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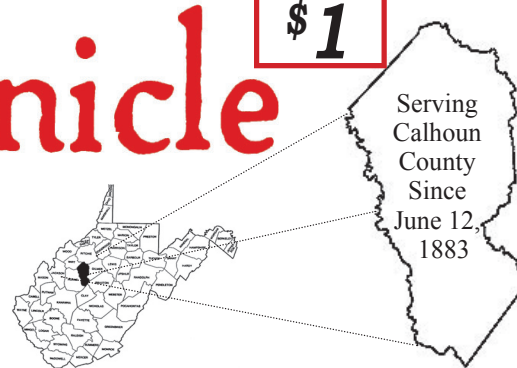
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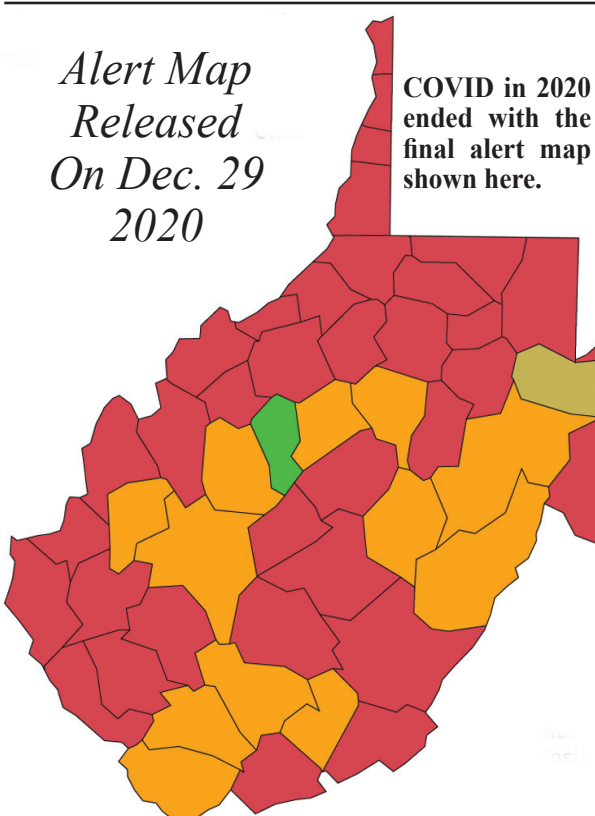


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Thursday, December 29, 2022

Alert Map
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On Dec. 29
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COVID in 2020 ended with the final alert map shown here.

History Of COVID-19 In Calhoun And Area Over the First 32 Months

Dept. of Health and Human Resources has announced over 2,240 confirmed and probable coronavirus cases in Calhoun County since the COVID-19 pandemic began in early 2020. According to the 2020 census, that would be over 36% of the county's 6,229 residents.

The first cases reported in the seven-county area were in the week of Mar. 18-24--two in Roane County and one in Wirt County.

Calhoun's first two cases came May 13-19. The next two came eight weeks later, July 8-14.

The county's first double figure week came Nov. 18-24, with 18. Three weeks later, Dec. 9-15, the county went over 100 cases (112).

By the end of 2020 (as shown in the accompanying "alert" map), the spread of the virus was under control in Calhoun better than in other county.

Totals for area counties at the end of 2020 were as follows:

- Braxton, 276
- Calhoun, 127
- Clay, 252
- Gilmer, 386
- Ritchie, 330
- Roane, 290
- Wirt, 213

January 2021 saw 77 cases in Calhoun, which gave the county its second 100 from Jan. 20-26 (204).

Meanwhile, area counties went over 1,000 total (1,016) from Nov. 25-Dec. 1. By the end of January, the total was 3,132.

In Calhoun, over the next 14 weeks, only three were in double figures (10, 10, 14), but 41 cases, May 5-11, and 40 cases, May 12-May 18, moved the county over 300 (366).

By this time, the area was up to 4,502 cases.

The county had another

COVID Deaths

The first death contributed to the virus in Calhoun County came during the week of May 26-June 1, 2021, a full year after the first virus case was reported.

From Sept. 15 to Dec. 7, 2021, eight additional deaths were confirmed in the county, with four more from Jan. 19 to Mar. 8, 2022.

The final two came during the weeks of Apr. 20-26 and Apr. 27-May 3.

The 15 deaths have included 11 women and four men, with ages ranging from 40 to 93.

quiet period, with 56 cases over the next 13 weeks--hitting 404 from July 21-27.

From Aug. 18-Dec. 28, 2021, not only did Calhoun have a one-week record of 140 cases from Sept. 1-7, but averaged 41 over the next 19 weeks.

Braxton County broke the weekly record two weeks later with 200 cases, and Roane County, with 249 from Jan. 12-18, 2022, holds the current record (Roane followed up with another 236 cases

the following week).

After 400 cases over the first 16 months, Calhoun had 810 additional cases in five months.

The total as of Dec. 28, 2021, was 1,210 in the county. Over the same time period, the seven-county area had grown from 5,249 to 11,780 cases.

By the end of 2021, totals for area counties were as follows:

- Braxton, 2,668
- Calhoun, 1,210
- Clay, 1,613

- Gilmer, 1,582
- Ritchie, 1,679
- Roane, 2,025
- Wirt, 1,003

The virus continued to rage through the first two and one-half months of 2022.

Calhoun had its only other triple digit week from Jan. 19-25 with 112 cases. By Mar. 9-15, the county had added another 615 cases (1,825 total) since the end of 2021.

Other high weeks included Jan. 12-18, 89; Jan. (Continued on Page 2)

Calhoun Native

Former State Supreme Court Justice Larry Starcher Dies

Larry V. Starcher, a retired Supreme Court Justice and Monongalia County Circuit Judge, died Saturday, Dec. 24. He was 80.

"Justice Starcher devoted his life to public service, as a circuit judge, Supreme Court justice, and law professor," said Chief Justice John Hutchison.

"He was a mentor to many young lawyers, law students, and law clerks. His love for the law school was known to all. His monetary gifts were important, but his gift of teaching was the most important of all.

"He had an incredible work ethic and was a champion of many causes. He was a loyal friend to many and will be sorely missed. On behalf of my fellow justices, I send sincere condolences to his family."

Starcher was born at home in Calhoun County on Sept. 25, 1942, one of seven children born to Cleo Earline and Susie Starcher. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1960.

He earned his bachelor's degree (1964) and his law degree (1967) from West Virginia University.

Prior to being elected circuit judge in 1976, he served as an assistant to the vice president for Off-Campus Education at WVU, as director of North Central West Virginia Legal Aid Society, and as a private lawyer.

He served as circuit judge for 20 years, 18 as chief judge. While sitting as a circuit judge, he served as a special judge in 23 of West Virginia's 55 counties. He presided over the trial of 20,000



Larry V. Starcher

asbestos injury cases and a six-month state buildings asbestos trial.

As a trial judge, he was active in the area of juvenile justice, including establishing alternative learning centers for youths at risk and a youth shelter.

He also pioneered the use of work release and community service as punishment for non-violent offenders.

In November 1996, he was elected to a full 12-year term on the Supreme Court of Appeals. He served as chief justice in 1999 and 2003.

He promoted action in several areas of judicial administration, specifically the Court Facilities Committee, Public Trust and Confidence in the Judiciary, Mental Hygiene Commission, Court Technology Summit, Self-Represented Litigants Task Force, and State Law Library improvements, and reactivated the Gender Fairness Task Force.

In 2004, in partnership with the historic minority association Mountain State Bar, Starcher and his senior law clerk, Thomas Rodd, initiated the J.R. Clifford Project, a series (Continued on Page 9)

COVID By Week and Total - 2020-2022

Week Ending Date (usually a Tuesday)	Alerts	Weekly	Total	Alerts	Weekly	Total
Aug. 24	14	436	Y	Aug. 24	14	436
Aug. 31	63	499	R	Aug. 31	63	499
Sept. 7	140	639	R	Sept. 7	140	639
Sept. 14	86	725	R	Sept. 14	86	725
Sept. 21	52*	777	Gd	Sept. 21	52*	777
Sept. 28	28	805	Gn	Sept. 28	28	805
Oct. 5	17**	822	Gn	Oct. 5	17**	822
Oct. 12	26	848	Gn	Oct. 12	26	848
Oct. 19	38	886	O	Oct. 19	38	886
Oct. 26	36*	922	Gd	Oct. 26	36*	922
Nov. 2	37	959	Gd	Nov. 2	37	959
Nov. 9	23	982	Y	Nov. 9	23	982
Nov. 16	29	1,011	Gd	Nov. 16	29	1,011
Nov. 23	35*	1,046	O	Nov. 23	35*	1,046
Nov. 30	27	1,073	Y	Nov. 30	27	1,073
Dec. 7	30***	1,103	O	Dec. 7	30***	1,103
Dec. 14	35	1,138	O	Dec. 14	35	1,138
Dec. 21	37	1,175	O	Dec. 21	37	1,175
Dec. 28	35	1,210	Gn	Dec. 28	35	1,210
2022						
Jan. 4	41	1,251	Gn	Jan. 4	41	1,251
Jan. 11	51	1,302	Gd	Jan. 11	51	1,302
Jan. 18	89	1,391	O	Jan. 18	89	1,391
Jan. 25	112*	1,503	O	Jan. 25	112*	1,503
Feb. 1	83	1,586	O	Feb. 1	83	1,586
Feb. 8	99	1,685	Gn	Feb. 8	99	1,685
Feb. 15	52*	1,737	Gn	Feb. 15	52*	1,737
Feb. 22	25	1,762	Gn	Feb. 22	25	1,762
Mar. 1	33*	1,795	Gn	Mar. 1	33*	1,795
Mar. 8	16*	1,811	Gn	Mar. 8	16*	1,811
Mar. 15	14	1,825	Gn	Mar. 15	14	1,825
Mar. 22	3	1,828	Gn	Mar. 22	3	1,828
Mar. 29	0	1,828	Gn	Mar. 29	0	1,828
Apr. 5	2	1,830	Gn	Apr. 5	2	1,830
Apr. 12	2	1,832	Gn	Apr. 12	2	1,832
Apr. 19	6	1,838	Gn	Apr. 19	6	1,838
Apr. 26	21*	1,859	Y	Apr. 26	21*	1,859
May 3	20*	1,879	Y	May 3	20*	1,879
May 10	5	1,884	Gn	May 10	5	1,884
May 17	4	1,888	Gn	May 17	4	1,888
May 24	10	1,898	Gn	May 24	10	1,898
May 31	6	1,904	Gn	May 31	6	1,904
June 7	21	1,925	Gn	June 7	21	1,925
June 14	13	1,938	Gn	June 14	13	1,938
June 21	15	1,953	Gn	June 21	15	1,953
June 28	21	1,974	Y	June 28	21	1,974
July 5	9	1,983	Gn	July 5	9	1,983
July 12	14	1,997	Y	July 12	14	1,997
July 19	18	2,015	Y	July 19	18	2,015
July 26	14	2,029	Y	July 26	14	2,029
Aug. 2	19	2,048	Y	Aug. 2	19	2,048
Aug. 9	16	2,064	Gn	Aug. 9	16	2,064
Aug. 16	20	2,084	Gn	Aug. 16	20	2,084
Aug. 23	11	2,095	Y	Aug. 23	11	2,095
Aug. 30	18	2,113	Y	Aug. 30	18	2,113
Sept. 6	23	2,136	Gn	Sept. 6	23	2,136
Sept. 13	21	2,157	Y	Sept. 13	21	2,157
Sept. 20	17	2,174	Y	Sept. 20	17	2,174
Sept. 27	7	2,181	Gn	Sept. 27	7	2,181
Oct. 4	11	2,192	Gn	Oct. 4	11	2,192
Oct. 11	4	2,196	Gn	Oct. 11	4	2,196
Oct. 18	5	2,201	Y	Oct. 18	5	2,201
Oct. 25	2	2,203	Gn	Oct. 25	2	2,203
Nov. 1	8	2,211	Gn	Nov. 1	8	2,211
Nov. 8	6	2,217	Gn	Nov. 8	6	2,217
Nov. 15	7	2,224	Gn	Nov. 15	7	2,224
Nov. 22	2	2,226	Gn	Nov. 22	2	2,226
Nov. 29	7	2,233	Gn	Nov. 29	7	2,233
Dec. 6	7	2,240	Y	Dec. 6	7	2,240
Dec. 13	4	2,244	Gn	Dec. 13	4	2,244
Dec. 20	2	2,246	Gn	Dec. 20	2	2,246
Dec. 27				Dec. 27		

