Call 1-844-448-0317 for free consultation. Local attorneys nationwide [Mail: 2420 N. St. NW, Washington, D.C. Office: Broward Co., Fla. (TX/NM Bar.)] swc

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**Job Incentive**

West Virginia residents who currently receive unemployment benefits, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits and who obtain employment between by Aug. 12, 2022, may be eligible for the Job Jumpstart Program, which will provide a one-time payment of \$1,500.

Those who complete a WorkForce West Virginia-approved training program and obtain a credential between those dates may also be eligible.

The program is available on a first-come, first-served basis through Aug. 12, or until funding is expended.

To be eligible, applicants must maintain employment for eight consecutive weeks and average a minimum of 32 hours per week.

West Virginians who exhausted their unemployment benefits after Jan. 1, who have re-entered the workforce, or are job searching, may also be eligible.

Complete eligibility requirements and Job Jumpstart Program applications are available at workforcewv.org/jjp.

Interested applicants should complete the pre-screening questionnaire and be prepared to provide proof of current West Virginia residency, a valid federal or state driver's license or I.D., and either proof of employment or credentials received if enrolled in an approved training program.

For information, visit workforcewv.org/jjpfafs.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

**CASE NO. 22-0495-G-390P**

**HOPE GAS, INC. dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA**

Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program ("PREP") Application, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1k

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

On May 27, 2022, Hope Gas, Inc., doing business as Dominion Energy West Virginia (Hope) filed its Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program (PREP) Filing with revised PREP Rates, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade, and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its Application, Hope projects PREP capital investment for calendar year 2023 of \$63 million as part of its General Program (core distribution system) and Gathering Program (gathering facilities) under multi-year plans. The Application also contains a true-up for actual versus projected 2021 calendar year PREP capital investment activity for both the General Program and the Gathering Program. The PREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, regulator stations and other plant equipment. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Hope service territories throughout the State. These projects are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Hope proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an increment within the fixed or volumetric, base rate component of its rates depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on November 1, 2022. Hope projects that if the program and rate increments are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed on November 1, 2022, as follows:

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	Hope Proposed	
	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential	\$2.61	3.66%
Commercial	\$34.80	5.36%
Large Commercial	\$119.38	1.66%
Industrial	\$531.72	4.69%
Resale	\$445.85	1.67%
Gathering (PGAS)	\$803.52	2.04%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing on the Application, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on September 22, 2022, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If the Commission receives no opposition to the Application within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived, and the Commission may issue a final Order within 150 days of the Application filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 20 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission Order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at [http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/online\\_comments/default.cfm](http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/online_comments/default.cfm) by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

HOPE GAS, INC., dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

**Proposed Amendments to the WV Constitution to be on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot are as follows:**

**Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment"**

**Summary of Purpose:** Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state.

**Full Text of the Amendment:**

ARTICLE IV.

§9. Impeachment of officials.

Any officer of the state may be impeached for maladministration, corruption, incompetency, gross immorality, neglect of duty, or any high crime or misdemeanor. The House of Delegates has the sole power of impeachment. The Senate has the sole power to try impeachments and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto. When sitting as a court of impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, or, if from any cause it be improper for him or her to act, then any other judge of that court, to be designated by it, shall preside; and the senators shall be on oath or affirmation, to do justice according to law and evidence. Judgment in cases of impeachment does not extend further than removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit, under the state; but the party convicted remains liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment according to law. The Senate may sit during the recess of the Legislature for the trial of impeachments. No court of this state has any authority or jurisdiction, by writ or otherwise, to intercede or intervene in, or interfere with, any impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate conducted hereunder; nor is any judgment rendered by the Senate following a trial of impeachment reviewable by any court of this state.

**Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment"**

**Summary of Purpose:** To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.

**Full Text of the Amendment:**

ARTICLE X.

§1. Taxation and finance.

