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Thursday, December 15, 2022



Joselynn Yeager helps teammate Trista Arnold off the floor during Monday night's win over Braxton County. Yeager scored 11 straight points over the second and third quarters to help Calhoun to a 36-29 win. See story on Page 10.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Calhoun County Solid
Waste Authority will
meet at Mom's Place Too,
Grantsville, 4 p.m.

CCHS girls basketball
team hosts Gilmer County,
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15
Representative of
attorney general Patrick
Morrissey'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.

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Commission Discusses Wide Range Of Topics

by Bill Bailey
The regular meeting of
the county commission
commenced at 9 a.m. on
Monday, with all commis-
sioners in attendance.

Robin Hughes, repre-
senting Calhoun Homes,
spoke to commissioners
about three apartments at
that facility that have had
problems that need fixed
before they can be rented
to HUD eligible tenants.

The commission was
told that the problems
have been ongoing, but
have not been fixed due to
a lack of funding.

Hughes told the com-
mission that the three
apartments could bring in

from \$700 to \$1,200 per
month each after repairs
have been made. She
said that the apartments
could be rented now;
people are in line for a
HUD-approved place to
live. The rent money is
essential in order to keep
the entire facility solvent.

Commissioners asked
if Calhoun Homes is
now compliant with the
Secretary of State's office,
and they were assured that
they are.

Hughes said that any
monies awarded will be
spent directly to correct
the three apartments in
disrepair, since this a
501(c) non-profit corpora-
tion.

Commissioners were
careful to make sure that
other housing projects
in the county, such as
Bramblewood Apart-
ments, which is for profit,
would not come forward
in the future seeking funds
for their projects.

A citizen asked the
commission about hiring
practices at the courthouse.
They were informed that,
whenever possible, job
openings are posted in
the Chronicle, but not
necessarily every time, as
individual officeholders in
the county are ultimately
responsible for filling job
vacancies within their
own office, not the county
commission.

As a "for instance,"
there was a recent resig-
nation in the sheriff's
office and the sheriff
hired a replacement with
previous experience in that
office to fill the position.

Julie Sears gave the
911 report, stating that
Arnoldsburg VFD had
8 calls; DNR, 17 (deer
season); Sheriff, 68 (15
traffic stops); Grants-
ville VFD, 15; Upper
West Fork VFD, 15;
Minnie Hamilton, 90 (16
transports); and State
Police, 108 (13 traffic
stops). There were 311
total calls.

She reported that they
have started a new pro-
gram, totally free, that
was set up when dispatch
got a new CAD system.

It is called RAPID SOS,
and it is a more precise
locator for calls initiated
from a cell phone, which
allows responders to have
a location within meters
of the cell phone.

If someone is involved
in an accident and they
have OnStar service, or
any other approved acci-
dent reporting service in
their car, the new system
will be able to inform the
responders as to the speed
the vehicle was traveling,
where on the vehicle the
damages occurred, and
if the airbags were
deployed.

The ambulance service
is considering a way
for ambulance services
around the state to be
able to make a charge to
persons who refuse transit.
With no money coming
in to offset the refusal
expenses, there is a drain
on the resources available
to run the service.

Also reported was an
improvement to response
time to calls, which is a
office to fill the position.
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Grantsville Conservatory Presents Student Recitals

Grantsville Conserva-
tory of Music and Fine
Arts presented its second
annual Christmas Recital
on Saturday in the Cal-
houn Middle/High School

auditorium.
Pastor Alfred Hickman
gave the opening prayer.
CEO and instructor Alice
Holmes welcomed those
present and introduced the
performers.

Giving the recitals were
the following:

Piano students (in-
structor Heather Kutil):
Clara Barnhart, "Frosty
the Snowman"; Justin
Cunningham, "Rudolph
the Red Nose Reindeer";
Olivia Houchin, "Happy
Holidays";

Hazel Winkler, "We
Need a Little Christmas";
Mikenna Wease, "I'll Be

Home for Christmas";
Danika Starcher, "Away
In a Manger"; Allison
Harris, "Home For the
Holidays";

Summer Sampson,
"The Christmas Song";
Brodyn Rowe, "Jingle
Bells"; Mark Plumby, "Let
It Snow"; and Kamille
Dye, "You're a Mean One,
Mr. Grinch."

Voice students includ-
ed: Luke Paylor-Strange,
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Eliana White sang "Underneath the Tree."



Brayden Blosser played "Jingle Bells."



Larry Lemaster sang "Do You Hear What I Hear."



"Someday at Christmas" was sang by Luke Paylor-Strange.



Craig Mills entertained with an Elvis performance.

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.

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.

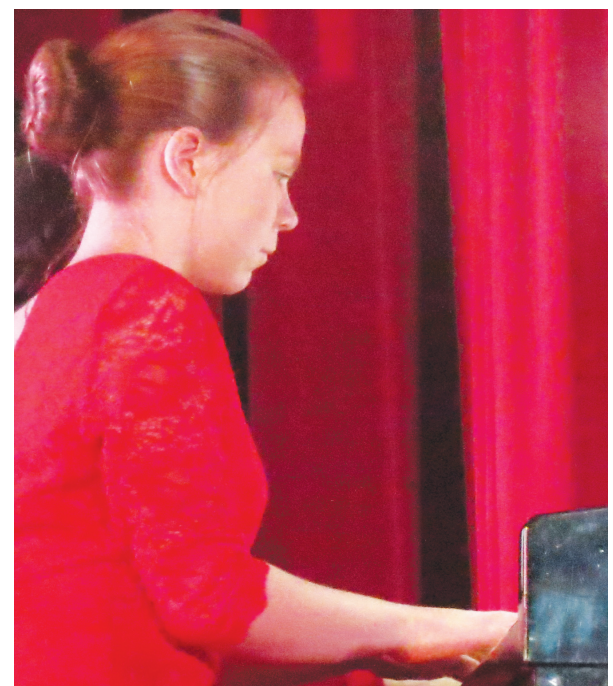
Entry is free. Donations
will be accepted. Band
Boosters will have con-
cessions of coffee, hot
chocolate, and Krispy
Kreme donuts.

Only 4 Confirmed Cases Reported In Calhoun County

With W.Va. Dept. of
Health and Human Re-
sources reporting only
four COVID-19 cases
in the county in the last
seven days--all confirmed
--Calhoun returned to
"green" alert on Friday.

Since the county has not
had a "probable" case in
12 days (Dec. 2), perhaps
DHHR is only reporting
confirmed cases.

Calhoun's total cases
are now 2,244 (1,125
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Allison Harris played "Home For the Holidays."



The Conservatory Choir sang "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Jingle Bell Rock." From left to right are Olivia Houchin, Justin Cunningham, Lydia Starcher, Mercy Starcher, Danika Starcher, Kera Sampson, Mikenna Wease and Hazel Winkler.

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL GLENN SNYDER

Russell Glenn Snyder, 76, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of the late Glenn and Juanita Virginia Tucker Snyder Moody.

He was a 1964 graduate of Parkersburg High School and did undergraduate and post-graduate work at West Virginia University. Following graduation, he taught at Wirt County High School, before going to work for the Boys Club of Parkersburg in 1970, until his retirement in 2009. He was a member of National Educators Association, National Association of Human Resource Professionals, Boys Club Workers Association, and Boys and Girls Club Academy of Professionals. He was the recipient of Man & Boy Award and received the Bronze Keystone with service stars, the highest award granted to Boys Club Professionals. He was a lifetime member of National Speleological Society, National Rifle Association, and was certified as an instructor in rifle, shotgun, handgun and hunter safety. He was a life member and Past Master of Burning Springs Lodge No. 132, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 3rd Masonic District of Grand Lodge of West Virginia in 2010. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Parkersburg, Southern Jurisdiction. He was a Royal Arch Mason of the York Rite, Jerusalem Chapter #3, and a Knight Templar in Calvary Commandery #3. He was a member of Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine Nemesis Temple and the Little Kanawha Shrine Club. He was a member of Ben Bey Grotto Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm and was commissioned by the governor of Kentucky as a Kentucky Colonel.

Surviving are one sister, Mary Geneva "Ginger" Snyder Dennis; her two children, Phillip Glenn Dennis and Robin Renae Moody Ludwig, whom he regarded as his own children; he helped raise his great-nieces and nephews, Amanda Brooke Gohn Krantz, Mary Elizabeth Dennis, Zackary Tucker Gohn and Aiden Christopher Ludwig; and one non-adopted son, Sheldon Morrison.

He requested that anyone for whom he had ever done a favor repay it by doing something for someone else when they are in need. Any remembrances may be made to any of the organizations with which he was affiliated. At his request, there will be no service or memorials.

DONNA LOU GREATHOUSE

Donna Lou Greathouse, 77, of Spencer, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at Roane General Hospital, Spencer.

