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Historical Society Plans To Feature Artisan Displays

Calhoun County Historical Society held its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the history museum on Main St., Grantsville.

President Bob Bonar opened the meeting with a short program featuring copies of old Calhoun County maps. Members had a great time locating old roads, schools, and locations throughout the county.

The main item on the evening's agenda was discussing upcoming society programs and displays.

It was decided that the

first event will be held in February, and will feature displays by local artisans.

If you are a Calhoun County artist or crafter, who would like to be a part of this event, you can contact the society through Facebook or email calhounhistorical@gmail.com.

The society also discussed hosting Seasonal Society Saturdays, which would consist of a program and light refreshments.

The next meeting of the society will be held at the museum on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Applications for mayor, recorder and five council seats are available in the town office, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Jan. 28.

Solid Waste Authority meets, Mom's Place Too, Grantsville, 4 p.m.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team hosts Tug Valley High School, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Parent-Child Group,

Chronicle Has Opening For Office Worker

The Calhoun Chronicle has lost its office worker to student teaching, and is in need of a replacement for 15-20 hours per week.

The position is available immediately. Must have typing skills and a automobile for deliveries on Wednesdays. Writing and math skills a plus.

Send resume to contact@calhounchronicle.com or stop in and fill out an application. Call 354-6021 for information.

Office may be closed on Friday, Jan. 20.

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

Friday, Jan. 20

Free tire collection, Cabot Recycling Station, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Calhoun residents only, limit of 10 tires.

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One Confirmed Case, One Probable Listed

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

The county has remained green since Jan. 3. With the infection rate for

green now at 10.00 before turning to yellow alert, the state has only 15 counties in yellow on Tuesday.

Calhoun's total cases are now 2,257 (1,135 confirmed and 1,122 probable).

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Brodyn Rowe



Brylee Rowe



Jude Walker

Honor Society Needs Coat Sponsorships

Calhoun County High School's National Honor Society wants to help those who are less fortunate this winter by making fleece blankets for both adults and children.

Members have determined an adult-size blanket will cost \$25 to make and a child-sized blanket will cost \$15.

Society members are seeking sponsorships in January to purchase the needed materials. The blankets will contain a tag noting the name of the sponsor.

If you would like to sponsor a blanket, you can contact any NHS member or email advisor Mellody Walburn, mwalburn@k12.wv.us.

Please consider helping honor society members help others in the county stay warm this winter. Thanks for your support.

NHS members are Jaelyn Jett, Kason Hupp, Mason Siwicki, Eli Dickey, Christee Craddock, Lacy Hicks, Joshua Hixon, Aislin Summers, Emily Bell, Zenna Zwoll and Levi Morris.

LKVCS Lists Math Day Winners

Students from all four schools in Calhoun County participated in the local Math Field Day written testing in December, with results being announced recently.

Little Kanawha Valley Christian School had three winners who will move on

to RESA V Regional Math Field Day on Monday, Feb. 13.

The students will compete a variety of skills tests in written exams, along with physical and mental estimations against students from seven other counties in the region.

LKVCS students who will compete are Jude Walker, son of Matt and Sara Walker, 1st place, 6th grade; Brodyn Rowe, son of Doug and Jodi Rowe, 2nd place, 6th grade; and Brylee Rowe, son of Doug and Jodi Rowe, 2nd place, high school team.

Hope Scholarship Payments Distributed

State treasurer Riley Moore has announced that the first-ever Hope Scholarship payments were made to student accounts and can now be used to pay for authorized

educational services.

"This is a great day for school choice in West Virginia," said Moore, who also chairs the Hope Scholarship board. "After a tumultuous year of

uncertainties and obstacles, families are finally able to put the Hope Scholarship to work for their children."

The scholarship program initially launched

for applications last March and was scheduled to issue its first payments in August, but a legal injunction handed down last July by a Kanawha

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Review of 2022 Events

The following is the third part of a review of events in 2022:

June

The 60th Calhoun County Wood Festival opened in Grantsville, with Queen Flora Marlee Hall reigning over the festival.

She is the daughter of Roger and Cathy Hall of Mt. Zion.

Parade marshals were Donnie and Susan Pitts.

The Wood Festival's annual 5K Run/Walk winners (and times) were as follows: Male run, Danny Kargol (19:18); female

run, Cassy Hardbarger (29:44); and female walker, Andrea Fitzwater (46:07).

Teresa Sterns, executive assistant to the president at Glenville State University, was named the 2022 Staff Employee of the Year.

Lindsey Posey, daughter of Robert Posey and Shelley Patton, was the 2022 valedictorian at Little Kanawha Valley Christian School. Bryn Denyse Carter, daughter of Steven and Paula Carter of Grantsville, was the 2022 salutatorian.

CCHS career track and field records showed Savannah Cunningham as the all-time leader in points earned with 493, followed by Kayla Ware, 112, and Dani Cunningham, 95.

The delinquent property legal published in the Chronicle showed \$199,946 in past due taxes.

Ruby Irene Jarvis Gunn, 99, of Conroe, Tex., formerly of Chloe, was honored with a graveside memorial service at Thomas P. Jarvis Cemetery on June 7, with Butch Conrad officiating.

Superintendent Kelli Whytsell opened a special board of education meeting with a discussion on

school safety.

She explained safety features already being used and other areas where additional safety features are being put in place.

She also discussed several grants, one of which might bring back funding for a Prevention Resource Officer.

LKVCS announced Top-of-the-Class recipient as Nyla Walker, Samuel Snider, Eli Kinder, Jude Walker, Ashlynn Ritchie and Brylee Rowe.

Seventy cases of COVID-19 reported during June were the highest since February. After seven weeks as "green," the county turned to "yellow" during the last report of the month. Only 27 of the 70 were confirmed cases.

Wyatt and Watson Nichols, 9th and 7th grade students at Calhoun Middle/High School, earned positions on the W.Va. National Junior High rodeo team.

