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Calhoun's junior guard Trista Arnold looks to pass the ball to a teammate. Story & photos on Page 10.

Christmas Showcase, Dec. 16-17

Calhoun Middle/High School Performing Arts 2022 Christmas Showcase will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m., and on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m., in the school auditorium.

Christmas Dinner

Creston Community Building will host its annual Christmas Dinner with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m.

Ham and turkey will be provided. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish to share.

Santa will visit with children up to age 12. Donations of candy and small items for treat bags will be appreciated.

Bad weather date will be Saturday, Dec. 17.

For information, call Kathleen Cervone, 275-0003, or Barb Wright, 275-0006.

Doors open one hour before each presentation. The showcase will feature middle and high school bands, percussion ensemble, middle and high school dance, theatre choir, and more.

Entry is free. Donations will be accepted. Band Boosters will have concessions of coffee, hot chocolate, and Krispy Kreme donuts.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 7
Parent-Child Group, Upper West Fork Park, 1 to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8
CCHS boys basketball team opens regular season at South Harrison, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9
Parent-Child Group, Arnoldsburg School, 2 to 3 p.m.

Food giveaway, Brohard Community Building, 3 to 4 p.m.; sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church.

Christmas dance for children, ages 8-14, Upper West Fork Park, 6 to 9 p.m.

CCHS boys basketball team hosts Webster County, 7:30 p.m.

CCHS girls basketball team plays at South Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10
CCHS wrestling team at Roane County in Gary Bender Raider Cup, 10 a.m.

Christmas Dinner with Santa, Creston Community Building, 3 p.m.; visits with Santa up to age 12.

Christmas Recital, Calhoun Middle/High School auditorium, 5 p.m.; sponsored by students and teachers of Grantsville Conservatory of Music.

Bluegrass, gospel and country music, Lions Club building, Grantsville, 6 p.m.

Music, Upper West Fork Park, and Thanksgiving/Christmas covered dish dinner, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 11
Appreciation Reception for Ray and Estela Holbert, Family Life Center building, Brooksville Baptist (Continued on Page 2)

Rainbow Demolition Draws Nearer; Conference Monday

Mayor Robert Petrovsky called Monday evening's Grantsville town council meeting to order, with all five council members, Cheryl Cheesbrew, Dorothy McCauley, Judy Powell, Linda Staton and William Villers, present.

Early in the meeting the mayor reported that Kayla Ware had been accepted to Fairmont for police chief training and certification, and would begin employment under contract with the town starting on the 16th.

Fred Hypes of Dunn Engineers updated council on the water project:

"Most of the construction at the plant is done, the generator is supposed to be started up tomorrow (Dec. 6), the clarifier components are here and that will be installed probably the first week of January.

"They are working on the filters . . . and there are still a couple of pumps that have to be delivered, and what we were told today by Orders (Construction), it could very well be February or close to March.

"Their completion date still stands in March, so the project remains on



schedule, even with these delivery delays.

"The plant, for the most part, has been back to full production; there was a

little bit of downtime as some more valves and things were being installed today."

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Commission Lists Agenda--

Calhoun county commission has announced the following agenda for Monday's 9 a.m. meeting in the courthouse little courtroom:

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approve minutes: Nov. 14.
- Delegations/requests: Calhoun Homes, Robin Hughes.
- Reports: E-911,

LEPC, and OES; ambulance service; Wood Festival; CRI; Calhoun County Park; FRN; home confinement; sheriff; Little Kanawha Area Development Corp.

--New business: Mt. Zion PSD and Pleasant Hill PSD request; Upper West Fork Park Christmas request; cell tower; Volunteer Fire Dept. audits; Library audit; Mutual

Assistance Agreement, Calhoun Sheriff's office and Spencer Police Dept.

--Old business: Sheriff's vehicles; consolidated public service district.

--Personnel items: Employment, Samantha Hicks, circuit clerk's office, effective Jan. 3.

--Appointments to boards and authorities: Little Kanawha Area (Continued on Page 3)



The CCHS varsity boys basketball team is scheduled to open its season on Thursday at 7 p.m., at South Harrison, and host Webster County at 7:30 the following night. Members (and jersey numbers) include, left to right, Owen Taylor (11), Joel Basnett (2), Brayden Wood (5), Levi Morris (00), Landon Bennett (15), Landon Church (12), Caden Jones (32) and Hayden Bajcar (30). Not pictured - Jacob Marks (3).

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL DEE 'Dee Pap' COTTRELL
 Russell Dee "Dee Pap" Cottrell, 85, of Shock, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Frozen Run, Nicut, the son of the late Ezra and Ellen Sawyers Cottrell. He worked in timber and the coal mines in Monongalia and Gilmer counties, and retired from Burke-Parsons-Bowlby after 31 years. He was a member of Frozen Chapel Baptist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Calvin Eugene, Troy Russell, Bobby Gale and Randall Glen; six grandchildren, Tina, Shannon, Troy, Jr., Bobby, Jr., Jennifer and Randall; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, Denzil Cottrell; and one sister, Myretta Riley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Etta Macil Rogers Cottrell, whom he married on May 15, 1955; two great-grandchildren; and six siblings, Reese, Paul, Ronzell, May, Genevieve and Annabelle.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Elder Larry Fisher officiating. Burial was in Cottrell Cemetery, Frozen Run.

GERALDINE MARIE 'Jerry' PARSONS

Geraldine Marie "Jerry" Parsons, 84, of Normantown, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at Hospice of the Chesapeake, Pasadena, Md.

She was born in Cedarville, the daughter of the late James Alvin and Helen L. Isenhardt Marks. She worked as postmaster relief at U.S. Postal Service for more than 20 years before retiring.



Surviving are five children, Kennetta Sampsel and husband Paul of Wooster, Ohio; Harry E. Parsons, Jr., and wife Debbie of Dundee, Fla.; Delbert "Jim" Parsons and wife Sherry of Dunkirk, Md.; Kevin Parsons of Normantown and David Parsons and wife Kelly of Westminster, Md.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Harry E. "Jack" Parsons, on Sept. 13, 2019; one son, Rodney L. Parsons; and one brother, James A. Marks, Jr.

Services will be held Thursday, 1 p.m., at Ellyson Mortuary, 2 Vanhorn Dr., Glenville, with Pastor Bryan Groves officiating. Burial will be in Collins Community Cemetery, Stumptown. Visitation will be held Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., at the mortuary.

Obituaries of local interest are free and subject to editing for space, conciseness, and content, which includes direct descendants, their spouses, if clearly stated as such and are local residents, number of grandchildren, etc. Information must come from a funeral home. Memorials and obituaries are available as a paid advertisement.

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PAUL WAYNE SNIDER
 Paul Wayne Snider, 83, of Parkersburg, formerly of Calhoun County, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, at Parkersburg Care Center.

He was the son of the late Albert Ferrell and Zella Snider. He retired from Walker Cat after 30 years of service.

Surviving are one sister, Geneva May Hays, and one niece, Patricia O'Dell, both of Parkersburg.

He was preceded in death by one sister and four brothers.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Pastor Tim Davis officiating. Burial was in Goodnight Cemetery.

EVERETT LEO HOPKINS
 Everett Leo Hopkins, 86, of Big Bend, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, at Genesis, Glenville Center.

He was the son of the late Everett Lee and Cloie Kirby Hopkins. He retired from Cabot Oil & Gas and was a member of Brooksville Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela Richards of Grantsville and Lisa Snider of Big Springs; one son, Richard Hopkins of Big Bend; six grandchildren, Chris Ford of Palestine, Zack Hopkins of Elkview, Amber Snider of Denver, Colo., Ashlea Wilson of Grantsville, Mallory Piegols of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Ryan Snider of Brohard; 12 great-grandchildren, Christian and Trevor Ford, Madison and Mason Wilson, Samuel and Jackson Snider, Anika, Talin, Keirah and Maverick Piegols, and Reese and Cruz Hopkins; and one sister, Dianne Barr Miller of Parkersburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Betty Jo Dobbins Hopkins; two brothers, Olin "Chub" Hopkins and Don Hopkins; and two sisters, Irmajean Richards and Bernadean Yoak.