She was born in St. Marys, the daughter of the late Ernest and Lillian Malone Pinkerton. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Kenneth L. Greathouse of Spencer; six children, Teresa Miller, Kenneth "Dewayne" Greathouse, Michael "Mike" Greathouse and Todd Greathouse, all of Spencer, Pamela Greathouse of North Carolina, and Crystal Greathouse of Grantsville; one brother, Bill Pinkerton of St. Marys; four grandchildren, Veronica Greathouse of Clarksburg, Jonathan Perkins and Kaley and Emilea Greathouse, all of Spencer; one great-grandson, Jameson Perkins of Spencer; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her six siblings, Ernestina, Ruth, Charles, June, Carlwoody and Buddy Pinkerton, and one infant granddaughter, Ryann Grace Ferrell.

Services were held at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, Spencer. Burial was in Eventide Cemetery, Spencer.

HELEN GRAHAM McCROSKEY JORDAN

Helen Graham McCroskey Jordan, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022.

She was born at Valley Fork, Clay County, the daughter of the late Homer and Herma Graham. She was a 1951 graduate of Spencer High School and 1981 graduate of Glenville State College, where she earned a bachelors degree in social work and an associates degree in social science. After graduation, she was employed in her field in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. After retirement, she became active in Grantsville City Council, chairperson of Calhoun Solid Waste Authority, member of the planning committee at Calhoun County Committee on Aging, and a board member at Calhoun Homes, Inc. She attended Enon Baptist Church and was a volunteer for many years at Minnie Hamilton Long Term Care bingo.

Surviving are two sons, Roger McCroskey of Ohio and Charles McCroskey and wife Sherry of Grantsville, seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Jeanetta Campbell of Florida; and one brother, Homer Graham, Jr., and wife Linda of Indiana.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia McCroskey Cricks; one granddaughter, Michelle Lynn Cricks; two sons, Larry McCroskey and Steve McCroskey; one grandson, Brad McCroskey; one brother, John "Joe" Graham; and one sister, Mary "Betty" Bullard.

Services will be held Saturday, 7 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville. Visitation will be held Saturday, 5 to 7 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

The weather patterns seem to still be somewhat confused about what time of year it is. Some places in our nation are experiencing severe winter weather, while other areas are suffering through severe thunderstorm/tornado weather.

As for me, I would take the snow over the tornados, unless the snow is going to be measured in feet instead of inches.

With Christmas right around the corner, I have been looking at weather predictions for snow on the ground for Christmas morning.

Although it isn't much, it seems that we have around a 25% chance of an inch of snow on the ground for Christmas morning, and the outlook is for it to be downright cold, 11 degrees, when we wake up on Dec. 25.

I sure hope that Mrs. Claus makes certain that Santa puts on his woolen winter undergarments, so he doesn't freeze before he gets his work done on Christmas Eve.

Jeanne has been getting in the Christmas spirit, and I helped her get some of her favorite Christmas decorations down from upstairs to "spruce up" the house a little bit, so that it seems a bit more festive.

She has a knack for making things look as if they actually have been there all along, so that it projects a feeling of comfort and joy, which is a skill that I am afraid I lack to the max.

Jeanne could make a pile of rocks look nice, like they belong there. I

can make a pile of rocks look like . . . a ready made defense pile just waiting for a coyote to get close enough to hit. Jeanne says it is because I lack any significant amount of Feng Shui.

I am looking forward to Christmas, mostly so that Jeanne and I can reclaim what we are calling the "Christmas Corner," an area beside my computer desk where we are currently storing all of the presents that we have purchased for the big day.

They are still in the boxes that they arrived in, so perhaps if I were to get off my lazy butt and do some wrapping, we could put them in a more prominent place to be seen.

I am sure that I have written here over the years of how much I dislike the short days and long nights that occur at this time of the year.

Well, I still don't like it, but fortunately by the time that Christmas has passed us by, every day will be getting longer and every night a tad shorter, like it ought to be.

On a final note to all of the brave souls who ran for office this year: If you have any signs still placed along the highways and byways of our great county, please do us a favor and pick them up.

It de-clutters our landscape, and you will then have a sign to use again the next time that you want to stick your neck out and run for public office.

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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Only 4 Confirmed--

(Continued from Page 1) confirmed and 1,119 probable).

The county'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, 30 (4,292/47); Ritchie, 16 (2,931/32); Braxton, 12 (4,886/52); Clay, 4 (2,664/53); Gilmer, 3 (2,517/23); and Wirt, 0 (1,718/26).

New cases in the area were 69, compared to 60 and 51 the past two weeks. Cases now total 21,252.

New West Virginia cases were 1,924, an increase from the last three weeks of 1,856, 1,403 and 1,330. Total cases during the pandemic are 618,099.

The number of deaths reported by DHHR in the last week were 18, down from last week's 26. Total deaths in West Virginia are 7,649.

The daily percent positivity for West Virginia was 8.3 on Tuesday, and has averaged 6.0 over the past week.

The number of new cases in the United States was 461,782, a 16.0% increase over last week's 398,019, which was a 55.5% increase from the previous week's 255,986 cases. Total cases since the pandemic began are 101,324,888.

New deaths in the U.S. were 2,991, a major increase from the last two weeks of 2,105 and 2,087. Total deaths are 1,109,851.

New weekly worldwide cases were 3,796,966, a

slight decrease from last week's 3,844,310, after five weeks of increases. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 653,923,700.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 12,097, nearly 2,000 more than last week's 10,270. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,659,090.

DHHR reported that 1,005,416 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (56.1%), an increase of 591 in the last week. There have been 613,425 booster shots given, an increase of 2,324 from last week.

Gun/Knife Show

Gun and Knife Show will be held at Arnoldsburg Community Building on Jan. 6-8.

Hours will be Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It will be buy, sell and trade, with sell and trade tables, \$30. Dealers may set up on Friday, Jan. 6, 1 to 3 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 7, 7 to 8:30 a.m.

There will be 24-hour security and food concessions will be sold.

For information and table reservations, call Kenny Arnold, 655-8943, or Dip Mace, 354-6822.

All proceeds go to West Fork Community Action, Inc.

Food Pantry

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

Calhoun County Magistrate Court Case Disposition Nov. 1 to Nov. 30

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

Case Type: Misdemeanor

Case 21-M07M-00165, Kenneth Richard Peth, 60A-04-401(c), Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription; guilty plea; LD (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00280, Mia Sinead Boggs, 60A-04-401(c), Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription; guilty, plea agreement; LD (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00299, Kenneth Harris, 48-27-903(a), Misdemeanor offenses for violation of protective order, repeat offenses, penalties; guilty, plea agreement; RP (Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00315, David Otis Clary, 17C-6-3(a), Impeding the flow of traffic; 17C-15-49: No seatbelt; guilty verdicts; LD (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00337, Brian K. Smith, 17B-4-3(a), DWS W, 1 prior conviction; guilty plea, LD (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00347, Brian K. Smith, 17B-4-3(a), Driving suspended OLN; guilty plea; LD (State Police, Brian K. Young).

Case 22-M07M-00359, Kenneth Owen Harris,

48-27-903(a)(1), Misdemeanor violation of protective order, guilty, plea agreement; RP (Brian E. Young)

Case 22-M07M-00361, Bryan Keith Smith, 61-11-08(3), Attempting to commit an offense, but failing to commit or prevented from committing; guilty plea; LD (Josh Richards).

Case 22-M07M-00369, Nicholas Earl Vineyard, 17C-16-9, Expired MVI; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Brian E. Young).

Case 22M07M-00371, Brandon Bert Feick, 17C-6-1, Speeding; no contest plea; LD (Sheriff's office, J.W. Basnett).

Case 22M07M-00372, Devin Sterling Nicholls, 17C-6-1, Speeding; guilty verdict; LD (Sheriff's office, J.W. Basnett).

Case 22M07M-00374, Fred Theodore Lester, Jr., 17C-6-1: Speeding; guilty verdict; LD (J.W. Basnett).

Case 22M07M-00375, Mary Barth, 17C-6-1, Speeding; no contest plea; LD (Sheriff's office, J.W. Basnett).

Case 22M07M-00378, James Burnard Joy, Jr., 20-02-22, 2 counts, Tagging, transporting and reporting bear, bobcat, deer, wild boar and wild turkey; guilty plea; LD (DNR Law Enforcement, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 22M07M-00384, Allen Scott Metheny, 20-02-07(a), Hunting, trapping or fishing on lands of another; no contest plea; RP (DNR, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Ernest Poling, son of Albert Poling of Pine Creek, sawed off one of the fingers of his right hand while sawing wood with a power saw on Friday. He was brought here and Dr. Morford dressed his wound, and he is getting along very well.