West Virginia Culture Center, Charleston, hosted the 2022 Golden Horseshoe

knighting ceremony. Local winners were Kiara Lanham and Maddison McCumbers,

Beyond: Gina Cano-Stump, Jeannie Bennett-Yoak, JoLynn Wilson, Michael Fitzwater and Dewayne O'Neal.

Calhoun County resident Dan Sillaman was featured in The Market Bulletin's "Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture."

Twenty-five students from the 40-member Grantsville Conservatory of Music performed at a Spring Recital in the CM/HS auditorium.

This Week in History included a list of 19 4-H clubs and their members from a 1947 issue of the Chronicle.

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JUNE 2022 -- Brayden Blosser was one of 25 Grantsville Conservatory of Music students performing at a Spring Recital.



JUNE 2022 -- Award winners included Josie Montgomery, Lady Red Devil, and Grant Sterns, Wayne Underwood Award.

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY 'Dottie' BAILEY

Dorothy L. "Dottie" Bailey, 74, of Parkersburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, at Camden Clark Medical Center.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Glen W. and Norma A. Conley Sears. She retired from United Bank, Parkersburg, after many years of service in the Deposit Dept. She was a member of Hope Freewill Baptist Church and had at one time served as its treasurer.

Surviving are two children, Tim Bailey and Melissa Blevins, both of Parkersburg; five grandchildren, Steven Bailey, Daniel Bailey, Jason Blevins, Katelyn Bailey and Garrett Bailey; one step-granddaughter, Brandy Blevins; four great-grandchildren, Chloe Bailey, Peyton Bailey, Sullivan Bailey and Malcolm Bailey; and four siblings, Debbie Caldwell of Clendenin, Jerry Sears of Northfield, Ohio, William "Bill" Sears of Easley, S.C., and Alan Sears of Chloe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dan Bailey, in 1999.

Private graveside service will be held at a later date at Cooper Cemetery, Chloe.



JAMES FULL

James V. Full, age NA, of Parkersburg, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at Cleveland Clinic.

He was born in Parkersburg, the son of the late John Virgil Full and Virginia Stephens Full. He was a 1967 graduate of Parkersburg High School and a 1972 graduate of Marshall University. He was employed by W.Va. Division of Highways as a bridge inspection coordinator, retiring in 2010. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where he was the director of communications and editor of the Trinity Weekly News. He also devoted time to Habitat for Humanity, working at the ReStore and on the board of directors. He was a member and former president of Actors Guild of Parkersburg, with his roles on stage including Ben Franklin in "1776," Oscar Madison in "The Odd Couple," Ben Weatherstaff in "The Secret Garden," Judge Taylor in "To Kill a Mockingbird," and Pap Finn in "Big River."

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, the former Barbara Morris of Calhoun County; one brother, Rick Full; two step-sons, Stan Whitaker and Geoff Whitaker and wife Elizabeth; two step-grandchildren, Graham and Rory Whitaker; and one cousin, Steve Neely.

Memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church, with Rev. Arthur Bennett officiating.



MILDRED SUE SPEED

Mildred Sue Speed, 74, of Rosedale, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023 (her late mother's birthday), at CAMC Memorial Division.

She was the daughter of the late Ruffner and Becky Nichols Cottrill. She retired from BF Goodrich, Grantsville and Spencer plants, after 31 years of service. She was a member of Rosedale United Methodist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Cristie Miller and husband Scott of Rosedale; two sisters, Kearn Hart, and identical twin, Madeline Wood, both of Shock; two brothers, Clelly Frame and wife Charlotte, and Johnny Howes, all of Rosedale; a host of nieces and nephews; and special friends Judy Cottrill, Kathy McCumbers and Nikki White.

Services were scheduled Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Scott Raynor officiating, and burial in Rosedale UMC Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.

CLARA ELLEN HUSK

Clara Ellen Husk, 57, of Grantsville, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio.

She was born in Grantsville, the daughter of Emily Jeanne Richards Husk and the late Abasolum Junior Husk.

Surviving in addition to her mother are two daughters, Stephanie Richards and Donna Roberts; one grandson, Remington Richards; friend, Steve Roberts; four siblings, Diana Shook, James Husk, Tom Husk and Mike Corrao; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday, 1 p.m., at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Pastor Sam Dorsey officiating. Burial will be in Hunt Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com.



EVELYN NADINE CROFT COOL

Evelyn Nadine Croft Cool, 86, of Rittman, Ohio, died at Doylestown Health Care Center, Doylestown, Ohio, on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023.

She was born in Barberton, Ohio, the daughter of the late Frederick and Dorothy Stauffer Croft. She attended Barberton Public Schools. She married Ronald Cool on May 21, 1956, whom she met working as a waitress in Barberton at Rich's Diner.

Surviving are three children, Brenda Schaub of West Virginia, and Tammy Bases and Ronald Cool, both of Rittman; four sisters, Linda Guess and Darlene Hicks, both of Tennessee, and Becky Davenport and Melissa Ferguson, both of Ohio; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Cool; two grandchildren, Roxanna Adams and Glen David Schaub; two sisters, Twila O'Quinn and Dottie Croft; and three brothers, Fred Croft, Gary Croft and Teddy Croft.

Graveside service was held by Stump Funeral Home at Turner Cemetery, with Rev. John Vannoy officiating.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

I noticed over the weekend that our little garlic patch, growing in a raised bed in the back yard near the woods, must have been damaged by the very low temperatures around Christmas day.

The tops of the plants have been reduced to yellow mush, but I figure that the garlic bulbs in the ground are still okay and will recover from this setback.

The best thing to do is to wait, watch and harvest them later this year, just a few at a time to use fresh when cooking.

Jeanne and I have had a problem this year with birds flying into our sliding glass door, which is only about seven feet from where our feeders sit.

Every year in the past, a few birds would happen to fly into the glass, sometimes getting stunned enough that I would hustle out onto the deck and cradle the little creature in the palm of my hands, speaking softly to it while it returns to a semblance of clarity before flying off to join its mate.

