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Nearly 250 people participated in the Calhoun Historical Society's annual "Christmas in the Village" and tree lighting on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Heritage Village in Calhoun County Park. Additional pictures on Page 10.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wednesday, Nov. 30**  
CCHS boys basketball team hosts Tygarts Valley for scrimmage, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 1**  
Parent-Child Group, Pleasant Hill School, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 2**  
Christmas Market, community center, Grantsville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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, Dec. 3**  
Christmas Market, community center, Grantsville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Benefit dinner, silent auction, and raffles for Brenda Junkins, Brohard Community Building, 2 to 6 p.m.

Bingo, Calhoun Middle/High School, 6 p.m.; sponsored by 8th grade for Class of '27 D.C. trip.

**Monday, Dec. 5**  
CCHS boys basketball team scrimmages at Ritchie County, 6 p.m.

Town council meets in Main St. office, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6**  
Parent-Child Group, CalhounFRN, Grantsville, 11 a.m. to noon.

CCHS girls basketball team plays at Doddridge County, 7:30 p.m.  
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## PSC Approves Interim Rate Increases Of 28% And 15% For Hope Gas And Mountaineer Gas

The Public Service Commission announced on Monday that it had granted much lower interim purchased gas cost (PGC) rates for Mountaineer Gas Co. and Hope Gas, dba Dominion Energy West Virginia, than the companies had requested. Mountaineer Gas had originally requested a PGC of \$9.85 per Mcf for residential customers. Under the requested rate, the average residential customer using 13 Mcf per month would have received a \$197.93 winter monthly bill, an overall increase of 38%, as opposed to the current \$143.59 monthly bill that customer is now getting.

## Hotel Demolition Bids Requested

The Town of Grantsville is requesting bids (see legal on Page 7) for the demolition of the Rainbow Hotel building. The work will include asbestos abatement, removal of debris, and restoration of the site. The project will be funded through a Community Development block grant.

Mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. in the town office. Bids will be accepted until noon on Thursday, Dec. 22. The winning bidder must complete work within 60 days.

The commission granted a PGC of \$6.547 per Mcf, which will result in an average monthly residential bill of \$165.59, an overall increase of 15%.

Hope Gas had originally requested a PGC of \$9.87 per Mcf for residential customers.

Under the requested rate, the average residential customer using 13 Mcf per month would have received a \$219.50 winter monthly bill, an overall increase of 62%, as opposed to the current \$135.51 monthly bill that customer is now getting.

The commission granted a PGC of \$5.856 per Mcf, which will result in an average monthly residential bill of \$173.89, an overall increase of 28%.

The rates ordered are interim rates. The commission will continue to review the price of natural gas and the impact of these interim rates and make further adjustments, if necessary, before setting

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Rylie Gerlach displays her weaving skills in the Stemple Cabin at Heritage Park on Saturday. She has previously participated in "Christmas in the Village" and, along with woodcrafts, this is only one of her many artistic abilities.



"Christmas in the Village" would not be complete without Santa and Mrs. Claus (Pete and Romaine Walburn).



There were many "Angels" at "Christmas in the Village."

## Pleasant Hill School Votes For Snowflake King and Queen

Pleasant Hill School held its Snowflake Coronation on Friday, Nov. 18. There were 23 contestants competing in grades PreK-4th for the title of Snowflake King and Queen. Students collected \$14,942.29.

The fundraiser was sponsored by PHS Parent-Teacher Organization. The money will be used for school field trips and other activities.

The 2022 PHS Snowflake Queen is Scarlett Probasco. First runner up is Raelyn Arnold. The 2022 PHS Snowflake King is Noah Richards. First runner up is Liam Carpenter.

Contestants for queen and king were: Pre-school: Dakota Mounts, Saphira Woodring; Noah Richards, Issac Starcher. Kindergarten: Halynn Whytsell, Scarlett Probasco; Kayson Smarr, Owen Heiney. 1st grade: Jessie Cadle, Genevieve Riggs; Isaiah Hickman, Liam Carpenter. 2nd grade: Raelyn Arnold, Hazel Winkler; Gunner Lamp, Brenton Slider. 3rd grade: Sophia Bartelt, Mackenzie Harris; Kyle Shook, Maison Wilson. 4th: Adrianna Griffin, Colbie Wilson; Silas Cunningham.

The PTO and staff expressed thanks "to all the contestants and their families for the hard work, and to the community for supporting the students. We greatly appreciate your help with this fundraiser."



Pleasant Hill School Snowflake contestants included, left to right, first row, Raelyn Arnold (1st runner up), Scarlett Probasco (Snowflake Queen), Noah Richards (Snowflake King), Liam Carpenter (1st runner up); second row, Owen Heiney, Halynn Whytsell, Kayson Smarr, Genevieve Riggs, Jessie Cadle, Isaiah Hickman; third row, Gunner Lamp, Brenton Slider, Hazel Winkler, Kyle Shook, Sophia Bartelt, Maison Wilson, Colbie Wilson, Silas Cunningham and Adrianna Griffin. Not pictured - Dakota Mounts, Saphira Woodring, Mackenzie Harris. Photo by Patricia Haught.