Jerome and Hagan Francis have both been confined to their rooms this week with something like the gripe. It's a fine time to watch out for such things and take the simple precautions necessary to get away from such diseases.

The worst wreck that has ever occurred on the RS&G branch of the B&O railroad took place on Wednesday morning about a mile this side of Reedy, when two coaches of train No. 65, the morning accommodation, were derailed and overturned, two passengers being seriously injured, and a score more suffering minor hurts and bruises. Those seriously hurt were Lee W. Shafer and T.J. Shipley, both traveling salesmen of Parkersburg.

The wreck was caused by spreading rails, resulting from bad track, and would have been a much more serious one had the train not been running at a low rate of speed. The baggage car was the first one to leave the rails, but the engine held it from turning over. The two coaches were derailed and thrown down an embankment 15 feet below the track.

Both the smoker and the ladies coach landed on the left hand side of the track coming toward Spencer. The train toppled over after the air brakes had brought the coaches to a halt.

The wreck took place on a sharp turn adjacent to some land belonging to Mark Depue, as the cars rounded the bend. The train was running 15 minutes behind time, as usual. There were about 60 passengers on the train. The first inkling that they had that something was wrong was when the coaches began bumping along the ties and swaying from side to side. --Spencer Times Record.

1947, 75 years ago

One reason for the economic strength of the United States is the efficiency of the American farmer. The high production of American agriculture means that a steadily increasing proportion of the population has been able to devote its thoughts and energies to other pursuits.

Scientific, mechanized farming has made far greater strides here than in any other major country. American farmers represent only 2.5 percent of all the farmers in the world--yet they produce about 20 percent of the world's food supply. There are various reasons for that achievement, and agricultural machinery is one of the most important. Tasks that, abroad, are slowly and laboriously done by hand, are swiftly and economically accomplished by machinery here.

This illustrates, in turn, the close relationship between agriculture and industry. America produces 50 percent of the world's steel--and it is steel that has made possible the mechanization of agriculture. The first steel plow was produced 110 years ago, and ever since progress in steel and in farm production has gone hand in hand.

The end result is a higher standard of living for all Americans--a more prosperous agriculture--an industrial wage scale unequalled anywhere else--and a stronger, richer nation.

1972, 50 years ago

Duane C. Davis, local pilot, recently attended a General Aviation Accident Prevention Program in Charleston, given by the Dept. of Transportation of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The evening sessions were conducted on Oct. 5 and 6, with the state safety director and a representative from the National Safety Division as speakers. Many aspects of air safety were taught with the use of visual aids of film and flight simulators. Topics on flight planning, radio control, direction finding service and others were discussed.

A flight demonstration was held Saturday, Oct. 7, at Kanawha airport, with two aircraft used to cover traffic takeoffs and landings.

Davis has been a licensed pilot since 1950. He has owned three planes, and now has a 1965 Citabria 7ECA. His wife and two sons share in his flying experiences.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Friday, Dec. 16

CCHS wrestling team at Webster County High School, 1 p.m.

Parent-Child Group, Arnoldsburg Elementary 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

CCHS wrestling team at Webster County High School, noon.

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.

Monday, Dec. 19

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

CCHS girls basketball team hosts Doddridge County, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Parent-Child Group, Pancakes and Pajamas event, Calhoun Middle/High School, 4 to 6 p.m.

CCHS boys basketball team plays at Gilmer County, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

CCHS girls basketball team plays at Roane County, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 22

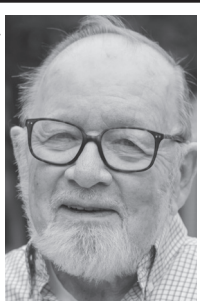
CCHS boys basketball team plays at Roane County, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



It's quiz time! Get out a sheet of paper and a pencil. Eyes on your own paper!

Groups of animals and birds are given special names. Here are some group names. Do you know what animal they describe?

Animals:

1. A sleuth
2. A clowder
3. A tower
4. A tribe
5. A pride
6. A troop
7. A drift
8. A prickle
9. A colony
10. A dray

Birds:

11. A wake
12. A murder
13. A dule
14. A parliament
15. A rafter

Answers:

1. Bears
2. Cats
3. Giraffes
4. Goats
5. Lions
6. Monkeys or Kangaroos
7. Pigs
8. Porcupines
9. Rabbits
10. Squirrels
11. Buzzards
12. Crows
13. Doves
14. Owls
15. Turkeys

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): The word "queue" is just a "Q" followed by four silent letters.

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

Commission Discusses--

(Continued from Page 1) service will be made at a later date. Discussion on a new sheriff's vehicle, which should be ready for pick-up early next year, was delayed until the next meeting, because there is no dollar amount for all of the police equipment that needs to be purchased and installed in the vehicle.

Shelia Burch reported that Little Kanawha Development Corp. hosted a small business summit at Little Kanawha Transit Authority last week, with 12 small businesses participating.

Representatives of WVU entrepreneur law clinic were on hand, as well as two local bank officials and Dr. Mark Sarver of Glenville State University.

Burch said that progress is being made in forming a Chamber of Commerce for Calhoun County.

Revisiting a request from Mt. Zion PSD for \$174,000 and Pleasant Hill PSD for \$355,691 for purchase and installation of new water meters resulted in commissioners approving the request to pay this expense for both PSDs, as the county has the cash on hand. The commission will pay the manufacturer directly.

The next meeting of the commission will be held on Monday, Jan. 9, 9 a.m., in the little courtroom.

The trucks need to be inspected to determine that they are up to code. Everything should be settled out in the next 60 to 90 days. A decision will then be made as to how the service is going to move forward.

Active 911, which costs approximately \$5 per month per contact, sends to the cell phone of each subscribed responder (EMT or firefighter) a message containing all of the relevant data about an emergency immediately, so that the responder has directions to the site before he makes a move.

A decision on this



This Week In West Virginia History

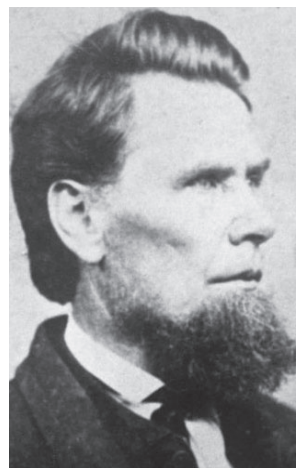


Wreckage of the Silver Bridge at Pt. Pleasant, which collapsed on Dec. 15, 1967, killing 46 people.

The following events happened from Dec. 15-21 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 15, 1967: The Silver Bridge at Pt. Pleasant collapsed (shown above), killing 46 people. The Silver Bridge was built by American Bridge Co. of Pittsburgh and opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program.

Dec. 15, 1972: An explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial accident in Weirton's history.

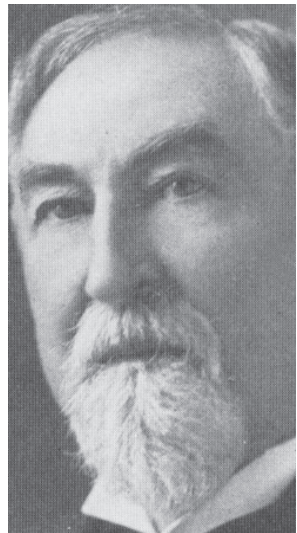


Dec. 16, 1893: Alexander Martin died at age 71 in Greencastle, Ind. He was the first president of the Agricultural College of West Virginia, which was renamed West Virginia University at his recommendation in 1868.



Dec. 17, 1957: The J.L. Stifel & Sons calico plant at Wheeling closed. For most of its history, Stifel & Sons produced indigo-dyed prints and drills for clothing manufacturers. At its peak, the plant produced 3.5 million yards of

cloth per month.



Dec. 18, 1842: U.S. Sen. Nathan B. Scott was born. He rose to become one of West Virginia's four richest and most powerful men by 1900.

Dec. 18, 1864: Gen. Harry Hill Bandholtz was born in Michigan. He was commander of the federal troops that intervened to end the West Virginia Mine Wars in 1921.

Dec. 19, 1794: A 40-acre tract of George Clendenin's land was selected as the site of Charlestown, later renamed Charleston. Born in Augusta County, Va., in 1746, he was one of the first settlers in the Kanawha Valley. Through his influence, the Virginia Assembly authorized the formation of Kanawha County from parts of Greenbrier and Montgomery counties in 1789.

Dec. 20, 1943: German fighter pilot Franz Stigler protected the heavily-damaged B-17 bomber (shown below) flown by Charlie Brown as it made its way from enemy territory back to England. The two war veterans met in 1990 and remained friends until their deaths.