Like I said, formerly only a few birds a year, but these past six months or so, the incidents were happening almost daily.

It concerned Jeanne enough that she ordered some transparent, anti-collision, non-adhesive, prismatic window clings, to give the birds a heads-up about the impending head-on collision that they were about to undergo if they didn't pay attention.

It worked fairly well for about a week, but then they began ignoring the stickers. In order to maintain our ability to see, unobstructed, the hillside across from our house, I had placed the clings somewhat sparsely on the glass, maybe six or so inches between them overall.

Jeanne has been adding more clings almost daily to stop these collisions, and I believe that she has found the right "look" to prevent the worst collisions.

Now, if you are paying attention and looking out at the feeder, you may occasionally see a bird flying straight at the window, until, at the last moment, it suddenly flares out its wings to come to a stop perhaps

one or two inches from a headache.

It keeps the birds safe and us amused. Who could ask for anything more?

It is nice to see progress for the future being made at the old high school, instead of just more empty properties awaiting destruction of one kind or another.

If everything works out with the proposed improvements, Grantsville and Calhoun County will have something to be proud of that will be useful to everyone in the region.

Weather is still uncertain and schizoid, with every week being almost a repeat of the last one, the only difference being what parts of the week will be cold and rainy and which will be even colder and snowy.

I don't mind it either way. It will all be spring-time in a couple of months and then we will all be high-stepping in red clay mud.

I did not mount the squirrel wheel that I got for Christmas yet, but it is on my list of things to do for this weekend.

I look forward to watching the five or six squirrels that come to our decks trying to dominate a wheel that can spin freely, especially when all six of the ears of corn are attached to it.

That should be very interesting to see, and I will record a video for sharing with friends and family.

I saw a flying squirrel on the feeder one night last week. I haven't seen any around the feeders for quite some time. I was happy to see that they are still around the holler. Jeanne and I used to pet them at the feeder some years back

I also saw a tiny little screech owl just before dawn last week. It flew in front of the car and was blinded by the light for a few minutes, but it recovered its vision and flew off to the woods across the holler.

Just another critter that I was very happy to see still occupying the holler. It seems that there used to be a whole more of them than I see nowadays. Perhaps they are making a comeback.

We will see.

One Confirmed Case--

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

Net new cases in area counties, in addition to Calhoun, in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Roane, 27 (4,424/48); Ritchie, 6 (3,005/33); Braxton, 5 (4,939/52); Clay, 5 (2,690/53); Wirt, 3 (1,727/28); and Gilmer, 0 (2,528/23).

New cases in the area were 48, compared to 63 last week. Cases in the seven-county now total 21,570.

New West Virginia cases were 1,907, down from 2,778 and 3,043 the previous two weeks. Total cases during the pandemic are 630,808.

DHHR reported that 1,007,620 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (56.2%), an increase of 370 in the last week.

There have been 621,152 booster shots given, an increase of 1,144 from last week.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Clay County, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26
Parent-Child Group, Pleasant Hill School, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27
Parent-Child Group, Arnoldsburg School, 2 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28
Last day to submit application for mayor, recorder or council seat, town office, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25
Parent-Child Group, Upper West Fork Park, 1 to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26
CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at South Harrison in Home-town Invitational Tournament, TBA.

Friday, Jan. 27
CCHS varsity boys basketball team plays at Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28
CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Van, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 29
CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 30
CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Van, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31
CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Paden City, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1
CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Clay County, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2
CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3
CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Van, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4
CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 5
CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at Van, 7 p.m.

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Sign-Ups Underway For Mayor, Recorder, Council

The Town of Grantsville will conduct a General Election of officers on Tuesday, June 6.

Applications for mayor, recorder, and town council member (five to be elected) may be picked up at the town office on Main Street through Saturday, Jan. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If mailing an application, the envelope must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service no later than 4 p.m. on Jan. 28.

All candidates must

Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 4 p.m., at Mom's Place Too, 340 Main St., Grantsville.

This Week In History

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

1923, 100 years ago

Licenses were issued during 1922 to 154,386 motor vehicles in West Virginia, it was announced at the offices of the state road commission.

The largest number of licenses was issued to Class A, which includes pneumatic-tired vehicles, the number being 101,290.

Operator's licenses numbered 103,300 on Dec. 31, and permits were issued to 22,115 chauffeurs.

The road commissioners issued transfers to approximately 10,000 persons, licenses to 5,110 solid-tired trucks, 1,391 motorcycles, 96 trailers, 177 tractors, 6,352 taxicabs for hire, and 2,000 dealers.

Figures covering the total fees collected during the year are not yet available.

Mr. Dudley Lutz returned home on Tuesday from Parkersburg and brought with him his eight-year-old son Tommy B., who underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph Hospital several days ago. Tommy is recovering nicely.

Farris Stump of Rush Run received a very painful wound when he fell into the sprocket chain on the drive wheel of a gasoline boat on which he was working on Monday. His hand went through between the chain and sprocket wheel tearing off four fingers from the left hand. The boat was going down the river between here and Brooksville, and Mr. Stump was brought back here where he received surgical assistance. He is getting along very well.

Miss Florence Wright, who has been confined to her home and quite ill for the past few weeks, is able to be out again.

Fine farm for sale on Pike Road: 46 acres, 9 room house, barn 24x60, and stock shed for 20 head, double corn crib, chicken house and all outbuildings in fine shape. All cleared and in blue grass, land level and rolling. Fine water, lots of fruit, grapes and berries. One-half royalties goes with place, two producing wells within 500 feet of line. Best of markets and year round roads. Great opportunity for someone and biggest bargain in state. Best of reasons for selling, price only \$3,500. Will make terms or trade for city property.

1948, 75 years ago

A tree-planting program intended to reclaim 6,000 acres of open land a year for the next 25 years by the Conservation Commission's forestry division is being inaugurated throughout the state, according to Wilson B. Sayers, state forester.