# This Week In History

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

## 1922, 100 years ago

Roy Bell, who confessed to having and operating a still at the recent term of circuit court, and was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary, wrote the following letter while enroute to that institution and sent it back by Deputy Sheriff William Deems to be published in the Chronicle:

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to say a few words to the people of Calhoun County and the State of West Virginia, especially to violators of the law. I was born in this state and have spent 25 years of my life here and I have a clean record. I was taken from my wife and one child to serve in the world war for my country. I served four and a half months in France and four and a half months in Germany, and back home again.

I received an honorable discharge and an excellent character and I am proud of it. After all, I was taking a chance on the law and to my sorrow on this 10th day of November, 1922, was given two years in the state prison for having in my possession one small copper can and worm, and mash.

Now, take warning from me and if you have such things in your possession destroy them quickly for they will ruin your life. I hope these words will benefit every man that is standing in my shoes. Don't take a chance. Think of the sorrow that is brought to my wife and children, also on my father, mother, brothers and sisters, and all of my friends by taking that chance.

Take it from me--don't take a chance. With best wishes to you all, R.W. Bell.

Last week, we omitted to mention the new mail service that has been established between this place and Parkersburg. Postmaster Fred S. Hathaway has been working for some time trying to get service to that city by auto authorized by the department.

For some reason, the matter was held up in Washington and it was not until recently that permission was granted. Under the new service, first class mail is received one day earlier from nearly all points, the pouch being made up in the Parkersburg office just before the taxi leaves for this place.

This is a great accommodation to the local banks and business houses, as mail is expedited by two days in most instances. All mail going to Parkersburg and points beyond should be mailed early to get in this special service.

This improvement is in line with the policy of Postmaster Hathaway to give patrons of the local post office the very best service obtainable. It is only one of the many improvements made during his tenure in office. If service counts for anything, there should be no change made in the local post office, as Mr. Hathaway is the best official the town has ever had.

## 1947, 75 years ago

Lower Pine Creek News -- Russell Stevens and family moved to Auburn, Ritchie County, on Tuesday. Vernie Kreaps is spending a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris of Bull River.

John Stevens and family are moving to their new home in South Grantsville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Saunders of Cleveland are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Rood McCartney is carrying the mail on Rt. 1.

Wanda Lee Godfrey of North Grantsville spent a couple of days with her sister, Mrs. Paul Hayhurst.

A few young people gathered at the Ayers home on Thursday evening and enjoyed a corn roast. Those enjoying the evening were Guila June, Patricia, Robert, Hoyt and Donald Stevens, Paul Godfrey, Delbert Smith, and Herman, Raymond and Francis Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Oak Stafford called on Violet Stevens on Thursday evening.

John Stevens motored to Parkersburg on Thursday evening.

Ray Ferrell of Leafbank was the Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oak Stafford.

Madison Stump and Dock Kreaps, who are employed at Sebring, Ohio, spent the weekend here with their families.

Harold Miller of Bee Creek called on Delbert Smith on Sunday.

## 1972, 50 years ago

Randall Jones submitted the following article:

West Virginia may be "wild and wonderful," but it's also polluted with trash.

This is because each day every West Virginian adds 3.1 pounds of solid waste to hundreds of unsightly, unsanitary and unproductive municipal, county, private and roadside dumps. It is a problem growing in direct proportion to the mounting use of items that come in cans, bottles, boxes, paper and any other type of container.

In 1970, the West Virginia Health Dept. issued a report that provides the first organized look at the enormity of the problem. It shows that the daily production of residential and commercial solid waste amounts to 2,700 tons--enough to cover two miles of a four-lane interstate highway to a depth of three feet.

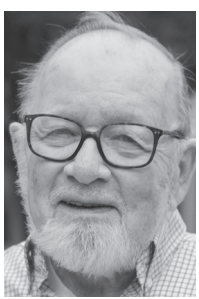
Calhoun County must share the blame. The report shows that each Calhoun Countian is responsible for an average of 2.3 pounds of refuse per day, or 2,993 tons each year. Most people do not want to pollute. They must dispose of their refuse, but where? Some people have access to garbage disposal facilities, but many people, especially those in rural areas, do not.

A follow-up report in 1971 showed that there are only 23 sanitary landfill operations in all of West Virginia. Five of these were in Kanawha County, one each in Doddridge, Harrison, Marshall, Mercer, Monongalia, Nicholas, Taylor, Wood, Braxton, Gilmer, Marion, Mineral, Morgan, Preston, Tucker, Mason and Wetzel. Even these counties have problems, since their approved disposal facilities can not cope with the mountain of trash produced daily.

So, most of the garbage generated in West

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



**Question:** How do medicines know where to go in your body to relieve pain and so on? (Asked by a curious pill popper.)

**Reply:** Yep, you pop a pill and hopefully some specific relief is achieved. How does the pill know where to go? Actually, it doesn't "know." After swallowing medicine, it goes through the digestive system and gets absorbed into the blood stream. Basically, it goes almost everywhere.

For example, most pain relievers are "non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents" (NSAI). When there's a pain problem, cells produce a chemical called prostaglandin. When your nerve endings pick up the presence of this chemical, they send messages to the brain telling where the pain is located. NSAI drugs work by inhibiting the production of prostaglandins, which create inflammation and soreness. Hence, fewer or no messages get to the brain and you are relieved, be it headache or back pain.