Services will be held Friday, 1 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Alfred Hickman officiating. Burial will be in Hunt Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, noon to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

LETTER BOX

It is with distinct pleasure that we announce the 2022 Magical Christmas Stories Parade Marshals, Ray and Estela Holbert.

Ray and Estela have been married for 48 years. He stated, "I am a blessed man." God blessed him with a beautiful wife and life partner, and a son, Ray, whom they both are very proud of.

Ray recently retired from his family owned and operated business, known to many as "Holbert's." The business had been in their family for 99 years, starting with his grandfather in 1923. The store passed through his mom and dad, then on to Ray in 1971.

Over the years, the family has endured many hardships, two fires that completely burnt the store to the ground, and each time they rebuilt. His grandfather fed many through the great depression and Ray has always taken great pride in carrying on the legacy of doing everything he can for the public, and his employees.

Ray always wanted the community to have a place to come. Ray credits God and said, "God gives me wisdom," and he wanted to do his best to serve the public and God.

Estela ended up in Calhoun County many years ago as a nurse from the Philippines. She settled in Calhoun and worked at the former Calhoun General Hospital. She recently retired after 50 years of serving the public as a Registered Nurse and Director of Nursing.

They have been faithful servants and a constant staple to their community. They attend Brooksville Baptist Missionary Church. It seems fitting that we honor them with being this year's 2022 Calhoun Christmas Parade Marshals.

Ray had never attended a parade, so he was quite shocked, honored and humbled when asked. He asked if he was allowed to throw candy. If you know Ray, you know he loves kids.

The Christmas Parade Committee thanks you both for your service and commitment to your community. Please enjoy your retirements.

Samantha Poling

License Giveaway

Gov. Jim Justice has announced that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resource's lifetime license giveaway is back for a fourth year.

Hunters and anglers who purchase an annual 2023 hunting, trapping or fishing license in December will automatically be entered into the drawing.

The giveaway is open to residents and non-residents. One resident will win a lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing license, and one non-resident will win a three-night lodge stay at Pipestem Resort State Park, with two zipline tour tickets.

Other prizes include state park gift cards, cabin stays and gift bags. The prize drawing is sponsored by WVDNR and W.Va. Dept. of Tourism. Winners will be announced in January.

"Only a few lucky winners will be selected, but everyone who buys a license has a chance to win big, so we want to encourage everyone

to participate and start planning their hunting and fishing adventures for the new year," said WVDNR director Brett McMillion.

To enter the giveaway, residents may purchase a Class A, Class B, Class AH, Class X, Class XP, Class X3, Class XP3, Class XJ or Class AHJ license.

Non-residents may enter by purchasing a Class E, Class EE, Class AAH, Class XXJ or Class AAHJ license. All licenses can be purchased at WVhunt.com or at an authorized license agent.

Annual licenses can also be purchased as gifts by calling the WVDNR licensing unit, 558-2758. If the recipient has previously held a license, only the recipient's name and date of birth will be needed. If the recipient has never had a license before, you may need additional information to establish an account.

For information visit WVdnr.gov/licensegiva

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Here we are, deep into the first week of December and it's warm and rainy. Where is my snow? I don't need much, just enough to cover the ground and lay on the tree limbs, so that we are looking at a winter wonderland whenever we look outside.

I have looked at the long-range forecast, and we at least have a slight chance for some snow in the next 10 days, but the proof is in the shoveling and the view of pristine white snow, as opposed to the drabness of a wet forest.

Oh well, it's still three weeks until Christmas, and if it is going to snow enough to stick, I would prefer it closer to the big day.

We had a very nice telephone call early on Tuesday morning from our daughter, Amy. She was just calling to let us know that her son, Conor, who has been under the weather for a few days, was feeling better, and he was in a talkative mood.

During the phone call, Amy asked Conor if he knew who was going to be bringing him some presents soon (he sat on Santa's lap over the weekend). He then said, just as plain as day, Neenah (Jeanne).

Amy told him that Neenah brings presents to him often, but this bringer of presents had a big belly and a fluffy white beard. He then said, Papaw (me, I do have a white beard, but Santa outweighs me by a lot, I think).

Conor was having so much fun listening to all of us laughing at his startlingly correct observation that I think I may have to start looking for a bright red suit and eight tiny reindeer. I think Conor just gave me an "upgrade."

If you have noticed a very bright, light-colored evening star for a while now, you have been observing Jupiter dancing its way across the sky, at times even seeming to play tag with the moon.

If you have noticed an orange or red looking bright star following behind Jupiter for the last month, you are seeing Mars on its closest approach to the earth in our current orbits.

On Wednesday night, Mars and the full moon will be so close together in the sky that the moon will even appear to block out Mars from some

locations.

If it isn't raining or cloudy, this would be a great time to observe the motion of the heavens, as those two heavenly bodies slowly spread apart throughout the night.

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The town has been decorated for Christmas quite festively this year, with the traditional snowflakes on the streetlight poles and Christmas decorations all over town.

There was quite the Christmas parade and giveaway event for the kids last weekend in Grantsville. That is a good thing for our county, as our children and grandchildren will remember things like this, and hopefully, when they are older, they will continue to make this joyous event happen every year, in perpetuity. The gifts that keep on giving are the best ones to give.

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Now that all of the leaves have become mulch, opening up our view of the holler, we get to be even more amused by the critters that live near us and visit us daily.

Jeanne told me just last week about one of the chipmunks sitting next to a sunflower seed feeder stuffing his cheeks with seeds for half an hour.

She said that he had his back to her while he was by the feeder and then, when he turned to face her, his cheeks were stuffed to cartoon proportions.

She said that his cheeks would have likely exploded had he tried to stuff one more seed in his overly distended cheek pouches. What a way to go.

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We still have a few visiting birds that only come to the feeders occasionally, but we have not seen a rose-breasted grosbeak in weeks. I think they may not be spending the winter with us this year.

That's all right, there are plenty enough as it is, between the birds, squirrels and chipmunks.

Music

Bluegrass, gospel and country music will be played at the Lions Club Building (behind Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville) on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. Sign-up at the door.

Concessions and 50/50 drawing will be available. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 354-6085.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 Church, 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 12
 County commission meets, courthouse little courtroom and also virtually (using zoom), 9 a.m.; #5936021621, password, 1234; by phone, +13126266799 or +19292056099 (toll free).

Pre-bid conference on demolition of Rainbow Hotel building, town office, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13
 Parent-Child Group, CalhounFRN, Grantsville, 11 a.m. to noon.

Calhoun County board of education meeting, Calhoun Middle/High School, with Local School Improvement Committee, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14
 Parent-Child Group, Upper West Fork Park, 1 to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15
 Representative of attorney general Patrick Morrisey's office will be in Calhoun Courthouse lobby, 11 a.m. to noon.

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

Friday, Dec. 16
 Parent-Child Group, Arnoldsburg School, 2 to 3 p.m.

CM/HS Performing Arts Christmas Showcase, auditorium, 6 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.).

Saturday, Dec. 17
 Toy Giveaway, Upper West Fork Park, 1 p.m.

CM/HS Performing Arts Christmas Showcase, auditorium, 3 p.m. (doors open at 2 p.m.).
 Costume Bingo, Lions Club, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, 6 p.m.; prizes will be awarded.
 Music, Upper West Fork Park, 7 p.m.