Sayers said that West Virginia now has 1,326,000 acres of open land, which should be growing timber or forest cover to arrest soil erosion and conserve water. Of this total, he said it is estimated that 300,000 acres will not restock naturally for a generation or more, but that farmers and other landowners can be persuaded to plant trees on half of the area within the next 25 years. To reclaim the remaining 150,000 acres, at a rate of 6,000 acres a year, is the forestry division's goal, he stated.

To do this, he added, it will be necessary to step up production at the state forest nursery at LeSage, Cabell County.

In outlining the division's program, Sayers stated that beginning on Dec. 15, the shrub planting program would be under the direction of the assistant state forester in charge of forest management, with the nursery superintendent, district foresters and county planting aides, he explained, will be appointed from personnel already employed by the commission or employed on the Norris-Doxey cooperative woodland management projects. Each planting will be carefully planned, he said, for a specific purpose--timber production, soil erosion, wildlife conservation, Christmas trees or windbreaks.

1973, 50 years ago

There was an unusual accident on Rt. 16 at Pleasant Hill last Thursday evening when a large trailer truck loaded with sheets of steel wrecked in front of the home of Mrs. Ola Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Norman.

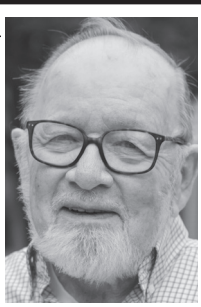
The trailer did not leave the road and was not damaged, but the chains holding the steel broke and the load shifted. The sheets of steel flew off the trailer and all over the road, into the yard, onto the front porch, tore the storm door to pieces and knocked the wooden door off the hinges, Mrs. Carpenter was missed by inches.

The walls in the house are broken and the floor in the living room is hooved up, the basement walls cracked, and a window in the back bedroom knocked out.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman were away from home at the time, and, fortunately, no one was injured.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why are some people right-handed and some are left-handed? (Asked by a curious "lefty.")

Reply: Most animals have a preferred paw or hand to perform tasks, but it appears that only humans have a species preference for the right hand. About 90 percent of the human population is predominately right-handed. Of the other 10 percent, there are predominately left-handed (perhaps eight percent), while the others are ambidextrous--capable of using either hand about equally as well.

It is not known why some people are right-handed and others are left-handed. There have been studies and theories concerning association with the right and left parts of the brain, and even that handedness is partially genetic. As far as I know, there is no conclusive scientific answer.

The vast majority of right-hand preference may indeed be due to social pressure resulting from historical cultural effects. For example, it has been speculated that the right got the "upper hand" because the heart lies on the left side of the body. In battle, one would carry a shield with the left hand so as to better protect the heart. Meanwhile, the right hand did the activity of wielding a sword or some other weapon.

The Romans were very right-hand oriented. They adopted the right-hand handshake (to show there was no weapon in the fighting hand), and giving a breast salute to the heart is easier to do with the right hand. The Roman right-hand preference is a bit evident in their words for right and left: dexter means "right," and sinister means "left."

These are also where we derive the words "dexterous," meaning skillful or artful, and "sinister," meaning threatening evil or harm.

Even in the Judeo-Christian tradition, there seems to be a religious right-hand preference. In both the Old Testament and New Testament, there are positions of grace "at the right hand of God." Also, in Matthew (25:31-42), Jesus talks about separating the sheep from the goats (sheep on the right, goats on the left), and it was a good thing to be with the rightful sheep.

There are some other theories about handedness, but I think this is a good stopping place for now. Come back next week for Part 2!

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing." --Wernher Von Braun.

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

LETTER BOX

At the January County Commission meeting there was a complaint about the \$2,500 donation to the Upper West Fork Park.

In order to set the record straight, the fruit bags that were given out contained 2 oranges, 2 red delicious apples and 2 yellow delicious apples, and 2-3 pears, totaling at least 8-9 pieces of fruit per bag.

Secondly, Calhoun County Committee on Aging was given 24 bags of fruit. They meet at the park three days/week, and are primarily from Chloe, Minnora, Orma, Milo, Oka Road, Nicut, Leatherbark and Phillips Run, and some were given to shut-ins who couldn't make it out to the park. The fruit cost \$583.

Thirdly, the toys that were given out, some, but not all from the commission donation, included \$500 from an anonymous donor, \$200 for commission funds, as well as some funding from our own toy drive account. Seven kids from the angel tree at Arnoldsburg School, who may not have had anything for Christmas, received gifts. There were also toys donated by the public at Family Dollar Store, Arnoldsburg.

Greenbrier's Dream Tree for Kids Program donated 350 gifts; however, more than half of them were books and not toys. In order for us to receive those gifts, the park, along with some volunteers from the community, went to the Greenbrier Sports Arena and wrapped gifts for four hours. The volunteers did this on their own time, at their own expense. We did it for the kids.

Six bikes and four skateboards were also purchased from the commission funds, which cost \$540.

The \$2,500 was approved at the County Commission meeting on Dec. 12. The check was picked up on the 13th. Since our toy giveaway was scheduled for the 17th, we had a short time to get the goods purchased, sorted, and ready to distribute by the 17th, but we did it.

The cost of the gift cards was \$800. Almost half of them were given to the Calhoun County Committee on Aging. They play games, cards, scrabble and bingo before their lunch. The balance of the gift cards were given out to other seniors in the community.

So, we feel we spent the money wisely and distributed it fairly. We at the park are proud of the community outreach that we've been able to accomplish over the years. The park is being used five out of seven days/week regularly, and sometimes seven days out of seven, with the farmers market, craft group, and holiday dinners held there most Saturdays and Sundays. The boy scouts conduct their meetings there, too.

Therefore, if you want to know what is going on at the park, show up and get involved. You can see for yourselves all that we do.

We want to thank the County Commission for their generous donation to the park for the seniors and kids. We appreciate the support.

Anita West,
Secretary/Treasurer,
Upper West Fork Park



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from Jan. 12-18 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. It was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison and Marion counties. It was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Va.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad, "John Hardy."