Some medications are designed to act on certain problems. For example, there are drugs to lower blood pressure. (How well I know.) Common to these are beta blockers. Selective beta blockers work by blocking the effects of adrenaline. Beta blockers have the effect of relaxing and widening blood vessels, thereby allowing blood to flow more easily through the arteries. The heart doesn't have to pump as hard and blood pressure is reduced.

Unfortunately, not all medicines act only on the areas and functions that we want them to. As a result of being circulated in the blood, medicines may have unwanted side effects. For example, chemotherapy chemicals act on fast-growing, rapidly dividing cells (like cancer cells); however, hair is composed of fast-growing, rapidly dividing cells, too, and people undergoing chemotherapy treatments often lose their hair.

It is hoped that someday, medications will become more targeted--even targeted gene therapy.

**C.P.S. (Curious Postscript):** Some views of famous scientists:

"God does not play dice with the universe."  
--Albert Einstein.

"Einstein, don't tell God what to do." --Neils Bohr.

"Not only does God play dice, but . . . he sometimes throws them where they cannot be seen."  
--Stephen Hawking.

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

The following are some ways to boost your health:

--Research shows that chewing your food thoroughly brings you greater satisfaction from less food. Since it takes 10 to 15 minutes for your brain to receive the "I'm full" signal from your stomach, speed eating is a major factor in weight gain.

A few extra chews with each mouthful means you will feel satisfied by a smaller portion. You will lose weight without dieting or feeling deprived, and the extra time will allow you to enjoy yourself and those you are dining with.

--Eating one avocado per day as part of a moderate fat diet improved cholesterol levels in adults. Forty-five overweight and obese subjects consumed one of three cholesterol lowering diets for five weeks: A lower fat diet without avocado, a moderate fat diet without avocado, or a moderate fat diet with one avocado per day.

The moderate fat diet with avocado resulted in the lowering of LDL (bad) cholesterol by at least 5.2 mg/dl more than the other diets.

--Water prevents acute dehydration, which forces your cells to borrow water from the bloodstream, reducing your vitality. Drinking at least eight glasses of water a day also prevents cumulative dehydration, which could build during the week and end up as Friday Fatigue. Water is still the best antidote to hot-day lethargy.

--Adequate blood levels of Vitamin D may help reduce the risk of colorectal cancer, suggests a recent analysis. Pooling data from 17 observational studies, an international team of researchers, looked for and found the lowest risk of colorectal cancer in people with blood levels of vitamin D between 30 and 40 mg/dl (75 to 100 mmol/L).

Beyond that, risk did not continue to decline. The apparent benefit was stronger in women than in men. This was observational research and could not prove anything definitively. There are several major clinical trials on Vitamin D underway.

--Folic acid is a B vitamin that lowers risk of Spina Bifida and other neural tube defects. Some scientists have worried that it might cause cancer with high doses, so researchers examined data from 13 trials on nearly 50,000 people who took, on average, 2,000 micrograms of folic acid a day or a placebo for five years.

The results: Folic acid takers had no higher risk of cancers of the large intestine, breast, prostate, lung, or any other site. Nor did the investigators find a trend toward greater risk in patients who took folic acid for more than five years.

Hope these help you. Merry Christmas to all.

Virginia goes into open dumps, into open streams, or is cast over the hill along scenic highways.

Calhoun had one dump that was detected by the survey. How many dumps went undetected? What is known, of course, is that dumps are not the answer. The answer is some system by which refuse could be collected and disposed of in a manner that would benefit and beautify West Virginia.



# This Week In West Virginia History



**John Brown was hanged at Charles Town on Dec. 2, 1859.**

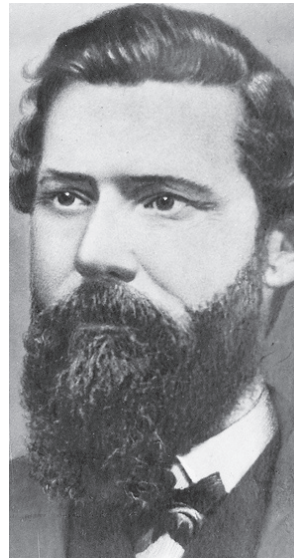
The following events happened from Dec. 1-7 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Dec. 1, 1797: Journalist and politician John S. Gallaher was born in Martinsburg. He owned or managed several Whig newspapers and was instrumental in establishing the free school system in Virginia. He played a prominent role in having early railroads routed through the Eastern Panhandle.

Dec. 2, 1859: John Brown (shown above) was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later nicknamed "Stonewall," was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing guard at the execution of the abolitionist who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

basketball game. The television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

Dec. 4, 1883: Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremeans in Pt. Pleasant. In the 1940s, she opened a relief operation on Huntington's Washington Avenue. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area's largest haven for the disadvantaged and homeless.



Dec. 5, 1892: Daniel D.T. Farnsworth died at the age of 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, he succeeded Gov. Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state legislature.

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as "The Moonshiner."

Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) that distributed broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games.

Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS West Virginia suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain, and 103 crew members died.

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Dec. 3, 1871: Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, he served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921, and oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.