Subject to the exceptions in this section contained, taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the state, and all property, both real and personal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value to be ascertained as directed by law. No one species of property from which a tax may be collected shall be taxed higher than any other species of property of equal value; except that the aggregate of taxes assessed in any one year upon personal property employed exclusively in agriculture, including horticulture and grazing, products of agriculture as above defined, including livestock, while owned by the producer, and money, notes, bonds, bills and accounts receivable, stocks and other similar intangible personal property shall not exceed fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of value thereon and upon all property owned, used and occupied by the owner thereof exclusively for residential purposes and upon farms occupied and cultivated by their owners or bona fide tenants, one dollar; and upon all other property situated outside of municipalities, one dollar and fifty cents; and upon all other property situated within municipalities, two dollars; and the Legislature shall further provide by general law for increasing the maximum rates, authorized to be fixed, by the different levying bodies upon all classes of property, by submitting the question to the voters of the taxing units affected, but no increase shall be effective unless at least sixty percent of the qualified voters shall favor such increase, and such increase shall not continue for a longer period than three years at any one time, and shall never exceed by more than fifty percent the maximum rate herein provided and prescribed by law; and the revenue derived from this source shall be apportioned by the Legislature among the levying units of the state in proportion to the levy laid in said units upon real and other personal property; but property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, all cemeteries, public property, tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity, tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity, personal property tax on motor vehicles, the personal property, including livestock, employed exclusively in agriculture as above defined and the products of agriculture as so defined while owned by the producers may by law be exempted from taxation; household goods to the value of two hundred dollars shall be exempted from taxation. The Legislature shall have authority to tax privileges, franchises, and incomes of persons and corporations and to classify and graduate the tax on all incomes according to the amount thereof and to exempt from taxation incomes below a minimum to be fixed from time to time, and such revenues as may be derived from such tax may be appropriated as the Legislature may provide. After the year nineteen hundred thirty-three, the rate of the state tax upon property shall not exceed one cent upon the hundred dollars valuation, except to pay the principal and interest of bonded indebtedness of the state now existing.

**Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment"**

**Summary of Purpose:** To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

**Full Text of Amendment:**

Article VI. The Legislature.

§47. Incorporation of religious denominations permitted.

Provisions may be made by general laws for securing the title to church property, and for the sale and transfer thereof, so that it shall be held, used, or transferred for the purposes of such church or religious denomination. Provisions may also be made by general laws for the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

**Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment"**

**Summary of Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection.

**Full Text of Amendment:**

ARTICLE XII. EDUCATION.

§2. Supervision of free schools.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

**Proposed Amendments to the WV Constitution to be on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot are as follows:**

**Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment"**

**Summary of Purpose:** Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state.

**Full Text of the Amendment:**

ARTICLE IV.

§9. Impeachment of officials.

Any officer of the state may be impeached for maladministration, corruption, incompetency, gross immorality, neglect of duty, or any high crime or misdemeanor. The House of Delegates has the sole power of impeachment. The Senate has the sole power to try impeachments and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto. When sitting as a court of impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, or, if from any cause it be improper for him or her to act, then any other judge of that court, to be designated by it, shall preside; and the senators shall be on oath or affirmation, to do justice according to law and evidence. Judgment in cases of impeachment does not extend further than removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit, under the state; but the party convicted remains liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment according to law. The Senate may sit during the recess of the Legislature for the trial of impeachments. No court of this state has any authority or jurisdiction, by writ or otherwise, to intercede or intervene in, or interfere with, any impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate conducted hereunder; nor is any judgment rendered by the Senate following a trial of impeachment reviewable by any court of this state.

**Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment"**

**Summary of Purpose:** To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.

**Full Text of the Amendment:**

ARTICLE X.

§1. Taxation and finance.

Subject to the exceptions in this section contained, taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the state, and all property, both real and personal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value to be ascertained as directed by law. No one species of property from which a tax may be collected shall be taxed higher than any other species of property of equal value; except that the aggregate of taxes assessed in any one year upon personal property employed exclusively in agriculture, including horticulture and grazing, products of agriculture as above defined, including livestock, while owned by the producer, and money, notes, bonds, bills and accounts receivable, stocks and other similar intangible personal property shall not exceed fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of value thereon and upon all property owned, used and occupied by the owner thereof exclusively for residential purposes and upon farms occupied and cultivated by their owners or bona fide tenants, one dollar; and upon all other property situated outside of municipalities, one dollar and fifty cents; and upon all other property situated within municipalities, two dollars; and the Legislature shall further provide by general law for increasing the maximum rates, authorized to be fixed, by the different levying bodies upon all classes of property, by submitting the question to the voters of the taxing units affected, but no increase shall be effective unless at least sixty percent of the qualified voters shall favor such increase, and such increase shall not continue for a longer period than three years at any one time, and shall never exceed by more than fifty percent the maximum rate herein provided and prescribed by law; and the revenue derived from this source shall be apportioned by the Legislature among the levying units of the state in proportion to the levy laid in said units upon real and other personal property; but property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, all cemeteries, public property, tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity, tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity, personal property tax on motor vehicles, the personal property, including livestock, employed exclusively in agriculture as above defined and the products of agriculture as so defined while owned by the producers may by law be exempted from taxation; household goods to the value of two hundred dollars shall be exempted from taxation. The Legislature shall have authority to tax privileges, franchises, and incomes of persons and corporations and to classify and graduate the tax on all incomes according to the amount thereof and to exempt from taxation incomes below a minimum to be fixed from time to time, and such revenues as may be derived from such tax may be appropriated as the Legislature may provide. After the year nineteen hundred thirty-three, the rate of the state tax upon property shall not exceed one cent upon the hundred dollars valuation, except to pay the principal and interest of bonded indebtedness of the state now existing.

**Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment"**

**Summary of Purpose:** To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

**Full Text of Amendment:**

Article VI. The Legislature.

§47. Incorporation of religious denominations permitted.

Provisions may be made by general laws for securing the title to church property, and for the sale and transfer thereof, so that it shall be held, used, or transferred for the purposes of such church or religious denomination. Provisions may also be made by general laws for the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

**Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment"**

**Summary of Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection.

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# WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



# Creston News

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## Statistics:

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

2020	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
2021					
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638~^	5.8	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409>	2,821^	5.7	3.7
DHHR stopped updating on weekends and holidays.					
May 24	160,354	2,724,689	2,775	5.6	5.7
June 30	164,041	2,844,286	2,891	5.5	1.5
July 30	167,016	2,953,133	2,946	5.4	6.4
Aug. 31	189,690	3,203,536	3,084	5.6	9.5
Sept. 30	240,459	3,623,522	3,670	6.2	10.6
Oct. 29	270,984	3,957,070	4,426	6.4	10.8
Nov. 30	294,794	4,235,663	4,868^	6.5	9.1
Dec. 30	328,162	4,537,412	5,336	6.7	19.3
2022					
Jan. 31	446,771	4,959,152	5,763	8.3	21.6
Feb. 28	490,111	5,221,878	6,317	8.6	8.3
Mar. 31	497,769	5,422,855	6,831	8.4	1.2
Apr. 29	501,204	5,545,521	6,856	8.3	5.0
May 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
July 13	541,062	5,913,595	7,099	8.4	10.4
July 14	542,092	5,921,354	7,099	8.4	8.8
July 15	542,887	5,927,472	7,102	8.4	9.5
July 18	544,911	5,939,332	7,102	8.4	18.7
July 19	545,745	5,942,316	7,106	8.4	16.5

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

As of Sept. 20, 2021, 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 (5,189), Berkeley (38,697), Boone (7,209), Braxton (4,331), Brooke (5,431), Cabell (29,860), Calhoun (2,011), Clay (2,460), Doddridge (2,248), Fayette (14,252), Gilmer (2,248), Grant (3,998), Greenbrier (10,635), Hampshire (6,301), Hancock (7,286), Hardy (4,490), Harrison (22,031), Jackson (7,427), Jefferson (15,733), Kanawha (51,519), Lewis (5,941), Lincoln (5,980), Logan (10,582), Marion (16,800), Marshall (9,759), Mason (7,381), McDowell (6,156), Mercer (18,796), Mineral (8,605), Mingo (8,416), Monongalia (27,235), Monroe (4,630), Morgan (4,491), Nicholas (8,006), Ohio (12,177), Pendleton (2,068), Pleasants (2,193), Pocahontas (2,158), Preston (9,810), Putnam (18,135), Raleigh (25,210), Randolph (10,188), Ritchie (2,608), Roane (3,585), Summers (3,061), Taylor (4,994), Tucker (2,113), Tyler (2,338), Upshur (7,556), Wayne (10,465), Webster (2,461), Wetzel (4,734), Wirt (1,527), Wood (23,745), Wyoming (7,651).

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; 1,100, Dec. 7; 1,200, 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; 2,000, July 13. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second, Sept. 15, 2021, woman, 73; third, Sept. 29, man, 79; fourth, Sept. 30, man, 73; fifth, Nov. 1, woman, 73; sixth, Nov. 23, woman, 86; seventh, Dec. 1, female, 56; eighth, Dec. 6, female, 92; ninth Dec. 7, male, 93; 10th, Jan. 21, 2022, female, 80; 11th, Feb. 9, female, 50; 12th, Feb. 24, female, 71; 13th, Mar. 2, male, 40; 14th, Apr. 21, female, 82; 15th, May 3, female, 86.