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County. Total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, he went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stonewall" for steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

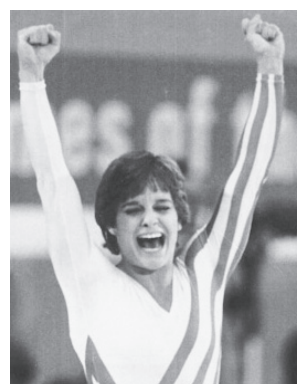
Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate Gen. John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named it after Sir Walter Raleigh.

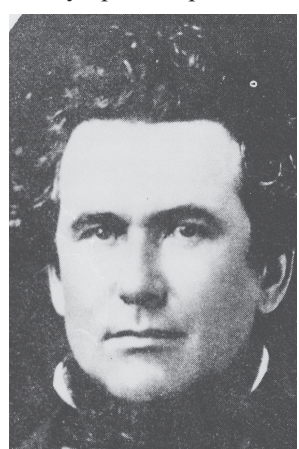
Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America,

District 17, from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, with John B. Rae, a Scottish immigrant, as the first president. Three months later, in Wheeling, District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M.F. Moran as district president, and immediately launched a struggle of 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.



Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.



Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, he was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized Government of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.



Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnetville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage movement and the temperance movement.



Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, she was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



I usually have a love/hate relationship with January. The month tends to be grey, cold, and gloomy, and most of us deal with the post-Christmas blues. All of the pretty lights and decorations get put away, and holiday music and movies disappear for another year. The one redeeming quality, at least in my world, is that it often snows during January.

While that hasn't really been the case this month, I have found myself enjoying the weather that we have been experiencing lately. It has been a bit like a smorgasbord. We have seen lots of rain and fog, then sun and warm temperatures, and, just this weekend, cold and a bit of snow. While I would love to see more of the snow, I will admit that I have enjoyed not having to wear hats, scarves and gloves every morning when I head out to school.

I haven't enjoyed all of the mud. Every time I go out to fill my bird feeders, it is like walking in a swamp. Thankfully, I can park my Jeep in the garage and walk on the sidewalk into my house. I did make the mistake the other day of pulling into my yard to unload groceries. When I pulled out, I left a tire track that is still filling up with water every time it rains. This means that shoes come off as soon as I walk in the door. Good thing I got a new pair of slippers for Christmas.

I actually got to wear those slippers a little bit more this week than usual. Thursday morning, I woke up and got ready for school, but just as I was getting my shoes on to go out the door, I got a phone call telling me that there was a water problem at the school and that we would be closed for the day. We were already scheduled to have Friday and Monday off, so this meant that I was looking at a five-day weekend. It was like getting an unexpected snow day without the snow.

I was already wide awake, dressed, and ready to go, so going back to bed really wasn't an option. I decided to be responsible and get some schoolwork done, so that it wouldn't be hanging over my head all weekend. I started out by checking my email, which turned out to be a good thing. I actually got an email asking me to take part in a meeting that was supposed to take place that day. Thanks to technology, this meeting was still taking place through our Teams platform. I agreed to sign in at 10 and then got started on my lesson plans. By the time 2:00 rolled around, I had taken part in the meeting and completed my lesson plans. I still had papers to grade, but I called it a day and curled up on the couch to read for a bit.

Thursday evening, I attended the monthly meeting of the historical society. It's always fun to be with these people, especially when we are planning upcoming events. We have some really fun activities in the works, starting with a We Love Our Locals display in February. We are planning to feature the work of local artists and crafters in the museum. If you know someone who would like their work displayed, send them our way. They can leave a message on the historical society Facebook page or email calhounhistorical@gmail.com.

I slept in on Friday and then did a little cleaning and bill paying. Before I started running errands, I filled my bird feeders so that my feathered friends would have plenty to eat when it got cold and snowy. I ate lunch with my parents, went to the library to check out some books, and met Maricia at Grinders for a coffee and sweet treat.

I returned home to read for a bit and then headed back to the parents. While I was there, we found my nephew Landon had won an art competition he had entered. He competed against hundreds of other 7th graders. That boy is quite an artist; I can't wait to see what he does with that talent in the years to come (see story elsewhere in this issue).

Saturday morning, I woke up to find it snowing. I decided to stay in my pajamas and curl up on the couch to read. I was reading David Baldacci's newest book, and the hours just flew by. I looked up occasionally to check on my birds, but that was about it. In the late afternoon, I made myself get up to do a little laundry and clean my bathrooms, but I spent most of the day reading. It was glorious!

On Sunday, I ate lunch with the parents, watched some football, and started another book. This was such a treat. This weekend was a mini-vacation, and I enjoyed every minute of it; the best part is I still had one more day!

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)

H Qrs. 11th WVa Vols
Deep Bottom, Va.
January 4th., 1865

Dear Father and Mother:

I once more attempt to pen you a few lines, which will inform you that I am in good health at this time, and truly hoping that you are all enjoying the same good blessing.

Since my last letter to you, we have changed our camp. We are now in camp on the North side of the James, at what is known as Deep Bottom, about 5 miles above Bermuda 100. We are in about 400 yards of the river and in the rear of the main line of works. Some say we are to lay here all winter as reserves. I hope so, for I don't want to move any more while the weather is cold.

We had just finished a good set of quarters, and have now got another set almost done. Our present location is in my opinion a very unhealthy one, for the ground is low and swampy.

Everything yet remains quiet. There was quite a brisk cannonading up the river yesterday, but I guess it did not amount to much. Dutch Gap Canal is not yet open. Some say they have blew a part of it up in the center. The fact is we can get but little news here not even as much as you can for all we do get comes through the papers and they are generally two or three days old.

The weather is quite cold. Snow fell to the depth of two or three inches last night, and its freezing tonight and makes it quite uncomfortable in our present situation.

I received a letter from you of 11th Dec. which came by one of Co E. Was glad to hear from you. Our mails are just beginning to come up, we get one every day now.

I am making an effort to get out of service, but don't know yet how I will succeed. I feel anxious to get out and don't think I will stay if there is any possible chance to get away. I am backed by Capt. King who commands the Regiment. I shall await anxiously the return of the papers which I have sent up, think they will go through in a day or two, probably will get them tomorrow.