Dec. 20, 2002: Grote Reber died. In 1937, he built the world's first parabolic radio telescope in his backyard. The Reber Telescope was moved to the National Radio Observatory at Green Bank in the 1960s, and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989.

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On Dec. 20, 1943, German fighter pilot Franz Stigler protected the heavily-damaged B-17 bomber flown by Charlie Brown, as it made its way from enemy territory back to England.

My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



December is one of those months that both seems to drag along and speed by at the same time. There is so much that needs to get done, and time is my enemy in that way. On the other hand, the school weeks leading up to Christmas Break seem to go on forever. By the time Dec. 22 rolls around, I will be more than ready for some rest and relaxation.

I finished up all my decorating around my home among the hills this past week. If you drive by my house in the evening, you will see my beautiful Christmas tree in the picture window. There is something so soothing about sitting by the tree as I read a book or watch television. I can feel my stress level go down the longer I sit there. It is even more magical when I turn out all the lights and sit by the fire.

I need to lower that stress, because there is a lot going on right now. December is my birthday month, which means I need to renew the registration on my Jeep. This may not seem like a big deal, but as a teacher, my hours make it hard to get to places before they close.

The final bell of the day rings at 3:30, the courthouse offices close at 4:00, and I have bus duty on Thursday, so I packed my bags during homeroom and headed downstairs ready to race to my Jeep as soon as the last bus pulled out of the parking lot. I made it to Grantsville with 10 minutes to spare. My registration is now up to date and my Jeep is sporting its 2023 sticker.

Since I was already in town, I made my way down to Dollar General to purchase some items for the senior class Christmas stocking. This item will be raffled off to a lucky winner on Friday. I also picked up a few odds and ends and then headed home to get a few things done before I headed to our monthly historical society meeting. I grabbed a quick dinner, picked up Maricia, and headed downtown again.

I don't know what was going on last Thursday night, but almost every parking place in town was full. We made it around the block a few times and then pulled into the last spot in front of the old Napa building. Unbeknownst to us, a very large Dollar General semi-truck was coming around the corner right behind us.

Before I even had time to open my door, I was trapped in my Jeep and truly fearing that I was going to be smashed by a delivery truck. I began to honk my horn as Maricia jumped out on her side and started waving her arms and yelling for the driver to stop.

I am not exaggerating when I say I don't think a piece of paper would have fit between my Jeep and that truck. I pulled up as far as I could, but there was another car right in front of me, so I had nowhere to go. Thankfully, the driver heard and saw us, and stopped. With Maricia's help, the poor driver began to slowly back up around the corner.

As soon as I had room to squeeze through, I backed up and pulled out onto the street. This gave him a little more breathing room, but he still had a tight squeeze and backed up traffic for a bit. Maricia and I decided to play it safe and park behind the history museum.

Friday went smoothly, and I was more than ready for the weekend. I had my normal cleaning and laundry to do, as well as taking the recycling, filling the birdfeeders, and going through a lot of mail that had been piling up. I also wanted to make potato soup for dinner. Maricia had mentioned making some Christmas cookies this weekend, so I wanted to make sure that my kitchen was ready for that too.

On Sunday Mom, Dad, Rascal and Maricia came up, and we started on our Christmas baking. We began by making a batch of my mom's hot chocolate mix. Then we worked on making what my grandma called Devil Dogs. These are two chocolate cookies with icing in between. We had planned to make some fudge, but just ran out of time. We will get to that next weekend.

This will be a busy week at both home and school. I need to get my semester exams ready, do a little Christmas shopping, and continue my holiday baking. There are some special activities at school, and this is my birthday weekend as well. I plan to have my birthday lunch on Saturday with the family, do a little baking, and then check out the light show at the park in the evening. Sound like a pretty perfect birthday to me!

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 am progressing first rate, have a good deal to do, but am able to keep things moving. I am now snatching a few moments from business, to write you this letter.

You speak of the oil excitement and of selling out. I wrote in a former letter that I had a conversation with one of the agents of one of the Eastern Land Co's, a Mr. Marsh and I would like for you to see him, and have a talk. You will find him a real smart gentleman and though a "Yankee" (he's from New Hampshire) you can talk with him with perfect familiarity.

If you can get a good price, for our farm I have no objections to selling, but think you are prudent in not being in too great a hurry. I would scarcely think that DeLong would give as much as you could get from any of the land co's, for he would want to make a speculation. Mr. Marsh said they were giving from ten to one hundred per acre. The way others are selling out, I think our place will yet bring ten thousand, don't offer too low for if we don't sell just now you have a home anyhow.

I wish you would send a half dollars worth of stamps in your next letter, for I am almost out.

The enclosed letter I wish you to send on with three dollars enclosed, just put the money in and seal and put the letter in the Post Office.

Nothing more of interest today, Bill & the other boys are well. Our love to you both.

Ever your affectionate sons,

M.A. Ayers
A.B. Ayers

HQrs. 1 Lt WVva. Infly-Vols.

"Camp Russell", Va.

December 4th., 1864

Dear and beloved Mary,

I was today the happy recipient of a letter from you bearing the date Nov. 28th. and I do assure you it was with much satisfaction that I read it. Yes like a spring of pure water in a desert and barren wilderness was this little missive to me. I had almost come to the conclusion that you had forgotten to write, as I had written you several letters, and this is the first one I have received from you since my return to the army.

I am happy to inform you that my health is good except a cold, which is a prevalent complaint in camp, and I do truly hope this sheet may find you enjoying the inestimable blessing of good health.

The news here is unimportant, every thing still remains quiet as usual. I am not in possession of any items of particular interest, but for want of anything else I will say the paymaster is here and we all expect our wages in a day or two, a part of the 6th. Corps of this army have gone as some say to Genl. Grant at Richmond. I do not think there will be much more done over here this winter, and I would not be any surprised if our Regt have to stay here all winter.

I am getting along very well, but am loaded with business and the cares of the Adjutants office which keeps me constantly engaged, and I sometimes almost get out of patience.

Probably while I am cooped up here, this beautiful sunshiny day, writing you this missive, you are enjoying yourself hugely, probably eating good apples and laughing gayly; well I hope you are. You say you was at meeting and was thinking of one far away. I do not doubt it, but your mind does not oftener fly away to that absent friend, than does my own, across creeks, rivers and mountains my imagination floats away, to the scenes of some of the happiest hours of my life, and the longer I live, the more I feel that our lives are inseparably linked together, and I have a firm hope in the power of a Supreme being that we are yet to live together happily, and to this end I shall ever devote my energy, and shape my course under all circumstances.

I feel sure of getting back in five or six months if I am spared. Now please write as often as you can for it is so much satisfaction for me to get letters from my friends. Give my kind regards to Rachel, also to your Mother and the rest of the family.

Now I presume you will be preparing for Christmas by the time this reaches you, and just please think of one you will miss in your circle on that evening, eat an apple for me, and breathe a prayer for his safety. How I would like to spend the Holy days with you, as I have done on former occasions, but I presume such will not be the case this year.

I will still write and inform you of our circumstances, as often as I deem prudent. And now in conclusion, accept that deep, earnest, love and affection that has always been yours, and living with the hope of our happy union, I subscribe myself your true and affectionate,

Michael

I have renewed your subscription to the Lady Book for next year. M.

Camp Russell, Va.

Head Quarters 11th.

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Dec 10th. 1864

Dear and affectionate Mary,

I received your very welcome letter of 4th. inst. last evening, and was glad to hear from you again, that you was still in good health and enjoying a portion of the blessings of life.

I received a letter from you a few days since, and answered it, but I was just as much pleased with your last note, as though I had not heard from you for a month.

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

Friday, Dec. 16: barbecue chicken, baked beans, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Monday, Dec. 19: chicken soup, mixed field greens, oranges, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Christmas dinner.

Wednesday, Dec. 21: fish, green beans, vegeta-

bles, fruit, whole wheat pasta salad.

Thursday, Dec. 22: sloppy joe, potatoes, steam vegetables, peaches, whole wheat bun.

Friday, Dec. 23: closed.

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.

Holiday Stress Busters

by Bryan Golden

Forty-one percent of those polled are stressed by the holidays. Fortunately, there are many ways to bust holiday stress.

Set realistic goals. Your expectations should correspond to your circumstances, time, and money. Don't try to outdo family and friends. You don't have to impress anyone.

A wonderful holiday season doesn't have to be expensive. Set a manageable budget and stick to it. Determine before you go shopping how much you will spend on food and presents.

Entertaining doesn't have to cost a lot. Sumptuous meals can be prepared without expensive ingredients. Use your imagination and creativity.

If there are lots of people on your gift list, contact them and agree to a maximum cost for each gift. They will probably appreciate a pre-set spending limit as much as you will. Consider making your own gifts, such as baked goods or crafts.

A variety of free or low-cost activities are available. Many communities provide holiday programs, such as parades and winter carnivals.