OBITUARIES

GRETA ULDRICH TICHNELL

Greta Uldrich Tichnell, 99, of Pennsboro, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at her residence.

She was the daughter of James L. Uldrich and Delta Stout Uldrich. She was a graduate of Calhoun County High School. She was a member of Mount Olivet Church and attended God's Glory Church.

Surviving are 11 children, Harold "Leroy" Tichnell, Mamie McDonald, Sandra Tichnell, Janet Ross, Linda Bailey, Judith Vincent, Loretta Perrine, Donald Tichnell, Doris Jones, Donna Cox and Shirley Brown; 19 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Gail Uldrich of Goshen, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Paul Tichnell; three sons, Paul Eugene Tichnell, Frankie L. Tichnell and Bernard Tichnell; two sisters; and seven brothers.

Services were held at Raiguel Funeral Home, Harrisville, with Pastor Tim Nichols officiating. Burial was in Owl Hill Cemetery, near Elizabeth.



DARLENE VONDA BURROWS NICHOLAS

Darlene Vonda Burrows Nicholas, 64, of Rosedale, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022.

She was the daughter of the late Lester Clark and Maggie Delma Woods Burrows.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, Timothy R. Nicholas; eight children, Stephanie Nicholas, Kenneth Nicholas, Brenda Billingsley, Derek Nicholas, Tiffany Nicholas, Briana, Ariana and Kiana Nicholas; seven grandchildren, Timothy, Brayden, Zady, Kaleb, Zane, Shay and Jace; two brothers, Steve Woods and Sandy Burrows; one sister, Colleen Burrows; special nephew, Dwayne King, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Riana Nicholas, and two sisters, Sharlene King and Marlene Webb.

Services will be held Thursday, 1 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Pastor David McQuain officiating. Burial will be in Nicholas Family Cemetery, Rosedale. Visitation will be held Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



WANNETTA MARIE OWENS KEMP

Wannetta Marie Owens Kemp, 87, of Elizabeth, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at Worthington Manor Care Center.

She was born at Henrietta, the eldest daughter of the late Willis W. and Eva M. Bower Owens. She began her school years at a small country school called Hog Knob. Her first grade year, the family moved to Stumptown, due to her dad's employment. She started second grade at Normantown and completed her freshman year at Normantown High School. The family moved back to Big Bend and she completed her sophomore year at Calhoun County High School. The family moved to Elizabeth and she was a 1953 graduate of Wirt County High School, with honors, and served as student body president. She was a pianist for gospel quartets, singing schools, church services, and weddings. For over 50 years, she played piano at Elizabeth Baptist Church. She retired from Wirt County High School after serving as secretary in the principal's office for 23 years. She was a 50-year member of Wirt Chapter #113, Order of Eastern Star and served as Worthy Matron.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, James H. "Tom" Kemp, whom she married on June 19, 1955; one daughter, W. Kathy Cumberledge; two grandchildren, Tom Cumberledge and Whitney Archer; three great-grandchildren, Camryn, Tyson and Kennedy Cumberledge; one sister, Yuvhon Dotson; and several cousins.

Private family service and graveside rites were held.



JOYCE KAY STUBER

Joyce Kay Stuber, 66, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022.

She was the daughter of the late George S. and Bertha Elizabeth Brown of Maysel. She was a wife and homemaker. She was saved at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church on May 6, 1992, and the family became members of Clay First Baptist Church in 2002.

Surviving are four siblings, Patricia Brown Runnion of Maysel, Randy Brown of Widen, Kevin Brown of Clay and Robert Brown of Arnoldsburg; six children, James Brown of Glenn, Lorna Stuber Frye of Bristol, Va., Leona Stuber McGlothlin of Beckley, Greg Stuber of Elkhurst, Geoffrey Cogar of Webster Springs, and Christian Stuber of Summersville; 25 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren, with one more on the way.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Lee Stuber, whom she married on Valentine's Day in 1974. He died in 2020.

Memorial service for family and friends was held at Clay First Baptist Church.



GENEAL HICKS DRAKE

Geneal Hicks Drake, 99, of Belpre, Ohio, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022.

She was born on her family's farm on Little White Oak, near Chloe, the daughter of the late Carl Hicks and Kate Smith Hicks. During high school, she worked at G.C. Murphy 5 & 10 and Spencer Trucking Co., and graduated from Spencer High School. Shortly after graduation, she traveled by train to Columbus, Ohio, to marry Coy Drake, who she had met through a friend. While he was in the service, they lived in Georgia, Maryland and West Virginia. She worked and retired in Wooster, Ohio, from the Ohio Research and Development Center. She and Coy moved to Belpre to be closer to their families. She was a member of Rockland United Methodist Church.

Surviving are one step-son, Charles Drake, and one step-daughter, Virginia Barker, both of Minnesota; one nephew, Roger McKee; one niece, Roanna McKee Stump; and a host of great-nephews and great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Coy S. Drake; two sisters, Eupha Hicks McKee and husband Glendon, and Ermal Hicks May and husband Howard; and one niece, Louella May Humphrey and husband Gary.

Visitation will be held Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre, with burial in Hicks Cemetery on Little White Oak. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

I was under the impression that I was going to have a white Christmas this year--and it really happened. Of course, the white in question was a combination of light snow and frost that was exacerbated by temperatures hovering just above the zero mark down in the holler.

It was cold, darn cold, way too cold and very windy. I didn't even try to calculate wind chill figures, because the wind at our house rarely exceeded 15 miles per hour, although we heard it roaring across the ridges fast and hard for two days and nights. It was weather that was fit for neither man nor beast.

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The birds still came to the feeders, but they seemed to come in shifts. Fifteen or 20 would eat for a while and then leave to make room for the next shift to huddle around and eat sunflower seeds.

The squirrels were a different story. They would show up and become involved in a stare-down contest until one would lose focus, and then the other squirrel would immediately chase it away, for a minute or two.

Whenever the squirrels decided it was time to eat, they did so with gusto. They sat huddled in place next to a feeder and shoved seed after seed into their cheeks before scampering back across the creek and up the hill, to the large beech tree that held their big nest high up in the branches.

I am sure that they deposited sunflower seeds to eat later, in the comfort of their warm and cozy nest of leaves.

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Jeanne and I had our soapstone woodstove stuffed full of good oak and hickory wood. The dragon that sits atop the stove was filled with water to provide humidity and, by utilizing almost all of the burners on our cook stove, including the oven, we were able to keep our house more than 70 degrees warmer than it was outside.

I have been around a while, but this was the coldest Christmas that I can remember, with the possible exception of one particularly cold Christmas in the late '70s.

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In the winter of '76/77, I think, the winter was so cold that it snowed between Christmas and New Year's Day, and there was still some of that very same snow that survived until March before it got warm enough to melt. That winter saw more than a few days with temps that were below zero.

It was also the time

that my buddies and I walked from Russett to Grantsville on the frozen Little Kanawha River without having to step on the bank even once. The riffles still had some open water, but were solid ice for the most part.

We had a spudbar with us that we used to punch a hole in the ice behind Rubber Fabricators, which showed us that the ice was more than three feet thick in the slack water there.

Come March and the big thaw, there were huge ice floes floating down the river. Of course, me and my buddies all stood in the middle portion of the bridge, above the center pylon, to watch those thick, heavy ice shelves shake the whole bridge whenever they hit that center pylon.

When they hit, there was a tremendous boom/crack, much like thunder, as we saw the ice sheet rent into two big chunks of ice slipping on down the river.

One of the icebergs that we saw coming around the bend went almost all of the way across the river, and we all were wondering how that chunk of ice was going to impact the pylon, how loud would it be, and would it even damage the bridge?

I turned around to ask my buddies about their thoughts on the subject only to find that I stood alone on the bridge. Everyone else was smarter than me, and they had all beat a hasty retreat to the town side of the bridge.

I refused to run (I really didn't have time to run, the moment of truth was upon me), all that I could do was ensure that I was standing directly above the center pylon at the moment of impact.

When that humongous sheet of ice hit the bridge it shook it from end to end and sounded like dynamite going off.

I thought that we might have an ice jam forming, because the ice sheet, split as it was, would not fit between the riverbanks and it was beginning to turn on its end.

As other ice floes piled up against it, it found a way to move on down the river, making a noise like tombstones rolling around in a cement truck.

Hopefully, this winter won't turn out to be as bad as that one was.

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All in all, Jeanne and I had a very nice Christmas, alone together, as it was way too cold and icy to go anywhere.

We didn't mind not traveling and getting together for Christmas very much. We have already planned to get the family together on New Year's Day when the weather is supposed to be superb, in the '60s, with no snow or cold wind. It's nice to have two Christmases after all.

History of COVID-19--

(Continued from Page 1) 26-Feb. 1, 83; and Feb. 2-8, 99; with an average of 56 over the 11 weeks.

Area counties had added 5,305 cases.

Calhoun had only 79 cases over the next 11 weeks, hitting 1,904 from May 25-31.

It took seven weeks to hit 2,000 (July 13-19, 2,015), six weeks for 2,100 (Aug. 24-30, 2,113), and seven weeks for 2,200 (Oct. 12-18, 2,201).

The county has averaged less than six cases per week in October, November and December of this year.

Area counties averaged a combined 800 each month in 2022.