I find we have some very mean men, who control our Brig, and Division. Lt. Col. Hall of 10 V is in command of our Brig, and he is a perfect old skunk, and Harris is not much better. They seem determined to keep every thing in service they can, and use every unfair means to do it.

When I was promoted, the pay-master took all my veteran bounty off me which had been paid, but \$100, and now after I was "mustered in on my commission" for the unexpired term of three years from date of original organization of the Regt" they want to make it appear that the muster was only a continuation of my veteran service, and that I have to serve the unexpired term of three years from date of reenlistment same as if I had not been promoted.

I am not sure, but I think I will beat them at this game, and if I don't, you need not be surprised to hear of me tendering my resignation, which would be sure to dismiss me from the service, however in regard to this I will wait and see the result of the present move which I have made.

Bukey has gone home, Bell has gone also, Lt. Frost and Capt. Cummings will go in a day or two, also Lt. King, and others will follow soon. We are getting along first rate in every other way considering our circumstances.

I will be glad to hear from you soon. Please let me know if Adolphus and your self are at home, and if our money has come round all right.

I have not yet heard anything of Rights papers. Give my love to all at home. When you write also regards to all friends there. I will write often as I can but hope to be enabled to come around some of these days and tell you of our adventures personally.

Nothing more at present.
Love to Adolphus and yourselves.
Remaining your affectionate son,

M.A. Ayers

Head Quarters 11th. WVa Vols
Deep Bottom, Va. Jan'y 5, 1865
Dearest Mollie,

Your kind favor of 24th Dec. came to hand day before yesterday, and I now proceed to reply. I was truly glad to hear from you and that you was still in good health. I would have been very happy to have spent the holidays with you, but fate had ordered other wise.

I have nothing new to write you at this time, except we moved our camp as I wrote in my last that we expected to do so. We came here Monday. Our camp is on the North side of the James River about 5 miles above Bermuda 100, we are within about one fourth of a mile of the river, and the proposition is that we will remain here this winter, if we do I fear it will be very unhealthy for the ground is very low and swampy.

Everything still remains quiet in and along the lines, except an occasional shot, some think there will be fighting here soon but I do not think so.

The weather has been quite cold for a few days, and its unpleasant to be putting up new quarters in the mud and snow. We had just finished one set, when we came over here, and will soon have our present quarters done.

(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, Jan. 19: porkchop, mushroom gravy, potatoes, beets, whole wheat bread.
Friday, Jan. 20: lasagna, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat garlic toast.
Monday, Jan. 23: chicken strips, mac and cheese, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Tuesday, Jan. 24: sloppy joes, tomato sauce and onion, potatoes, pudding, whole wheat roll.
Wednesday, Jan. 25: fish, green beans, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat roll.
Thursday, Jan. 26: rib sandwich, pasta vegetable salad, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.
Friday, Jan. 27: calico beans, greens, applesauce, whole wheat cornbread.
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.

Managing Everyday Stresses and Anxieties

by Stan Popovich

Everybody deals with stress and anxiety; however, the key is to know what to do when you are stressed out. It is not always easy to keep your feelings from getting the best of you.

With this in mind, here are seven tips that a person can use to help manage their daily stresses and anxieties before they get out of control.

--Get all of the facts of the situation: Gathering the facts of a certain event can prevent us from relying on exaggerated and fearful assumptions. By focusing on the facts, a person can rely on what is reality and what is not. Most importantly, do not focus on your fearful thoughts when you are stressed out.

--Take a break: Sometimes, we get stressed out when everything happens all at once. When this happens, a person should take a deep breath and try to find something to do for a few minutes to get their mind off of the problem. A person could take a walk, listen to some music, read the newspaper, or do an activity that will give them a fresh perspective on things.

--Carry a small notebook of positive statements with you: Another technique that is very helpful in managing fear is to have a small notebook of positive statements that makes you feel good. Whenever you come across an affirmation that relaxes you, write it down in a small notebook that you can carry around with you in your pocket. Whenever you feel depressed, open up your small notebook and read those statements.

--You can't predict the future: While the consequences of a particular fear may seem real, there are usually other factors that cannot be anticipated and can affect the results of any situation. We may be 98 percent correct in predicting the future, but all it takes is for that one percent to make a world of difference.

--Challenge your negative thinking with positive statements and realistic thinking: When encountering thoughts that make you fearful or depressed, challenge those thoughts by asking yourself questions that will maintain objectivity and common sense. Focus on the reality of your situation and not on your thoughts. Your fearful thoughts can make things worse, so try to focus on something positive when you get anxious.

--Divide your activities into separate steps: When facing a current or upcoming task that overwhelms you with a lot of anxiety, divide the task into a series of smaller steps, and then complete each of the smaller tasks one step at a time. Completing these smaller activities will make the stress more manageable and will increase your chances of success.

--Take advantage of the help that is available around you: There are many individuals who have been expertly trained in the field of psychology to help you find ways to manage fear and anxiety. Seek out someone whom you trust to provide sound advice and guidance. This same professional can also help you create an action plan for dealing with your fears and anxieties in the future.

(Stan Popovich is the author of the managing fear book, "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear." For information about his book and to get more free mental health advice, visit www.managingfear.com.)



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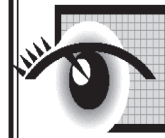
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Persinger Runner-Up At Braxton Invitational; Team Finishes 7-9

The CCHS wrestling team competed in the Braxton County Invitational on Friday and Saturday. Leading the effort for the Red Devils were Ian Persinger (150 lbs.), who placed second; and a trio of wrestlers who finished fifth: Isaiah Boggs (126), Levi Stump (215) and Jordan Collins (285).