This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Jackson, Jr., departed on Monday for an extended visit with the former's parents in Norfolk, Va. They are making the trip by motorcar.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Marshall of Cincinnati, Ohio, are here visiting relatives. Mr. Marshall is a student of dentistry at the University of Cincinnati and has one year's work to complete his course.

At a special communication of the local Lodge of Masons held on Monday night, Dwight W. Wilson of Apple Farm, Merrell Snider of Freed, Ray Betts of Cabot Station and Clarence E. Carse of Richardson were initiated into the mysteries of the order.

Nicholson Poling of Sycamore was a business visitor in Grantsville on Tuesday. He has had a lot of sickness in his family during the past few months, but reports them all better now.

Miss Leilah Bennett, daughter of Rev. R.F. Bennett, entered St. Joseph's Hospital at Parkersburg for the purpose of having her tonsils removed.

"Uncle" Wash Freed came home on Sunday after several weeks' visiting his daughters, Mrs. Col. Rader and Mrs. Will Rodgers of Brooksville. He has been in very poor health, just recovering from a severe sickness.

Mrs. S.M. Maze, who has been in ill health for some time, is receiving medical treatment at Parkersburg.

O.J. Gainer and Alvin Gainer of Henrietta were business visitors here on Monday.

Rev. J. Smith Dye, former pastor of the local Baptist Church, who was called here to hold the funeral for Ray H. Stemple, informs us that he will be located at Pt. Pleasant, where he has accepted the call from the leading Baptist church in that city. Rev. Dye will remain here until Monday morning, occupying the pulpit at the Baptist Church on Sunday morning and night.

1947, 75 years ago

County agent B.A. Hensley warned farmers to be extremely careful when using inflammable insecticides to spray barns, corn cribs, and grain storages. "Carbon bisulfide or 'high life,' as it is commonly called, is one of the most dangerous sprays," he stated. "This insecticide is more explosive than gasoline and it can ignite from the heat of a steam pipe."

If inflammable insecticides must be used, the county agent pointed out that they should never be kept inside of a building housing persons or animals. "Never, under any circumstances, should anyone strike a match within 10 feet of a building which is being fumigated. When using these inflammable insecticides," Hensley said, "be sure there is an approved fire extinguisher handy. There are extinguishers especially designed to put out chemical fires quickly and efficiently."

The county agent cautioned against using insecticides that produce harmful fumes. He explained that the gases or fumes set up by some fumigants can cause a serious lung condition that often results in death: "Farmers should be very wary about purchasing fumigants and insecticides that do not bear the Underwriters' Laboratory Seal. Sprays that have a fire hazard less than kerosene are considered safe." Nevertheless, a fire extinguisher nearby provides necessary protection. Be prepared for fire.

1972, 50 years ago

On Halloween night, Tuesday, Oct. 31, the Calhoun high school football field was changed into "Spook land" where approximately 500 children gathered for the county-wide Hallowe'en party. The field was decorated with trick or treat doors and fodder shocks, where the children were greeted by an array of ghosts, witches, and other goblins.

At 6:30, the children were judged on costumes. The winners were:

- Age two and under: Samantha Cain, prettiest; Ann Maze, funniest; Cynthia Simers, ugliest.
- Ages 3-4: Deanna Johnson, prettiest; Doug Cunningham, funniest; Keith Roberts, ugliest.
- Ages 5-6: Jackie Sturm, prettiest; Scott Erlewine, ugliest; Cris McCauley, funniest.
- Ages 7-8: Phillip Ball, prettiest; Kathy Roberts, funniest; Willie Jones, ugliest.
- Ages 9-10: Pam McCauley, prettiest; Beth Metz, ugliest; Donna Baker, funniest.
- Ages 11-12: Nina Frederick, prettiest; Timmy Davis, ugliest; Jim Morris, funniest.
- Ages 13-14: Vonda Williams, prettiest; Rodney Frederick, ugliest; Edith Cunningham, funniest.

Judges for the costume awards were Mary Louise Smith of Grantsville, Freda Yoak of Pleasant Hill, Ruth Bartlett of Big Bend, Jack Bush of Big Springs, and Deward Offutt of Arnoldsburg.

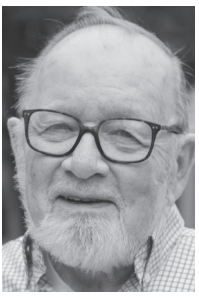
Prizes were donated by J&B Drugs, Law Hardware, Dollar General Store, Western Auto, James Dept. Store, Ben Franklin, Parsons Jewelry, Dalton's Store, A&P Store, and Board of Education.

After the judging was completed, the rain started to fall, but no one seemed to mind. The children went to the five trick or treat doors to receive their candy, apples and popcorn. The Great Pumpkin arrived at 7:30 and helped with seven drawings. Prizes were awarded by the Board of Education. Winners were Lisa Hopkins, Clyde Capps, Candy Collins, Robert Kipe, Mark Cain, Allen Metz and Kris Lonkani.

After the party, a Hallowe'en dance was held in the high school gym. Music was provided by Roger Bush and Rick Poling. A drawing was held at the dance, with Sue Stephenson winning a hair dryer from Grantsville Appliance and Tim Gainer winning a \$10 bill from Stalnaker's Auto Sales.

The party was a project of the Junior Woman's Club, with Mrs. Blaine Maze and Mrs. Tom Justice as co-chairmen of the event. "While this was a project of the Junior Woman's Club," Maze said, "without the help of other organizations and people, it couldn't have been as successful as it was."

CURIOSITY CORNER



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

A column from the past:

Question: I have enjoyed a pair of Tufted Titmice carrying seed, suet and assorted bugs to their fledglings in a birdhouse. I never see the "parents" at the birdbath and am wondering how or if they transmit water to their young? (Asked via cyberspace.)

Reply: I did a bit of bird-watching this summer, too--hummingbirds--fascinating little critters. They kept me busy mixing up their food, but, let's get back to the baby birds and water.

In general, provided a little bird gets the right food, water per se shouldn't be necessary. It gets the "fluids" it needs from bugs and worms. These are digested by the Momma bird (and sometimes by the Poppa) and then regurgitated into the baby's mouth or throat. The birdbath comes later in life.

Question: Why are the military mobile armored vehicles called "tanks"? (Asked by a curious military buff.)

Reply: The armored fighting vehicle (AFV) was developed during the First World War. The term tank was first applied to British "landships" in 1915, during construction. This was done to keep their development a secret. There are a couple of stories on the origin of the term.

In making the hulls of the first battle tanks in British factories, workmen (and any spies) were given the impression that they were constructing mobile water tanks for the British army. So, they were constructing "tanks." It is believed that the term was first used in a secret report to Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty.

In a biography, Churchill writes that, to disguise the original drawings, they were labeled "water carriers for Russia." There was concern that this might be abbreviated "WCs for Russia." In Britain, WC is the abbreviation for water closet or toilet. So, the drawings were relabeled "water tanks for Russia."

In either case, water tank was eventually shortened to "tank," the common name for the military AFV.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): The only certainty about following the crowd is that you will all get there together. --Mychal Wynn.

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

Rainbow Demolition--

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When asked about waterline replacements, Hypes said that it was estimated that \$4,000,000 would replace about half of the town's waterlines.

Some of the funding could come from the Army Corps of Engineering, which has extended the funding deadline until February.

Luke Peters of Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council updated those present on the demolition of the Rainbow Hotel building.

He said that the legal notice for bids would have its second publication this week, and a mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m., in the town office.

Contact had been made with 10 local and out-of-county companies.

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.

Bids will be accepted until noon on Thursday, Dec. 22. The winning bidder must complete work within 60 days.