By the end of 2022, totals for area counties were as follows:

- Braxton, 4,913
- Calhoun, 2,248
- Clay, 2,669
- Gilmer, 2,519
- Ritchie, 2,960
- Roane, 4,354
- Wirt, 1,722

Phillips Run

W.Va. Division of Highways has announced the awarding of a \$760,357 contract to SMH Contracting to replace a bridge on Phillips Run.

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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SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 28
CMS boys teams host Wirt, 5:45 p.m.
CCHS boys basketball team hosts Wirt County, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29
CCHS girls basketball team plays in Ritchie County tournament, to be announced.

Friday, Dec. 30
CCHS wrestling team competes in Clay County, 10 a.m.
CCHS girls basketball team plays in Ritchie County tournament, to be announced.

Saturday, Dec. 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE.
New Year's Eve Party, covered dish, Upper West Fork Park, music, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday, January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Tuesday, January 3
Town council meets in Main St. office, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28
CCHS boys basketball team hosts Clay County, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 5
CCHS boys basketball team hosts Parkersburg Catholic, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 6
Gun/Knife Show, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 4 to 8 p.m.
CCHS girls basketball team plays at Tug Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 7
Gun/Knife Show, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Winter Wonderland Masquerade Ball, a semi-formal for CMS students (6 to 7:30 p.m.) and CCHS students (8 to 11 p.m.), Calhoun Middle/High School auditorium; sponsored by CCHS varsity cheerleaders.

Sunday, January 8
Gun/Knife Show, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This Week In History

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

1922, 100 years ago

Those who have had occasion to drive out the Arnoldsburg road lately are commenting on the wonderful improvement being made along the pavement. The steam shovel has worked from the end of the pavement to the upper end of the State Hospital Grounds and will work on into Spencer within the next 10 days.

The bank on the upper side of the road is being dug away and the earth removed is being placed along the lower edge of the paving to form a shoulder. Proper ditches are being made where necessary, and when completed, there will be at least six feet of earth on each side of the pavement. All fences and other structures are being moved back behind the 40 ft. right-of-way lines.

A great improvement is being made both from a standpoint of safety and usefulness, aside from the fact that the added shoulders and ditches will greatly increase the life of the pavement. --Spencer Reporter.

Dud Metz, an industrious farmer of Annamoriah, received very painful injuries on Thursday when a load of fodder that he was hauling to his barn upset and caught him under it. His arm was dislocated and he suffered other painful injuries. He was brought to this place and Dr. Morford rendered surgical assistance. He is now getting along very well.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elliott on Dec. 21, at their home at Keystone, a nine-pound son, which they have named Joe Craddock Elliott.

Known as the youngest man who was ever elected to the legislature in any state in the union, Marion R. Hersman, former member of the House of Delegates in West Virginia, resident of Grantsville, Calhoun County, was in the city yesterday enroute home from Ann Arbor, Mich., where he is taking a law course at University of Michigan. He will return to college after the New Year to complete his work. --Parkersburg News.

1947, 75 years ago

The position of the West Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs in aiding in the return of the war dead burial program was explained today by T.H. McGovran, director of the department. Mr. McGovran stated, "This department has gone all out to aid in this program in which the next-of-kin of West Virginia veterans are so vitally interested.

Early in the year, Mr. Sam Clark, of the Philadelphia quartermaster depot, made a tour of West Virginia, talking to next-of-kin from all over sections of the state and explaining the return of the war dead program.

Now that the program is under way, and Lt. Col. George H. Rochman has been sent to the West Virginia Military district to aid in the re-burial program, "The Department of Veterans Affairs is more than willing to cooperate in any phase of the program, necessary."

Not long ago, the Honda Knot docked in San Francisco with several hundred bodies of war dead aboard. Some of these boys were sent to West Virginia for final burial. Recently, another shipload of war dead arrived in New York City, and already many of these bodies have already been returned to their native states and to their hometowns for final interment.

After the bodies leave the arrival center, or the port of arrival in the United States, they are sent to a distributing center, which, for West Virginia, is located in Columbus, Ohio. Upon arrival in Columbus, the bodies are then dispatched to their final resting place. Each body is accompanied by a military guard of honor. While the ships are enroute, and after docking in port, accurate lists are compiled of men of all states.

These lists are made available to the heads of the various veterans organizations in West Virginia, as well as other states. The West Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs receives a copy of this master list. Breakdowns are made of this master list, and sent to the 12 area offices of the West Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs, so that the area deputy will know whose bodies are being returned to his area; and who the next-of-kin that ordered the return of the body may be.

Mr. McGovran further stated, "We have not ordered our deputies to contact, directly, the next-of-kin. This is a duty that falls on local service organizations. Our deputies, however, will assist in any way possible."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, and the AMVETS are cooperating with the return of the War Dead program, and are arranging, upon request of the next-of-kin, for military funerals. The deputy directors of the Department of Veterans Affairs have cooperated, and are continuing to cooperate in making necessary arrangements.

1972, 50 years ago

All women of Calhoun County are invited to become members of the Auxiliary of Calhoun General Hospital. A membership drive was started at the board of directors meeting held last week, with Mrs. George Lambiotte and Mrs. Lonnie Oles as co-chairmen of the membership committee.

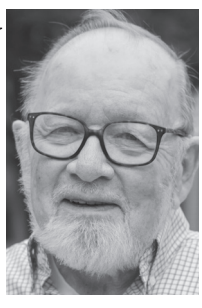
"We urge all women of the area to support their hospital by joining the auxiliary," they said, "and contribute their services as well, if they can."

Those persons who would like to do volunteer work at the hospital may help as receptionists or aides. Receptionists are on duty each evening during visiting hours, to help visitors. Aides are present at other hours to do special services in the care of patients. All volunteers are trained by their committee chairman before being assigned to duty as a volunteer.

"There is always something to do during visiting hours," says Mrs. Oles. She says that receptionists on duty in the lobby operate the card system for visitors, and assist visitors.

CURIOSITY CORNER

by Dr. Jerry D. Wilson,
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Question: I took up golf this past summer and was introduced to a bunch of new terms. Where did they get all of these golf terms, like birdie, eagle, and so on? (Asked by an anonymous new golfer teeing off in cyberspace.)

Reply: I'd rather fly with an eagle than with a birdie, or is that a double eagle or albatross? Yep, seems like there are a lot of golf terms that are for the birds.

The origins of a lot of golf terms are unknown or disputed, even the word "golf" itself. The first documented mention of the word "golf" was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1457, when King James II banned "ye golf" in an attempt to encourage archery practice, instead of hitting golf balls around. Also, there was various spellings in the literature: goff, gowf, golf, etc.

"Par" is derived from the stock exchange term meaning a stock is above or below a value. A golf writer in the late 1800s asked a couple of pros what score would win a tournament. They said the perfect play should produce a score of 49 for 12 holes. The writer called this "par" for the tournament.

How about "fore," the warning that a hit ball may be coming your way? There are several stories of its origin. "Fore" is another word for "ahead," like "fore" and "aft" on a ship. So, this meant for someone ahead to watch out before or forward, because a ball might be coming toward you. Another theory is that the term has a military origin. Back in the 18th century, when golf was beginning to catch on, the artillery in battles shot over the heads of lines of their own soldiers. The gunners when getting ready to fire would yell "beware before," or "fore."

The British Golf Museum has a book from 1881 with a reference to "fore." It is summarized that the term evolved from "forecaddie." A forecaddie was a person who accompanied golfers, going in a forward position to indicate the landing of hit balls. When a bad shot took off, the golfers would yell "fore" to alert the forecaddie to watch for the ball. (Golf balls were quite expensive in those days.)

Now, back to the birds . . . oh, wait. This article is getting a bit long, so you'll have to wait until next week. I guess I wrote a bogey. (Not a bird, but that's par for the course.)

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Success is relative: the more success, the more relatives." --Anonymous.

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

Math Field Day Results Listed

Calhoun County students participated in Math Field Day this month by taking a retired Regional Math Field Day Test.

First through third places for grades 4th-9th, and first through 10th places for the Senior High team will attend Regional Math Field Day in Parkersburg on Monday, Feb. 13. Alternates may have an opportunity to attend, if a teammate is unable to participate.

Results were as follows:

4th grade: 1st, Jacob Gumm, Pleasant Hill School; 2nd, Jayla Cadle, PHS; 3rd, Chandler Cottrell, Arnoldsburg Elementary School; 1st alternate, Audrey Johnson, PHS; 2nd alt., Jebadiah Shields, PHS; 3rd alt., Allie Frederick, PHS.

5th grade: 1st, Luke Strange-Paylor, Calhoun Middle/High School; 2nd, Chelsea Bailey, CM/HS; 3rd, Layla Parsons, CM/HS; 1st alt., Coah Hall, CM/HS; 2nd alt., Emma Frail, CM/HS; 3rd alt., Ellie Hall, CM/HS.

6th grade: 1st, Jude Walker, Little Kanawha Valley Christian School; 2nd, Brodyn Rowe, LKVCS; 3rd, Lydia Starcher, CM/HS; 1st alt., Greyson Hill, CM/HS; 2nd alt., Trinity Probasco, CM/HS; 3rd alt., Jace Lemon, CM/HS.

7th grade: 1st, Evan Burch, CM/HS; 2nd, Jasmyne Tingler, CM/HS; 3rd, Ryleigh Garrett, CM/HS; 1st alt., Hoyt Helmick, CM/HS; 2nd alt., Kian Wise, CM/HS; 3rd alt., Tucker Sampson, CM/HS.

8th grade: 1st, Raylee Cunningham, CM/HS; 2nd, Micah Allen, CM/HS; 3rd, Madison Cunningham, CM/HS; 1st alt., Landon White, CM/HS; 2nd alt., Kylee Quick, CM/HS; 3rd alt., Kadence Remele, CM/HS.

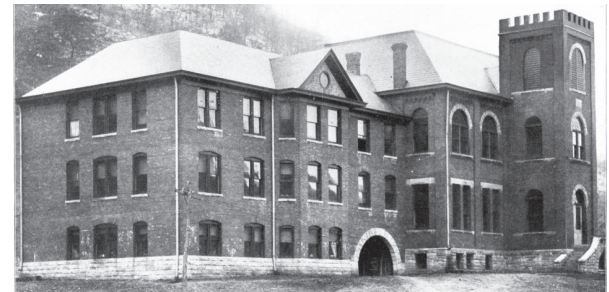
9th grade: 1st, Ashlynn Fletcher, CM/HS; 2nd, Hallie Mace, CM/HS; 3rd, Emily Basnett, CM/HS; 1st alt., Jalynn Graham, CM/HS; 2nd alt., Hannah Knicley, CM/HS; 3rd alt., Katie Dooley, CM/HS.

Team 10th-12th grades: 1, Levi Morris, CM/HS; 2, Brylee Rowe, LKVCS; 3, Mason Siwicki, CM/HS; 4, Marlee Hall, CM/HS; 5, Lee Capps, CM/HS; 6, Owen Taylor, CM/HS; 7, Whitney Nettles, CM/HS; 8, Zenna Zwill, CM/HS; 9, Kade Swearingen, CM/HS; 10, Felicity Marks, CM/HS; alternate, Jaelyn Jett, CM/HS.