Dec. 3, 1921: Operatic soprano Phyllis Smith Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and modern repertoire.

Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University)

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## My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



I love having the week of Thanksgiving off, but it always goes by so quickly. Maybe this is because I am so busy almost from the moment I walk out of the door on Friday. Between family and friends coming into town and getting ready for Christmas in the Village, the whole vacation is a whirlwind.

What seems like all kinds of time off quickly speeds by, and I find myself sitting in my living room on Sunday night trying to figure out where all that time went.

Don't get me wrong, I love every moment of the week; I just wish it didn't go so fast. It is great spending time with family and friends. My home among the hills is literally bursting at the seams, but that was always my dream. I love having a place where everyone can gather together.

It was particularly nice to have my remodeled bathroom, new dining room table, and comfy recliner. Each of these added an element of comfort for all of my guests. Someday, I dream of remodeling my kitchen to make big meals easier to prepare and serve, but that is down the road a bit.

In order to be able to enjoy all of our company, Maricia, Andy and I worked very hard to have most of the preparations for Christmas in the Village completed by Wednesday. My nephew Michael and his girlfriend Sarah came in on Tuesday night, just in time to go with us to cut down a tree at the Schumacher Farm. I had missed going there, and it felt good to be back.

We spent some time wandering around this beautiful place looking for that perfect tree. Andy was the one to find it. He, Michael and Landon worked together to cut it down and load it on the truck. We even got to spend some time with some of the Schumacher Family and invited them to come to the tree lighting. Then, we headed to the village to set up our new tree.

By this point, mostly everything was in place at the village, except for items that couldn't be put up or taken out until the last moment. Landon and Linda were putting the final touches on their West Virginia birds display on the school chalkboard as we set up the tree in its new spot, and worked on decorating it. While I loved the big old tree behind the schoolhouse, it had just outgrown us. It was time for a change, and while I may be biased, I thought the new tree and its location turned out perfectly.

By the time we finished our tasks, it was time to head home and make dinner for everyone. My friends Tim and Elizabeth and their children were on their way from Virginia, and would be joining us for the rest of the week starting with the dinner that I was making.

Thankfully, I had gone grocery shopping earlier in the week and had stocked my cupboards and fridge. I went with spaghetti, salad and garlic bread, because it was fast and easy, and could feed a lot of people.

From that point on, time just flew by. The rest of the family arrived for Thanksgiving dinner. My new table was beautifully decorated by Tim and Elizabeth, and Maricia and Andy prepared all of the delicious food.

The dinner was just the first of many great moments. There was a trip to the park to explore, play on the playground, and walk off some of the calories that we had been eating. There were shopping trips around town, and puzzles were built, movies watched, and games played.

Saturday was all about Christmas in the Village. Each of us had a part to play, and we all pulled together to make sure that the day would be one to remember. My prayers were answered, and the weather was perfect. If the smiles on people's faces were any indication, I would say that a great day was had by all. I really do feel like the Christmas season begins with the lighting of our tree and the singing of "Silent Night."

Sunday was a sad day, as we all said our goodbyes and headed in different directions. I always hate that part. I spent most of the day cleaning, doing laundry, and putting my home among the hills back in order.

Sometime this week, I will put away my fall decorations and bring up my Christmas ones. This coming weekend, I will go get my tree and begin to deck the halls for Christmas 2022.

Look for the tree in my window soon!

## 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)

I was talking with Lieut Ferrel since my arrival, and he is of the opinion that it is kept out of sight purposely by Major S-----, in order to clear his skirts in regard to certain transactions connected with the company at the time of its organization.

I am very much of his opinion and should not be surprised if there is a general overhauling of the whole matter, but the company can not be held longer than 22nd Dec.

Now Adolphus and Bill are in as good health as usual. Adolphus was very glad to get the socks and mittens, and is looking forward with fond anticipation to the time of the expiration of their term of service. He is very well pleased with my purchase of the little cottage and thinks it was the best thing we could have done under the circumstances.

I made an application today for my discharge in order to be mustered in as Second Lieutenant, will probably be mustered tomorrow and will go on duty at once as Acting Adj. for the present. Lieut Mounty I suppose will be mustered out in a few days, and some of the men whose time are out. The Captain was expecting to get out also, but I think he can not for a while yet, the calculation on his part was to shove the command of the company on me right at once, but this is more than I care about just now, and don't think such will be the case.

I am unwilling to assume such a high responsibility and will not if I can avoid it. Never the less if I am compelled by reason of promotion I would have to accept, but I hope this will not occur. I have no aspiration to be put any higher. My ambition is satisfied if I could get back safely, but this is veiled in the dark future and we can only brush the hand of an over ruling providence to protect us amid all danger, and should I be unfortunate and all I am determined that my name and fame shall be untarnished, and under all circumstances I shall do my duty and try to be a man, this you well know.

I shall write as often as I can. Our army is now camped here four miles above Winchester; as to future operations I don't know what will be done, we may probably have some fighting but we can't tell. The whereabouts of the enemy at present I do not know.

I must close at this time, You must write as soon as you can. Direct thus, Name. Rank. Regt. 3rd. Brig. 1st. Div. 8th A.C. Kearnstown Va.

Love to you all, Adolphus sends his also.

