



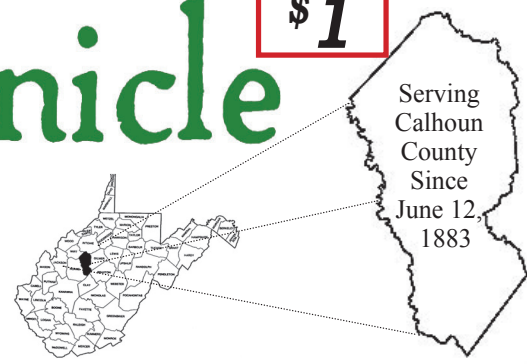
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‘Christmas In the Village’ Set Saturday At Co. Park

by Melody Walburn
 Calhoun County Historical Society will present “Christmas in the Village” at Heritage Village in Calhoun County Park on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m.

If you have never participated in this event, you don’t know what you are missing. This is a fun-filled afternoon, with activities for every family member.

Guests can park at the top of the hill and ride a hay wagon down into the village. They will be greeted at the Check-in Coop and receive a program of events. Visitors are welcome to make themselves at home,

as they wander from building to building.

Your nose might guide you to the kettle corn station, where the treat is being made in a kettle over the fire.

Some might be tempted to follow the sounds of Christmas carols coming from the chapel, which is decorated for a Christmas wedding.

Others might be drawn to the warmth of the fireplace in the cabin. While warming up, guests can watch a young crafter weave a rug or visit with Santa Claus.

Children of all ages can take a walk over to the post office and write the jolly old elf their Christmas list

for this year.

By this point in the visit, it might be time for some tasty treats, so a trip to Jarvis Store is in order. Guests will find hot chocolate, coffee, water, and a variety of delicious sweet treats, including freshly made kettle corn.

Shoppers will also have the opportunity to do a little Christmas shopping, as they browse the wide assortment of items for sale.

Visitors may stop in at the schoolhouse to make a pioneer craft, learn about the birds of West Virginia, and see how the children have decorated their classroom for the (Continued on Page 3)

Have A Safe and Happy Thanksgiving

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 24
THANKSGIVING.

Free Thanksgiving dinner, Mom’s Place Too, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; open to everyone, including deer hunters.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Christmas in the Village, Heritage Village, Calhoun County Park, 2 to 5 p.m.; sponsored by Calhoun Historical Society.

Upper West Fork Park sing, 7 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 27

Gospel Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 2 p.m.; singing, David Bowen and family and Ron Shamblin.

Monday, Nov. 28

Order of Eastern Star monthly meeting, Grantsville, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Parent-Child Group, Calhoun FRN, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

CCHS boys basketball team hosts Tygarts Valley for scrimmage, 6:30 p.m. (Continued on Page 2)

Inclement Weather Alternative Routes Listed For Buses

Alternate bus routes have been developed and may be utilized for Calhoun County Schools during inclement weather.

When alternate bus routes are utilized, parents will be notified through school messenger and local media.

Routes listed below show secondary routes that will not be ran when utilizing alternate bus routes:

Bus Route 1: Chris Lacy (Bus #11), Yellow Creek, 9:25 a.m., Dominion Station on Klipstine, 9:50 a.m., turn around on Nobe Road at Fingerboard Road, 10:12 a.m., Pleasant Hill School, 10:30 a.m., Calhoun Middle/High School, 11 a.m.

Bus Route 2: Marshall Bever (Bus #14), bus will turn at Horse Run Ridge.

Bus Route 3: Jim Sullivan (Bus #6), students on Crummies Creek Road will meet the bus at the mouth of Crummies Creek, 10 a.m.

Bus Route 4: Rick Sampson (Bus #30), this also applies to when there

is high water. Bus will not run on Lower Leading Creek Road, including the section of road from Fred Jones to Bertha Jones residences. The affected families should meet the bus at Coal Fork Road, 10 a.m.

Bus Route 5: Janet Summers (Bus #10), bus will turn on Walnut Road at Butler’s feed pad at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Bus Route 6: Greg Hawkins (Bus #7), bus will not run on Mt. Zion Road, otherwise known as Pine Creek Road. Parents can bring students to Mt. Zion Church to board the bus at 10:25 a.m.

Bus Route 7: Terri Allen (Bus #26), bus will start and pick up students at mouth of Upper Nicut Road, 9:40 a.m., Mt. Run Road, 9:45 a.m., turn and will not run Bear Run Road, but pick up students at end of road, 10:10 a.m., continue to Rt. 16 to Arnoldsburg Elementary School, 10:35 a.m., to CM/HS, 10:50 a.m.

Bus Route 8: Barb (Continued on Page 3)

Little Kanawha Valley Christian School Honors Local Veterans



Fred Brown with grandson, Braden Brown.

Little Kanawha Valley Christian School hosted a celebration in honor of local veterans on Nov. 10. Students were asked to invite and interview men and women who have or are serving in the nation’s military forces.

There were 34 veterans interviewed, with 19 attending the celebration. The program opened in prayer by Pastor Matt Sanders of Brooksville Baptist Church, and pledges to the American and Christian flags and to the Holy Bible.

Classes were in charge of the entertainment, with the Armed Forces Medley, poems of “Our Flag” and “Veterans Day,” and recitations of the Preamble to the Constitution and the Gettysburg Address.

The program ended with a message from Pastor Dennis Legg.

(Additional photos on Page 10)



Larry McCormick with great-granddaughter, MiKenna Wease.



Steve Miller with Clara, Vada and Henry Barnhart.



Pastor Matt Sanders with Jayci Barr.



Nick Peterson with Jared Mason.



Mike Rogers with grandchildren, Cyrena and Roman Wilson.

OBITUARIES

HOLLY KERBY, SR.

Holly Kerby, Sr., 78, of Ravenswood, formerly of Calhoun County, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at Jackson General Hospital, Ripley.

He was born in Spencer, the son of the late Woodrow Wilson and Alma Evelyn Lynch Kerby. He served his country in the United States Army and retired from truck driving.

Surviving are his companion, Doris Moore; two sons, Holly Kerby, Jr., and John Kerby; three daughters, Tammy Burns, Heather Sherrod and Jeannie Burgess; and several others who he helped raise.

Services were held at Hur Church, with Rev. Tom Law officiating. Burial was in Hur Cemetery.



JACK BOGGS

Jack Boggs, 83, of Creston, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at WVU Camden Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg.

He was the son of the late Thomas and Della Parsons Boggs. He was a 1957 graduate of Wirt County High School and was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the United States Army. He was a member of Operating Engineers Union, worked for Dept. of Highways in Wirt County, tended wells, was a full-time farmer, and a member of Wirt County Board of Education. He was a Christian.

Surviving are his wife, Connie; three children, Donald Jack Boggs, Jackie Sue Boggs and Bobbie Jo Sheppard; four grandchildren, Kylee Sue Blair, Jaxen Lee Copeland, Wyatt Rolston and Nathan Rolston; two siblings, Charles Boggs and Margie Webster; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law and brother-in-law.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, James Boggs, Thomas Boggs and June Boggs, and two sisters, Anna Exline and Mary Campbell.

Services were held at Matheny Whited Funeral Home, Elizabeth, with Darin Cale officiating. Burial was in Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Elizabeth, with military honors.



SUZANNA 'Sue' BENNETT COTTRILL

Suzanna "Sue" Bennett Cottrill, 90, of Gay, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at Hubbard Hospice, Charleston.

She was born in Perkins, the daughter of the late Dorsey and Thelma Conrad Bennett. After her retirement as a Kellwood employee and a CNA, she worked as a cook at Miletree Nursing Home and as an office assistant for the DHHR senior program.