Calhoun's starters finished with 83 points, and placed 10th of 17 teams. The starters combined to go 17-19, with 13 pins. The Red Devils will compete at Williamstown High School on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13-14, Braxton County Invitational

Team scores: Braxton 247.5, Berkeley Springs 213.5, Herbert Hoover 167, Greenbrier West 166.5, Ravenswood 98, Nicholas 94, Shady Spring 94, Moorefield 92, Wheeling Central 85, **Calhoun 83**, Midland Trail 47, Grafton 39, Philip Barbour 37, Petersburg 35, Richwood 19.5, Elkins 16, South Charleston 7.

Calhoun individual results:
126 - Isaiah Boggs, 4-2, 2 pins, 16 pts, 5th
132 - Joe Nelson, 1-2, 1 pin, 4 pts.

2022-23 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

All matches away, except Jan. 28

January
21 Williamstown 10:00
28 Mike Stump Duals 10:00

February
3 Class A Challenge 4:00
4 at Ritchie Co. ... 10:00
11 LKC at Wirt 10:00
18 Regional at Millwood March

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

Calhoun County High School 2022-23 Wrestling Statistics

Following are individual records, pins, and points earned by members of the CCHS wrestling team:

Weight	Wrestler	Record	Pins	Points
126--	Isaiah Boggs	14-13	9	75
132--	Joe Nelson	11-10	7	65
138--	Anthony Schoo	10-8	6	60
144--	Haiden Staton	17-5	13	118
144--	Adam Hughes	4-5	4	30
144--	Landon Sampson	2-4	2	7
150--	Ian Persinger	16-8	9	115
157--	Wyatt Nichols	13-9	8	89
165--	Hunter Thacker	6-8	2	41
165--	Adam Lane	6-3	4	43
175--	Sam Elmore	2-5	1	12
190--	Jobe Loudin	2-10	1	10
215--	Levi Stump	16-11	13	97
190--	Ethan Jarvis	8-11	7	41
215--	Brandon Marks	0-2	0	0
285--	Trevor Collins	17-6	15	98
285--	Jordan Collins	5-11	3	25
Others (including 36 forfeits)		0-36	0	0
Total		149-165	104	926
Dual Record --	7-7	Tournament Record --	23-16	

Board Of Review And Equalization Lists Six Meetings

The Calhoun county commission will meet as a Board of Review and Equalization on the following dates and times.

Friday, Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 23, 3 p.m., action on timberland.

The meeting on Feb. 9 has been set aside to hear problems concerning oil and gas assessments.

If you have problems with your oil and gas assessment, call the assessor's office, 354-6958, to assure that the State Tax Dept. will have your file ready for the meeting.

If any person fails to apply for relief at these meetings, they will have waived their right to ask for correction in their assessment list for the current year, except on appeal to the circuit court.

Because of restrictions during the pandemic, if you plan to attend any of the meetings listed below, call the county clerk's office, 354-6725, or the assessor's office, 354-6958.

If citizens have questions concerning their tax assessment, they should attend one of the following meetings:

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m., managed timberland.
Monday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m., oil and gas.
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 9

138 - Anthony Schoo, 1-2, 1 pin, 4 pts.
144 - Haiden Staton, 1-2, 1 pin, 4 pts.
150 - Ian Persinger, 2-1, 1 pin, 19 pts., 2nd
157 - Wyatt Nichols, 2-2, 2 pins, 7 pts.
165 - Sam Elmore, 0-2
190 - Jobe Loudin, 0-2
215 - Levi Stump, 3-2, 2 pins, 13 pts.
285 - Trevor Collins, 3-2, 3 pins, 16 pts.

B team results:
144 - Landon Sampson, 1-2, 1 pin, 3 pts.
144 - Adam Hughes, 0-2
215 - Ethan Jarvis, 0-2

Boys Lose To Valley In Double Overtime

The Calhoun County High School boys basketball team forced double overtime before losing to Valley High School of Wetzel County, 68-66, on Jan. 10.

Once again, the Red Devils had four players in double figures: Landon Bennett, 18; Levi Morris, 15; Owen Taylor 13, and Joel Basnett, 12.

Leading rebounders were Caden Jones, 13; Basnett, 11; and Morris, 9. Bennett led in assists with seven.

On Thursday, Calhoun lost at Braxton County, 68-48. No details were

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 38 Doddridge 70 L
21 30 Roane 94 L
29 35 Lincoln 54 L
30 34 Tyler Con. 47 L

January
6 29 Tug Valley 53 L
11 47 Webster 77 L
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
21 16 Roane 55 L

New Items at Calhoun Co. Library

The Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Inspirational: Abigail's New Hope, by Mary Ellis; Mending Fences, by Suzanne Woods Fisher; Happily Ever Amish, by Shelley Shepard Gray; The Story of Love, by Beth Wiseman; River of Life, by Kathleen Y'Barbo; All That Remains, by Tracey Bateman; The Blackout Book Club, by Amy Lynn Green.

Biography: Abuela, Don't Forget Me, by Rex Ogle; Golden Boy: Beethoven's Youth, by Mikael Ross.

Children's: It's Not the Three Little Pigs, by Josh Funk; Brown is Beautiful, by Supriya Kelkar; Grandma's Farm,

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 41 Wirt 69 L
30 55 Roane 63 L

January
5 64 Catholic 55 W
6 59 Van 44 W
10 66 Valley 68 (2OT) . L
12 48 Braxton 68 L
17 Clay A 7:30
20 Paden City H 7:00
24 Doddridge H 7:30
26 Van A 7:00

February
3 Valley Wetzel .. A 7:00
4 Clay H 2:00
7 So. Harrison H 7:30
9 Gilmer Co. H 7:30
13 Paden City A 7:30

Tuesday, Jan. 10 Valley Wetzel

11 17 15 11 5 9--68
Calhoun
11 14 13 16 5 7--66
Calhoun boys individual scoring: Landon Bennett 7-15 1-2 18, Levi M. Morris 6-21 2-3 15, Owen Taylor 6-10 0-1 13, Joel Basnett 4-8 2-2 12, Caden Jones 2-9 0-0 4, Landon Church 1-7 2-2 4. Total 26-70 7-10 66. 3-pt.: Bennett 3, Basnett 2, Morris 1, Taylor 1. Rebounds, Jones 13, Basnett 11, Morris 9; assists, Bennett 7, Basnett 4, Church 4; steals, Morris 3; blocks, Morris 2, Taylor 2.