Informal gatherings with friends and family can be lots of fun without obligating anyone to host a big party.

Accept relatives and friends for who they are. Put aside differences; don't try to resolve them during gatherings. Bringing up past issues will not add to the seasonal joy.

Divorced parents need to be extra sensitive to their children's emotions. Make children's needs a priority and avoid using them as pawns.

Children want to spend time with both of their parents, so work together to facilitate reciprocal

visitation.

If you are hosting a meal or party, ask each guest to bring a dish. Delegate responsibilities to your spouse and children. Everyone will feel included and no one has to carry the full load.

Don't snap at others. Have rules and guidelines for older children returning home for the holidays. Ask guests to supervise their children, if they get too rambunctious.

Plan ahead for what you want to accomplish before the holiday rush starts. You can pace yourself if you have enough time. Spreading out activities leaves you calmer and more relaxed.

Prioritize what you want to accomplish. Organize your time to allow for the most important tasks. Say no to requests that don't fit your plans. Be flexible.

Make time for yourself. Maintain a healthy lifestyle by eating properly, exercising, and getting enough sleep.

It's normal and okay to feel sad during the holidays. Life is unpredictable and brings many changes. Don't compare today with the good old days from your past.

Take charge of your life. Don't act like a victim. Spend time with supportive and caring people. Help others by volunteering. Whenever you bring a smile to someone's face, you will feel better too.

Make realistic resolutions. Set goals you can accomplish. Don't abandon your resolutions after a few weeks.

After the holidays, actively working towards your goals will keep you positive and focused on the good in life.

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Varsity Wrestlers Open Season At Roane County

The CCHS wrestling team opened its season at Roane County on Saturday.

The Red Devils placed sixth of nine teams competing.

Top individual performances for Calhoun were Haiden Staton (3rd, 144 lbs.), Isaiah Boggs (4th, 126), Anthony Schoo (4th, 138), Levi Stump (5th, 215), and Trevor Collins (5th, 285). Jordan Collins placed for the B team (4th, 285).

Calhoun will partici-

pate in the Webster County Hardwood Duals Wrestling Tournament on Friday at 1 p.m. and on Saturday at noon.

Saturday, Dec. 10, at Roane County

Team scores: Braxton 201, Williamstown 137, Ravenswood 129, Roane 129, Lewis 124, Calhoun 71, Poca 39, Grafton 21, Man 15.

Calhoun individual finishes: 126 lbs. Isaiah Boggs, 4th 138 Anthony Schoo, 4th

144 Haiden Staton, 3rd 150 Ian Persinger, 5th 157 Wyatt Nichols, 6th 165 Hunter Thacker, 7th 175 Sam Elmore, 7th 190 Ethan Jarvis, 7th 215 Levi Stump, 5th 285 Trevor Collins, 5th Calhoun B 285 Jordan Collins, 4th

Calhoun match scores: Calhoun 54 Poca 24 Williamstown 63 Calhoun 18 All-Stars 36 Calhoun 34 Ravenswood 51 Calhoun 24



Levi Morris (00) and Owen Taylor (11) reach for a rebound for the Red Devils on Friday.

Jessa Ferrell Wins; This Is Final Week

With an incorrect game thrown out (Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Jets), five contestants finished with 6-3 records in Week 6 of the Mini Football Prognostication Contest.

The best tie breaker was by Jessa Ferrell, who predicted Dallas would defeat Houston, 42-21, 17 points off the exact winning score of 27-23, good enough for a \$10 gift certificate from Grantsville Foodland.

Other 6-3 records were by William Duskey (42-14, 24 off), Jim Erlewine (45-17, 24 off), Angie Slider (35-7, 24 off) and Shara Arison (48-14, 30 off).

Leaders after Week 6 are Levi Ferrell and Angie Slider, 38-21; Mike Propst, 36-23; Jim Erlewine, 34-25; Shara Arison and Brenton Slider, 33-26; Rick Blankenship and Judy Wolfram, 32-27.

Entry for the Final Week 7 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.

DNR Releases State Turkey Harvesting

West Virginia's 2022 fall turkey harvest increased by almost 46 percent over last year's harvest, according to preliminary results released by W.Va. Division of Natural Resources.

Fall turkey hunters harvested 1,012 birds this past season, compared to 694 birds last year. The 2022 harvest was just 0.24 percent below the five-year average and 9.6 percent below the 10-year average.

Although fewer counties had a two-week season this year, due to a decline in the spring harvest, the fall harvest generally remained on par with long-term averages.

Fall turkey harvest numbers are influenced by hunter participation, but also depend on the current year's brood production and mast conditions.

This year's brood survey results were similar to last year's, resulting in the best two production years in the past five years. While last year's fall harvest did not mirror the increase in brood production, this year's fall harvest reflected the increase.

All six districts reported increased fall turkey harvests compared to last year, with districts 1 and 3 reporting more than double the number of harvests; district 3 had the highest harvest with 261, followed by district 2, 187; district 4, 166; district 1, 150; district 5, 128; and district 6, 120.

Counties with the most harvests were Randolph County (72), Nicholas (65), Greenbrier (57), Monroe (41) and Webster (39), all of which had a four-week season.

Seven County Area Turkey Reports					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Calhoun	12	10	5	5	4
Braxton	8	17	7	8	11
Clay	3	5	5	7	4
Gilmer	1	9	3	2	5
Ritchie	12	15	9	6	12
Roane	15	19	11	8	20
Wirt	17	15	10	3	13
State	1,215	1,113	1,038	694	1,012

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
States at Huntington
2 6:30 p.m.
3 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
4 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Youth Results

The Calhoun Youth wrestlers competed in the Cougar Classic. Calhoun results were as follows: Ethan Fitzwater, 2-1, 2nd Rayden Schoolcraft, 3-1, 2nd Myles Morris, 1-2 Preston Wise, 2-2 Carper Summers, 2-1, 2nd Isaac Fitzwater, 3-0, 1st Cooper Summers, 2-1, 2nd Thorin Gungle, 1-2 Chris Morris, 2-2 Quentin Parkin, 1-2 Brantley Schoolcraft, 3-0, 1st Zander McCumbers, 0-3

Costume Bingo

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

Eastern Star

Order of Eastern Star monthly meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Calhoun Middle/High School Sports Schedules

2022-23 CCHS Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

December
2 21 Roane 49 L
6 44 Doddridge 68 L
9 40 So. Harrison 67 ... L
12 36 Braxton 29 W
14 Gilmer Co. H 7:30
19 Doddridge Co. . H 7:30
21 Roane Co. A 7:00
29 Ritchie Tour.A TBA
30 Ritchie Tour.A TBA

January
6 Tug Valley A 7:30
11 Webster Co. A 7:30
13 Wirt Co. A 7:30
18 Tug Valley H 7:30
20 Clay Co. A 7:30
25 Williamstown .. H 7:30
28 HIT Tournament
So. Harrison .. A TBA
30 Wirt Co. H 7:30

February
1 So. Harrison H 7:30
3 Gilmer Co. A 7:30
9 LKC Placement ... TBA
11 Night of Champ. .. TBA
15 Ritchie Co. H 7:30
16 Williamstown .. A 7:30
17 Sectionals TBA
Mar.
2 Regionals TBA
Most JV games at 5:45 p.m.

2022-23 CCHS Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

December
8 23 So. Harr. 72 L
9 42 Webster 76 L
13 Doddridge A 7:00
20 Gilmer Co. A 7:00
22 Roane Co. A 7:00
28 Wirt Co. H 7:00

January
3 Clay H 7:00
5 Park. Catholic .. H 7:00
10 Valley Wetzel .. H 6:30
12 Braxton Co. A 7:00
13 Van H 7:00
17 Clay A 7:00
20 Paden City H 7:00
24 Doddridge H 7:00
26 Van A 7:00

February
3 Valley Wetzel .. A 7:00
7 So. Harrison H 7:00
9 Gilmer Co. H 7:00
13 Paden City A 7:00
16 LKC Placement H 7:00
17 Meadow Bridge H 7:00
18 Night of Champ. .. TBA
21 Meadow Bridge A 7:00
24 Sectionals TBA

March
9 Regionals TBA

2022-23 Calhoun Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted

November
30 A 44 Gilmer 21 W
B 23 Gilmer 24 .. L

December
5 A 16 Geo. Wash. 18 . L
B 12 GW 43 L
14 Walton H
15 Ravenswood H
16 Braxton A
17 Braxton 12:00 H
19 Geary 7:30 A
20 Clay A
28 Wirt 5:45 H

January
10 Geary 7:30 H
11 Spencer A
16 Wirt A
23 Spencer H
26 Walton A
30 Clay H
31 Ravenswood A

February
7 George Washington ... A
9 Gilmer H
20 CWVAC TBA

Friday, Dec. 9

Webster 12 19 25 20--76

Calhoun 8 5 8 21--42

Calhoun scoring: Landon Bennett 5 6-7 18, Levi Morris 3 1-2 7, Joel Basnett 1 2-4 4, Caden Jones 1 2-4 4, Owen Taylor 2 0-0 4, Brayden Wood 1 0-0 3, Landon Church 0 1-2 1, Jacob Marks 0 0-2 0. Total 13 13-23 42. 3-pt.: Bennett 2, Wood 1.