Surviving are four siblings, Betty Montgomery of Romney, Ivy Burns of Perkins, Winnie Cunningham of Stumptown and Aaron Bennett of Glenville; four daughters, Virginia Covalt of LaGrange, Ohio, Carolyn Conley of Spencer, Patty Woods of Gay and Sheila Nelson of Poca; three sons, James of Lockney, Burlan of Cleveland, Ohio, and Steve of Shock; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Reece "Fuzzy" Cottrill; two sisters, Mary and Corrina; and four brothers, Ezra, Cecil, Shirley and Delnora.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Elder Larry Fisher officiating, and burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Normantown.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



REV. LARRY RAY BENNETT

Rev. Larry Ray Bennett, 73, of Rosedale, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, at his home.

He was born in Chloe, the son of the late Gene and Maxine Bennett. He was a 1968 graduate of Gassaway High School. He was a retired bus driver and custodian for Braxton County Schools and worked the oil rigs for many years. He preached at multiple churches and revivals.

Surviving are his second wife, Susan Ann Crislip Bennett; one daughter, Melinda Johnson; one son, Ernie Bennett; one step-daughter, Rebekah Davis; four grandchildren, Hayden Bailey, Chase Bailey, Logan Bennett and Novalee Bennett; two step-grandchildren, Dillon Crislip and Joshua Dewitt; two great-granddaughters, Rosalea Bailey and Millie Bailey; two step-great-grandchildren, Griffin Crislip and Valor Crislip; two brothers, Doyle Bennett and Marvin Bennett; one sister, Nina Cook; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, B. Rosalea Marks Bennett; one brother, Danny McCumbers; one step-daughter, Kelly Dewitt; in-laws, Curt and Lucy Marks; and grandparents who raised him, Eustace and Rose Bennett.

Services were held at Rosedale Baptist Church, with Elder Larry Fisher and Pastor Lester Tanner officiating. Burial was in Mill Fork Cemetery, Rosedale.



GERALDINE ANGELA RILEY

Geraldine Angela Riley, 87, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, at Advent Health, Deland, Fla.

She was born in Euclid, the daughter of the late Merchie Hunt and Rhetta Marie Salyers of Calhoun County. She was a graduate of Calhoun County High School and was employed by Salisbury Garment Co., Pa., and Sorensen Manufacturing Co., New York, N.Y. She was active as a volunteer at St. Martin's Catholic Church School, Gaithersburg, Md.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Patrick Dennis Riley of Frederick, Md.; two sons, Gerald Patrick Riley of New Market, Md., and Shawn Colin Riley and wife Elizabeth of Frederick; one daughter, Charlotte Marie Riley of Walkersville, Md.; seven nieces, Linda Duncan, Karen Winebrenner, Lisa Frye, Debbie Durst, Tammy Riley, Maryanne Marshall and Heather Salber; and two nephews, Richard Riley and Michael Riley.

Geraldine will be remembered at a mass and burial on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m., at St. Michael's Catholic Church Cemetery, West Salisbury, Pa., with a private family gathering to follow. In lieu of flowers, kindly make a donation to the charity of your choice in her honor.

See paid obituary memorial on Page 9.

RONALD LEE HART, JR.

Ronald Lee Hart, Jr., 58, of Spencer, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, at home.

He was born in Spencer, the son of Ronald Lee Hart, Sr., of Millstone and Janis Carpenter Hart Isaac of Spencer. He was an electrician for RES-COM.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his fiancé, Rosalie Putman of Spencer; two sons, Ronald Lee Hart III of Selma, N.C., and Iron Lee Hart of Spencer; one daughter, Tyler May Hart of Vienna; three siblings, Wanda Lea Hart Cudd of North Carolina, Randy Joe Hart of Spencer and Cindy Renae Hart of Millstone; and newborn grandson, Denver Gale Hart.

The family's wish of cremation will be honored, so there will be no visitation or service.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

HOW I (almost) GOT MY FIRST DEER

When I think back on this story, it really makes me wonder how little boys survive long enough to become young men.

I was raised on a steady diet of "Gunsmoke," "Bonanza" and Zane Grey novels. For those of you too young to remember, these are all "Westerns."

I was about nine years old at the time and, although I lived in West Virginia and not in the Wild West, I wanted and desperately needed something to ride.

Times were pretty hard then, so I couldn't have a bicycle, and a horse was out of the question. We rented a house on a 90-acre farm on Mud Lick Road, just off of Mt. Zion ridge, and there were at least 30 head of cattle running the hillsides.

The TV show "Rawhide" (with a young Clint Eastwood as Rowdy Yates) talked me out of attempting to break a steer to ride. Watching those cowboys controlling that herd every week showed me that a 45-lb. boy couldn't rope and break an 800-lb. cow. At least I wasn't completely stupid.

Like all boys that age, I was not to be denied.

There just had to be something that I could do. If I couldn't capture my own horse and tame it for riding, perhaps I could capture something even better.

After all, someone had to be the first person to jump on the back of a horse and, after a few thousand years, that seems to have worked out (At least for us, but horses may have a different opinion.)

Maybe to start out, I might go for something a little bit smaller.

The cows had made nice paths all over the hillsides, and one of them just happened to go directly beneath an old apple tree. Knowing how much deer loved apples, I began practicing my skills with a lasso.

I made a loop in an old piece of rope and threw it at everything--fence posts, the dog, my older brother, and just to test the rope, a cow (thankfully, I missed it). Within hours, I was so good that I didn't miss very often. Just ask my brother.

My aim was to be the first person to ever break an eight-point buck to the saddle. A horse could jump over a log or a small fence, but I had witnessed

deer jumping five or 10 feet in the air.

Maybe in a few thousand years, people will look back to the time that the nine-year-old boy had been the first person brave enough to tame a deer.

There would be annual races held at huge racetracks. The steeplechase would have a whole new meaning. I only saw all of the good outcomes with my plan. My demise was not an option.

After watching the apple tree by the path, I knew that the does ate first and then the buck came down the hill for his ration of apples.

All I had to do was hide in the tree until he came directly beneath, drop my lasso over his rack and hold on until he was "tamed." I didn't have a saddle, but I figured that I could go bareback. My name would go down in history, or on a tombstone.

My father caught on to my plan (stupid older brother informed) and told me that I needed to walk up to our neighbors house right then for a "talking to."

The neighbor was Bernard McDonald, and I knew he didn't like people running in his meadows. Of this offense, I was quite guilty.

When I got to his house, he said we "needed to take a walk to the barn." In those days, a "walk to the barn" meant that you were in for a whipping. I knew I deserved it, so I went.

When we got to the barn, he told me that he had an old horse that was blind in one eye and too old to be useful for anything on the farm, but might be able to fan the flames of a young boy.

Would I be interested in keeping her, and did I know how to take care of a horse? I didn't tell him that all I knew about horses, I either saw on TV or read in fictional novels, I just said that I knew all I needed to know.

He threw in all the trappings that I would need to care for her and ride her. He turned that beautiful one-eyed horse over to me free and clear. I loved that horse more than I did my own brother, until the day she broke her leg in a groundhog hole.

My father and Mr. McDonald saved my life and, perhaps, the dignity of a fine eight-point buck that I wouldn't let any of my uncles shoot.

We had a bond between us, that buck and I.

LKADC Gets Grant

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has awarded a \$65,000 grant to Little Kanawha Area Development Corp. to fund its economic and community development project.

Funds will be used to create a business enhancement/incubator project, "BEI Zone."

According to LKADC executive director Shelia Burch, it will be a focal point for entrepreneurial activity to accelerate the growth of existing small businesses by providing resources, networks and support required to raise capital and promote business growth.

Activities, such as small business summits and workshops, will be held in Calhoun and Wirt counties throughout the year to provide business support, collaboration and connections to resources that are not readily available to small business owners.

The BEI Zone will have space in Calhoun

Community Center in Grantsville for small business use, including use of equipment, access to reliable broadband, faxing, copying and printing capabilities, and other support services.

Burch said, "The BEI Zone project is designed to provide support for the entrepreneur community that struggles to find resources needed to establish and maintain a healthy, growing business climate." She emphasized that small businesses play a major role in every rural community:

"The more a small business thrives, the more the community thrives. Many folks don't realize how dependent communities are on their small local shops until they are gone.