Special thanks were expressed to the teachers who helped organize the event at each of their schools: Carissa Yoak at Pleasant Hill, Mary Hoskins at Arnoldsburg, and Amy Fitzwater at LKVCS; and special thanks to Kelsey Jett for organizing both CM/HS and county level events.



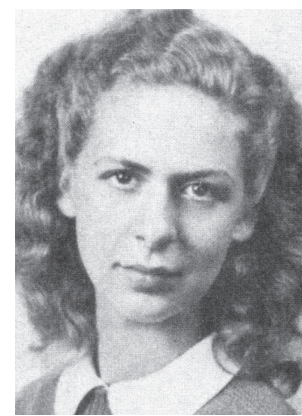
This Week In West Virginia History



Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School on Jan. 4, 1897.

The following events happened from Dec. 29-Jan. 4 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 30, 1917: The temperature in Lewisburg dropped to 37 degrees below zero. It is the coldest official temperature on record for the state.

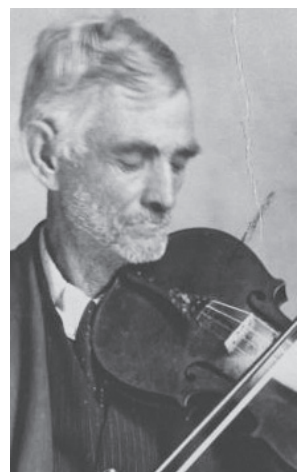


Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Ford. She grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-wing groups and became an FBI informant. She spent part of her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.

glassblower by age 15, he went on to mechanize the making of industrial glass products and launched a factory in Charleston that became the world's largest producer of window glass.

Jan. 1, 1888: In one of the most violent events of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was badly beaten.

Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine (shown below) in Upshur Co. killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.

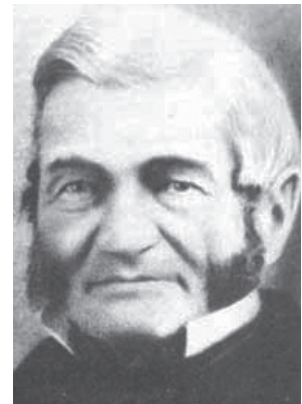


Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.

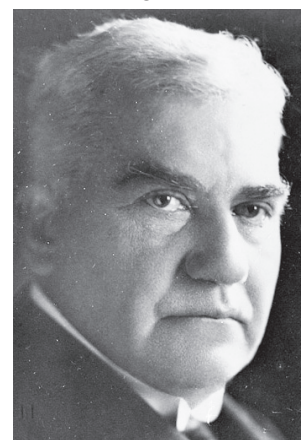
Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston (shown below) was destroyed by fire. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, had opened in 1887. A temporary wood-frame building, known as the "pasteboard capitol," was erected in just 42 days. It burned in 1927.

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School (shown above), a state institution established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into the West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

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Jan. 1, 1790: Claudius Crozet was born in France. As state engineer of Virginia, he was involved in numerous turnpike projects and made a significant contribution to the road network in western Virginia.



Jan. 1, 1859: Michael Joseph Owens was born in Pt. Pleasant. A skilled



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My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



Another Christmas has come and gone, and I am left with the feeling that time has flown by me once again. I have often wondered why time felt so different when I was a child. December seemed to go on forever, and I loved every minute of it. Of course, as a child, I had no real responsibilities, and my family had lots of traditions that made Christmas magical.

As an adult, Christmas-time can become more about all of the tasks that need to be accomplished before the 25th arrives. There are decorations to be put up, cookies to be baked, and gifts to be purchased. The house needs cleaned, groceries need purchased, and guest rooms need to be readied for company coming. On top of all that, there are events to attend and a schedule to keep.

This year, school was in session all the way up to the 22nd, and semester exams were taking place during the week before break. This meant that I was busy creating and grading these tests right up until Thursday morning. Thankfully, I had stayed on top of the rest of my schoolwork, so I could focus on grading the exams. I was able to walk out of the school on Thursday afternoon and put my schoolbag away until after the holidays.

When I watched the weather that morning before leaving for school, the weatherman said that some bad weather was heading our way, so I planned to stop at Foodland and Family Dollar on my way home to get groceries for the next few days. I had company coming for Christmas Eve and family coming in after Christmas. I decided to stop by my parents' house to see if they needed anything before I headed to the stores.

The last time that I had spoken with Mom and Dad, they had decided to stay at their house until Christmas morning. After hearing the weather forecast, especially the extremely cold temperatures and high winds, they had changed their minds. They wanted to come to my house on Thursday evening and stay through Christmas. This way, they wouldn't have to worry about icy roads, or the power going off and leaving them with no heat.

Maricia came by Mom and Dad's house while I was still there, and we quickly made a plan. She and I helped the parents pack, and then we made a grocery list. I was glad to have her along as we headed out to Foodland.

Together, we were able to quickly pick up what we would need over the next few days, and then we headed back to my house. My parents and Rascal were not far behind us. We unloaded both cars and got everything put away, and the parents settled in the green guest room.

Dad went out to fill up my bird feeders, while Maricia, Mom and I started making dinner. Rascal was busy too; he was napping in the recliner in the living room. Andy joined us after work, and we spent the evening eating, building a puzzle, and watching a movie. It was finally Christmas break, and snow was on the way. I managed to recapture a little of that childhood magic.

The weathermen were right, and the wind woke me up in the night to tell me that the storm had arrived. We woke up to an icy, snowy, freezing Friday morning. Thankfully, the power stayed on, and we stayed warm and snug as we watched it snow and lots of birds come and go to my feeders. We had nowhere to go, so we settled in for the day to rest and relax. Maricia and Andy joined us later in the day when they could get to us safely.

Christmas miracles still occur, and all of my Christmas packages arrived in time, even though I didn't order them as early as I should have. I finally had time to wrap them on Saturday morning and put them under the tree. Christmas Eve services were cancelled because of the weather, so we had nowhere to go and nothing to do. I spent some lovely hours reading on the couch, as more puzzle building took place on my new dining room table.

The weather allowed us to simply stay put and be together, which was the greatest gift of all. The hustle and bustle were over, the tasks were complete, and now we had time to just enjoy it all. We ate well, enjoyed our new gifts, and relaxed some more on Christmas Day.

More family is to arrive on Monday, so I had better finish this up; the peaceful part of Christmas is over, and the loud, festive part is about to begin.

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)

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols
Camp Russell Va
Dec. 16th., 1864

Dear Father and Mother:

I have just this evening received your letter of 7th inst, and was very glad to hear from you again; and that you were both in good health.

We are both in good health and spirits, and getting along very well. Kight's papers also came to hand this evening, and I gave them to Colonel Bukey who has sent them off to Genl Crook for his decisions. I think we can get them fixed right, but doubt if Kight will get anything more than his pay that is due on his discharge. I will write to him as soon as action is taken on his papers. You can tell him they are rec. and sent on to the General.

The P.O. stamps came all right and were very acceptable for I was almost out, rec. those sent by Taylor.

I have written to you some time since in regard to your muster out instructing you by request of Capt. Clammer, to go to Wheeling on 22nd. inst. and meet the Company there, which I presume you will receive long 'ere this reaches you. The Company will leave here next Wednesday or Thursday on their return. I have written to you about selling the farm in my other letter and will not say much in this, except if you do sell do the best you can, but don't sell except at pretty good figures.

Shall be glad when you get in the house, and fixed comfortable.

Was surprised to hear of Major S being at Wheeling. Supposed from the rumor that I heard to day he was in all probability dead by this time. Capt. Campbell, Co D, rec. a letter from his wife last evening, which stated that the Major's folks sent for Lt. Mountz to come down that he was about to die. I never expect to see him with the Regiment again.

He has had his leave extended once for 20 days and has made application for another 20 days, at the end of which, under existing circumstances he will be mustered out of the service. This is confidential of course, and you will not say anything about it. Do you know if he has been mustered in as Lt. Colonel or not? Lt. Mountz has also applied for an extension on his leave, and I am very strongly of the opinion that he will try to get out of the service, if he can.

I don't know how things may turn around but I intend to keep my eyes open, and just as soon as the aggregate of the company is below 83 (it's only 85 now) I intend to claim my muster out. I will have no trouble unless the Captain should get out soon, but I don't think he will.

I am still doing very well, but have a great deal to do. Colonel Bukey I presume will be discharged when Co C. goes out. The Quarter Master, Adjutant, and Chaplain and one of the Surgeons also at the same time. The Regiment will then be in command of the Senior Captain if Simpson should not come back.

I see in yesterdays "American" that all our paroled prisoners are exchanged up to Nov. 25th, 1864. There is nothing new in the Valley, no enemy in front that we know of.

The news to day is glorious from both "Thomas & Sherman." Thomas has whipped Hood tremendously, a salute from our artillery here, was fired today in honor of the event. "Sherman" had arrived before "Savanah" and was fighting with every prospect of success, he was in communication with "Foster". Warren's expedition to the Weldon railroad has been successful, finishing the destruction of that road. Everything looks well and I am glad of it.

I have met George Potter only once and his Regiment has gone away from the Valley, to Petersburg or Richmond again. I have just received a letter from Emma this evening, they are all well as usual, and send you both their kind regards.

I presume it must be getting rather unpleasant for mamma where she is at but before this reaches you, no doubt you will be living at home, and it will be much more pleasant for her.

I will write you a letter and send by Adolphus when he comes. You must write as often as you can. Don't know whether we will have to stay here all winter or not. The weather has been very cold, but its quite moderate now.

The men have been getting new clothes to day, and they very much needed them for some of them were almost naked and barefooted.

Perhaps I have written enough this time, and had better quit.

I expect rough sailing after Colonel Bukey leaves the Regiment for you know what heavy chaps will be to command when he's gone. The fact is there is not another officer capable, Simpson included, fit to command the Reg't, but I can get along as well as any of them.

Accept love and regards,
I am as ever your affectionate son.

M.A. Ayers

(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. 29: baked steak, brown gravy, potatoes, peas, oranges, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Dec. 30: closed

Monday, Jan. 2: closed

Tuesday, Jan. 3: cream-ed tomatoes, sausage patty, potatoes, whole wheat biscuit.

Wednesday, Jan. 4: chili with meat and beans, fruit, whole wheat cornbread.

Thursday, Jan. 5: fish,

coleslaw, peas, juice, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Jan. 6: beef vegetable soup, cheese stick, banana pudding, whole wheat crackers.

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.

Will You Succeed?

by Bryan Golden

Almost 90% of Americans will make at least one New Year's resolution.

Less than 20% will succeed in accomplishing even one.

The beginning of the year is a great time for life improving resolutions. Common resolutions include losing weight, giving up smoking, maintaining a budget, saving money, finding a better job, getting healthier, becoming more organized, and spending more time with family.

Whatever your resolutions, here are some specific strategies to help you succeed:

--First and foremost is to take the first step, which is to start. Without action, there will be no success. Action creates results. Intention alone will not work.