In United States: Each Monday since Mar. 16, 2020, plus last nine days

In World: Each Monday since Mar. 16, 2020, plus last nine days

The folks from Burn- ing Springs M.E. Church motored to the Pisgah church for a joint service that was followed with a belly buster meal to welcome new preacher Rev. Kevin Gillespie and his wife Terri.

Creston Community Building now has its IRS 501(c)(3) status. Special thanks to Linda Buchanan for pushing through the paperwork.

The Creston area con- tinues to get rain, but

Freddie Bush and asso- ciates got a significant amount of hay put up between showers. He had four tractors cutting hay at one time.

Local residents con- sulted with their medical advisors. While most received good results, Bill Duskey was advised that one of the tumors that was removed was cancerous. He will undergo additional tests next month.

The food pantry was held on Friday. Because

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

2020	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept.28	7,321,465	209,544	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
June10	87,114,740	1,035,320	534,402,411	6,334,174
June11	87,246,309	1,035,675	534,980,794	6,335,846
June12	87,305,419	1,035,828	535,318,013	6,336,740
June13	87,321,703	1,035,847	535,607,154	6,337,223
June14	87,424,846	1,036,084	535,971,812	6,338,004
June15	87,549,563	1,036,483	536,794,423	6,340,054
June16	87,759,180	1,037,664	537,520,147	6,342,478
June17	87,861,132	1,037,928	538,075,129	6,344,247
June18	87,968,819	1,038,265	538,602,460	6,345,653
June19	87,981,568	1,038,289	538,926,214	6,346,346
June20	88,004,073	1,038,323	539,176,860	6,346,888
June21	88,054,080	1,038,385	539,735,789	6,347,981
June22	88,244,870	1,038,900	540,642,615	6,349,773
June23	88,443,398	1,039,771	541,476,982	6,351,900
June24	88,566,961	1,040,236	542,254,377	6,353,773
June25	88,708,703	1,040,641	543,049,837	6,355,540
June26	88,777,658	1,040,792	543,492,824	6,356,409
June27	88,794,286	1,040,805	543,784,417	6,356,961
June28	88,910,140	1,041,027	544,759,944	6,358,419
June29	89,030,727	1,041,354	550,523,449	6,360,156
June30	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	559,565,833	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
July 13	90,683,223	1,046,613	562,786,437	6,382,891
July 14	90,909,760	1,047,794	563,922,948	6,385,759
July 15	91,060,225	1,048,232	565,165,120	6,388,390
July 16	91,170,571	1,048,693	566,254,576	6,391,960
July 17	91,250,392	1,048,822	566,995,495	6,392,956
July 18	91,275,149	1,048,843	567,571,460	6,393,794
July 19	91,429,409	1,049,274	568,370,817	6,395,443

Cases by states and territories: California 10,436,723, Texas 7,386,900, Florida 6,683,581, New York 5,721,594, Illinois 3,496,014, Pennsylvania 3,038,076, North Carolina 2,919,068, Ohio 2,891,756, Georgia 2,694,160, Michigan 2,636,214, New Jersey 2,545,959, Arizona 2,161,045, Tennessee 2,160,023, Massachusetts 1,944,319, Virginia 1,919,590, Indiana 1,798,430, Wisconsin 1,750,325, Washington 1,

## School Board Self-Appraisal

The following are results of a self-appraisal survey by board of education members Jimmy Gregory, Jenna Jett, Horst Motz, Mitch Morgan, and Tammy Yoak, which were announced at the July 14 board meeting:

The five members answered the following statements with strongly agree (SA); agree (A); disagree (D); or strongly disagree (SD):

1. I can communicate the county's mission.  
SA - 0; A - 5; D - 0; SD - 0
2. I believe in learning for all, whatever it takes.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0
3. I make decisions as a board member based on the established mission of our county.  
SA - 1; A - 4; D - 0; SD - 0
4. Board members share a commitment to the county's mission.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0
5. Our board members include meaningful discussion about county goals and means of achieving them.  
SA - 1; A - 4; D - 0; SD - 0
6. Our board expects central office staff to be committed to all students obtaining mastery of state standards.  
SA - 3; A - 2; D - 0; SD - 0
7. My commitment as a board member impacts my actions and my expectations for students and staff.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0
8. Our board evaluates the superintendent based on goals, expectations for student achievement, and compliance with state and local policy, and W.Va. Code.  
SA - 3; A - 2; D - 0; SD - 0
9. Our board members provide feedback to the superintendent when appropriate.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0
10. Our board upholds a clear set of expectations of performance and professional qualities when hiring and evaluating the superintendent.  
SA - 3; A - 2; D - 0; SD - 0
11. As a board member, I have the necessary information to make decisions about issues.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0
12. Student performance and well-being can be measured effectively.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0

13. Our board engages in frequent, meaningful conversations about improving student achievement throughout the district.  
SA - 1; A - 3; D - 1; SD - 0.