"Our goal is to provide the resources and support needed to increase small local business development, and keep those shops growing and going for generations." For information, call, 483-4679.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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- Friday, December 2**
Santa Claus will be available for pictures at all locations of Calhoun Banks, 3 to 4:45 p.m.
CCHS girls basketball team hosts Roane County in regular season opener, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 3**
Bingo, Calhoun Middle/High School, 6 p.m.; sponsored by 8th grade Class of 2027 for trip to D.C.
- Monday, December 5**
CCHS boys basketball team scrimmages at Ritchie County, 6 p.m.

This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Forebodings of high priced turkeys this year are seen in agriculture department announcements that, despite a steady increase in the price of turkeys, production has steadily decreased. The average price received during the four months, October to January, 1915-16, was 15 cents a pound. The average price received during a similar period of 1920-21 was 32 cents a pound, according to the department's figures.

In 1900, the census figures showed 6,594,695 turkeys on farms in the U.S., while in 1910, there were only 3,638,708 and in 1920 there were 3,627,028. During the last six years, the price of turkeys has increased to the producer more than 100 per cent, while during the past 20 years, the number of turkeys produced has decreased about 50 per cent, the department states.

The difficulties of raising turkeys are given as the reason for the decrease in production. They are hard to raise because of wandering propensities and a disease known as "blackhead" to which they are an easy prey. It is very difficult to ship live turkeys to market, and when shipped dressed, there is a large amount of "shrinkage."

The raising of turkeys may be a very profitable occupation where there is an abundance of range, ample feed, and reasonable freedom from predatory animals, the department adds.

A.R. Holbert, merchant and farmer of Ayers, was a business visitor in town on Monday.

Carl Parsons, who has been employed at the pump station for some time, left for Mexico on account of ill health. Everybody regrets very much to hear of his serious condition, as he is a splendid boy and is liked by all. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

L.T. Maze, who underwent an operation in City Hospital, Parkersburg, is getting along fine.

1947, 75 years ago

Grantsville Woman's Club met in the recreation room of Grantsville Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, with Miss Garnette Pharr, president, presiding. The meeting opened with the club song, "America the Beautiful," with pianist, Mrs. A.R. Wolfe, playing the accompaniment, and the collection for the club.

Plans were made to have a rummage sale in the near future by the finance committee, Mrs. George Lambiotte, Mrs. M.H. Percy and Mrs. Ray Stiers.

Miss Minnie Hamilton, local health nurse, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Willis Haught arranged the music and presented Anita Gainer, who sang "A Health Prayer," and Hubert Kemper, who sang two solos, "An Apple Blossom Wedding" and "Moonlight Masquerade," accompanied on piano by Doris Gainer.

Miss Hamilton had two movie films shown, with the assistance of Larry Gainer, one was "The Family Doctor," and the other, "Cloud In the Sky." Both pictures proved very educational in the prevention and cure of diseases. She stressed the importance of each person paying a visit to the X-ray clinic at the American Legion Hall next Friday.

Members present were Miss Garnette Pharr, Mrs. J.A. Barr, Miss Mildred Jackson, Mrs. A.R. Wolfe, Mrs. L.C. Hamilton, Mrs. Julia Hamilton, Mrs. A.G. Burns, Miss Abbie Russell, Miss Edna Prunty, Mrs. C.C. Kingsbury, Mrs. O.E. Mercer, Mrs. Willis Haught, Mrs. Grant Beckner, and Mrs. John Keller, and guests, Miss Minnie Hamilton, Miss Doris Gainer, Anita Rae Gainer, Hubert Kemper and Larry Gainer.

1972, 50 years ago

Approximately 130 persons attended the Open House held by courthouse employees on Monday, Oct. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m., honoring Miss Minnie Hamilton, who retired after 26 years of service as public health nurse in Calhoun County.

Miss Hamilton graduated from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Parkersburg, in 1922, and since that time she has been active in the nursing field. She was a surgical nurse at Grafton City Hospital for several years, and was employed as a school nurse in Calhoun County from 1933 to 1937.

During World War II, she was with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in the War Foods Administration as a nurse with the migrant labor force. She returned to the county and was employed by the local health department as public health nurse in February, 1947, a position she has held until retirement.

West Virginia Public Health Association honored Miss Hamilton in 1967, presented a plaque to her at its annual meeting for outstanding and meritorious service in the field of public health in West Virginia.

She has no definite plans for retirement, except to enjoy life to the fullest. A good many of her friends attended, and many presented gifts.

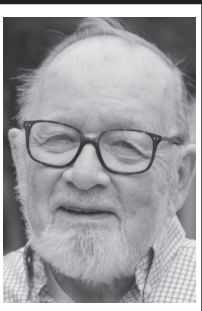
Inclement Weather--

(Continued from Page 1) Brannon (Bus #5), bus Norman (Bus #9), bus will not pick up Dennis Fork and Hughes Fork, students will need to meet the bus on top of hill at Hur Church, 10 a.m. Bus Route 9: Barry Miller (Bus #29), bus will start at Creston, 10:05 a.m. Bus Route 10: Tricia Harris (Bus #20), if weather does not permit, bus will not run on Beech Road. Students can board bus at 9:45 a.m. at Milo end of road. Bus Route 11: Tom Lewis (Bus #02), no changes required. Bus Route 12: Jeff change.

will not run Milo/Oka Road and Little White Oak Road, but pick up students from these roads at horse ring, 10:15 a.m. Bus Route 13: Kenneth McCumbers (Bus #39), no changes required. Bus Route 14: DeWayne O'Neal (Bus #12), bus will not run on Walker Road. Students can board bus at Chloe Hardware, 10 a.m. Bus Route 15: Eric Starcher (Bus #23), students on Munday Road will meet at mouth of Munday Road, 9:50 a.m. Times are subject to change.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: A fly flies around in a room, then lands and walks on the ceiling. How does it maneuver to land upside down? (Asked by a curious observer.)

Reply: We are pretty much over fly season, but that's a good question. There still may be a couple living indoors. At times, you may have seen a fly doing an upside-down, gravity-defying landing and walking on the ceiling. How does a fly get its feet up from in-flight? And another good question: how does it stay there and walk around?

It was generally thought that flies get inverted for an upside-down landing by doing a fighter-like barrel roll just prior to landing; however, shutter-bug scientists with high-speed cameras have shown otherwise. Flies don't flip--they flop! Prior to impact, a fly extends its forward legs over its head, makes contact with the ceiling, and uses the flight momentum to hoist the remainder of its body to the ceiling. More of an acrobatic flop than a fighter pilot roll or flip!

Once it has all six feet on the ceiling, a fly can remain in place because of foot pads under the claws attached to each of its feet. It was once thought that the curved shape of the pads allowed gripping to the ceiling.

It was found that these pads are adhesive, thanks to tiny hairs that produce an oily adhesive substance and allow the fly to stick to the ceiling and walk across it. (It is also thanks to these sticky, hairy pads that the fly is such a carrier of germs.)

I'm anticipating another fly-related question: Where do flies go in the winter? So, I'll answer that one now. Flies try to find some place dry and relatively warm to spend the winter, such as holes in trees, and nooks and crannies in houses and buildings. The common house fly has a life cycle of only 20 to 30 days, and many of them aren't around when it turns cold.

A typical female house fly can lay 100 to 150 eggs at a time (and up to 500 in the course of her lifetime). These turn into worm-like maggots and then into pupae, from which the flies hatch. Most house flies survive in maggot or pupae form until the weather is warm enough to start hatching and mating again.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them." --Ronald Reagan.

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

Fire Season Continues Through December 31

In light of recent fires across the state, W.Va. Division of Forestry reminds residents that fires must be attended at all times. Fall fire season continues through Dec. 31.

Debris burning is the single most common cause of wildfires in West Virginia, averaging more than 35% of all wildfires over the past 10 years.

West Virginians must confine their outdoor burning to the hours from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to W.Va. State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

"As we advance further into the fall fire season, I ask that everyone please use common sense and follow our burning laws," said assistant state forester-fire Jeremy Jones.