--Have written goals stating what you want to accomplish. If you want to lose weight, how much and by when? If you want to live within a budget, what is the amount?

If you want to continue your education, what school will you go to and which classes will you take?

--Take small but consistent steps. Habits are formed by frequent repetition over time. Change occurs by the same process.

A resolution is not all or nothing. Partial change is okay. Any progress in the desired direction, regardless of how small, is a success. Accomplishing a resolution is a process, not a one-time effort.

--Positive goals are more effective than negative ones. Rather than saying you will eat less, resolve to have a healthier diet.

Instead of spending less time at work, you can endeavor to spend more time at home. Bad habits can't just be eliminated; they have to be replaced by good ones.

--Identify potential obstacles, so they don't surprise you. If you experience a setback, don't give up. Don't blame yourself if you stumble. Failure only occurs when you stop trying.

Difficulties are an opportunity to learn. If you slide backwards, get back on track, get back in gear, and resume your progress.

--Don't keep your plans a secret. Develop a support system utilizing friends and family. Visualize how great you will feel as you succeed. Take credit for all accomplishments. It doesn't matter if your progress is slower than you would like.

--Don't try to change too many things at once or you risk becoming overwhelmed and discouraged. You can have a long list of resolutions, so long as you realize all of the items don't have to be addressed simultaneously.

Each accomplishment can be followed by another. Change can begin at any time, not just on January 1.

--Believe in yourself and your ability to change. Change can feel difficult, uncomfortable, or painful, but you can do it. Become determined to succeed.

Don't procrastinate. Although doing nothing is often an appealing alternative, it leads to frustration.

--Each day is a new opportunity to work on your resolutions. If you were successful yesterday, fantastic, keep going.

If yesterday was a disappointment, today is a new chance to make progress. Replace the word "try" with "will." Do whatever it takes to get the results you want.

(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.)

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Christmas Lights: A Judgmental Guide

by Jase Graves

One of my fondest childhood memories of Christmas in the 1970s was riding around in the family station wagon, "Bessie," to look at Christmas lights, while I whined to my parents about needing a snack --again.

There was something magical about a familiar evening landscape transformed to a radiant wonderland at the expense of someone's lumbar spine.

My dad always made sure that our house was exemplary in its presentation of illuminated holiday décor, and even now, his legendary displays make my own attempts look like those of an unsupervised toddler with a Lite-Brite toy.

Little did I know as a child exactly how much work goes into producing a respectable home display that delights passersby and annoys the neighbors.

Now that I'm an adult (sort of), I take pride in climbing on the roof and crawling around the yard for the sake of an electrified Christmas spectacle that makes me feel like I've sprained everything except my belly button.

Maybe because of the intense effort that I put into my own residential Christmas lights, I've become a bit of a snob when evaluating those of others--to the point that I've come up with the following categories:

The Griswold

This is the type of display for which I strive each year. It includes every string of lights that can be scrounged up from the attic--along with a cartload purchased as soon as Walmart replaces the Brach's Mellowcreme Pumpkins with Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes in late October.

This is the kind of overwhelming display that might cause acute retinal damage with prolonged exposure. It's truly a sight to behold--if you dare.

The My-Wife-Made Me-Do-It

This display (if you can call it that) is clearly installed under duress--and probably during the commercial breaks of a Dallas Cowboys football game.

The jumbled lights look as if they've been strung by someone being attacked by hornets, and they include the absolute minimum--maybe one string of bulbs and a mildewed inflatable Nutcracker sagging toward the storm drain. It's better than nothing--but just barely.

The Cheater

It's obvious that someone paid big bucks to have professionals do all the work on this geometrically-precise display, with meticulous ridge line coverage.

It's beautiful, no doubt, even bordering on the Griswold, but I say that if you aren't in a bad mood and in need of prescription painkillers when you're done, it doesn't count.

The Grinch

This is the house without so much as a plastic baby Jesus glowing on the porch, a single cheap light-up deer in the yard, or even a wreath of dilapidated pine cones on the front door. It's almost ostentatiously dark and gloomy.

When I see these houses during the holidays, I often catch myself mumbling something like, "How can they not put out a single decoration? Are they out of Tylenol?"

My wife inevitably replies, "Maybe they can't afford decorations. They could be ill or elderly, or maybe they don't celebrate Christmas."

Then, I feel like The Grinch, Scrooge, The Abominable Snow Monster, Heat Miser, Mr. Potter, Frank Shirley and Scut Farkus all rolled into one insensitive naughty-list doofus.

It's at those times that I need a good lecture from Linus in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Sure, Snoopy has the best lights, but Linus knows what Christmas is all about.

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College News

Glenville State

Nine students have completed their student teaching internships for Glenville State University during the Fall 2022 semester, including Raven Friend of Exchange.

Friend completed her student teaching in elementary education (K-6) and multi-categorical special education (K-6) at Flatwoods Elementary School, with Danielle Berry, and at Pleasant Hill School as the clinical teacher of record. Dr. Gerda Kumpiene was her GSU supervisor. She is the daughter of Rodney and Angela Friend of Exchange.

For information about the Teacher Education Program at Glenville State, call 462-4119.

Fairmont State

Fairmont State University has released the President's List and the Dean's List to recognize high-achieving students for academic distinction in the fall 2022 semester.

Full-time students who earned a 3.4 or better grade point average are named to the Dean's List. Full-time students achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA are named to the President's List.

President's List includes Chase Blair and Alexander Petrovsky.

Dean's List includes Alexis Petrovsky.

2022-23 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

All matches away, except Jan. 28

December	
30 Clay Co.	11:00
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
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.	

Masquerade

Calhoun County High School varsity cheerleaders will sponsor Winter Wonderland Masquerade Ball, a semi-formal, on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Middle school students will attend from 6 to 7:30 p.m. High school students will attend from 8 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$7 single and \$10 couple. D.J. will be John Frail. All school rules and dress codes must be followed.

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RC&D Grant Application Deadline Is Jan. 1

Mini-grant applications are being accepted until Jan. 1 for land and water projects in the Little Kanawha Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) service area, which includes Calhoun County.

Projects that may be eligible include Land Conservation, Land Management, and Water Management.

Some of the projects considered include storm-water control, drainage projects, trails, recycling efforts, high tunnels, greenhouses, gardens, and areas that may benefit from sometimes unique and often necessary or critically needed conservation practices.

Applicants may request up to \$2,000 in mini-grant funding to help kick start a project, give it a boost, or help see it to completion with the funding.

In the event that additional funds become available, those applying may request additional funds.

Applications will be reviewed in late February by the RC&D council and will then be forwarded for approval by the West Virginia Conservation Agency.

For information or to request an application, email info@lkrcd.com or dnralen@zoominternet.net or call 679-3639.

Little Kanawha RC&D main office is located in Administration Building at Mountwood Park, 1014 Volcano Road, Waverly.

RC&D program Project Sharing is located at 2309 Gihon Road, Parkersburg.

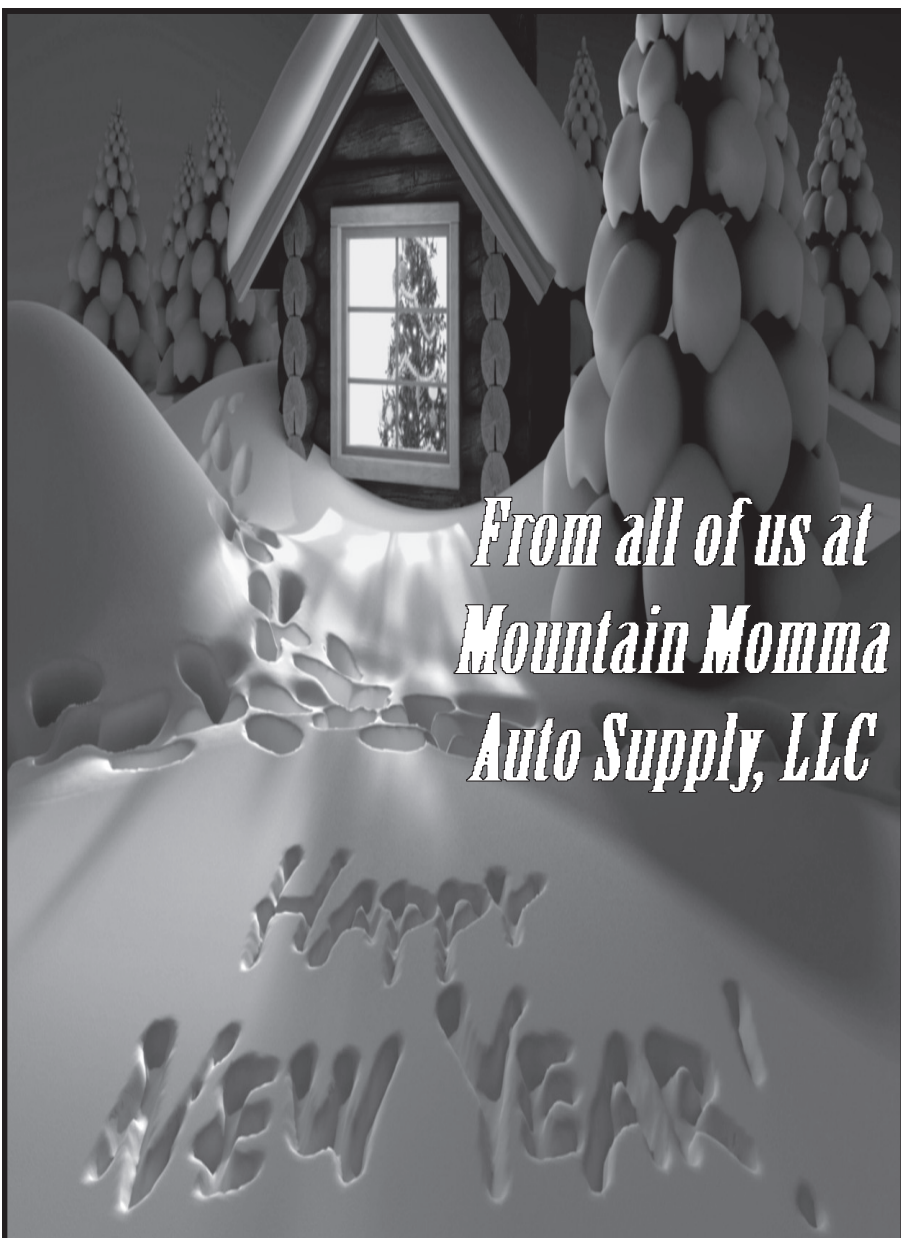
Calhoun Middle/High School Sports Schedules & Results

2022-23 CCHS Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule	
December	
8 23 So. Harr. 72	L
9 42 Webster 76	L
13 38 Doddridge 73	L
20 34 Gilmer 50	L
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 A 46 Walton 34	W
16 A 47 Richwood 23 ..	W
17 A 43 Braxton 54	L
19 A 52 Geary 24	W
20 Clay	A
28 Wirt	5:45 H
January	
10 Geary	7:30 H
11 Spencer	A
16 Wirt	A
20 Ravenswood	H
23 Spencer	H
26 Walton	A
30 Clay	H
31 Ravenswood	A
February	
7 George Washington ...	A
9 Gilmer	H
20 C WVAC	TBA

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 44 Gilmer 54	L
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.	