14. Our board has specific, measurable goals, frequently monitors progress toward meeting them, and makes changes as needed.  
SA - 1; A - 3; D - 1; SD - 0

15. Our board operates effectively as a policy-making body.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0

16. Decisions and actions of the board are grounded in state and local policy as opposed to focusing on management.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0

17. All potential county-wide issues are referred to the superintendent for management.  
SA - 2; A - 2; D - 1; SD - 0

18. Our board has established a schedule for reviewing policies for relevance and alignment with state policy and W.Va. Code.  
SA - 1; A - 4; D - 0; SD - 0

19. Our board's behaviors align with established norms and operating procedures.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0

20. Our board allows and expects the superintendent to serve as the chief executive officer and run the day-to-day operations of the school system.  
SA - 3; A - 2; D - 0; SD - 0

21. The relationship between the board and the superintendent is one of mutual respect, open communication, trust, and confidence.  
SA - 4; A - 1; D - 0; SD - 0

22. The authority of our board is as a corporate body and not as individual members.  
SA - 3; A - 2; D - 0; SD - 0

23. Our board's goals are established and communicated to all stakeholders.  
SA - 2; A - 2; D - 1; SD - 0

24. Our board has an established process for communicating information with the public.  
SA - 1; A - 3; D - 1; SD - 0

25. Our board meetings effectively allow time for both board business and input from community members.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0

26. Our board procedures for allowing public comment are fair, clear, and consistent.  
SA - 2; A - 3; D - 0; SD - 0

27. Board members attend school, district, and

community events throughout the year when possible.  
SA - 3; A - 2; D - 0; SD - 0

28. When speaking publicly regarding a county issue, board members align their statements with the board's official position on the issue.  
SA - 1; A - 4; D - 0; SD - 0

29. Our board communicates with government leaders (local, state, and national) on issues dealing with public education.  
SA - 0; A - 5; D - 0; SD - 0

## Applications Due By July 31 Clothing Allowance

Dept. of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Family Assistance will accept School Clothing Allowance applications through 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

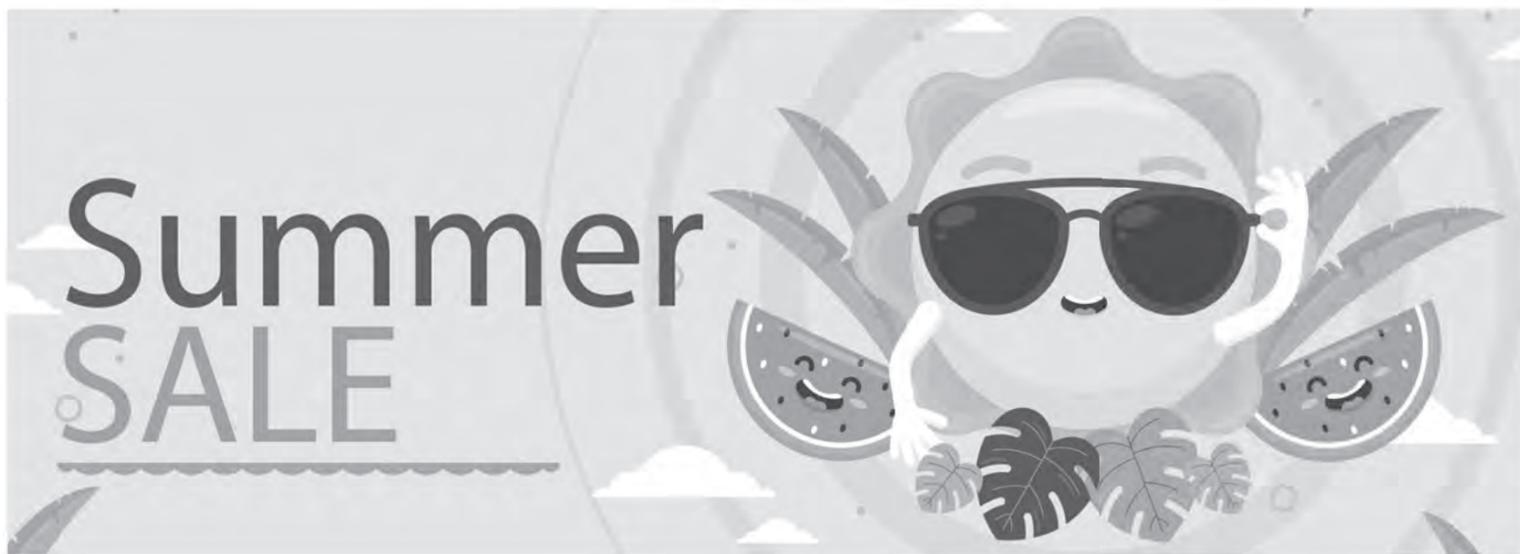
Families receiving School Clothing Allowance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should have received a application by U.S. Mail in late June.