As the crisp, dry fall season is in full effect, the air offers less moisture for grasses and leaf litter to absorb. Dry leaves and forest floor debris become more flammable.

Burning is banned during the day because, even in fall, relative humidity typically increases in the evening.

A summary of forest fire laws and safe fire practices can be found on the state Division of Forestry website, wvfor.gov.

Christmas In the Village--

(Continued from Page 1) holidays.

If one looks out the window, they might just see the Christmas train as it leaves the depot for a ride around the village. Our littlest guests will love this experience.

Be sure to locate all of the wisemen hidden throughout the village in a scavenger hunt, and take

estry.com. The forest fire law includes:

--No outdoor burning from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

--Any fire set between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. must be extinguished before 7 a.m.

--Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.

--Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.

--Any equipment that can throw sparks and operating on land subject to fire by any cause must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor.

--If your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause.

--Violation of the burning law is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.

--To burn during prohibited periods for commercial burning, a permit must be obtained from the Division of Forestry.

Division of Forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across the State.

More information on fire safety and programs, such as forest legacy, logging and landowner assistance, is available at wvforestry.com.

a peek in the toolshed and the new gristmill.

You can also put some straw in the manger in the blacksmith shop for Baby Jesus.

Gather around the large Christmas tree at 5 p.m. for some beautiful music, a story, and a tree lighting that is the perfect way to start the Christmas season.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Nov. 24-30 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.



Nov. 24, 2015: For her accomplishments in the field of mathematics and science, Katherine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Barack Obama. She worked for NASA and calculated trajectories for manned space flights.



Nov. 25, 1896: Athlete Clinton Cyrus Thomas was born in Greenup, Kentucky. He was a star in the Negro Leagues, during the days of racial segregation in major league baseball. He settled in Charleston after his playing days and made a long career in West Virginia state government.

Nov. 26, 1952: A fire on the evening before Thanksgiving at Huntington State Hospital killed 14 patients, with three more patients later dying from their injuries. Huntington State Hospital is known today as Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital.

Nov. 26, 1861: The Constitutional Convention of 1861-63 was convened in Wheeling. The convention provided the foundation for state government in preparation for statehood.

Nov. 27, 1848: African-American educator William H. Davis was born. As a teacher for Black

children in Malden, his most famous student was Booker T. Washington. In 1888, Davis was nominated as an independent candidate for the gubernatorial election. To date, the only Black so honored in West Virginia history.

Nov. 28, 1864: In a skirmish north of Moorefield, Rosser's Confederate cavalry and McNeill's Rangers rebuffed a raid by Union Col. R.E. Fleming and spared the South Branch Valley from destruction. The battlefields are part of the Middle South Branch Valley rural historic district.



Nov. 29, 1921: The actress Dagmar was born Virginia Ruth Egnor in Lincoln County. Her acting career took off in 1950 when she was hired to be on NBC's "Broadway Open House," the network's first late-night television show.



Nov. 29, 2001: Writer John Knowles died in Florida. Born in Fairmont, he attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, "A Separate Peace."

Nov. 30, 1796: Brooke County was established under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia. The county was formed from part of Ohio County and named in honor of Robert Brooke, governor of Virginia.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



When I wrote my article last week, I was so excited about the snow that had fallen on Sunday morning. In my mind, this was an unexpected gift that I wouldn't be seeing again for a while. Boy was I wrong! There has been snow in the air a few times in the past week, and it really came down on Friday.

I found myself standing by my classroom window during my planning period just watching it snow. I hope this is a sign of what this winter will be like, but for now, I am just enjoying the pretty white stuff when it makes an appearance.

This was a busy week at school. I was determined to walk out of the building on Friday with my lesson plans complete and my papers graded. This kept me busy during my planning periods and after school.

I almost accomplished my goal. I only have a few papers to grade over the break, and I plan to get them finished early in the week, so I can put my school bag away until Thanksgiving is over.

On Tuesday, I had a library board meeting. I love working with this group. Every time I go to one of these meetings, I am reminded how lucky we are to have our library. While I was there, I checked out three books to read. I am determined to find some time to read during my week off.

This will take some doing, since this week is going to be a bit of a whirlwind. Between family and friends coming to visit, Thanksgiving, and Christmas in the Village, I will have to squeeze in reading in the early morning or late at night.

My sister Missy and nephew Landon arrived on Sunday. My nephew Michael and his girlfriend Sarah will be here on Tuesday. The Busch Family arrives on Wednesday, and my sister Mindy and her husband Scott, as well as my brother-in-law Dave and niece Hannah, arrive on Thursday.

In order to have as much time as possible with the family, we have been working at Heritage Village after work and on weekends. This past Saturday, Maricia, Andy and I decided to brave the cold temperatures and tackle some more decorating. We decided to treat ourselves to breakfast first.

When I went back out and got into my Jeep, it wouldn't start. It soon became obvious that I had a battery problem. Thankfully, with the help of our new Napa store and Andy, I was able to purchase a new one, and Andy put it in for me. I am so thankful that the battery chose that time to give up the ghost, instead of in the morning before school.

We spent about four hours out at the park, and boy was it cold! I still can't believe how quickly this snowy cold weather has appeared. It felt like Christmas as we decked the halls for this Saturday's event. I am praying it will be a bit warmer, sunnier, and less windy on that day, but as long as it doesn't rain, I won't complain.

Much of Sunday, I spent paying bills, doing laundry, and cleaning my house. I have been so busy these past few weekends that I have neglected my home among the hills a bit. I decided to start in one room and make my way throughout the house.

I will be hosting Thanksgiving dinner this year, so I knew I needed to spend some time organizing and cleaning my dining room and kitchen.

I also made a grocery list as I cleaned out the fridge and cupboards. After these two rooms were put in order, I turned my attention to the living room, entryway, and downstairs bathroom. In between tasks, I kept the laundry going.

By the time that I finished the downstairs, my sister Missy and nephew Landon had arrived in town. I decided to call it a day and finish up on Monday and Tuesday. Missy was making pancakes for dinner at our parents' house, so I grabbed a quick shower and headed that direction.

On Monday, I am getting my teeth cleaned and a haircut. In between those two appointments, I plan to go grocery shopping to stock my cupboards and fridge in preparation for all my company. On Tuesday, I will finish my cleaning.

It will all get done, and then the fun will begin. I can't wait for everyone to get here.

There is nothing like being surrounded by people you love and spending quality time together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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)

Enclosed is what you requested me to send you.

If the weather should clear off I will have my picture taken, if not I will do so as soon as I have an opportunity.

Of course you cannot expect a very long letter from me this time, for I will write again soon.

May heavens choicest blessings rest on you through all coming time is the sincere wish of your own affectionate soldier boy.

Michael

Parkersburg, W.Va.
Nov. 11th., 1864

Dearest Mary

As this is the last evening of my stay is this place I will write to you once more.

My health is good and I hope this may find you in the enjoyment of good health.

I had a picture taken in a case, which I think is a very good one. Also one in a pretty breast pin, which I know you will prize very highly.

I cannot trust them by mail, but will leave them with mother, and she will either bring them or send them to you her first opportunity.

I would have been pleased to have brought them to you but cannot.

I have today bought a nice home, a very neat cottage of two rooms and a lot of ground.

It cost six hundred dollars. I paid four hundred and thirty-five down; and now that I am about leaving I feel proud to leave father and mother a comfortable home where they can live in security.

Oh; what would I not give if it were but possible for me to install you in it as mistress and if I am spared to return in safety, I hope we may yet be happy. I must now bid you good bye. Remaining your own devoted and affectionate lover,

Michael A. Ayers

2nd. Lt. Co. "A", 11th. Reg.
West Va. Infy.

(From the Ayers' journal)

Head Quarters
11th WVa Infy Vols
Near Kearntown Va.
Nov 11th 1864
[Lieut. M.A. Ayers]
Special Order No 13

Serg't Major Michael A. Ayers having received a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant 11th W Va Vols, is assigned to Co A. same Regt. and is hereby detailed as Act'g Adjutant.