Drawdown of \$308,680 by MOVRC was approved by the town council. It included \$298,028 for Construction, \$4,300 for USDA, and \$6,352 for Dunn Engineers.

Christmas dinner for town employees will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 12:30 p.m., with all food furnished.

The council went into executive session on personnel at 6:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the town council will be on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 6 p.m.

Commission Agenda--

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Development.

--Grants, contracts, applications and resolutions.

--Erroneous tax assessments/consolidations.

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 include the following (Saturday sings are from 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.):

Friday, Dec. 9, Christmas dance for children, ages 8-14, 6 to 9 p.m.;

Dec. 10, Frank Conn & Partners and Thanksgiving/Christmas covered dish dinner (park will supply the meat);

Dec. 17, Toy Giveaway, 1 p.m.;

Dec. 17, Dixie Highway;

Dec. 24, closed.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Dec. 8-14 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Lorentz, known as FDR's filmmaker, was born in Clarksburg. In 1933, he created "The Roosevelt Year: 1933," a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.

Dec. 12, 1931: Attorney George Daugherty, better known as comic singer and songwriter "The Earl of Elkview," was born upstairs over a Mannington silent movie house.



Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born. As West Virginia's 26th governor, he achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his term, but his accomplishments were overshadowed by the fact that he was the first governor in state history to be indicted or convicted of a major crime.

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state.

Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville.



Dec. 12, 1942: Internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist Bob Thompson was born in Jamaica, Queens, N.Y. He studied music at West Virginia State College (now University) and is the house pianist on the Mountain Stage radio program.

Dec. 12, 1953: Chuck Yeager set a speed record by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A. Yeager, who grew up in Hamlin, had broken the sound barrier six years earlier on Oct. 14, 1947.

Dec. 13, 1861: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. He was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.



Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.

Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute from Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.



Dec. 11, 1905: "Pare"



Dec. 14, 1857: Coal operator Justus Collins was born. He owned coal mines at Glen Jean and Whipple, and the octagonal Whipple company store survives today as a local landmark.

Dec. 14, 1910: The accidental death of a Chesapeake & Ohio engineer near St. Albans led to the popular train song, "Billy Richardson's Last Ride."

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My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Calhoun County! I know I say that every year, but you have to admit that in the last few years, we have really upped our game. Our little town is starting to look like something that could be in a Hallmark movie.

I always look forward to the snowflakes appearing on the telephone poles in town, so I was delighted to discover them going up one afternoon as I drove home from school. In addition to the snowflakes, there were Christmas flags around the courthouse, white lights all the way across the bridge, and lots of Christmas displays around town. There are so many pretty things to look at; I swear I see something new every time I leave home.

Christmas has finally come to my home among the hills too. It took me a little longer this year. I was just too tired after Thanksgiving and Christmas in the Village to think about taking down the fall decorations, putting them away, and bringing up my Christmas ones. I decided to take my time and do a little bit each day. Thankfully, I have a large table now where I can place everything until I pack it up and put it away.

It was a good thing that table is so long, because our contractor, Mr. Hardman, called and let me know that he was ready to start on my parents' bathroom. The have really been looking forward to their new walk-in shower, but since there is only one bathroom in the house, they would need to move out until the work was completed. Since the Mlyneks have a dog, it was easier for them to bring Rascal here to my house, so that's what they did. Monday morning, they packed their bags and headed to my place for the week.

Even with all of my fall decorations sitting at one end, there was still room for us to eat at the other end of the table. Their arrival did encourage me to pick up the pace a bit to at least get the fall stuff packed in bins and put down in the basement. I decided that I would wait to bring the Christmas stuff up until the weekend, when I would have more time to deal with it all. I would also be getting my tree from the Westfall Farm then.

I must admit that I have enjoyed having a full house for the last two weeks. The Busch Family left on Sunday afternoon, and Mom, Dad and Rascal moved in on Tuesday morning. I always sleep better when there are other people in the house, and I love going to bed to the sound of people still awake downstairs; it takes me back to my childhood. It was also fun having Rascal around to cuddle with in the evenings.

The week flew by, and before I knew it, it was Friday. Since the weather was supposed to be rainy on Saturday, Maricia and Andy volunteered to go get my tree for me on Friday afternoon. They not only went out and got the tree, they also moved the furniture, put the tree in its stand, and set it in my picture window.

It was there waiting for me when I got home from school. I really love those two! I didn't have time to do anything more than admire it though, because we had to get downtown to open the history museum before the parade.

Mom, Dad, Rascal and I met Maricia and Andy for a quick dinner at Mom's Place before we headed over to the museum. I must say that our parade has come a long way from what it used to be. I thought last year's event was good, but this year's was even better. We were thrilled when we realized that the route was going to go right by the history museum.

After the parade, we headed home to watch a Hallmark movie, but I will be honest and tell you that I fell asleep on the couch about five minutes in, and my parents woke me up when it was over. Saturday was a lazy day in which I spent most of the day reading a book, quite a luxury for me. Mom and Dad returned to their house on Saturday evening and were thrilled with all the work that Mr. Hardman and his crew did for them.

Sunday afternoon, I finally decked the halls. My tree is sparkling in my window. My snowmen and winter birds are all over the house. The wreaths are on my doors, and my Christmas tart is in the warmer. It looks and smells like the holidays. I still have a few things left to do, but even Santa himself would be pleased with my progress. If you drive by my home among the hills, make sure you slow down so you can see my handiwork.

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)

Now please write, as often as you see proper, for I shall feel much pleased to hear from you. If I have wearied you this time, tell me and I will not do so any more. My regards to your mother and the family.

I hope dear Mary, yes, I pray that I may be spared to get back from this war, in safety, and should I not also say may you live also, and that we will be permitted to meet untrammelled by difficulties such as now surround us, to realize the comforts and blessings of peace, love and domestic happiness, to its full extent. Such is my constant prayer and I know you are no less ardent in your desire.

I can only see one course to pursue, and that is to act right, and leave the result with Providence. Whatever He does will be right and we will have to submit in all meekness, praying for his protection for both you and myself. I am dear, dear Mary as ever your own true and affectionate,

Michael A. Ayers

Camp Russell, Va.
Nov. 21st. 1864 Monday night.
My own true and loved Mary:

Though I have not yet received any letters from you since my arrival I must assure you that I am anxiously looking for one every mail.

To night puts me in mind of last New Year Eve, as to the weather, the wind is blowing severely and snow is falling. It has rained all day, and has been the most disagreeable day of the season, but I am comfortably situated though it is in the field. I will tell you just how our arrangement is. Our house is what is known as a "wall" tent, with a plank floor, a small chimney built of brick, with a fire place of sufficient size to burn wood enough to keep us warm. My self and Col. Bukey occupy the enclosure. We have a comfortable bunk to sleep on, and a small desk to do our business at, completes our house hold and kitchen furniture. My situation is very comfortable compared to the other boys who are in "shelter" tents and lay on the ground.

Was mustered in on my commission last week since I wrote to you, was mustered for the unexpired term, which will let me out about next August, if not sooner. This is better than I expected, and gives more ground for me to hope to get out of the service than I even anticipated. Am acting as adjutant of the Regiment and have a good deal of business on my hands, but am getting along very pleasantly, and think I can discharge the duties of which I am placed in charge with satisfaction.

While sitting here alone (the Colonel is asleep) thoughts of that happy smiling countenance far away beyond the high western mountains, toward the setting sun, come in my mind and I find myself wandering back to the familiar old homestead, where I have so often passed hours and hours of perfect happiness, in the society of one more dear to me than all others. Could I throw off mortality and travel with the speed of thought how soon would I revisit you, but with a firm trust in the kind hand of a beneficent creator I live in hopes of realizing all our hopes and prayers.