Yours affectionately,

M.A. Ayers

2nd. Lieut Co. A. 11th Regt.

Camp near Kearnstown, Va.

Nov. 15th., 1864, Tuesday night

Dear and Beloved Mary,

I believe there is no better way for me to spend this evening than to pen a few thoughts for your perusal.

Well, another day has passed away and all remains quiet with this great army, though during the day the sound of many axes could be heard in all directions cutting firewood and fixing quarters more comfortable. The cold begins to pinch considerable and the benefit of warm lodging to be appreciated, but I am not prophet enough to foretell how long we will remain in our present camp, or where we are to go into winter quarters.

Some think we will be put on the railroad from Harpers ferry to Winchester to guard it this winter. This supposition is not altogether improbable. The 6th. and 19th. corps I presume will continue in their present positions. The soldiers seem cheerful and full of hope, the great Union victory, the reelection of Abraham Lincoln for president has filled them with renewed confidence in their ability to crush out the rebellion, and restore the government in its integrity.

The struggle may yet be severe but the result is certainly the downfall of the great conspiracy, and I am confident our great republic will come out of the great and fiery ordeal, purified and cleansed, and that it will yet shine with a brilliant luster among the nations of the earth, and stand as the pillar of human liberty to which the eyes of the tottering monarchies of the old world will be turned, when all other governments are fallen to atoms.

I shall leave this for the present, the wind blows bleak and chill across these plains, and warns us that winter is not far off, and while the brave soldiers are here exposed to the inclement weather, and the dangers of a relentless enemy, our kind friends at home are enjoying the comforts of a warm fire side, but yet we know they sigh often for the absent ones away from home.

Perhaps I am running what I commenced with the intention of a letter, into a sober and lengthy essay of the war, but if so, excuse me, probably you will have patience to read it, if not throw it aside.

Well I feel reconciled to my situation since my return, and will nerve myself to the task that lies before me, with the spirit of manhood that it required to make a soldier. Cheerfulness is a great help under all circumstances, and why not have all the sunshine we can, life's journey is but short, and let us keep the bright side before us, and not anticipate evil. It's enough to bear when it overtakes us. I think I will get along pleasantly enough. I am still acting Sergeant Major, think though I will be mustered-in in a day or two at the farthest.

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

Friday, Dec. 2: creamed tomatoes, potatoes, sausage, apples, whole wheat biscuit.

Monday, Dec. 5: rib sandwich, ranch potatoes, mixed greens, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: seasoned pinto beans, onions, greens, fruit, whole wheat cornbread.

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Salisbury steak, long grain

brown rice, vegetables, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.

Thursday, Dec. 8: baked fish, coleslaw, fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Dec. 9: vegetable soup, spiced peaches, peanut butter sandwich, whole wheat bread.

Suggested donation scale for meals: Individual monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.

You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling CCCOA, 354-7017, to be placed on a list.

## From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,

Chairman of Public Service Commission

### Coal vs. Renewable Energy: Which is Cheaper?

The PSC has come under criticism for favoring coal-fired generation over renewable energy. The fact is that the commission favors lower cost generation over higher cost generation.

It is often said that coal is not a cost-efficient electricity production fuel; that the cost of renewable resources from all technologies are dead, even with coal-produced energy; and that West Virginians pay a lot more for electricity than customers in many other states. These statements are just not true.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration rated West Virginia residential electricity costs in August 2022 as the 18th lowest out of 50 states.

West Virginia had the lowest rates in the country for industrial customers. The average industrial rate across the country was 55.4% higher than the West Virginia rate.

Considering that we have lower rates than most states, if rates are driven by the cost of our coal-fired power plants, then it must follow that the availability of the coal-fired power in West Virginia is helping to hold our electricity rates down.

Detractors of fossil fuel-fired power plants try to make the case that renewable resources (mostly wind and solar) costs less than fossil fuel power plants. It is true that the cost per kilowatt of capacity to construct wind and solar facilities is mostly lower than the cost of building coal-fired facilities.

A new coal facility would cost \$4,074 per kilowatt; new on-shore wind facility, \$1,718 per kilowatt; new solar facility, \$1,748 per kilowatt; and new off-shore wind facility, \$6,041 per kilowatt.

Unlike fossil fuel facilities, which can produce power around the clock, wind facilities can produce only within certain wind speed ranges, and solar facilities have no production capability when the sun goes down or is covered by clouds.

Due to the intermittent nature of wind and solar generation, replacing one megawatt of coal-generated electricity will require three megawatts of wind capacity and four megawatts of solar capacity.

The costs of wind and solar facilities do not include the backup facilities needed to maintain sufficient electricity to meet load requirements when the wind is not blowing or the sun is not shining.

Adding battery storage capacity or backup always-available generation resources will increase the costs for the intermittent wind and solar resources, making them more expensive than base load power plants.

I am not suggesting building new coal facilities, but we must consider the relatively low cost of the utility-owned coal-fired capacity already existing in West Virginia.

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The depreciated cost of those existing power plants is well below the cost of constructing a new wind or solar facility. A claim that the partially depreciated coal-fired plants is more expensive than the costs of building and maintaining a comparable amount of new generation is simply wrong.

Such a claim has not been supported by any evidence or expert opinions provided to date to the Public Service Commission.