Lieut. J.D.W. Riley Act'g Adj't. will upon being relieved by Lieut. Ayers, report to the Com. Officer of his Company for duty.

Van H. Bukey
Col.

Camp near Kearntown Va.
Monday night, Nov 14th, 1864

Dearest Mary:

I avail myself of this opportunity to chronicle my safe arrival here:

I left Parkersburg on Saturday and arrived at Martinsburg Va Sunday morning at 3 o'clock, and left there about 8 A.M. along with a subsistence train, we got to Winchester last night about sundown, staid in town all night and came out here this morning, a distance of four miles, here our whole army are in camp.

I have had the pleasure of seeing many of my old friends today, among others Martin and Adolphus, they are all in as good health as usual. They will not get out of the service before the 22nd Dec, of this I am pretty sure.

I have no news of great interest except our cavalry had a fight on Saturday and captured some 200 Rebs and a few more pieces of artillery.

I can't tell what we are going to do yet. I don't see much sign of getting back toward the railroad soon.

I will write you a longer letter in a few days, and will probably make it more interesting. Be sure and write when you get this. Direct thus Name, Rank, 2nd. Lieut 11th Regt. W.Va. Infy. 3rd., Brig. 1st. Div. 8th A.C., Kearntown Va.

My health is good, hope this may find you also well.

Ever your own affectionate,

Michael

Kearntown, Va.

Nov 14th, 1864, Monday night
Dear Father and Mother,

I wrote a note this afternoon informing you of my safe arrival at this place where I found the Regt. and army in camp. As Capt. Tarniott of Co "16" is to start home in the morning I thought I would write a more lengthy communication, and I presume this will reach you before my other. The boys all seemed glad to see me come back, we had dress parade this evening, and the old Eleventh makes a pretty good show yet, and has won an imperishable fame for good fighting. The boys are all in good spirits, though the cold chilly nights render them uncomfortable.

As to old Co. "16" "C" getting home, you need not expect them back before the 22nd of Dec, the date of the original organization of the company, and I presume there will be difficulty attending their muster out, on account of the loss of the original "Muster in Roll."

(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, Nov. 24: closed.

Friday, Nov. 25: closed.

Monday, Nov. 28: barbecue chicken, baked beans, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Tuesday, Nov. 29: baked pork chop, mashed potatoes, spinach, apple-sauce, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, Nov. 30: calico beans, kale, onions, whole wheat corn-

bread.
Thursday, Dec. 1: chili, applesauce, cheese salad, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Dec. 8: creamed tomatoes, potatoes, sausage, apples, whole wheat biscuit.

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

The time had come for Joe to start what was needed to handle his sister Carrie's estate. She had died a week earlier.

He had her will, and thought that her estate was likely to fit under the rules of the new small estate law in West Virginia at WV Code Sec. 44-1A-1 et seq.

The law authorizes a simpler administration of probate property when \$50,000 or less of personal property and a maximum of \$100,000 of real estate is owned by the decedent on the date of death.

The small estate is charged lower probate fees, involves simpler procedures, and no closing report is needed.

Joe reviewed some information about the classifications of probate property and non-probate property, broken down into real and personal property categories.

Carrie's \$4,000 checking account and the \$350 he found in her apartment would count in the personal property of her probate estate.

Her savings account was just over \$3,000, and she had included a "payable on death" beneficiary of her daughter on the account.

That \$3,000 would not be included in the personal property list in her probate estate, because having the account beneficiary made it a non-probate asset. Talking with the bank would be the next step to claim those funds.

Carrie owned no car or real estate. If she had owned real estate solely in her own name, its probate estate value would be calculated as 167% of the property's current assessed value on the county land books, as shown on the current property tax ticket

She had one retirement account, now worth \$35,000. Carrie had named her daughter and Joe as the beneficiaries, so that made it a non-probate asset. It was part of her estate, but would not count in the probate assets.

Joe estimated her other personal property, such as furniture, jewelry, and clothing to be worth about \$7,500. Fortunately, she had no debts for the estate to pay off, other than the final month's utilities and a low amount on her credit card.

He also checked the West Virginia treasurer's unclaimed property website at wv.findyourunclaimedproperty.com/app/claim-search. Carrie did have an entry of \$385 that he could make a claim for. It would be included in her probate estate.

Joe totaled the probate assets at \$12,235 (checking account, cash, unclaimed property, and furniture, etc.), and checked Carrie's will to see who would receive what, including a \$2,000 gift for her church.

He called the county clerk's office for an appointment to bring in the will to start the probate process, but learned that he was too early. Because it was a small estate, he had to wait until 30 days after her death.

Joe set up an appointment for that date, and was pleased that the Affidavit for Small Estate form to list the probate assets and estate beneficiaries would be mailed to him to fill out.

If Carrie had not done her will, distributions from the probate estate to family members would be controlled by the intestacy laws at West Virginia Code sec. 42-1-3 and -3A.

In another case, planning ahead, Jana's own (future) estate would likely be a small one. She wanted to simplify things by adding a death beneficiary on all of her financial accounts. That would mean they would be non-probate assets when the time came and would not need to be handled through the probate process.

Also, the future claim for her retirement account and life insurance could likely be handled online, once the beneficiaries had a certified death certificate. Jana didn't own real estate, making things simpler.

Putting a "payable on death" beneficiary on checking and savings accounts would expedite the after-death transfer of funds. She didn't want to add anyone as a co-owner currently, because that would allow them to use her funds before she died.

Questions about estate issues and other legal issues that state residents age 60 and over need answers for can be addressed through the W.Va. Senior Legal Aid hotline, 800-229-5068. The staff attorney will provide free assistance.

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2022 CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FINAL VARSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS (Record 1-9)