JV Results	
December	
14 17 Gilmer 70	L
2022-23 Calhoun Middle School Girls Basketball Schedule	
Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted	
December	
No results	
1 Ritchie	A
5 George Washington ...	A
7 Gilmer	A
12 Braxton	H
13 Ravenswood	A
19 Geary	A
21 Clay	H
22 Braxton	A
January	
3 Gilmer	H
5 Ravenswood	H
10 Geary	H
11 Spencer	H
18 Ritchie	H
23 Spencer	A
31 Clay	A



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Calhoun Realty Team welcomes our newest team members...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**

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



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Unfortunately, for many this time of the year only adds to the burden of trying to make ends meet in this difficult economy. Many of us like to make charitable contributions this time of year to benefit the less fortunate.

Should you be so inclined, I would like you to consider a contribution to the Dollar Energy Fund, a non-profit organization founded in 1983 in Pennsylvania to provide assistance to those struggling to afford their gas, water and electric bills.

In 2008, the fund expanded its services and established the West Virginia Utility Assistance Program to provide comprehensive utility assistance to low-income West Virginians.

Dollar Energy assists limited-income customers. Eligible customers receive a one-time grant applied directly to their utility bill. The program is a fund of last resort, as it goes above and beyond what is available through federal, state and other programs by providing grants to qualified customers on a first come, first serve basis, while funding is available.

Participating utility companies include Appalachian and Wheeling Power companies, Hope Gas, MonPower, Potomac Edison, Mountaineer Gas, Peoples Gas Co., and W.Va. American Water.

Over the last 15 years, the program has provided \$30 million in utility assistance to more than 95,000 West Virginia households. The need for utility assistance continues to grow.

According to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association, the average household will pay about 17% more this winter to heat their property. Currently, more than 20 million families are behind on their utility bills and 20% of U.S. households have missed or made a late payment on their utility bill in the last month.

The efforts of Dollar Energy would not be possible without individual donations. Those wishing to make a donation can do so by adding a dollar or more to their monthly utility payment by checking the box on your bill, visiting www.dollarenergy.org/donate and submitting a donation online via credit card, or mailing a gift to P.O. Box 42329, Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

All donations receive a dollar-for-dollar match by Dollar Energy Fund's utility partners, doubling the impact of each contribution. All donations coming from West Virginians are used to provide utility assistance grants for West Virginians.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful and warm holiday season.

Hiring Bonus

Following Gov. Jim Justice's announcement of a new leadership team to help address challenges facing West Virginia Dept. of Health and Human Resources, the team has announced its initial plans and actions.

Twenty-six counties, including Calhoun, are eligible for a \$2,500 sign-on bonus for the positions of CPS worker, CPS worker trainee, and Social Service worker 3 (youth services), which requires a one-year employment commitment.

Individuals seeking to apply for one of these positions may do so by visiting dhr.wv.gov and clicking on the Employment tab at the top of the page.

Justice also issued an executive order that allows individuals who have retired from DHHR to come back on a limited basis, while still drawing their full retirement.

DHHR plans to immediately begin recruiting a future workforce by coordinating with and reaching out to:

High school programs, Mountaineer Challenge Academy, W.Va. Dept. of Education's Technical and Adult Education division, W.Va. Community & Technical College system, college-level health sciences students, and the Jobs & Hope West Virginia program.

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Tariff Form No. 8
(Tariff Rule 10.1 .a et seq.)
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES
WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. ("Hope Gas" or the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, revised tariff sheets containing new terms and conditions for furnishing gas service to approximately 112,000 customers within its service territories in Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia.

Hope Gas is proposing to make changes to its tariff to accommodate unconventional gas producers who desire to interconnect with Hope Gas's distribution and gathering pipelines. Hope Gas will need to blend gas from the unconventional gas producers to meet tariff specifications prior to delivery of the gas to customers. Unconventional gas is becoming more prevalent as a source of supply, and the Company needs to modify its tariff to accommodate additional sources of supply. Hope Gas will recover all costs to interconnect from the unconventional producers and charge them for gas blending and operation of the interconnect.

The Company provides resale service to the following customers: Standard Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Company, Southern Public Service Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville), and Peoples Gas WV LLC.

The Company's proposed changes to its tariff will not impact its current rates and charges for natural gas service.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to January 12, 2023 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide information requested concerning it, is available to customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Company: Jo Carol Farmer, SVP, Rates and Regulatory Relations, 48 Columbia Boulevard, Clarksburg, WV 26330.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Upper West Fork

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

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

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Party (covered dish finger foods), Mark IV performs, 8:00 to 12:00.

Jan. 7, Ruff Cut.

Jan. 14, Mark IV.

Jan. 21, Frank Conn and Partners.

Jan. 28, Dixie Highway.

New at Calhoun County Library

The Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Juvenile Fiction: Talli: Daughter of the Moon, by Sihachakr; The Hope of Elephants, by Amanda Rawson Hill; The Real Deal, by Lindsey Stoddard; Leech, by Hiron Ennes; NoodleHeads Take it Easy, by Tedd Arnold; Ways to Share Joy, by Renee Watson; Diper Overlode, by Jeff Kinney; The Restless Dark, by Erica Waters; Drop Dead Gorgeous, by R.L. Stine.

Juvenile Non-Fiction: National Geographic Kids: Sharks!; National Geographic Kids: Adorable Animals; Detector Dogs, Dynamite Dolphins, and More Animals with Super Sensory Powers; My Name Is Jason. Mine Too, by Reynolds & Griffin; Ready for Spaghetti: Funny Poems for Funny Kids.

Christmas: All I Want for Christmas, by Maggie Knox; The Donkey's Song, by Jacki Kellum; A Christmas Memory, by Richard Paul Evans.

JUUL Settlement Includes Calhoun Board of Education

Charleston attorney Charles R. "Rusty" Webb of Webb Law Centre, PLLC, has announced a national settlement of JUUL litigation for 1.7 billion for the nation's boards of education, including Calhoun and at least 18 other West Virginia boards.

Juul Labs has agreed to pay \$1.7 billion to settle more than 5,000 lawsuits by school districts, local governments and individuals who claimed that its e-cigarettes were more addictive than advertised, according to people with knowledge of the deal. While "full terms of

the settlement . . . have not been disclosed," the company "has repeatedly denied targeting minors and has not admitted wrongdoing in reaching other agreements with plaintiffs."

The company "continues to sell its products in the U.S. while awaiting a decision by the Food and Drug Administration. The deal aims to resolve all personal-injury, class-action and school-district claims against Juul gathered before a judge in California.

On Oct. 2, 2019, the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation issued an order under 28

U.S.C. §1407 transferring cases to the Northern District of California for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings before Judge William H. Orrick.

The actions in the MDL involve allegations that Juul Labs, Inc., has marketed its JUUL nicotine delivery products in a manner designed to attract minors, that JLI's marketing misrepresents or omits that JUUL products are more potent and addictive than cigarettes, that JUUL products are defective and unreasonably dangerous due to their attractiveness to minors, and that JLI promotes nicotine addiction.

The actions include putative class actions, actions on behalf of school districts and other governmental entities, and individual personal injury cases.

JUUL rocketed to the top of the U.S. vaping market five years ago on the popularity of flavors

like mango, mint, and creme brulee. The San Francisco company's rise was fueled by use among teenagers, some of whom became hooked on Juul's high-nicotine pods.

The backlash against teen vaping triggered a series of government actions that have forced the company into retreat. Since 2019, Juul has dropped all U.S. advertising and discontinued most of its flavors.

In September, the company agreed to pay nearly \$440 million to settle a two-year investigation by 33 states into the marketing of its high-nicotine vaping products.

The amount that each governmental entity receives will be based on a final allocation framework recommended by the court-appointed special master.

The allocation framework will include factors such as population and litigation risk, among other considerations.

Timing of the first

payment to each settling entity is currently unknown, because certain conditions must be met prior to the settlement

becoming effective. One of those conditions is federal court approval of the consumer class action settlement with Juul.

Spay/Neuter

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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. Positive	Daily
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3	11.3
2021						
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638~	5.8	3.9	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409>	2,821^	5.7	3.7	3.7
DHHR stopped updating on weekends and holidays.						
May 24	160,354	2,724,689	2,775	5.6	5.7	5.7
June 30	164,041	2,844,286	2,891	5.5	1.5	1.5
July 30	167,016	2,953,133	2,946	5.4	6.4	6.4
Aug. 31	189,690	3,203,536	3,084	5.6	9.5	9.5
Sept. 30	240,459	3,623,522	3,670	6.2	10.6	10.6
Oct. 29	270,984	3,957,070	4,426	6.4	10.8	10.8
Nov. 30	294,794	4,235,663	4,868^	6.5	9.1	9.1
Dec. 30	328,162	4,537,412	5,336	6.7	19.3	19.3
2022						
Jan. 31	446,771	4,959,152	5,763	8.3	21.6	21.6
Feb. 28	490,111	5,221,878	6,317	8.6	8.3	8.3
Mar. 31	497,769	5,422,855	6,831	8.4	1.2	1.2
Apr. 29	501,204	5,545,521	6,856	8.3	5.0	5.0
May 31	515,925	5,695,003	6,948	8.3	11.7	11.7
June 30	532,503	5,857,108	7,064	8.3	6.6	6.6
July 29	555,107	5,999,712	7,156	8.5	9.0	9.0
Aug. 31	582,666	6,168,504	7,286	8.6	9.3	9.3
Sept. 30	600,558	6,297,974	7,416	8.7	5.3	5.3
Oct. 31	608,104	6,386,972	7,522	8.7	5.7	5.7
Nov. 1	608,341	6,389,683	7,530	8.7	5.6	5.6
Nov. 2	608,652	6,393,967	7,534	8.7	5.0	5.0
Nov. 3	608,965	6,398,184	7,534	8.7	5.2	5.2
Nov. 4	609,356	6,402,245	7,534	8.7	5.4	5.4
Nov. 7	609,944	6,410,450	7,536	8.7	4.2	4.2
Nov. 8	State holiday. No report.					
Nov. 9	610,432	6,416,906	7,538	8.7	4.6	4.6
Nov. 10	610,675	6,420,276	7,538	8.7	4.5	4.5
Nov. 14	611,358	6,431,030	7,557	8.7	4.5	4.5
Nov. 15	611,586	6,433,631	7,557	8.7	5.6	5.6
Nov. 16	611,813	6,437,325	7,557	8.7	4.5	4.5
Nov. 17	612,047	6,440,585	7,569	8.7	5.1	5.1
Nov. 18	612,262	6,443,808	7,581	8.7	4.6	4.6
Nov. 21	612,710	6,451,247	7,787	8.7	5.1	5.1
Nov. 22	612,916	6,453,788	7,590	8.7	4.9	4.9
Nov. 23	613,165	6,455,890	7,594	8.7	7.3	7.3
Nov. 28	614,030	6,469,221	7,594	8.7	8.5	8.5
Nov. 29	614,319	6,472,249	7,605	8.7	6.1	6.1
Nov. 30	614,646	6,476,327	7,611	8.7	5.4	5.4
Dec. 1	615,040	6,480,044	7,618	8.7	6.3	6.3
Dec. 2	615,332	6,483,165	7,627	8.7	6.1	6.1
Dec. 5	615,922	6,490,167	7,627	8.7	6.2	6.2
Dec. 6	616,175	6,492,205	7,631	8.7	7.7	7.7
Dec. 7	616,506	6,495,715	7,636	8.7	5.8	5.8
Dec. 8	616,804	6,498,951	7,636	8.7	6.1	6.1
Dec. 9	617,094	6,503,409	7,638	8.7	3.9	3.9
Dec. 12	617,812	6,510,032	7,646	8.7	6.5	6.5
Dec. 13	618,099	6,512,151	7,649	8.7	8.3	8.3
Dec. 14	618,480	6,515,551	7,649	8.7	6.8	6.8
Dec. 15	618,893	6,518,661	7,657	8.7	8.4	8.4
Dec. 16	619,323	6,521,618	7,661	8.7	8.0	8.0
Dec. 19	620,243	6,527,737	7,661	8.7	8.8	8.8
Dec. 20	620,606	6,529,796	7,661	8.7	10.4	10.4
Dec. 21	621,117	6,533,137	7,661	8.7	8.8	8.8
Dec. 22	621,614	6,534,646	7,661	8.7	18.9	18.9
Dec. 27	623,080	6,545,131	7,661	8.7	10.5	10.5