The enemy have left our front and gone to Staunton, Va. I don't think we will have much more fighting in the valley this winter. Martin is well, and the boys generally, though some are sick. It is becoming quite unpleasant soldiering here. I believe there is nothing more as news. Give my kind regards to your mother and the family. Write soon and I will write again before very long. And now in conclusion, good night, peace, happiness and the realization of all that's great and noble in the heart of the true and devoted, loving and affectionate woman that you are is my parting salute.

Ever your own true,
affectionate and loving,

Michael

H Qrs, 11th WVa Inft, Vols.
Camp Russell, Va,
Nov 23rd., 1864
Dear Father and Mother,

Wm. Pride and Lough arrived here this morning and brought us your letter. We was truly glad to receive it and to know that you were both in good health. Your letter is the first I have recd. from you since my arrival; you must write often as you can, for its a real satisfaction to get a letter from home.

Everything seems very quiet here at this time. The enemy have gone to Staunton and from all accounts intend wintering there. I see its proposed in some of the rebel papers to call out a force of 75,000 men for the especial purpose of wiping Sherman's and Sheridan's armies out of existance. Well we'll see if they can do it. The troops here are fortifying and will hold the valley.

We know nothing yet where we will probably winter. Gen'l. Crook has not yet returned. I presume we will at least change our camp as soon as he returns. I will not venture to say that we will get back to West Va. this winter, but one thing I am sure of old Co. C. will start back about Christmas. I hope you will be snug in the little new house by the time Adolphus returns.

I see a piece of good news in the papers of 21st. inst. A general exchange of prisoners has commenced. I do hope Salem is living and will come back. Adolphus says he is doing fine. It's right cold here now, froze very hard last night, and is cold today.

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

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

Monday, Dec. 12: cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Tuesday, Dec. 13: chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, greens, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Wednesday, Dec. 14: broccoli soup, cheese

salad sandwich, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Thursday, Dec. 15: pork chops, greens, steam vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Dec. 16: barbecue chicken, baked beans, fruit, 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.

True Holiday Spirit

by Bryan Golden

Among other things, the holidays are a time of giving and receiving gifts. The question most often asked of people is, "what did you get?" Much less frequently asked is, "what did you give?"

Invariably, the inquiries concern material gifts. Purchasing a gift can certainly be thoughtful and a wonderful gesture, especially when it's backed up by your actions.

The most valuable presents are those that aren't sold in stores. When you give your love, your time, help someone in need, aid another in solving a problem, or overcoming an obstacle, you give something priceless.

The true spirit of the holidays is giving. When you give, you receive. You can get anything in life you want by helping enough others get what they want, but only if you give without expecting anything in return.

The impact of giving isn't limited to just the holiday season, it's something that has value all year.

The power of giving is often underestimated. When you give unconditionally, you don't just impact the recipient; you start a chain reaction. By brightening the life of one person, you also affect all those who they then touch.

No gesture of giving or kindness is too small. Holding the door open at a store, helping someone carry groceries to their car, letting another car in front of you, saying please and thank you, and saying hello to a stranger you pass on the sidewalk, are some of the many things you can do daily.

For family and friends, your time is one of the most precious gifts you can offer.

Are you there for others when they need you? Do you offer a hand without being asked? Do you help out when asked?

Too often, people get caught up in their own desires, thus losing sight of the needs of others. A person who tries to get through life by looking out for himself or herself first is invariably frustrated.

Often this person views life as a competition to determine who can accumulate more.

On the other hand, those who are concerned for the wellbeing of others are happier, more content, and more satisfied. By giving without expecting, they in turn receive the things they need.

Giving is a simple concept that works every time it is applied. There will be people who don't appreciate what you do, but it doesn't matter. You are giving without anticipating anything in return.

Besides, there will be many more who are thankful for your efforts.

If you don't treat others well, buying a gift won't compensate for your behavior. The recipient might like what you give them, but it won't make up for your actions. You can't bribe someone to forgive the way you treat them with a present.

The best gift you can receive is the joy of making someone else happy. Being unselfish is a wonderful way to live. When you give with no ulterior motives, your actions are seen as genuine.

Should you expect something in return, your behavior is always suspect. We all know people who do nice things only when they want something in return.

Make giving a daily routine. Don't start and end with the holiday season. Every day is a good day to do something nice.

When people feel good due to your actions, you can't help but feel happy yourself, and that is priceless. The most significant action you can take is having a positive impact on the lives of others.

(Golden is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Contact him at Bryan@columnist.com or visit www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com. Copyright 2022 Bryan Golden.)

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.

--Glennville: Outside along the parking lot.

The 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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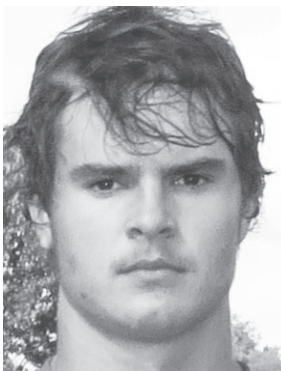
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Varsity Boys Open Season On Thursday

The CCHS varsity boys basketball team will begin its season on Thursday at South Harrison at 7 p.m., and open the home schedule on the following night at 7:30 by hosting Webster County.

The team lost one starter from last year's 4-18 team: Ian Richards averaged 9.3 of the Red Devils' 40.3 scoring per game.

Returners include seniors Levi Morris (10.3) and Joel Basnett (3.3), and juniors Landon Bennett (7.7), Caden Jones (5.0) and Owen Taylor (4.2).

Also on the roster are senior Hayden Bajcar, and sophomores Landon Church, Jacob Marks and Brayden Wood.

CCHS boys roster and jersey numbers:

Seniors: Hayden Bajcar (30), Joel Basnett (2), Levi Morris (00).

Juniors: Landon Bennett (15), Caden Jones (32), Owen Taylor (11).

Sophomores: Landon Church (12), Jacob Marks (3), Brayden Wood (5).

Calhoun Middle/High School Sports Schedules

2022-23 CCHS Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule	2022-23 CCHS Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule
December	December
2 21 Roane Co. 49 L	Scrimmage
6 Doddridge Co. . A 7:30	5 Ritchie Co. A 6:00
9 So. Harrison H 7:30	Regular
12 Braxton Co. A 7:30	8 So. Harrison A 7:00
14 Gilmer Co. A 7:30	9 Webster Co. H 7:30
19 Doddridge Co. . H 7:30	13 Doddridge A 7:00
21 Roane Co. A 7:00	20 Gilmer Co. A 7:00
29 Ritchie Tour. A TBA	22 Roane Co. A 7:00
30 Ritchie Tour. A TBA	28 Wirt Co. H 7:00
January	January
6 Tug Valley A 7:30	3 Clay H 7:00
11 Webster Co. H 7:30	5 Park. Catholic .. H 7:00
13 Wirt Co. A 7:30	10 Valley Wetzel .. H 6:30
18 Tug Valley A 7:30	12 Braxton Co. A 7:00
20 Clay Co. H 7:30	13 Van H 7:00
25 Williamstown .. H 7:30	17 Clay A 7:00
28 HIT Tournament	20 Paden City H 7:00
So. Harrison . H TBA	24 Doddridge H 7:00
30 Wirt Co. H 7:30	February
February	3 Valley Wetzel .. A 7:00
1 So. Harrison A 7:30	7 So. Harrison H 7:00
3 Gilmer Co. H 7:30	9 Gilmer Co. H 7:00
9 LKC Placement ... TBA	13 Paden City A 7:00
11 Night of Champ. .. TBA	16 LKC Placement H 7:00
15 Ritchie Co. H 7:30	17 Meadow Bridge H 7:00
16 Williamstown .. H 7:30	18 Night of Champ. .. TBA
17 Sectionals TBA	21 Meadow Bridge A 7:00
Mar.	24 Sectionals TBA
2 Regionals TBA	March
Most JV games at 5:45 p.m.	9 Regionals TBA
	Most JV games at 5:45 p.m.