Compiled by Robert F. Bonar		Total	
RUSHING (carries-yards)	Avg.	3- 41	13.7
Ian Persinger (8TD)	154-964	9-105	11.7
Owen Taylor (6TD)	99-258	PENALTIES (no.-yds.)	
Jayton Gibson (1TD)	50-169	Calhoun	45-376
Tyler Nelson	11- 59	Opponents	57-447
Levi Stump	21- 59	FIRST Downs	run-pass-pen.--total
Owen Grose	5- 28	Calhoun	56-13-5-- 74
Adam Hughes	2- 18	Opponents	96-27- 4--127
Hunter Thacker	10- 16	DEFENSE	
Cole Lane	1- 7	Interceptions-return yards (8-27)--	
Haiden Staton	1- 2	Owen Taylor 4-16, Zander Quick 1-7,	
Landon Hardway	1- 0	Hunter Thacker 1-4, Owen Grose 1-0, Ian	
Logan Tingler	1- -5	Persinger 1-0. Opp.: 10-105 (1TD).	
Team	6- -93	Fumble recoveries-return yards (8-	
Total (15TD)	362-1,482	2-0 -- Ian Persinger 2-2, Trenton Nelson	
Opponents (41TD)	353-2,673	2-0, Levi Stump 1-0, Jayton Gibson 1-0,	
PASSING (PC-PA-Int. yds.)		Zander Quick 1-0, Tyler Nelson 1-0. Opp.:	
Owen Taylor	25-89-7	9-11 (1TD).	
Ian Persinger	5-17-2	Sacks -- Logan Tingler 1.	
Hunter Thacker	0- 1-1	Tackles (solo-assist-total) -- submitted	
Total	30-107-10	by coaches: Adam Hughes 25-49-74, Ian	
Opponents	73-122-8	Persinger 31-36-67, Jayton Gibson 35-31-	
RECEIVING (catches-yds.)		66, Owen Taylor 44-16-60, Logan Tingler	
Ian Persinger	10- 125	17-26-43, Levi Stump 5-28-33, Owen	
Hunter Thacker (1TD)	6- 42	Grose 17-14-31, Tyler Nelson 13-16-29,	
Logan Tingler	3- 53	Trent Nelson 6-19-25, Shane Dooley 4-21-	
Cole Lane	3- 46	25, Hunter Thacker 11-13-24, Landon	
Owen Taylor	3- 30	Hardway 4-8-12, Gabe Waldron 5-3-8,	
Owen Grose (1TD)	2- 37	Trevor Collins 2-6-8, Zander Quick 0-7-	
Jayton Gibson	2- -4	7, Cole Lane 3-3-6, Jobe Loudin 0-1-1,	
Shane Dooley	1- -10	Brayden McCumbers, 0-1-1. Total 222-	
Total (2TD)	30- 319	298-520.	
Opponents (16TD)	73-1,314	FUMBLES-lost	
KICKING		Calhoun 17-9; Opp. 20-8.	
Kickoffs (no.-yds.)	Avg.	INDIVIDUAL SCORING	
Levi Stump	7- 233	R P EP K O Tot.	
Owen Grose	9- 229	Ian Persinger	48 0 4 0 0 52
Gabe Waldron	9- 185	Owen Taylor	36 0 6 0 0 42
Logan Tingler	1- 14	Jayton Gibson	6 0 0 0 0 6
Unknown	1- 21	Owen Grose	0 6 0 0 0 6
Total	27- 682	Hunter Thacker	0 6 0 0 0 6
Opponents	66-2,480	Logan Tingler	0 0 2 1 0 3
Punts (no.-yds.)	Avg.	Total	90 12 12 1 0 115
Logan Tingler	15- 479	Opp.	246 96 20 31 14* 407
Hunter Thacker	15- 395	*includes safety	
Levi Stump	5- 160	Calhoun	1-5 EP 0-0 FG
Haiden Staton	1- 22	Opp.:	31-37 EP 1-1 FG
Team	3- 0	TEAM SCORING (by quarters)	
Total	39-1,056	Calhoun	26 42 8 39--115
Opponents	8- 259	Opp.	153 160 61 33--407
RETURNS		SEASON RESULTS (1-9)	
Kickoff returns (no.-yds.)	Avg.	August	
Ian Persinger	15-367	26 Calhoun 8 Wirt Co. 53	..... L
Jayton Gibson	15-261	September	
Cole Lane	4-104	2 Calhoun 34 Valley 62	..... L
Owen Taylor	3- 61	9 Calhoun 6 St. Marys 49	..... L
Adam Hughes	2- 17	16 Calhoun 0 Doddridge 40	..... L
Hunter Thacker	1- 9	30 Calhoun 36 Paden City 0	..... W
Gabe Waldron	1- 2	October	
Unknown	1- 4	4 Calhoun 0 Trinity 31	..... L
Total	42-825	14 Calhoun 6 Gilmer Co. 18	..... L
Opponents	17-234	21 Calhoun 6 Wahama 62	..... L
Punt returns (no.-yds.)	Avg.	28 Calhoun 6 Clay-Battelle 40	..... L
Ian Persinger	3- 41	November	
		4 Calhoun 13 Ritchie Co. 52	..... L

This Week In Red Devil Football History
"Celebrating 100 Years"



by Robert F. Bonar
 Nov. 19, 1983: Grafton, ranked #1 in Class AA, and #8 Calhoun meet in the first round of the playoffs at Mountaineer Field in Morgantown. This is the Red Devils' first trip to the postseason, and comes after a superb 9-1 regular season. Although game officials were informed that the Red Devils were going to open their first possession with an end-around pass, officials blew the play dead when Calhoun's quarterback, who didn't have the ball, was tackled. The pass was complete and would have gone for an opening touchdown.
 The game is a close contest through the first three quarters, with the score knotted at 13-13 entering the last period of play.
 In the fourth, Grafton explodes for three touchdowns and keeps Calhoun off the scoreboard to take a 31-13 victory.
 Junior tailback Tracy Haight rushes for 148 yards and a touchdown, Jeff Goodrich returns a Bearcat fumble for another score, and Scott Whytsell kicks an extra point to give Calhoun its 13.
 The Bearcats are so banged up after their encounter with the Red Devils that they get obliterated by #4 Musselman, 40-7, the following week.
 Nov. 15, 2008: Calhoun loses to Madonna at Weirton's Jimmy Carey Stadium in the first round of the Class A playoffs. The game is played in a constant drizzle, severely hampering both offenses. Calhoun's offense is almost completely stifled. The team only attempts six passes, completing two for 23 yards, and adding 95 yards on the ground. The Red Devils' defense does a tremendous job holding the Dons at bay. Tim Sutro and Aaron Yoak recover Madonna fumbles, and Zach Moore intercepts a pass for a third takeaway. Madonna manages to score twice in the final two quarters to take the 16-0 decision. (The End)

Bingo Fundraiser Set Dec. 3 For 8th Grade

Calhoun Middle/High School's 8th grade Class of 2027 will host bingo on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. It is a fundraiser for the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Prizes include WVU men's basketball, Marshall women's basketball, Cincinnati Reds, Pittsburgh Pirates, Wheeling Nailers, and Charleston Dirty Birds tickets.
 Autographed memorabilia has been donated by Dale Jr. Foundation/JR Motorsports, Pittsburgh Steelers, and Wood Brothers Racing, along with local donations of gift cards, bags, baskets, etc.
 Pre-sale tickets for a Savage Model 64 22LR with scope (donated by The Outdoor Store) can be purchased from any CM/HS 8th grader or at

a booth at the Christmas Market on Dec. 2-3. There will be silent/live auctions, raffle drawings, concessions, and door prizes. Early birds or additional donors may send an email to andrea.bailey@k12.wv.us.

Slider Wins Week 3

Two contestants ended Week 3 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest with 9-1 records. Angie Slider predicted an Alabama win over Austin Peay, 52-7, 25 points off the exact winning score of 34-0. She wins a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.
 Levi Ferrell guessed that Alabama would win, 52-17, 25 points off.
 Finishing with 8-2 records were Jim Erlewine, Lou Hanes, Jennifer Hartz and Brenton Slider.
 Leaders after Week 3 are Levi Ferrell, 23-7; Lou Hanes, 20-10; Judy Wolfram, 20-10; and Mike Propst, 20-10.
 Entry for Week 4 is on page five. Weekly winners receive a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland. The contestant with the best accumulated record after seven weeks will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Foodland.

Calhoun Middle/High School Sports Schedules

2022-23 CCHS Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule	2022-23 CCHS Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule	2022-23 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule
November Scrimmage 18 Park Catholic .. H 6:00 Scrimmage 22 Wahama H 6:30	November Scrimmage 30 Tygart's Valley H 6:30 December Scrimmage 5 Ritchie Co. A 6:00	All matches away, except Jan. 28 December 9 Roane Co. 4:00 10 Roane Co. 10:00 16 Webster Co. 4:00 17 Webster Co. 10:00 30 Clay Co. 10:00
December Regular 2 Roane Co. H 7:30 6 Doddridge Co. . A 7:30 9 So. Harrison ... H 7:30 12 Braxton Co. A 7:30 14 Gilmer Co. A 7:30 19 Doddridge Co. . H 7:30 21 Roane Co. A 7:00 29 Ritchie Tour. ...A TBA 30 Ritchie Tour. ...A TBA	January Regular 8 So. Harrison ... A 7:00 9 Webster Co. H 7:30 13 Doddridge Co. . A 7:00 20 Gilmer Co. A 7:00 22 Roane Co. A 7:00 28 Wirt Co. H 7:00	January 6 Nitro 4:00 7 Nitro 10:00 13 Braxton Co. 4:00 14 Braxton Co. 10:00 20 Williamstown 4:00 21 Williamstown ... 10:00 28 Mike Stump Duals 10:00
February 1 So. Harrison ... A 7:30 3 Gilmer Co. H 7:30 9 LKC Placement ... TBA 11 Night of Champ. ... TBA 15 Ritchie Co. H 7:30 16 Williamstown .. H 7:30 17 Sectionals TBA Mar. 2 Regionals TBA	January 3 Clay H 7:00 5 Park Catholic .. H 7:00 10 Valley Wetzel .. H 6:30 12 Braxton Co. A 7:00 13 Van H 7:00 17 Clay A 7:00 20 Paden City H 7:00 24 Doddridge H 7:00	February 2-4 States at Huntington
2022-23 Calhoun Middle School Girls Basketball Schedule	2022-23 Calhoun Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule	Christmas Dinner Creston Community Building will host a Christmas Dinner with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. Ham and turkey will be provided. Bring a covered dish. Santa will visit with children up to age 12. Donations of candy and small items for treat bags will be greatly appreciated. Bad weather date will be Dec. 17. For information, call Kathleen Cervone, 275-0003, or Barb Wright, 275-0006. Everyone is welcome.
Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted November Scrimmage 17 Wirt A December Regular 1 Ritchie A 5 George Washington ... A 7 Gilmer A 12 Braxton H 13 Ravenswood A 19 Geary A 22 Braxton A	November Scrimmage 28 Ritchie A Regular 30 Gilmer A December 5 George Washington . H 14 Walton H 15 Ravenswood H 19 Geary 7:30 A 20 Clay A 28 Wirt 5:45 H January 10 Geary 7:30 H 11 Spencer A 16 Wirt A 23 Spencer H 26 Walton A 30 Clay H 31 Ravenswood A	Courthouse The Calhoun County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25, in observance of Thanksgiving.
January 3 Gilmer H 5 Ravenswood H 10 Geary H 11 Spencer H 18 Ritchie A 23 Spencer A 24 Clay H 31 Clay A	February 7 George Washington ... A 9 Gilmer H 20 CWVAC TBA	Eastern Star Order of Eastern Star will have its monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