The PSC is not opposed to renewable energy. The commission has never rejected or denied an application for a certificate to site a renewable energy project in the State.

The commission is leading West Virginia in the transition to locate more renewable energy facilities in the State, but we will not go cold turkey on coal at the expense of West Virginia ratepayers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## For Rent

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

FOR RENT -- Nebo, W.Va., single family, 2-bedroom, 1-bath with walk-in tub. Non-smoking unit. No pets. No illegal activities. \$600 per month. \$600 security. References required. Dalmatian Trailer Park, LLC. 304-765-5071. 1tp/12/1

## Snow Removal

NOW accepting bids for snow removal at the Calhoun DHHR Office parking lot. Anyone wishing to submit a bid, please send to: Calhoun Co. DHHR, Attn: Sheila Schoolcraft, P.O. Box 280, Grantsville, WV 26147. Please submit bids as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 304-354-6118. Please ask for Sheila Schoolcraft or Patricia Richards. 10/20-12/29

## Personals

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## Career

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# Pediatric Flu Death Confirmed

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health has confirmed West Virginia's first influenza associated pediatric death for the 2022-23 flu season. "The loss of a child is profound," said Dr. Ayne Amjad, acting State Health officer and commissioner of BPH. "While most individuals recover from the flu, it can be a serious and life-threatening illness in both children and adults, especially those with existing health conditions and compromised immunity. We extend our deepest sympathies to this family."

Those who are very susceptible to flu and its complications include children under the age of five years old, the elderly, and people with underlying health conditions (e.g., diabetes, asthma, etc.). Infants under six months of age cannot receive the influenza vaccine. The best way to protect them is to have everyone who will have contact with the infant receive a flu vaccine, and also limit an infant's exposure to large groups of individuals. "Now is the ideal time to get your flu shot, as West Virginia is experiencing a historically early start to the flu season. The flu vaccine is the first line of defense to protect yourself, and people around you who are vulnerable to the serious effects of the flu," said Shannon McBee, State epidemiologist. "We urge all West Virginians six months of age and older to get vaccinated against the flu." People who think they might have the flu should contact their doctor immediately to see if they need treatment, with a prescription antiviral drug that can help prevent flu infections from becoming more serious. Treatment with an antiviral drug is especially important for hospitalized patients, people with severe flu illness, and people who are at high risk of serious flu complications based on their age or health. Other precautions people can take to protect against the spread of flu and other viruses include: --Staying home when sick until fever-free for at least 24 hours. --Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then discarding the tissue promptly. --Washing hands frequently, preferably with soap and water. "For the past two years, flu vaccine rates in West Virginia have been lower than they were before the pandemic," said McBee. "Despite seeing more flu cases in our state and the

nation, we are concerned about the lack of an uptick in vaccine rates. RSV and COVID cases continue to circulate, which could further overwhelm our hospital system." While adult flu deaths are not a reportable condition in West Virginia, influenza-associated deaths of children under the age of 18 are required to be reported to the local health department within one week, which in turn is reportable to DHHR. For information, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu/about/keyfacts.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/keyfacts.htm) or [oeeps.wv.gov/flu/pages/default.aspx](http://oeeps.wv.gov/flu/pages/default.aspx). To locate a flu vaccine, visit [www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/](http://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/).

# 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 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. If you have questions or concerns, call 354-2000.

## Upper West Fork

Upper West Fork Park meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The park needs volunteers.

Scheduled events are as follows (Saturday sings are from 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.):

- Dec. 3, Retro Country; Dec. 10, Frank Conn & Partners; Dec. 17, Dixie Highway; Dec. 24, closed; Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Party, Mark IV performing.

## Christmas Market

The second annual Old World Christmas Market will be held at the community center in Grantsville on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with vendor sales. Smoked pork dinners and hotdogs will be for sale, and an auction will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. Friday evening will feature free soup after the parade, sponsored by The 1982 Foundation.

## Christmas Recital

Christmas Recital will be held at Calhoun Middle/High School auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m., sponsored by students and teachers of Grantsville Conservatory of Music. Admission, \$5; preschool children free.

### LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

**Town of Grantsville  
Rainbow Hotel Demolition and Asbestos Abatement  
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Town of Grantsville is seeking sealed bids for the demolition of the Rainbow Hotel building located on corner of Court and Mill Street, Grantsville, Calhoun County, West Virginia. The scope of work will entail demolition with asbestos abatement, and proper removal of all debris resulting from said demolition, as well as site restoration following the demolition. Said building has a right of entry for the Town of Grantsville to authorize demolition and is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program. This is a Federal Prevailing wage contract and multiple Federal Provisions apply.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on December 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grantsville Town Hall. All interested contractors, or their representatives, must be present to be eligible to bid. Bids will be accepted at the Grantsville Town Hall until **December 22, 12:00 p.m.**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. If a bid is awarded, all work must be completed within 60 days.