Webster: 31 3-11 76. 3-pt.: 11.

CMS Wrestling

The Calhoun Middle School wrestling team is competing in the Wood County Middle School Wrestling League.

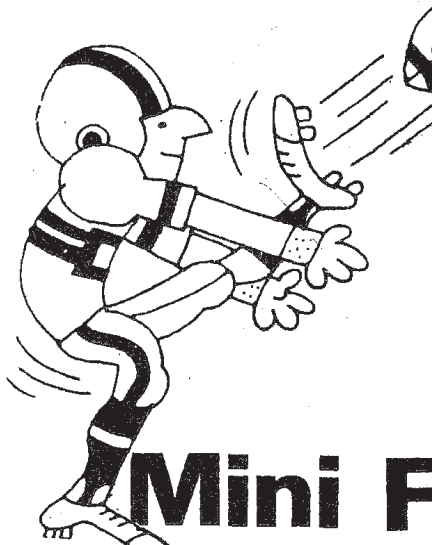
On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the team defeated Wirt County, 42-40; Spencer, 30-27; and lost to Jackson Middle, 48-30.

The team is scheduled to compete in the Little Kanawha Conference Middle School competition on Saturday in Jackson County.

Dec. 6 individual results were as follows:

Watson Nichols, 3-0 Charter Cottrill, 3-0 Ryan Harper, 3-0 Eddie Burrows, 1-0 Richard Bush, 3-1 Reese Schoolcraft, 2-1 Zac Smith, 2-1 Jules Williams, 1-1 Eli Bailey, 1-2 Nick Butler, 1-2 Ezra Anderson, 0-3

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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 out your 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

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

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

Thank You

NOTE OF THANKS
On November 12, 2022, my only "child," Tammy Lynn Harris, left her earthly home for her heavenly home where she joined her dad, Alva Harris. I had the honor of helping to guide her through her 58 years of this journey. I want to recognize and thank the many individuals and organizations that provided so many services and support for her from the cradle to her last breath. I apologize if I left off anyone. It was not intentional. Thanks to Colin Anderson Center staff so many years ago, the staff at Westbrook Health Services for the past 25 years, Stump Funeral Home for their professional and helpful support--including all the pallbearers, the Rush Run Church for the use of the fellowship hall and those who brought food or helped in any way. I want to thank my brother and his wife (Kenny and Beverly Kendall), my niece Elaine Boston, and Wes Jones for being with us the day Tammy died. Thanks to the Camden Clark Hospital support staff. Thanking everyone for the love, prayers, support, phone calls, cards, gifts, and flowers. Thank you Rev. Kenny Kendall and Rev. Wes Jones for the funeral service. Thanks to Elaine Boston and Tyler Layman for providing the music. God bless you and your families. Tammy

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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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LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

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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Veterans, Gold Star Families Offered Passes

Veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and Gold Star Families can obtain a free lifetime pass to thousands of federal recreation sites spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests.

“The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and our federal teammates are proud to honor our veterans with free lifetime access to more than 2,500 federal recreation areas across the nation,” said Lt. Gen. Scott A. Spellmon, Corps of Engineers commanding general.

“This is a small token of appreciation for veterans who have bravely dedicated their lives to defending our freedom.”

The lifetime pass allows for free access to day use areas at USACE-managed sites.

To obtain a lifetime pass when visiting one of the federal recreation sites, veterans can present one of the four forms of acceptable ID: Department of Defense ID Card, Veteran Health ID (VHIC), Veteran ID Card, or veteran’s designation on a state-issued U.S. driver’s license or ID card.

The pass can also be obtained by visiting www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.htm.

Gold Star Families can obtain information, self-certify that they qualify, and download a voucher by visiting U.S. Geological Survey’s online store at store.usgs.gov.

The Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks Act,

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, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, and infants and children up to the age of five.

WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County.

To apply for the program or to receive information, call the local office, 354-6898, or the main office in Parkersburg, 428-3688.

The WIC clinic is located at 300 Mill St., Grantsville, and is available each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments by phone.

Call the office, 354-6898, if you have an appointment or a question about benefits.

passed in December 2021, authorized free lifetime access to federal lands to veterans and Gold Star Families.

The new lifetime pass is in addition to the free annual Military Pass, which has been available to active duty service members and their families since Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2012.

Other lifetime passes offered include the Senior Pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents over age 62 and an Access Pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a permanent disability. Information is available on www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm.

USACE also offers fee-free days for everyone throughout the year to mark days of celebration and commemoration.

USACE is one of the leading federal providers of outdoor and water-based recreation, hosting millions of visits annually to its more than 400 lake and river projects.

It’s estimated that 90 percent of the USACE-operated recreation areas are within 50 miles of metropolitan areas, offering diverse outdoor activities for all ages close to home.

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.

Library Hours

Calhoun County Library hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Maintain social distancing when visiting library. If you feel sick, please stay home.

Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 4 p.m., at Mom’s Place Too, Grantsville.

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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).

2020	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
2021					
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638	5.8	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409	2,821	5.7	3.7
DHHR stopped updating on weekends and holidays.					
May 24	160,354	2,724,689	2,775	5.6	5.7
June 30	164,041	2,844,286	2,891	5.5	1.5
July 30	167,016	2,953,133	2,946	5.4	6.4
Aug. 31	189,690	3,203,536	3,084	5.6	9.5
Sept. 30	240,459	3,623,522	3,670	6.2	10.6
Oct. 29	270,984	3,957,070	4,426	6.4	10.8
Nov. 30	294,794	4,235,663	4,868	6.5	9.1
Dec. 30	328,162	4,537,412	5,336	6.7	19.3
2022					
Jan. 31	446,771	4,959,152	5,763	8.3	21.6
Feb. 28	490,111	5,221,878	6,317	8.6	8.3
Mar. 31	497,769	5,422,855	6,831	8.4	1.2
Apr. 29	501,204	5,545,521	6,856	8.3	5.0
May 31	515,925	5,695,003	6,948	8.3	11.7
June 30	532,503	5,857,108	7,064	8.3	6.6
July 29	555,107	5,999,712	7,156	8.5	9.0
Aug. 31	582,666	6,168,504	7,286	8.6	9.3
Sept. 30	600,558	6,297,974	7,416	8.7	5.3
Oct. 31	608,104	6,386,972	7,522	8.7	5.7
Nov. 1	608,341	6,389,683	7,530	8.7	5.6
Nov. 2	608,652	6,393,967	7,534	8.7	5.0
Nov. 3	608,965	6,398,184	7,534	8.7	5.2
Nov. 4	609,356	6,402,245	7,534	8.7	5.4
Nov. 7	609,944	6,410,450	7,536	8.7	4.2
Nov. 8	State holiday. No report.				
Nov. 9	610,432	6,416,906	7,538	8.7	4.6
Nov. 10	610,675	6,420,276	7,538	8.7	4.5
Nov. 14	611,358	6,431,030	7,557	8.7	4.5
Nov. 15	611,586	6,433,631	7,557	8.7	5.6
Nov. 16	611,813	6,437,325	7,557	8.7	4.5
Nov. 17	612,047	6,440,585	7,569	8.7	5.1
Nov. 18	612,262	6,443,808	7,581	8.7	4.6
Nov. 21	612,710	6,451,247	7,787	8.7	5.1
Nov. 22	612,916	6,453,788	7,590	8.7	4.9
Nov. 23	613,165	6,455,890	7,594	8.7	7.3
Nov. 28	614,030	6,469,221	7,594	8.7	8.5
Nov. 29	614,319	6,472,249	7,605	8.7	6.1
Nov. 30	614,646	6,476,327	7,611	8.7	5.4
Dec. 1	615,040	6,480,044	7,618	8.7	6.3
Dec. 2	615,332	6,483,165	7,627	8.7	6.1
Dec. 5	615,922	6,490,167	7,627	8.7	6.2
Dec. 6	616,175	6,492,205	7,631	8.7	7.7
Dec. 7	616,506	6,495,715	7,636	8.7	5.8
Dec. 8	616,804	6,498,951	7,636	8.7	6.1
Dec. 9	617,094	6,503,409	7,638	8.7	3.9
Dec. 12	617,812	6,510,032	7,646	8.7	6.5
Dec. 13	618,099	6,512,151	7,649	8.7	8.3