2022-23 Calhoun Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted

November	December
30 A 44 Gilmer 21 W	No results
B 23 Gilmer 24 .. L	1 Ritchie A
December	5 George Washington . H
5 George Washington . H	7 Gilmer A
14 Walton H	12 Braxton H
15 Ravenswood H	13 Ravenswood A
19 Geary 7:30 A	19 Geary A
20 Clay A	22 Braxton A
28 Wirt 5:45 H	January
January	3 Gilmer H
10 Geary 7:30 H	5 Ravenswood H
11 Spencer A	10 Geary H
16 Wirt A	11 Spencer H
23 Spencer H	18 Ritchie H
26 Walton A	23 Spencer A
30 Clay H	24 Clay H
31 Ravenswood A	31 Clay A
February	February
7 George Washington ... A	7 George Washington .. H
9 Gilmer H	13 CWVAC TBA
20 CWVAC TBA	

AG Representative

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has announced that a representative from his office will meet with Mid-Ohio Valley residents in December to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

Brooke Albright, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host an event on Thursday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Calhoun County courthouse lobby, Grantsville.

Wrestlers Begin Saturday

CCHS wrestling coach Andrew Cummings has announced a potential starting line-up for Saturday's 10 a.m. season opener at Roane County.

Now a one-day 10-team competition, the Red Devils are scheduled to wrestle in pools of five teams each.

Pool A could include Region 2 teams: Calhoun, Chapmanville,

Poca, Ravenswood and Williamstown; and Pool 2 could include Region 4 teams: Braxton, Grafton, Lewis, Roane and an "All-Star" team.

The regional teams would compete against each other in the first four rounds, and match up with their counter-part by team record in the championship fifth round.

Although wrestle-

offs could change things, Cummings has listed the following starters:

- 106 lbs. -
- 113 - Jacob Boggs
- 120 -
- 126 - Isaiah Boggs
- 132 - Joe Nelson
- 138 - Anthony Schoo
- 144 - Haiden Staton
- 150 - Ian Persinger
- 157 - Wyatt Nichols
- 165 - Hunter Thacker
- 175 - Sam Elmore
- 190 - Ethan Jarvis
- 215 - Levi Stump
- 285 - Jordan Collins

Others on the team include (with potential weight class): David Boggs, 138; John Gleckler, 157; Trevor Collins, 285; Dana Wease, 144; Adam Lane, 165; Adam Hughes, 138; and Jobe Loudin, 215.

2022-23 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

All matches away, except Jan. 28

December	
10 Roane Co. 10:00	
16 Webster Co. 1:00	
17 Webster Co. 12:00	
30 Clay Co. 10:00	
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	
3 Class A Challenge 4:00	
4 at Ritchie Co. ... 10:00	
11 LKC at Wirt 10:00	
18 Regional at Millwood	
March	
2-4 States at Huntington	

Tire Collection

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

Tires will be accepted free of charge. Tires on wheels will not be accepted.

Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, will be accepted.

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

Slider Wins Week 5

Angie Slider had the best entry in Week 5 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest with an 8-2 record. She wins a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.

William Duskey was second best at 7-3. Tied with 6-4 records were Shara Arison, Rick Blankenship, Jim Erlewine, Levi Ferrell and Mike Propst.

Leaders after Week 5 are Levi Ferrell, 34-16; Angie Slider, 32-18; Mike Propst, 31-19; Lou Hanes, 29-21; and Jim Erlewine and Brenton Slider, 28-22.

Entry for Week 6 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.

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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

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Contestant with the most correct picks after seven weeks will be the overall winner of \$25.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY
Circle the winning team: **Deposit at Foodland Deli or Chronicle office.**

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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**

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 for kids and pets to roam. Did I mention Riverfront? Bring out kayak, fishing pole and cooler and have a great float down the Little Kanawha River. Need a mother-in-law suite or guest house? The garages have an apartment perfect for the occasion! The rest of the garage has 3 stalls perfect for the car enthusiast or mechanic. Storage is not an issue on this property. Want to just purchase the house or garage? Contact the listing agent for details. **** The owner of this property is offering a 14 month home warranty paid for at closing! **** This property is located in the 100-year flood zone. If you are financing this property, you will need to obtain flood insurance. **\$179,900**

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

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

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



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Silent Auction

THE following vehicles are up for silent auction by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. If you would like to bid on one of these, come into the Sheriff's Office and speak to one of the tax deputies. This is a silent auction, so any and all bids can be refused for any reason. This auction will run through the 16th of December at 4 p.m.:

- 2014 Ford Explorer, approximately 95,000 miles, K9 kennel in the back seat area, and 70-30 back seat split; 3.7 v6, vehicle does not run, bad motor.
- 2011 Dodge Charger, approximately 145,000 miles, 5.7 Hemi V8; vehicle does not run, bad motor.
- 2013 Ford Taurus, approximately 130,000 miles, 3.7 V6; vehicle does not run, unknown electrical issues.
- 2010 Chevy Tahoe, approximately 110,000 miles, 5.3 V8; vehicle does not run, bad transmission.
- 2014 Chevy Impala, approximately 85,000 miles, 6.0 OHV V8; vehicle has hard plastic transport rear seats, vehicle starts with a jump.

All vehicles must be stripped of all emergency equipment, all lights, sirens, radios, and any other equipment that is needed. 2tc/12/8-15

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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

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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

Thank You

NOTE OF THANKS
Broomstick Cemetery would like to thank the following people for their donations: Richard Cain, Michael and Phyllis Smith, Ruby Godfrey, Martha Johnson, Don Ritchea, James and Mary Finegan, Bails Family, Harold and Sandy Welch, Larry and Phyllis Harvey, William and Becky Burrows, James and Mary Blair, Jane Lynch and Sandy Weaver. Thank you again, your donations are very much appreciated.

Personals

WANTED -- Shapely school teacher lady with tall, nice figure, for wife in Grantsville area. Send photo standing in jeans, phone, address to Box Holder, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. Teacher ladies write. 4tp/12/1-22

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STROKE And Cardiovascular Disease are leading causes of death, according to the American Heart (Continued on Next Page)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: S.D. Juvenile Case No. 22-JA-29
(DOB: 3/31/2021)
In Re: G.H. Juvenile Case No. 22-JA-31
(DOB: 1/15/2020)
Adult Respondent(s):
Starla Wood
Chadwick Hughes
Charles Balliet, III
Unknown Father

ORDER OF CLASS II PUBLICATION

The subject of this suit is to determine custody of the Infant Respondent.

A more particular description of this suit is continued in the Petition on file in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Calhoun County, West Virginia.

To Chadwick Hughes, Charles Balliet, III, and Unknown Father,

On or about March 31, 2021, S.D. and January 15, 2020, G.H. the above-named children were born to STARLA WOOD. Pursuant to Chapter 49, Article 4, Section 601 of the West Virginia Code, notice is hereby given to you that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, which proceedings can result in the permanent termination of parental rights. It appearing that the whereabouts of CHADWICK HUGHES, CHARLES BALLIET, III, and UNKNOWN FATHER are presently unknown at this time. It is ORDERED that CHADWICK HUGHES, CHARLES BALLIET, III, and UNKNOWN FATHER are notified they may obtain a copy of the Petition from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, and ORDERED that CHADWICK HUGHES, CHARLES BALLIET, III, and UNKNOWN FATHER are to appear in the courtroom of the Honorable Anita H. Ashley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia, Third Floor, Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, West Virginia, on December 15, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. for an Adjudicatory Hearing if they so desire to object or make other defenses to the Petition. You have the right to counsel at every stage of these proceedings and counsel has been so appointed. Failure to answer and defend could result in the permanent loss of parental rights. The adjudicatory hearing may be rescheduled without further notice of publication.