Asbestos Abatement-

a.) Design Asbestos Abatement Project - It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to have an Asbestos Abatement Project Design on-site, if required by law, that has been designed by an Asbestos Abatement Project Designer with a valid and current license.

b.) Supervision of Asbestos Abatement Project - It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to provide on-site supervision of the asbestos abatement project, if required by law, by an Asbestos Abatement Supervisor with a valid and current license.

c.) Asbestos Abatement - It shall be the contractor's responsibility to remove asbestos containing material and dispose of it properly the contractor must have a proper license to remove asbestos and provide a copy to the community with the bid package and must pay the appropriate state fees and notify the proper authorities under the proper time frame according to State and Federal law prior to starting abatement. Copies of all paperwork and custodial agreements concerning asbestos abatement shall be supplied to the Community.

The Town of Grantsville reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Bid Specifications, Bid Form, and other related documents will be available at the mandatory pre-bid conference. Each bidder must deposit with their bid, security in the amount of 10% of their bid as a cashiers check or bid bond. No bidder may withdraw their bid within 30 days after the date of the bid opening. For further information, contact Luke Peters at the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council (304) 699-3712.

### LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Wilbert D. Kerby	Margaret Kirby	8945 N. Calhoun Hwy., Big Springs, WV 26137
Amy Nicole Shamblin	Bernaetta Shamblin	14309 South Calhoun Hwy., Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **JANUARY 31, 2023**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

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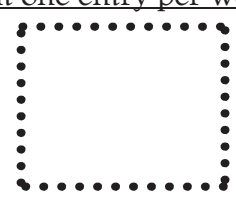
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**Find the Christmas image shown below in this issue of The Calhoun Chronicle and you could win**



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When you find the image, clip it and paste it into the box below, and return your entry to the Chronicle office or mail to: The Calhoun Chronicle, P.O. Box 400, Grantsville, WV 26147. All entries must be received by December 19, 2022. Limit one entry per week.



All submissions received will be entered in a drawing and winners will be announced in the December 22 issue.

Entry forms should be sent to:  
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# Healthy Donors Need To Give Now

American Red Cross urges blood donors to give now and help fight the potential impact of seasonal illnesses and a potentially severe flu season on the blood supply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts a serious spread of flu this year and is already reporting an early spike in cases in several states.

When seasonal illnesses increase, the number of healthy donors tends to decrease, leaving the Red Cross blood supply vulnerable to a potential shortage over the holidays.

Paired with busy holiday schedules, seasonal illnesses may make it harder to collect the blood hospital patients require this winter.

Donors, especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets, can help bolster the blood supply now by making an appointment to give in the coming weeks.

There is no waiting period to donate blood after receiving a flu shot. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Learn about flu safety and prevention at redcross.org/flusafety.

As a thank-you, the Red Cross is offering the following: All who come out to help through Thursday, Dec. 15, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, thanks to Amazon. Details are available at rcblood.org/together.

**How to donate blood:**  
Download American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-733-2767, or enable the Blood

Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for information.

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

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

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

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive.

To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

### Amplify Your Impact--Volunteer

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives.

Ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure that they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals.

For information and to apply for either position, visit [www.redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday).

## Next Virtual Job Fair

WorkForce West Virginia has announced the next date in a series of Statewide Virtual Job Fairs. Both employers and job seekers are invited to participate in the virtual event on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from noon to 3 p.m.

"We have seen unprecedented turnouts at the past two Statewide Virtual Job Fairs," said Scott Adkins, acting commissioner of WorkForce.

"Since we have started these monthly events, nearly 680 job seekers have registered to attend."

Participating employers have received 350 resumes. It has been exciting to connect so many West Virginians with these great organizations across the state.

"Whether you're looking for seasonal work, or want to take the next step in your career, this virtual event is a convenient and innovative way to connect with West Virginia companies."

Virtual job fairs allow job seekers to apply, live chat, video chat, and interview virtually with employers participating in the event.

Registration is required for both interested employers and job seekers.

The Job Fair portal features a job seeker training video, list of participating employers, and channels for attendees to register and log in.

Job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally and have a calm, clutter-free background, as employers may request to engage in a video interview.

Upon registration, employers will create a "virtual booth" to connect with job seekers. After completion, this booth will be available during subsequent job fairs.

For information about WorkForce and the Statewide Virtual Job Fairs, visit [www.workforcewv.org](http://www.workforcewv.org) or [workforcewvvirtualjobfairevent@wv.gov](mailto:workforcewvvirtualjobfairevent@wv.gov).

## Parent-Child Groups

Save the Children offers weekly Parent Child groups at Pleasant Hill School, Arnoldsburg Elementary School, and two other sites in the county.

Focus of these groups will be kindergarten readiness skills for children 3-to-5 years old. All younger siblings are also welcome to attend. Snacks will be provided. One parent/caregiver will win a small door prize.

During weekly groups, language, literacy and math kindergarten readiness skill areas will include: Knowing about the alphabet, books and print; talking and listening; understanding words and sounds; numbers, counting, patterns, sorting and classification; comparison, measurement, and geometry.

These are critical skills that your child needs in order to be prepared for preschool and kindergarten.

Group location and dates for December:  
Thursday, Dec. 1, and Thursday, Dec. 15, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill School.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, and Tuesday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to noon, Family Resource Network, Grantsville.

Wednesday, Dec. 7, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1 to 2 p.m., Upper West Fork Park.

Friday, Dec. 9, and Friday, Dec. 16, 2 to 3 p.m., Arnoldsburg Elementary School.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, Pancake and Pajamas event, 4 to 6 p.m., Calhoun Middle/High School.