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

As of Sept. 20, 2021, total cases by county are not listed by DHHR. Each county must be totaled separately; therefore, the following numbers are as of Monday, instead of the usual Tuesday total:

Cases by county (case confirmed by lab test/probable case): Barbour (5,837), Berkeley (43,836), Boone (8,421), Braxton (4,913), Brooke (6,200), Cabell (33,138), Calhoun (2,248), Clay (2,669), Doddridge (2,469), Fayette (16,275), Gilmer (2,519), Grant (4,658), Greenbrier (12,438), Hampshire (7,134), Hancock (8,192), Hardy (5,536), Harrison (25,302), Jackson (8,546), Jefferson (17,844), Kanawha (57,761), Lewis (6,818), Lincoln (6,987), Logan (12,492), Marion (19,642), Marshall (11,009), Mason (8,634), McDowell (7,186), Mercer (22,525), Mineral (9,975), Mingo (9,682), Monongalia (30,601), Monroe (5,579), Morgan (5,081), Nicholas (9,154), Ohio (13,627), Pendleton (2,295), Pleasants (2,478), Pocahontas (2,505), Preston (10,839), Putnam (20,398), Raleigh (29,365), Randolph (11,779), Ritchie (2,960), Roane (4,354), Summers (3,614), Taylor (5,743), Tucker (2,336), Tyler (2,661), Upshur (8,730), Wayne (11,465), Webster (2,766), Wetzel (5,354), Wirt (1,722), Wood (27,468), Wyoming (9,320).

Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster, last counties to hit 100 positive cases. Dec. 10, 2020; Calhoun last county to 200 cases, Jan. 23, 2021; last to 300, May 6; last to 400, July 22; last to 500, Sept. 1; last to 600, Sept. 6; last to 700, Sept. 13; last to 800, Sept. 27; last to 900, Oct. 21; 54th to 1,000, Nov. 13; 1,100, Dec. 7; 1,200, Dec. 23; 1,300, Jan. 11, 2022; 1,400, Jan. 19; 1,500, Jan. 25; 1,600, Feb. 2; 1,700, Feb. 10; 1,800, Mar. 3; 1,900, May 26; 2,000, July 13; 2,100, Aug. 25; 2,200, Oct. 14. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second, Sept. 15, 2021,

woman, 73; third, Sept. 29, man, 79; fourth, Sept. 30, man, 73; fifth, Nov. 1, woman, 73; sixth, Nov. 23, woman, 86; seventh, Dec. 1, female, 56; eighth, Dec. 6, female, 92; ninth Dec. 7, male, 93; 10th, Jan. 21, 2022, female, 80; 11th, Feb. 9, female, 50; 12th, Feb. 24, female, 71; 13th, Mar. 2, male, 40; 14th, Apr. 21, female, 82; 15th, May 3, female, 86.

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

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
Nv. 17	100,054,794	1,101,370	641,708,805	6,620,774
Nv. 18	100,108,704	1,101,843	642,117,528	6,622,212
Nv. 19	100,156,325	1,102,439	642,794,281	6,625,286
Nv. 20	100,162,519	1,102,505	643,020,311	6,625,837
Nv. 21	100,209,101	1,102,668	643,215,399	6,626,455
Nv. 22	100,251,354	1,102,915	643,615,416	6,628,060
Nv. 23	100,279,698	1,103,355	644,117,458	6,629,552
Nv. 24	100,382,913	1,104,229	644,642,684	6,631,794
Nv. 25	100,431,052	1,104,661	645,054,483	6,633,125
Nv. 26	100,458,989	1,104,751	645,878,233	6,635,774
Nv. 27	100,462,144	1,104,754	646,116,052	6,636,159
Nv. 28	100,465,087	1,104,755	646,282,424	6,636,723
Nv. 29	100,507,928	1,104,879	646,694,537	6,638,042
Nv. 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	1,109,3		

Former State Supreme Court Justice-- ACA Open Enrollment

(Continued from Page 1) of statewide community programs and publications based on the life and work of J.R. Clifford (1848-1933), West Virginia's first African American lawyer.

He retired from the Supreme Court at the end of 2008, but continued working as a senior status judge by appointment. He also served as an adjunct lecturer at WVU College of Law until 2020, teaching pre-trial litigation and trial advocacy, and he advised the Lugar Trial Association.

"He was beloved by his students," said Charles DiSalvo, Woodrow A. Potesta Professor of Law at WVU.

Starcher held all offices in the W.Va. Judicial Association, including president in 1992-93. He was a regular instructor at judicial conferences and was honored by civic and community groups, including NAACP, Jaycees, and Trial Lawyers.

In 1978, he was a Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities at Harvard University.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rebecca Wiles, and three children, Mollianne, Victor and Amy. Molli is a graduate of WVU College of Law, Victor the WVU School of Medicine, and Amy the WVU Master of Public Administration program.

"I got to know Justice Starcher as a faculty member at the College of Law, where he generously shared his real-world courtroom experience with his trial advocacy students," said Justice Beth Walker.

"His students, including my husband, benefited from his vast experience and good humor in the classroom. Mike and I extend our sincere condolences to Justice Starcher's family."

"Justice Starcher rose from humble beginnings to serve in a wide variety of roles within West

Virginia's legal community and judiciary," said Justice Tim Armstead.

"He concluded his long and distinguished career by sharing his experiences with countless students. I express my sympathy to his family and friends at this difficult time."

"Throughout his 32 years of service as a judge or Supreme Court justice, Larry Starcher's idealism was a model for West Virginia lawyers and his fellow judges," said Justice William R. "Bill" Wooton.

"Justice Starcher was a passionate advocate for everyone who needed a helping hand: children, the poor, victims of discrimination, the mentally challenged, those addicted to alcohol or drugs, and victims of physical, sexual and/or mental abuse.

"He was a strong believer that anyone facing criminal charges deserved a fair trial. On a personal level, he was an exemplary husband, father, and grandfather, and he was a dear friend and mentor of mine for over 50 years.

"Larry Starcher left an indelible mark on the legal history of West Virginia."

Justice C. Haley Bunn said, "Justice Starcher was a dynamic law professor who truly cared about his students and the WVU College of Law. He will truly be missed by generations of West Virginia attorneys."

"I am so saddened to learn of Justice Larry Starcher's death. He was my good friend for more than 50 years," said former Justice Margaret Workman.

"As an undergraduate student at WVU, I volunteered in his first Monongalia County campaign and later served as his colleague on both the circuit court and the Supreme Court.

"I have never known a person with greater compassion for poor people, working people, and minorities. Larry will always be remembered as

a passionate voice for the voiceless. My thoughts and prayers are with Becky and all of their family."

"Larry Starcher, judge of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County, was an outstanding jurist and

champion for the people of Monongalia County and the State of West Virginia," said Monongalia Circuit Judge Phillip D. Gaujot.

"May he rest in peace and his memory be a blessing to all who knew him."

SMART529 Essay Deadline, Feb. 24

State Treasurer Riley Moore has kicked-off the statewide 2023 SMART 529's "When I Grow Up" student and teacher essay contest.

The annual essay contest gives students around the state a chance to win up to \$5,000 in SMART529 savings for higher education. Teachers have an opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize.

"It's critical for children to start thinking about their future careers as early as possible," said Moore.

"The annual SMART 529 When I Grow Up essay contest gives students an opportunity to explore potential job pathways and understand how they can achieve their dreams through post-secondary education, whether that is attending college or a trade school."

In its 16th year, the essay contest gives kindergarten through fifth-grade students a chance to win both SMART529 savings for higher education and cash prizes for their schools.

Essay entries will be judged among five regions in three age groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), making for a total of 15 regional winners.

The 15 winners will be awarded \$500 invested into SMART529 college savings accounts.

Out of the regional winners, one grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a total of \$5,000 in SMART529 scholarship money during an awards ceremony next fall at the state Culture

ACA Open Enrollment

The Affordable Care Act's annual open enrollment period began in November.

Last year, a record number of people enrolled in healthcare coverage through the marketplace.

In West Virginia, more than nine in 10 people who got their insurance on the marketplace were eligible for a monthly subsidy that helps them pay for the plan they selected. New rules for this year's enrollment have strengthened the program so that thousands of families will likely qualify to get coverage as well.

Open enrollment will run until Sunday, Jan. 15. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services released a record amount of grant funding to organizations that provide free help to consumers requiring health coverage enrollment assistance.

First Choice Services was awarded \$1,050,000 to continue and expand its West Virginia Navigator program, which provides free assistance to people finding and selecting health care options through the marketplace, Medicaid, and CHIP. It can assist with enrollment applications and help consumers apply for financial assistance through HealthCare.gov.

W.Va. Navigator can assist people over the phone or in its offices in Charleston, Martinsburg, Fairmont, and Huntington. In addition, enrollment events will be held around the state, so that people can walk in and receive assistance without an appointment.

"Most people will be able to qualify for substantially lower costs this year, if they get their insurance on the marketplace," said Jeremy Smith, program director for Navigator.

"We are really urging people to look at the new plans and prices that are being released this year. In a lot of cases, the plans are more affordable than we have ever seen. Even if you have looked into insurance on the marketplace in past years, and were not very happy, you should definitely look into it again this year."