A copy of said Petition, all subsequently filed legal documents, and appointment of counsel orders can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located at the Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, Calhoun County, West Virginia.

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Food Giveaway

Food giveaway will be held at Brohard Community Building on Friday, Dec. 9, from 3 to 4 p.m. It is sponsored by Strait Creek Baptist Church. For information, call Shelly Murphy, 354-6739.

Costume Bingo

Grantsville Lions Club will have a Costume Bingo on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

Specialty Crop

W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture is seeking applications for FY the 2023 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

Funds will be awarded to enhance the production, processing, and consumption of specialty crops in West Virginia. Five West Virginia projects were awarded a total of \$292,293 in 2022.

“Specialty crops are vital to expanding, diversifying, and enhancing the impact agriculture has on our state’s economy. WVDA is looking for projects that highlight how innovative programs and rural development groups can help West Virginia agriculture expand,” said commissioner of agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

“Our goal is to close the production and consumption gap in West Virginia. In order to have more resilient food systems, we must take a diversified approach.”

The grant program is funded by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and administered by WVDA. Recipients have two years to plan, implement and gather data on their respective projects.

Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.

WVDA anticipates receiving approximately \$270,000, from which multiple grants will be awarded.

Application, instructions and other information can be found at agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/specialty-crop-block-grant/. Applications are due Jan. 20.

For information, email Angel Wallace, awallace@wvda.us, or call 558-2210.

Food Handler

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept. will hold its Food Handler’s class on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at Vienna Community Building, Jackson Park.

Classes cost \$10 and there is no appointment needed. This will be the last class at Jackson Park. Classes in 2023 will be held at the MOVHD’s Parkersburg location. For information, call 485-7374.

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**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.

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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.

Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission
Class II Legal

Reception

Appreciation Reception for Ray and Estela Holbert will be held at Family Life Center, Brooksville Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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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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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 columns: Date, Positive Cases, Negative Cases, Deaths, Percentage Positive, Accum. Positive, Daily Positive. Rows range from 2020 Mar 30 to 2022 Dec 6.

*Laboratory duplicate results removed.
In alignment with updated definitions, statistics include probable cases that are individuals who have symptoms and either serologic (antibody) or epidemiologic (a link to a confirmed case) evidence of disease, but no confirmatory test.
+Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services added 27 deaths from Vital Registration Office.
~Includes 168 COVID-19 related deaths that were not properly reported to DHHR.
^Includes extra COVID-19 deaths reported through death certificates, or decreases determined via certificate error.
162 deaths removed, as the death certificates did not officially list COVID-19 as the cause of death.
>29,531 non-COVID-related lab results were removed.
As of Sept. 20, 2021, total cases by county are not listed by DHHR. Each county must be totaled separately;

therefore, the following numbers are as of Monday, instead of the usual Tuesday total:

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (5,800), Berkeley (43,217), Boone (8,308), Braxton (4,873), Brooke (6,129), Cabell (32,908), Calhoun (2,239), Clay (2,659), Doddridge (2,456), Fayette (16,045), Gilmer (2,514), Grant (4,599), Greenbrier (12,243), Hampshire (7,040), Hancock (8,130), Hardy (5,448), Harrison (25,072), Jackson (8,436), Jefferson (17,530), Kanawha (57,138), Lewis (6,772), Lincoln (6,895), Logan (12,410), Marion (19,264), Marshall (10,917), Mason (8,540), McDowell (7,140), Mercer (22,223), Mineral (9,851), Mingo (9,574), Monongalia (30,272), Monroe (5,462), Morgan (5,016), Nicholas (9,109), Ohio (13,483), Pendleton (2,268), Pleasants (2,452), Pocahontas (2,447), Preston (10,734), Putnam (20,167), Raleigh (29,038), Randolph (11,662), Ritchie (2,914), Roane (4,258), Summers (3,575), Taylor (5,624), Tucker (2,320), Tyler (2,624), Upshur (8,657), Wayne (11,403), Webster (2,734), Wetzel (5,293), Wirt (1,718), Wood (27,141), Wyoming (9,184).

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: In World:
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 columns: Date, Positive, Deaths, Positive, Deaths. Rows range from 2020 Mar 30 to 2022 Dec 6.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

Creston Community Christmas Party will start at 3 p.m. at the community building. There will be a covered dish meal with ham, and there will be a special visitor for the benefit of the younger set. Give Kathleen a call about what you are bringing, and come and celebrate the season.

Friday night at Grantsville put one of a mind as to how things were decades ago when the town was full of people and there was no place to park. This time, it was for the Christmas parade and the toy giveaway in the old high school gymnasium. Obviously, there is hope for Grantsville and Calhoun County with such a positive attitude.

Speaking of such, West Virginia Living magazine highlights "Wonder Woman Warrior Awards" and this time Crystal Mersh was honored. Some years ago, the late Helen Morris was cited.

Some folks have set a nice bunch of Christmas lights in Sportsman's Park in Elizabeth, so an after dark trip is worth it. The person responsible for the lights is Mayor Bobbi Moore.

Those Creston residents who are on Naomi Toler's route now have a change. Instead of first going up Little Creek to Creemo, then back down the West Fork to Creston and then going down Rt. 5 to the mouth of Chestnut Run, the new arrangement is to go down Rt. 5 first, then head up Little Creek and over the Asa Haney hill to Hardman's Fork and down Big Rowell.

There have been several lawsuits concerning royalty owners that were being allegedly cheated by the big boys. Several of them have been in Judge David Hummel's court rooms in northern West Virginia counties.

Some while back, the judge got irritated, so it is said, and he pulled out his "equalizer." There was some furor and now the judge has resigned.

Benedum Airport in Bridgeport is said to have made a deal with Mother Hope to drill the property and then use a microgrid, using the gas to power the airport and the aerospace businesses that are around

the facility. A similar situation is said to be with the airport at Pittsburgh.

The release of the emails from Twitter show the world how censorship is done when the ruling class holds the First Amendment in contempt, believing that the peasants or the great unwashed, have no right to know the truth about whatever is in the news, medicine, etc.

Boston, Mass., got a new load of LNG (liquefied natural gas) said to be from Trinidad at a cost of about 5 times what it would cost if transported by pipeline from the immense Marcellus and Utica fields of West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania (it is in New York too, but drilling there is verboten).

Poor old Fauxcohas has made it clear that her wigwam will never be warmed with natural gas from America.

Folks from Freeport, Annamoriah and Creston attended the Farm Bureau and Forestry dinner at the Wood County 4-H grounds to hear from the legislators before the session starts in January.

Sen. Azinger asked for some detail about the idea of making urea and ammonia fertilizer in West Virginia from the abundant natural gas that is produced and shipped away elsewhere.

Fertilizer plants are not glamorous like steel mills that "use green energy," but we all like to eat, and fertilizer is needed to feed the world.

These plants can be located on old strip mines that have pipeline and rail access and would not be a danger to populated centers.

If new pipelines are needed, Calhoun County has several folks who know how to do that.

Toby Rice, the head honcho at EQT, believes that it all ought to go overseas as LNG and thus "make peace."

Of course, natural gas that goes to Europe likely fetches \$20 and that going to the orient likely \$30, so one can understand his thinking, although those prices do not seem to reflect what locals are paid for gas, but, of course, that is another matter.

Price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$78.98/bbl. with condensate, \$62.98, Marcellus and Utica light, \$69.98, and medium, \$78.98.