CONTEST RULES
 Submit entries on official form only. May be deposited at Grantsville Foodland Deli or Chronicle office by 4 p.m. on Friday. A tie breaker will be used only in the event of a tie. Decisions of sports department are final. Only one entry per person.

Mini Football Prognostication Contest

Pick the most winners and win \$10 Grocery Certificate From Grantsville Foodland

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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 you property and help you reach your buying or selling goals.

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

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

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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.

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New at Library

The Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Juvenile Fiction: Isaiah Dunn Saves the Day, by Kelly J. Baptist; The Witchery, by S. Isabelle; The Other Side of Night, by Adam Hamdy; Key Player, by Kelly Yang; All of Our Demise, by Amanda Foody; Clementine, by Tillie Walden; Odder, by Katherine Applegate.



Enjoying their time at Heritage Village are, left to right, Joel Busch, Landon Kristoff, Vivian Busch and Lucinda Busch.

County Has 2 COVID Cases

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported two COVID-19 cases in the county in the last seven days--one confirmed and one probable.

Calhoun's total cases are now 2,226 (1,112 confirmed and 1,114 probable).

Calhoun's confirmed cases remain the lowest of all counties. County deaths have remained at 15 since May 3, the lowest in the state.

Net new cases in area counties, in addition to Calhoun, in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Roane, 12 (4,225/45); Braxton, 9 (4,849/49); Gilmer, 6 (2,505/22); Clay, 4 (2,655/51); Ritchie, 3 (2,900/32); and Wirt, 2 (1,712/26).

New cases in the area were 38, compared to 71 last week. Cases now total 20,172.

New West Virginia cases were 1,330, a decrease from 1,642, 1,804 and 1,726 the previous three weeks. Total cases during the pandemic are 612,916.

The number of deaths reported by DHHR in the last week were 33, up from the previous week's 21. Total deaths in West Virginia are 7,590.

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia was 4.9 on Tuesday, and has averaged 4.8 over the past week. The number of new cases in the United States was 310,364, an increase of 23.8% over last week's 250,655 cases. Total cases since the pandemic began are 100,209,101.

New deaths in the U.S. were 2,541, 34.3% more than last week's (1,712/26).

1,892. Total deaths are 1,102,668.

New weekly worldwide cases were 2,772,286, an increase from the previous three weeks of 2,603,615, 2,299,005 and 2,555,137. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 643,215,399.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 10,697, an increase from last week's 9,763, after two weeks of decreases. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,626,455.

DHHR reported that 1,003,597 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (56.0%), an increase of 1,019 in the last week. There have been 606,563 booster shots given, an increase of 3,476 from last week.

Calhoun County Magistrate Court Case Disposition Oct. 1 to Oct. 31

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

Case Type: Felony
Case 22-M07F-00042, Terry Wesley Peggs, 61-7-7(b), Felony Prohibited Person, 3 counts; probably cause found; LD (State Police, Grantsville, Josh Richards).

Case 22-M07F-00050, Ryan Andrew Snider, 60A-04-401(a)(ii), Manufacture/deliver/possess with intent to manufacture/deliver (Sched I, II, III); 60A-04-401(a)(ii), Possession with intent to

deliver, marijuana; probably cause found; RP (TFC David C. Moore).

Case Type: Misdemeanor
Case 21-M07M-00476, William Claude Frymier, 17B-04-03(b), Driving while license revoked, DUI; guilty plea; RP (E.E. Taylor).

Case 22-M07M-00093, Homer Ray Husk, 61-6-20, False Reporting; no contest plea; RP (Sheriff's office, C.J. Myers).

Case 22-M07M-00232, Amber Knicley, 17C-16-09, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdemeanor; 17D-2A-4: No Proof of Insurance; no contest pleas; RP (State Police, Jeffrey B. Hunt).

Case 22-M07M-00236, Austin Garrett Wiss, 17B-04-03(a), Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; guilty plea; RP (State Police, Jeffrey B. Hunt).

Case 22-M07M-00284, Justin Yoak, 60A-04-401(c): Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription; guilty plea; RP (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00302, Miller's Kwik Stop, 16-09A-02(c), Sale or gift of cigarette to persons under eighteen, individual; no contest plea; RP (TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00335, Hunter L. Fields, 17C-6-1, Speeding, actual speed 75; guilty plea; LD (State Police, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00336, Benjamin Lee Veasey, 17B-4-3a, DWS 2nd; 17c-16-9, Expired MVI 6/22; guilty pleas, RP (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00354, William L. Olsen, 17D-2A-03(a), No insurance; 17C-16-09, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdemeanor; 17A-09-02(a): Operation of vehicles without evidences of registration; guilty pleas; RP (State Police, Josh Richards).

Literary/Arts Submissions

The Trillium, Glenville State University's literary and arts journal, is accepting submissions for the 2023 issue.

All Glenville State students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members are invited to submit visual art, poetry, fiction, song lyrics, and other forms of creative expression.

Written submissions should be submitted electronically, as an attachment, to trillium@glenville.edu, with contact information and a brief biographical statement about the author.

Written works should be sent as a single .doc or .rtf file. Visual work can be submitted as .jpg, .png, .bmp, or .gif file, along with a brief biographical statement about the artist.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, Dec. 9. Email Jonathan.Minton@glenville.edu or trillium@glenville.edu for information.

Calhoun Banks Will Sponsor Christmas Tree Decorating

Calhoun Banks invites community members, businesses, organizations, and clubs to participate in its Christmas Tree Decorating Contest.

Individuals or groups supply their own trees and decorations.

Calhoun Banks will grant access to electric if needed for lights. Interested parties may call Ammanda Frame, 354-2000, to confirm their participation.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams at each location (subject for review based on participation).

Each tree will be displayed in the following locations, unless changes need to be made:

--Grantsville: Outside along the bottom parking lot facing the road.

--Arnoldsburg: Outside along the sidewalk facing the road.

--Elizabeth: Inside the lobby and hallways.

--Glenville: Outside along the parking lot by the road.

The contest will begin on Monday, Nov. 28, and all decorated trees will need to be completed by Friday, Dec. 9.

Judging will take place on Monday, Dec. 12. After that day, you may decide to leave your tree on display or take it down. All trees and decorations must be cleaned up by Dec. 31.

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Chronicle staff will "hide" a Christmas graphic image somewhere in the newspaper each week. Find the image displayed on the entry form in an ad in each issue, clip it, and attach it to the entry form. Each submission received will be entered in the drawing and winners will be listed in the December 22 issue. All entries must be received by December 19, 2022.