Smith said that getting help signing up is important, as many people are overwhelmed by the options or may not realize how to shop for affordable health coverage.

New rules will expand eligibility to those who had previously been blocked from getting the coverage because they had an unaffordable offer of insurance through an employer.

Open enrollment will end Jan. 15. For free assistance, W.Va. Navigator program is available by phoning 356-5834 or at www.ACANavigator.com.

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association

Contact Information

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association is in need of updated contact information to keep all alumni up-to-date on current events. Return the following information to CCHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11, Grantsville, WV 26147, or email to nikkiboatright@gmail.com.

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Churches are listed alphabetically

KEEPING THE FAITH IN CALHOUN COUNTY

Stoney Point New Hope Church

Altizer Road
Pastor: Garry Bowen
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Sycamore Baptist Church

Mt. Zion - 655-7207
Pastor: Kenneth Gene Satterfield
Sun.: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6 p.m.

Victory Baptist Church

2037 South Calhoun Hwy.
Grantsville - 354-7780
Pastor: Steven Carter
Sun.: Sun. School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth/Family Ministry

Walnut Grove Community Church

Barnes Run
Pastor: Rev. Clark Samples
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Thur: 7 p.m.

Walnut Memorial Church

Chloe
Pastor: Lester Tanner
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

Walker U.M.C.

Chloe
Pastor: Tim Hickman
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Albert's Chapel U.M.C.
Sand Ridge - 354-6217
Pastor: David Weaver
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11:15 p.m.

Arnoldsburg Community Church

Arnoldsburg
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

Beech U.M.C.

Arnoldsburg - 354-6277
Pastor: Rick Metheny
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Thurs.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Beech Valley U.M.C.

Big Springs
Pastor: Rick Metheny
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday

Bethlehem Baptist Church

East of Grantsville - 354-7519
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.

Brooksville Baptist Church

Big Bend - 354-6967
Pastor: Matt Sanders
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Chapel Baptist Church

Nobe - 354-6747
Interim Pastor: Harold Francis
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.
Dinner - 4th Sunday 6 p.m.

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church

White Pine Rd - Latonia
Pastor: Vane Bush
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

Community Baptist Church

Grantsville
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 p.m.

Cornerstone Praise & Worship

527 Highland St., Grantsville
Pastor: Kevin Church
Sun.: Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6 p.m.

Cremo Community Church

Rowels Run - 354-7394
Sunday 10 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

Enon Baptist Church

Grantsville
Pastor: John Vannoy
Sun.: Worship 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.

Fairview Freewill Memorial Church

1182 Lower Nicut Rd., Chloe
Pastor: Tom Law - 354-6685
Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

High St., Grantsville - 354-7574
Pastor: Ron Chesser
Sun: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Freedom Baptist Church

Big Springs on Rt. 16
Campus Pastor: Steve Boggs
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Afternoon Service 1 p.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse

Big Bend
Pastor: Mike Doherty
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wed: Worship 7 p.m.

Hur Community Church

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Knotts Memorial U.M.C.

Grantsville
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.
Thurs. Small Groups 6 p.m.
A Believers Led Church

Leatherbark Community Church

Leatherbark
Pastor: Phil Lawrence
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Louisa Chapel U.M.C.

Arnoldsburg - 655-8245
Pastor: Shelly Mace
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Milo Church

Milo
Pastor: John Meadows
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday
7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday

Minnora U.M.C.

Minnora
Pastor: Tim Hickman
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Mt. Zion U.M.C.

Mt. Zion
Pastor: David Weaver
Sun.: Sunday School 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

Mud Fork Church

Stinson - 655-7509
Pastor: John Fowler
Sun.: Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

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State To Digitize Vehicle Titles, Process Acquiring Vehicle Registrations

Gov. Jim Justice has announced that in the first quarter of 2023, West Virginia will become the first state in the country to digitize vehicle titles and the process to acquire vehicle registrations.

West Virginia's current services will be expanded to facilitate a fully digital process, enabling on-line, mobile, and contactless services for vehicle retailers, lenders, insurance carriers, and West Virginians through the DMV's online portal.

West Virginians will be able to access and keep their vehicle title online or on their smartphone, much like an airline boarding pass.

The portal will allow West Virginians to conduct all title and registration related transactions remotely, a first in the U.S. This will all be accomplished using a solution provided by NIC West Virginia and Champ Titles, Inc.

"Improving West Virginian's experience at the DMV has been a priority of mine throughout my administration," said Justice.

"I am proud of the services that our DMV has developed during my tenure and really excited to adopt a digital solution like this, one that really revolutionizes the process of vehicle titling for West Virginians.

"It is more secure, much faster, good for the environment, and it puts our citizens first, getting them out of line at the DMV. Once again, we have demonstrated that our state is a first mover, at the forefront of technology, and the result is wildly improved efficiency for our citizens and our state."

To reshape how stakeholders interact in the process, NIC and Champ Titles are changing the way that vehicle titles are created, managed, and transferred in the State.

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.

Existing, tried and true DMV services, used by citizens, dealers, and businesses, are being enhanced to work with a completely modernized management system, the Champ Titles Digital Title and Registration Suite (DTRS).

DTRS is a comprehensive vehicle title administration solution to manage titles, registrations, liens, and dealer licensing.

"We are proud to be the first state to allow this transformational technology to be a reality for all members of our community," said Everett Frazier, commissioner of West Virginia's Division of Motor Vehicles.

"We believe that fully digital vehicle titling will offer significant benefits for our auto dealers, lenders, insurance companies, all of their service providers, and most importantly, our citizens."

Among the benefits, it is estimated that the DMV's new process will reduce the number of pieces of paper currently used by 4,000,000 per year, the days vehicles sit in salvage yards waiting on titles by 1,000,000, and significantly reduce the time that West Virginians need to spend in DMV offices processing title and registration related transactions.

Information regarding changes that are coming, and what citizens can expect, will be shared through press releases and on the DMV website.

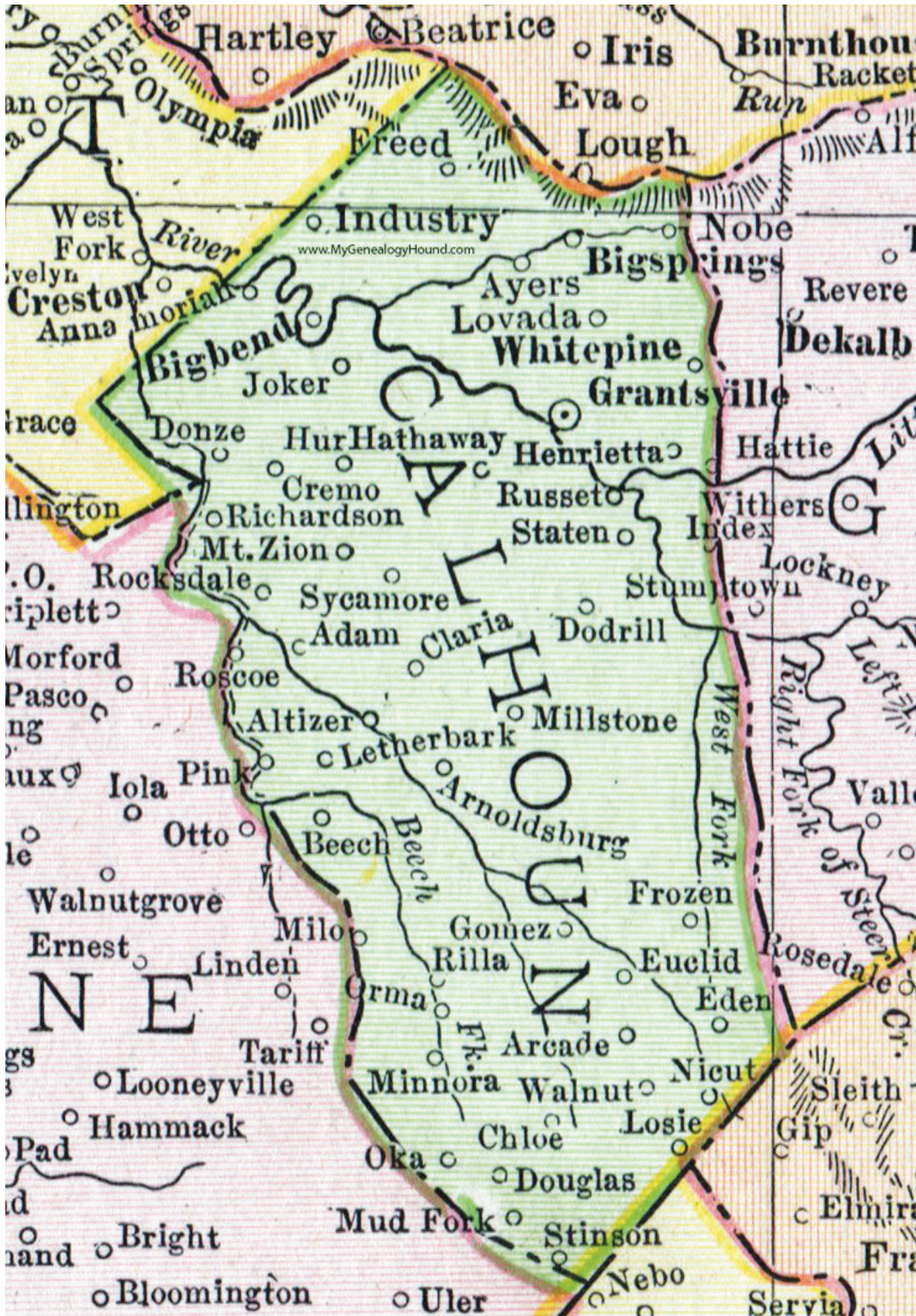
Morrissey Warns of PACT Act Scams

W.Va. Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is urging veterans to be on the lookout for potential scams targeting those who are eligible for benefits under the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

The PACT Act expands health care and benefits to an estimated five million veterans exposed to toxins, such as Agent Orange or burn pits during the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras. U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs indicated the target of the scams usually are older veterans.

"These scammers are stooping to a new low by focusing their schemes on our veterans, our men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country," said Morrissey. "These fraudsters will stop at nothing to earn a buck, and my office will not leave any stones unturned to go after these criminals. Those who defraud veterans must be held accountable to the full extent of the law."

The scams being re-



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ported by the VA include phishing (email), vishing (phone) and social media--scammers use these methods to contact veterans and claim to be representing the VA.

The scam would then shift to offers of rapidly facilitating the extra benefits for a fee. There are also reported instances of identity theft, as a result of the fraudulent contacts.

The VA offers these tips:

- Do not provide personal, benefits, medical or financial details online or over the phone. Federal agencies will not contact you unless you make a request.

- Do not click on online ads or engage with social media that seem suspicious.

- Check for "https://" at the start of website addresses.

- Enable multi-factor authentication on all accounts.

- Work with veteran service providers you already know.

Submit any suspected fraud to ftc.gov.

Here's the official source of PACT Act information: www.VA.Gov/PACT.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, 800-368-8808, or www.ago.wv.gov.

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