*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 (5,809), Berkeley (43,395), Boone (8,324), Braxton (4,884), Brooke (6,158), Cabell (32,963), Calhoun (2,243), Clay (2,662), Doddridge (2,457), Fayette (16,103), Gilmer (2,517), Grant (4,613), Greenbrier (12,299), Hampshire (7,062), Hancock (8,144), Hardy (5,469), Harrison (25,129), Jackson (8,466), Jefferson (17,610), Kanawha (57,303), Lewis (6,786), Lincoln (6,920), Logan (12,433), Marion (19,351), Marshall (10,940), Mason (8,556), McDowell (7,147), Mercer (22,269), Mineral (9,898), Mingo (9,606), Monongalia (30,370), Monroe (5,490), Morgan (5,030), Nicholas (9,123), Ohio (13,525), Pendleton (2,279), Pleasants (2,457), Pocahontas (2,473), Preston (10,756), Putnam (20,230), Raleigh (29,108), Randolph (11,701), Ritchie (2,929), Roane (4,288), Summers (3,586), Taylor (5,669), Tucker (2,328), Tyler (2,632), Upshur (8,686), Wayne (11,416), Webster (2,744), Wetzel (5,313), Wirt (1,718), Wood (27,222), Wyoming (9,223).
Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster, last counties to hit 100 positive cases, Dec. 10, 2020; Calhoun last county to 200 cases, Jan. 23, 2021; last to 300, May 6; last to 400, July 22; last to 500, Sept. 1; last to 600, Sept. 6; last to 700, Sept. 13; last to 800, Sept. 27; last to 900, Oct. 21; 54th to 1,000, Nov. 13; 1,100, Dec. 7; 1,200, Dec. 23; 1,300, Jan. 11, 2022; 1,400, Jan. 19; 1,500, Jan. 25; 1,600, Feb. 2; 1,700, Feb. 10; 1,800, Mar. 3; 1,900, May 26; 2,000, July 13; 2,100, Aug. 25; 2,200, Oct. 14. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second, Sept. 15, 2021, woman, 73; third, Sept. 29, man, 79; fourth, Sept. 30, man, 73; fifth, Nov. 1, woman, 73; sixth, Nov. 23, woman, 86; seventh, Dec. 1, female, 56; eighth, Dec. 6, female, 92; ninth, Dec. 7, male, 93; 10th, Jan. 21, 2022, female, 80; 11th, Feb. 9, female, 50; 12th, Feb. 24, female, 71; 13th, Mar. 2, male, 40; 14th, Apr. 21, female, 82; 15th, May 3, female, 86.

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

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

Everett Leo Hopkins, 86, of Brooksville, died. He had worked for Cabot Oil & Gas. He was a descendant of William Rodman Hopkins, who was a soldier in the War of 1812.

William Rodman Hopkins was married to Nancy Ann Oakley, daughter of George Oakley, who was one of those who helped corner Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Russell Glenn "Rusty" Snyder, 76, died on Dec. 3. He had been a long time employee of the Boy's Club in Parkersburg. He was the son of Glenn Snyder and Juanita Tucker Snyder Moody.

Nancy Wright, who had been staying with family in Florida was destroyed by the hurricane, is visiting family in Columbus. She hopes to return to the sunny south sometime.

A big crowd was on hand Saturday at Creston Community Building for

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

2020	Positive	Deaths	Positive	Deaths
Mar. 30	164,610	3,170	800,049	38,714
Apr. 27	987,916	55,425	3,014,808	207,904
May 25	1,688,739	99,356	5,482,990	347,162
June 29	2,637,909	128,452	10,234,889	505,144
July 27	4,373,561	149,856	16,429,464	653,266
Aug. 31	6,175,600	187,232	25,417,858	852,100
Sept. 28	7,321,465	209,454	33,332,536	1,003,542
Oct. 26	8,890,481	230,512	43,383,433	1,160,977
Nov. 30	13,755,039	273,130	63,236,339	1,468,737
Dec. 28	19,579,987	341,187	81,293,122	1,775,977
2021				
Jan. 25	25,705,299	429,511	99,917,297	2,142,799
Feb. 22	28,767,835	511,302	112,093,051	2,481,796
Mar. 29	30,966,974	562,551	127,963,064	2,799,992
Apr. 26	32,824,618	586,152	148,006,342	3,127,343
May 31	34,043,110	609,544	171,180,032	3,563,041
June 28	34,494,690	619,424	182,010,787	3,945,739
July 31	35,688,506	629,064	198,207,725	4,232,644
Aug. 31	39,946,708	656,393	218,104,333	4,531,744
Sept. 30	44,200,421	713,953	234,173,044	4,795,746
Oct. 31	46,799,970	766,117	247,382,939	5,018,389
Nov. 30	49,301,070	801,326	262,581,538	5,233,860
Dec. 31	55,252,823	845,745	287,003,899	5,454,054
2022				
Jan. 31	75,578,076	907,190	375,571,291	5,687,759
Feb. 28	80,567,757	973,119	436,088,544	5,974,311
Mar. 31	81,740,722	1,006,445	486,702,223	6,167,304
Apr. 30	83,037,059	1,020,660	512,204,412	6,263,058
May 31	85,730,697	1,031,286	529,951,029	6,318,405
June 30	89,236,449	1,042,291	551,566,924	6,362,509
July 31	93,069,863	1,055,051	581,762,769	6,425,341
Aug. 31	96,149,016	1,069,748	607,186,847	6,499,097
Sept. 30	98,165,904	1,084,282	622,061,434	6,552,509
Oct. 31	99,345,927	1,095,204	635,540,493	6,594,093
Nov. 1	99,374,721	1,095,315	635,823,814	6,595,011
Nov. 2	99,400,959	1,095,646	636,139,652	6,596,099
Nov. 3	99,496,443	1,096,717	636,590,928	6,599,924
Nov. 4	99,580,091	1,097,881	636,990,100	6,602,209
Nov. 5	99,602,478	1,098,038	637,462,395	6,604,884
Nov. 6	99,643,590	1,098,228	637,709,035	6,605,298
Nov. 7	99,647,812	1,098,235	637,839,498	6,605,995
Nov. 8	99,681,448	1,098,387	638,232,215	6,607,377
Nov. 9	99,697,922	1,098,524	638,619,088	6,608,633
Nov. 10	99,809,767	1,099,494	639,019,253	6,610,744
Nov. 11	99,841,513	1,099,784	639,541,202	6,612,304
Nov. 12	99,890,506	1,100,121	640,074,955	6,614,851
Nov. 13	99,895,236	1,100,125	640,274,549	6,615,322
Nov. 14	99,898,467	1,100,127	640,443,113	6,615,758
Nov. 15	99,935,041	1,100,296	640,789,392	6,616,858
Nov. 16	99,974,387	1,100,631	641,238,706	6,618,664
Nov. 17	100,054,794	1,101,370	641,708,805	6,620,774
Nov. 18	100,108,704	1,101,843	642,117,528	6,622,212
Nov. 19	100,156,325	1,102,439	642,794,281	6,625,286
Nov. 20	100,162,519	1,102,505	643,020,311	6,625,837
Nov. 21	100,209,101	1,102,668	643,215,399	6,626,455
Nov. 22	100,251,354	1,102,915	643,615,416	6,628,060
Nov. 23	100,279,698	1,103,355	644,117,458	6,629,552
Nov. 24	100,382,913	1,104,229	644,642,684	6,631,794
Nov. 25	100,431,052	1,104,661	645,054,483	6,633,125
Nov. 26	100,458,989	1,104,751	645,878,233	6,635,774
Nov. 27	100,462,144	1,104,754	646,116,052	6,636,159
Nov. 28	100,465,087	1,104,755	646,282,424	6,636,723
Nov. 29	100,507,928	1,104,879	646,694,537	6,638,042
Nov. 30	100,532,711	1,105,049	647,611,736	6,639,221
Dec. 1	100,625,493	1,105,546	648,168,776	6,641,101
Dec. 2	100,743,392	1,106,378	648,755,570	6,643,011
Dec. 3	100,787,779	1,106,607	649,527,570	6,645,576
Dec. 4	100,796,300	1,106,640	649,820,495	6,646,169
Dec. 5	100,863,106	1,106,860	650,126,734	6,646,993
Dec. 6	100,906,111	1,106,990	650,586,432	6,648,410
Dec. 7	100,962,660	1,107,794	651,187,334	6,650,431
Dec. 8	101,104,275	1,108,815	651,790,785	6,652,480
Dec. 9	101,213,638	1,109,394	652,460,074	6,654,923
Dec. 10	101,254,467	1,109,679	653,219,490	6,657,706
Dec. 11	101,263,635	1,109,725	653,547,487	6,658,277
Dec. 12	101,324,888	1,109,851	653,923,700	6,659,090
Dec. 13	101,369,163	1,109,983	654,455,302	6,660,685

a visit by a jolly fellow from the polar region, along with his wife. The younger set seemed happy to get presents from the red suited gentleman.