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.



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'14 Chevy Cruze LS, low miles and great mpg! **\$13,900**

'17 Jeep Renegade Sport, 4x4, local trade, clean! **\$19,990**

'19 Jeep Compass Latitude, 4x4, loaded, LOW miles, leather! **\$32,900**

'16 Kia Sorento AWD clean car, really sharp! **\$21,900**

'17 GMC Terrain SEL, AWD, really nice, loaded! **\$22,980**

'14 GMC Sierra SLT Extended Cab, 4x4,  
heated leather, V8, local trade! **\$26,900**

'16 Ford Focus Titanium, heated leather  
and wheel, sunroof, great mpg! **\$17,900**

'18 Ford Escape SEL, 4-WD, heated leather, sharp! **\$27,900**

'20 Ford Escape SE, AWD, low miles, heated seats, great mpg! **\$30,900**

'19 Ford EcoSport S, 4WD, low miles, great mpg! **\$20,900**

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Landscaping around the facility and a new roof on the “peak” at Calhoun Middle/High School were in progress last week. Inset: Replacement of the original shingle roof was nearing completion.

## Mrs. Mid-Atlantic Tourism



After being selected as the World’s Mrs. Mid-Atlantic Tourism 2022 Queen, Calhoun resident Melissa West has set her sights on a bigger stage July 22-24 in Tennessee.

She hopes to draw awareness to the importance of Foster Care and the need for more foster families.

The World’s Miss Tourism pageant is a “community service event, encouraging all contestants to help their communities.”

For information on World’s Miss Pageants visit [www.misstourismpageants.com](http://www.misstourismpageants.com)

In Tennessee, West will compete against women from all over the world.

“I want to thank pageant directors Gary Beamer and Teri Moore Alexander for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of the Tourism Family,” said West.

She is the daughter of the late Denver and Kay Nicholas of Orma, and is married to Tracy West. She is a 1995 graduate of Calhoun County High School and 2003 graduate of Glenville State College.

## Grant Deadline

The W.Va. Humanities Council is seeking proposals for its Sept. 1 grant deadline. Four grant categories will be offered to non-profit organizations that support educational humanities programming.

Applicants may request up to \$20,000, and must allow 12 weeks between Sept. 1 and the start of the project. A description of each category follows:

--Major grants support public humanities programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences.

Media grants support the planning, scripting, and production of audio or video materials, websites, or a newspaper series addressing humanities topics.

Publication grants support the production phase of completed manuscripts on West Virginia topics in the humanities, or manuscripts by West Virginia authors on any subject in the humanities. Only recognized non-profit and academic presses are eligible to apply.

Teacher Institute grants are available to colleges, universities, and W.Va. Dept of Education to develop summer seminars on humanities topics suited to the teaching needs of elementary or secondary teachers.

For information about the grant programs, call grants administrator Erin Riebe at 346-8500 or email [riebe@wvhumanities.org](mailto:riebe@wvhumanities.org). Grant guidelines and applications are available at [wvhumanities.org](http://wvhumanities.org).

## 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.



Emily Anderson and Mattea Miller, Calhoun Middle/High School juniors, attended the W.Va. Ambassadors Camp at University of Charleston from June 27-30. The camp focused on West Virginia culture, history, music, arts, and government. They were able to intern in different government offices and spent the week learning about the Mountain State.

## Morrissey Mobile

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

Brooke Albright, consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will discuss consumer related issues and answer any potential questions.

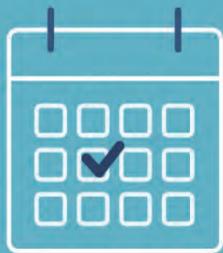
The sessions are open to the public; reservations not required. For information, call 777-9906.

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