Debra Smith, Kindergarten Readiness Ambassador, looks forward to meeting you and helping prepare your child for school success. If you need information, call her at PHS, 354-6022, or AES, 655-8616, or email [d.smith@k12.wv.us](mailto:d.smith@k12.wv.us).

## Spay/Neuter

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

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

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042.

Donations of dry

cat food are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

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

## Benefit Dinner

Benefit dinner, silent auction and raffles will be held for Brenda Junkins on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 to 6 p.m., at Brohard Community Building.

Dinner includes potato soup or chili, cornbread or peanut butter sandwich, drink, and dessert for \$10 donation.

## Poison Center Offers Tips

Homes hold cozy and wonderful memories during the holidays, especially when families gather from near and far.

Could your home be a danger for young children who are coming to visit? With some simple poison safety tips from the W.Va. Poison Center, your home can be a safe place for all the people you love.

--Put dangers up and away: Keep children away from your home's most dangerous products by putting all potential dangers up and away. Be sure to child-proof places common potential poisons, like household cleaners, are kept.

--If you don't use it, lose it: If you have products you don't regularly use in your home, such as expired medication or cleaning supplies, consider properly disposing of them. If dangerous products are not in your home, a loved one cannot get into them.

--Don't keep medicine out: Do not keep any medications (prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, or herbals) out. It is extremely important to make sure that all medicines are up high and out of reach of children.

If you are visiting a home during the holi-

days, immediately put all medications from your purse or luggage up and away.

--Childproofing is not fool-proof: Even with childproofing, children are quick and accidents happen. Consider putting the Poison Center's number, 1-800-222-1222, in a quick to reach spot and into your cell phone before you need it.

Poisoned? Not sure? Call the Poison. Medical experts at the center are available 24/7, even during the holidays, to answer calls about poison emergencies and poison questions.

## New at Library

The Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Children's: If You Laugh, I'm Starting this Book Over, by Chris Harris; Pig, the Rebel, by Aaron Blabey.

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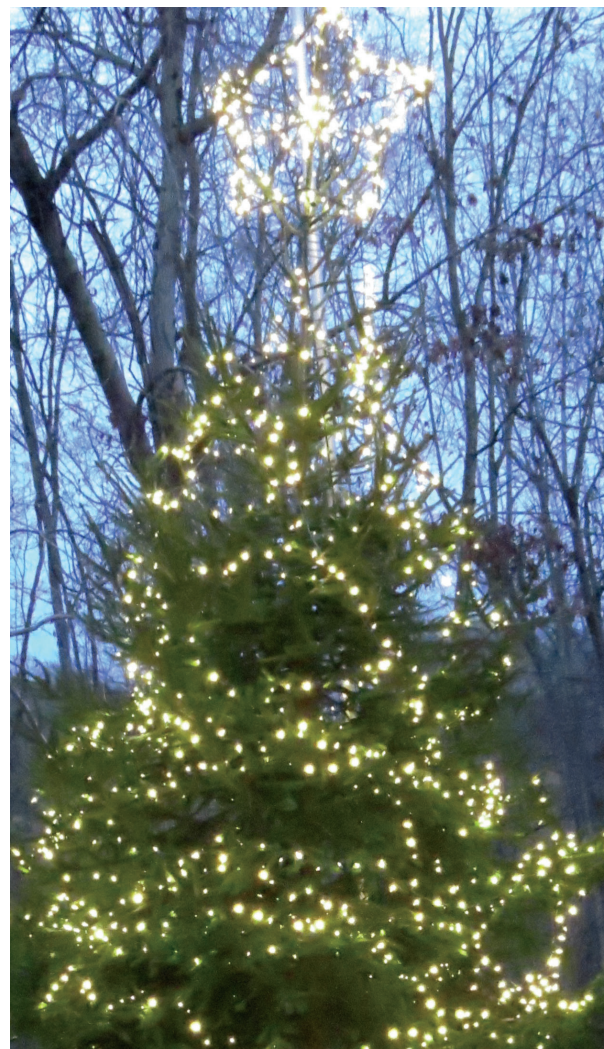
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## Deadlines Announced

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced the end of the first FY23 application evaluation period for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA). Producers interested in being considered for financial assistance need to submit applications to NRCS by Friday, Dec. 16. EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive technical and financial assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land. The AMA program provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues, such as water management, including irrigation systems, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations; and mitigate risk through production diversification. EQIP and AMA are open to all eligible agricultural producers and submitted applications may be considered or evaluated in multiple funding opportunities. For consideration in the first-round of 2023 federal fiscal year funding, eligible landowners must enroll by submitting their application by Dec. 16. For information, visit local USDA Service Center or visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov).

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- Working knowledge in Microsoft Office (especially PowerPoint)
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- Excellent organizational and time-management abilities

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- Prepare training material (presentations, worksheets, etc.)
- Execute training sessions, webinars, workshops etc. in groups or individually
- Arrange for and conduct on-site training, at the mine or plant when needed
- Keep and report data on completed courses, absences, issues etc.
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- Collaborate with the safety and production teams to design job assessments and to identify and document best work practices for all positions

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