There was also a "belly buster" meal, with Ted Grim's special hams, three turkeys, and all the trimmings. Some helped out by peeling potatoes for the mashed potatoes that, for sure, were real, not out of a box.

Linda Devries held the attention of the little ones, while she told the story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, as the Old Testament prophets had said would occur, and

Local Organizations Receive PACF, LKACF Grants



The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and its Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation affiliate has awarded more than \$48,000 through the foundations' fall Community Action Grants Program.

Grant recipients from Calhoun County include: Arnoldsburg Volunteer Fire Dept., \$7,451 to purchase water rescue equipment. (\$6,701 from PACF, \$750 from LKACF).

Grantsville Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts, \$7,150 to purchase equipment needed for music instruction. (\$6,500 from PACF, \$650 from LKACF).

Minnie Hamilton Health System, \$4,700 to equip the community education room at the new Arnoldsburg clinic. (\$4,050 from PACF, \$650 from LKACF).

"We are pleased to be able to support these important organizations in the Little Kanawha area, as they work to improve their facilities, equipment, and programs," said Fred Rader, PACF associate director. "We know that these groups work hard every day to help in-

dividuals and to serve their communities."

PACF and LKACF awards grants from a variety of funds created by individuals, organizations, and area businesses to support critical community needs.

To learn about the grant program, visit www.pacfwv.com/grants or call 428-4438.

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.



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. 14, 1 to 2 p.m., Upper West Fork Park.

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

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.



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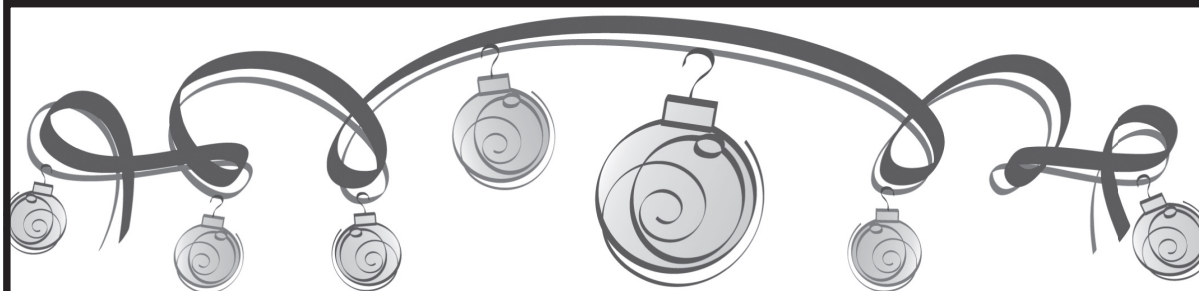
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Calhoun Middle High School Performing Arts 2022 Christmas Showcase

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| Middle School Band | Middle School Dance | Theatre |
| High School Band | High School Dance | Choir |
| Percussion Ensemble | | and more! |

Friday, December 16, 2022, 6 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.)
Saturday, December 17, 2022, 3 p.m. (doors open at 2 p.m.)

Calhoun Middle High School Auditorium
50 Underwood Circle
Mt Zion WV 26151

Free Entry – Donations will be Accepted

Band Boosters will be offering concessions of Coffee/Hot Chocolate and Krispy Kreme Donuts prior to each performance





Calhoun's Isiah Boggs, 126 lbs., pins a Poca opponent on Saturday at Roane County High School.



Wyatt Nichols, 157 lbs., trips up a Poca opponent before gaining a pin.



Calhoun's Joel Basnett scores on a lay-up against Webster County on Friday.

BOB'S BASEBALL TOURS

<p>DC Cherry Blossom Tour: Home games at Washington Nationals, NY Yankees & Boston Red Sox. March 31-April 4, 2023 Tours include additional sightseeing, motor coach transportation and quality hotels/game tickets. Free Brochure: Call or Text 507.217.1326</p>	<p>East Coast Tour: Home games at Yankees, Red Sox, Orioles, Phillies, Nationals, Mets & Little League World Series. Aug. 18-27, 2023</p>
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Varsity Girls Defeat Braxton Co., 36-29

The CCHS varsity girls defeated visiting Braxton County on Monday, 36-29.

Calhoun led 9-7 after the opening period and 18-12 at halftime.

The Lady Red Devils' Joselynn Yeager scored all of her team's points in a 7-1 third quarter, as Calhoun took a 25-13 margin heading into the final eight minutes.

Yeager scored the first four points of the fourth as CCHS maintained a 29-18 lead.

Braxton closed to within four with 32 seconds

remaining, but CCHS closed out the victory.

Calhoun was scheduled to host Gilmer County on Wednesday and Doddridge County on Monday, both games starting at 7:30 p.m., and play at Roane County on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 12
Braxton 7 5 1 16--29
Calhoun 9 9 7 11--36

Calhoun scoring: Joselynn Yeager 16, Maycee Carter 7, Abi Waldron 5, Trista Arnold 5, Ariety Hickman 3.

(No results submitted.)

AG Warns Of Credit Card Scams

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is urging consumers to exercise caution when evaluating credit card offers this holiday season.

The advice comes as part of Holiday Consumer Protection Week.

Consumers may see an uptick in credit card offers with the Christmas shopping season now in full swing. While it may be tempting to take advantage of the "buy now, pay later" option, the AG urges consumers to verify that the credit card offer is legitimate.

"It's always a good idea to verify any sort of offer you may receive," said Morrissey. "Credit cards can be attractive as they offer consumers the option to pay off purchases over time, but credit card fraud can wreak havoc on finances, so it's important to be vigilant."

Holiday credit card offers require a close reading of the contract. Deferred interest promotions may promise zero-percent interest through December

2023, but failure to pay off the entire balance by the promotion period's end could stick the consumer with an interest charge dating back to the item's original purchase date.

Before responding to a credit card offer, keep these things in mind:

--Do an online search if the offering company looks unfamiliar. Include the word "scam" after the company's name to see if it triggers additional results.

--Call the offering company directly if an offer to increase a line of credit looks suspicious. The phone number is often printed on the back of the card.

--Do not provide personal information or click on any link in an email warning of a problem with the card.

Anyone who believes that they have been the victim of a fraudulent credit card offer should contact the Consumer Protection Division, 800-368-8808, or visit www.ago.wv.gov.

AG Representative

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey 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.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with consumer representatives," said Morrissey. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area, and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Brooke Albright, a consumer outreach specialist, will host an event on Thursday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to noon, in the courthouse lobby, Grantsville.

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 info, call 485-7374.

CMS Boys

Calhoun Middle School boys basketball hosted its first home game against George Washington Middle on Dec. 5.

The A team lost 83-16, with the following scoring: Micah Allen 7, Brennen Carpenter 4, Chase Schoolcraft 3, and Christian Rogers 2.

Garrett Carpenter, Gavin Hicks, Cooper Morris, Charter Cottrell, Maddox Siwicki and Chase Toney played, but did not score.

The B team lost 43-12. Chase Toney was top scorer with four points.

The teams were scheduled to host Walton on Wednesday, Ravenswood on Thursday, and play at Braxton on Friday, with games starting at 6 p.m.

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.):

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

Dec. 17, Dixie Highway.

Dec. 24, closed.

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Party (covered dish finger foods), Mark IV performs, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Jan. 7, Ruff Cut.

Jan. 14, Mark IV.

Jan. 21, Frank Conn and Partners.

Grantsville Conservatory--



Mark Plumby played "Let It Snow."



Danika Starcher played "Away In a Manger."

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"Someday at Christmas"; Justin Cunningham, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch"; Eliana White, "Underneath the Tree"; Larry Lemaster, "Do You Hear What I Hear"; and Cloie Peggs and Heather Kutil, "Missing You This Time of Year," an original song that they hope to have published.

Strings (instructors Alice Holmes and Isiah Sattelmaier): string ensemble, Kera Sampson and Cloie Peggs, "Jingle Bells"; Avery Wood (guitar), "We Three Kings"; Brayden Blosser (banjo), "Jingle Bells"; and Eli Houchin (fiddle), "Amazing Grace."

Conservatory Choir sang "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Jingle Bell Rock." Members included Danika Starcher, Lydia Starcher, Mercy Starcher, Hazel Winkler, Mikenna Wease, Olivia Houchin, Justin Cunningham and Kera Sampson.



Instructors included, left to right, Isiah Sattelmaier, Alice Holmes (Conservatory CEO), and Heather Kutil.

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