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Calhoun 'Yellow'; State and Country Continue To See Increase In Numbers

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

The county, with an infection rate of 16.88, turned to "yellow alert" for the first time since Oct. 18. The percent positivity was "red" at 12.24.

Calhoun's total cases are now 2,240 (1,121 confirmed and 1,119 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, 24 (4,262/47); Braxton, 11 (4,874/52); Ritchie, 8 (2,915/32); Gilmer, 5 (2,514/23); Clay, 3 (2,660/53); and Wirt, 2 (1,718/26).

New cases in the area were 60, compared to 51 last week. Cases now total 21,183.

New West Virginia cases were 1,856, increased from the last two weeks of 1,403 and 1,330. Total cases during the pandemic are 616,175.

The number of deaths reported by DHHR in the last week were 26, up from last week's 15. Total deaths in West Virginia are 7,631.

The daily percent posi-

tivity for West Virginia was 7.7 on Tuesday, and has averaged 6.3 over the past week.

The number of new cases in the United States was 398,019, a 55.5% increase from last week's 255,986 cases. Total cases since the pandemic began are 100,863,106.

New deaths in the U.S. were 2,105, nearly the same as last week's 2,087. Total deaths are 1,106,860.

New weekly worldwide cases were 3,844,310, an increase from the previous five weeks of 3,067,025,

2,772,286, 2,603,615, 2,299,005 and 2,555,137. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 650,126,734.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 10,270, only two more than last week's 10,268. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,646,993.

DHHR reported that 1,004,825 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (56.1%), an increase of 871 in the last week. There have been 611,101 608,433 booster shots given, an increase of 2,668 from last week.

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

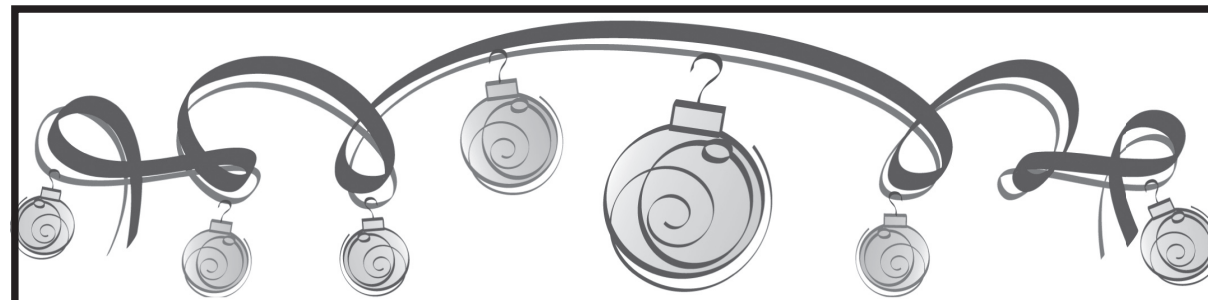
Friday, Dec. 9, and Friday, Dec. 16, 2 to 3 p.m., Arnoldsburg Elementary School.

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

Thursday, Dec. 15, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill 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.



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High School Dance**

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Calhoun Middle School's Brennen Carpenter (20) hits a free throw against Gilmer. Teammates are Micah Allen (11) and Garrett Carpenter (54).

CMS Boys A Team Opens With Win

The Calhoun Middle School boys A team defeated Ritchie, 36-18, and the B team lost, 28-22, in scrimmages with Ritchie Middle School on Nov. 28.

Calhoun Middle School Boys Basketball A & B Roster

- 8th Grade:
 Chase Schoolcraft (5)
 Micah Allen (11)
 Maddox Siwicki (13)
 Brennen Carpenter (20)
 Charter Cottrell (21)
 Josiah Wilson (24)
 Cooper Morris (25)
 Chace Toney (50)
 Garrett Carpenter (55)
- 7th Grade:
 Sawyer Groves (2)
 Brennon Swisher (11)
 Evan Collins (12)
 Christian Rogers (15)
 Owen Swisher (30)
 Gavin Hicks (31)
 Ethan Harris (32)
- 6th Grade:
 Trevor Mayle (3)
 Jayden Frame (4)
 Avery Wood (10)
 Caleb Allen (33)
- Coach: Michael Boatright
 Assistant: Levi Allen

and Micah Allen (9) led the A team, while Josiah Wilson had eight for the B team.

CMS boys opened the regular season on Nov. 30 at Gilmer. The A team won, 44 to 21, as Schoolcraft and Allen had 14 points each and Brennen Carpenter had 13.

The B team lost to Gilmer B, 24-23, with Wilson and Charter Cottrell scoring seven each.

Calhoun is scheduled to host George Wash-

ington on Monday, and Walton (Dec. 14) and Ravenswood (Dec. 15). Most opening games are at 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 28 Scrimmage

CMS A Team 36
Ritchie A 18

CMS A scoring: Chase Schoolcraft 13, Micah Allen 9, Brennen Carpenter 7, Gavin Hicks 5, Chace Toney 2.

CMS B Team 22
Ritchie B Team 28

CMS B scoring: Josiah Wilson 8; others not announced.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 Regular Season

CMS A Team 44
Gilmer A Team 21

CMS A scoring: Chase Schoolcraft 14, Micah Allen 14, Brennen Carpenter 13, Chace Toney 2, Maddox Siwicki 1.

CMS B Team 23
Gilmer B Team 24

CMS B scoring: Charter Cottrell 7, Josiah Wilson 7; others not announced.



Calhoun girls coach Kevin Boak talks to players during a timeout at Red Devil-Raider basketball game.



Joselynn Yeager (42) drives to the basket against a Roane County opponent.

Varsity Girls Open Season With Roane

The Calhoun County High School varsity girls basketball team opened its season on Friday by hosting Roane County.

The Lady Red Devils lost five players to graduation, including 43.8 of their 58.8 scoring output from a 17-7 team.

Those players included Josie Montgomery (22.3), Savannah Cunningham (14.5) and Ella Hess (5.9).

Top returners from last year are senior Joselynn Yeager (10.0) and junior Trista Arnold (5.). Sophomores Maycee Carter and Ashlyn Boak each averaged 7.5 for the junior varsity.

Against Roane, CCHS trailed 10-7 after the opening quarter, but Yeager and Abi Waldron hit early baskets in the second period, and the team held a cold-shooting Lady Raiders team scoreless for more than five minutes.

RCHS hit four free

throws and a two-pointer to close out the first half and take a 16-11 lead.

The visitors held Calhoun to three points in the third, while scoring 18, and put the game away in the final quarter, with a 15-7 margin, and a final score of 49-21.

Friday, Dec. 2
Roane 10 6 18 15--49
Calhoun 7 4 3 7--21

Calhoun scoring: Joselynn Yeager 8, Ariety Hickman 5, Trista Arnold 4, Abi Waldron 4.

CCHS girls roster and jersey numbers:

Seniors: Ariety Hickman (45), Joselynn Yeager (42).

Juniors: Trista Arnold (22), Nyla Warner (14).

Sophomores: Brealie Arthur (11), Ashlyn Boak (32), Maycee Carter (12), Lauren Lovejoy (33), Abigail Waldron (25).

Freshmen: Courtney Blosser, Tiara Rogers, Mariah Taylor, Brooke Valentine, Brylie Wilson.



Minnie Hamilton Health System has donated several scoreboards to Calhoun Middle/High School, including this one in the high school gymnasium, which shows player's number, points scored and personal fouls committed.



Calhoun's Ariety Hickman (45) looks for an inbound pass during Roane County game. Teammate in background is Joselynn Yeager.

Christmas Recital

Saturday, December 10,
 5 p.m. - Calhoun Middle/High
 School Auditorium
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