Entry forms must be dropped off at the Chronicle office or mailed to:
The Calhoun Chronicle, P.O. Box 400, Grantsville, WV 26147.

Prizes for the drawing include:
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One Drawing for \$50
One Drawing for \$25

WEST VIRGINIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



Statistics:

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

Table with 6 columns: Date, Positive Cases, Negative Cases, Deaths, Percentage Positive, Accum. Daily. Data rows from Mar. 2020 to Nov. 2022.

*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.

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:

(8,626), Wayne (11,371), Webster (2,729), Wetzel (5,262), Wirt (1,712), Wood (26,997), Wyoming (9,148). 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; 2,100, Aug. 25; 2,200, Oct. 14. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second, Sept. 15, 2021, woman, 73; third, Sept. 29, man, 79; fourth, Sept. 30, man, 73; fifth, Nov. 1, woman, 73; sixth, Nov. 23, woman, 86; seventh, Dec. 1, female, 56; eighth, Dec. 6, female, 92; ninth Dec. 7, male, 93; 10th, Jan. 21, 2022, female, 80; 11th, Feb. 9, female, 50; 12th, Feb. 24, female, 71; 13th, Mar. 2, male, 40; 14th, Apr. 21, female, 82; 15th, May 3, female, 86.

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

Table with 5 columns: Date, Positive Cases, Deaths, Positive Cases, Deaths. Data rows from Jan. 2020 to Nov. 2022.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke Phone 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at Burning Springs M.E. Church.

Jack Boggs, 83, of Creston, died after a long illness. He was the son of T.R. and Della Boggs.

Some folks in the Creston area have been having difficulties with their internet "service."

One woman who lives in Creston was told by the repairman that she had "too much service," and that she should buy a more expensive plan.

Aside from satellite dishes, all that is available is what the Wild Frontier Telephone Co. offers. Seems that the high speed good stuff is only for others. Anyone at the PSC paying any attention?

The local area received some snow on Friday afternoon, and some local highways were treated with salt. Some bridges appeared to be slick.

Speaking of highways, it seems that when one asks about fixing slips and slides or filling big mudholes, the answer is always, "Oh, we ain't got no money."

Work continues with the gas line along Rt. 5 at Burning Springs.

Bart Schumacher reported that a new species of mussel (for the Little Kanawha) was found when the folks did their inspection for "endangered" species in preparation for the replacement of the bridge across the river at Creston.

After selling West Virginia out for the "green new deal," Broadway Joe is out and about campaigning for re-election in 2024, talking of all sorts of "great wonders," such as the New Pioneers and keeping open (for now) a Kroger store in Braxton County.

Apparently, not all the members of his family are multi-millionaires yet, so he needs another six years wheeling and dealing on his yacht down in the lower Potomac swamps.

Local folks whose scholars attend the Christian school at Brooksville were told that the Hope scholarships were not for them. Now, isn't that nice?

The "wunderkid," who did have a cryptocurrency exchange that is now kaput and "lost" \$billions belonging to others, was big in political circles at the "highest" levels.

When Maxine Waters was asked if she was going to give back the money (about \$40 million), she noted that some Republicans got some too.

It appears that Kevin McCarthy got some to deep six Republican candidates that were not approved by the Uniparty and the globalists.

Madison Cawthorne was kicked out, because he told about the drug parties. That was a no-no, for just like Vegas, what happens in D.C. must stay in D.C. The peasants are not to know what the ruling class

does. One would hope that Lauren Boebert and Marjorie Taylor Green are in his face every day.

Mitch McConnell, whose wife owns a Chinese shipping company, has made it clear that this idea of putting America first is just not how the ruling class does things.

Newly-elected Wirt County commissioner John Griffin attended training at Bridgeport and was able to network with newbies from other counties.

Folks are getting ready for the local annual madness known as firearms deer season. Game cameras show plenty of doe deer and bear, along with an occasional buck and a bobcat. Folks have been coming in from Ohio, towing trailers with side-by-sides.

Folks from Anna-moriah, Creston and Freeport attended the W.Va. Farm Bureau's annual meeting at Wheeling.

The price of diesel might hit \$9/gal. before the end of the year (low water in the Mississippi, you know), even though there is a refinery in Hancock County (Congo) and another at Catlettsburg, Ky. There is plenty of water in the Ohio.

The price of lambs has fallen from \$2.50 to \$1/lb. for reasons that are not clear, and various laws, including California Prop 12, are outright attacks on agriculture.

The rulers make it clear that ordinary folks should eat insects (global warming, you know), and that there are too many of us, suggesting that the world population should go from eight billion to 500 million.

The globalists have made it clear that we all must have the vaccine passport, just like it's done in China.

A new thing that folks have to be careful about are "carbon sequestration contracts," where one is paid to not harvest timber (ever). One needs to be very careful when dealing with these charlatans. Likely, the best way is to show them the door.

There are only 27 dairy farms left in West Virginia. Some local folks were forced to close when there was no way to get their milk to market. The milk price is set by "the wise ones," down in the swamps of the lower Potomac and, you know, cows are bad.

They, like sheep, goats and deer, are ruminants and they (oh horrors of horror) burp a little methane because of the fermentation in the rumen.

An outfit called Mountaintop Beverage is building a 330,000 sq.ft. facility near Morgantown to process milk and other beverages.

It seems that even in Wisconsin, Borden is shutting down facilities, and there is nowhere to sell milk that meets government standards.

This new facility will utilize UTH (ultra high temperature) to flash pasteurize milk, so that it does not have to be kept cool. It is said that such is the case in other parts of the world now.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dropped to \$79.08/bbl., with condensate, \$63.08, Marcellus and Utica light, \$70.08, and medium, \$79.08.

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Britian Kinder with sons, Isaac and Eli.



Carl Ferrell with grandsons, Eli, Braidin and Josiah.



Bernard Greathouse with grandchildren, Eli and Olivia Houchin.



Matt Carper with daughter, Bayleigh.

Additional Veterans Honored at Little Kanawha Valley Christian School

(see story on Page 1)



Joe Blair with children, Alexis and Hunter.



Don Rowe with grandchildren, Brylee and Brodyn.



Jim Yoak with Kendra Davis.



Jim Sturms Bob Yoak Jack Clark



CALHOUN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON AGING honored veterans on Nov. 9, with Johnny Staats and Rick Poling providing entertainment. From left to right are Pete Walburn, Stanley Mleczo, Owen Lamaster, Daniel Baum, Starling Holbert and Mike Yoak. Insert: Steve Norman.

DHHR Announces Ambulance Service Major Rate Increase

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Medical Services has announced a 10% increase in ambulance ground transportation rates that will provide more than 200 West Virginia ambulance providers with \$11.8 million in additional reimbursements per fiscal year.

"We have so much gratitude for West Virginia's ambulance and emergency medical services workers, especially during the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting stress on the state's health care system," said cabinet secretary Bill J. Crouch.

"Together with Gov. Justice, we requested this increase because these funds are critical to our local ambulance services, many of which operate in rural areas where access to healthcare is limited. Retroactively to July 1, West Virginia's ambulance rate will now be paid at the same rate as Medicare. This is the maximum rate that Medicaid is allowed to pay by statute. Reimbursement is the same for both governmental and private providers. Bureau for Medical Services submitted the State Plan Amendment on Sept. 8, and it was approved by U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Nov. 9.

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Dorothy McCauley (left) was the winner of the Grantsville Post Office free Thanksgiving Dinner kit giveaway. Postmaster Denise Pollock expressed thanks to all who purchased a book of stamps to enter the drawing and hopes that everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



CANCER is TREATABLE

From the beginning of my cancer treatment, all of my doctors have been from Camden Clark. I'm very thankful that, while I do live in Roane County, the care has been very close to home. The love and support of the nurses and staff here is what got me through those last treatments. They gave me the strength to keep going and see this thing through.

I'm Sara Scott and my cancer was treatable thanks to the team at WVU Cancer Institute at Camden Clark.



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