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 A 32 Clay 34 L
28 A 38 Wirt 46 L

January
10 A 46 Geary 10 W
11 Spencer A
16 Wirt A
20 Ravenswood H
23 Spencer H
26 Walton A

Dinner Meeting

WVU Extension dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Roane County Library meeting room. Speaker Quill Ward's topic will be "Making the Most Out of Your Pasture!"

Call Roane County Extension Service, 927-0975, by Monday, Jan. 23, at 4 p.m., to help plan for meals and seating.

Pleasant Hill School Lists Honor Students

Pleasant Hill School has announced the 1st Semester honor rolls.

Principal's Honor Roll (All A's):

Kindergarten: Emery Atkinson, Nathan Burkett, Noah Cook, Henley Cunningham, Jessa Ferrell, Asher Hartz, Owen Heiney, Ava Holbert, Aiyla Manalas, Cambry Mathes, Cayden Meeker, Avery Norman, Scarlett Probasco, Sawyer Sims, Ember Stirling, Kaydence Tallhammer, Halynn Whytsell.

First grade: Brentley Bradley, Jessie Cadle, Zion Coleman, Ethan Laborin, Wyatt Hartshorn, Genevieve Riggs, Cameron Tallhammer, William Thurmer, Kierra Wise.

Second grade: Raelyn Arnold, Breanna Blosser, Lillian Caldwell, Dane Davis, Adam Eagle, Haygan Houchin, Abigail McCumbers, Willis Gainer-Pittman, Kaelynn Powell, Savannah Sampson, Aiden Villers, Hazel Winkler.

Third grade: Ariel Collins, Levi Ferrell, Cruz Frymier, Mackenzie Tingler, Maison Wilson.

Fourth grade: Mackenzie Basnett, Ariana Bremar, Jayla Cadle, Elizabeth Collins, Silas Cunningham, Allie Frederick, Jacob Gumm, Bodhi Heiney, Audrey Johnson, Colten Meeker, Jason Powell, Bentley Snodgrass, Isabella Staples.

A and B Honor Roll:

Kindergarten: Ryan Mace, Raya Nicholson, Hayven Small, Harley Wise.

First grade: Trinity Baker, Colten Echard, Isaiah Hickman, Rayden Schoolcraft, Willie Smith.

Second grade: Baylee Allison, Kyla Burrows, Jaxon Ingram, Lincoln Richards, Brenton Slider.

Third grade: Sophia Bartelt, Robert Bixman, Zayden Corrigan, Tori Cunningham, Jase Farley, Emma Frederick, Landon Godfrey, Annabelle Mathes, Carson Norman, Corbin Osborne, Brenin Pearson, Kyle Shook.

Fourth grade: Rayanna Blosser, Brooklyn Burrows, Temperance Caldwell, Adrianna Griffin, Afreen Manalas, Aubry Richards, Jebadiah Shields, Karlie Simmons, Payeton Smith, Colbie Wilson, Payden Yeager.

Girl Scout Cookie Season Underway

The Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council is kicking off cookie season on Jan. 19 with the classic lineup of Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Lemon-Ups, Girl Scout S'mores, Toffee-tastics, Adventurefuls, and the new Raspberry Rally.

Raspberry Rally is a crispy cookie with a pink raspberry flavored center and dipped in the same chocolate coating as the popular Thin Mint Cookie. The online-exclusive cookie will be available beginning Feb. 27.

"Cookie season is a wonderful time of year when Girl Scouts learn how to operate their own business and our community rallies together to support them and enjoy treats at the same time," said Beth Casey, CEO for Girl Scouts of Black Diamond.

"These girls have big goals to travel, take on service projects and help their communities--and you can help get them there simply by ordering the cookies to enjoy. All the while, they're learning key skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, business ethics, and people skills."

To purchase Girl Scout Cookies this season: If you know a Girl Scout, reach out to her to find out how she's selling

cookies--whether that's in person or online.

If you don't know a Girl Scout, email cookies@bdgsc.org so you can connect with one in your area.

Later this spring, cookie booths will be available outside big box retailers and you will be able to find troops selling near you using your zip code on the website.

Don't need cookies for yourself? No problem! Consider ordering a few boxes as part of the Gift of Caring program, which are donated to military members, veterans and their families.

The Cookie Program began in 1917 as a way for troops to finance activities. Today, the program encourages girls to discover their inner leadership potential and use their earnings to create experiences for themselves and their troop, including travel, outdoor adventure, and science, technology, engineering and math programming.

Proceeds from the sale stay local and have led to support for animal shelters, food banks, and more, all while teaching girls crucial skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

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Annamoriah Creek -- Affordable hunting property with easy ATV access, this is it! 94 acres on this property is perfect for the avid outdoorsman. Ideal for hunting or off-grid living. Access to the property via a lazy county road. The old well road to the top of the hill is easily accessible using an ATV. **Priced at \$94,900.**

3565 N. Calhoun Highway, Grantsville -- Perfect starter home with large back yard! 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom home with around 1,000 sq.ft., sitting on just under 1 acre. Utilities connected are city water, electric, gas and septic. High speed internet through Shentel makes it perfect for working from home! The living room and dining room create an open concept with a small kitchen off of the dining room. The bathroom is on the main level, with a dry, full, unfinished basement below that could be finished for additional square footage. Outside there is a covered full length front porch that wraps around the left side of the home to the back door that is perfect to sit and listen to the small water fountain. The back yard is spacious with a small storage shed for equipment. Less than a mile from Pleasant Hill Elementary School and 3 miles from the Town of Grantsville. **\$72,900.**

Little Rowels Run, Creston -- CHEAP AND STEEP, YES YOU READ THAT CORRECTLY. This property has a small area to pull a camper on or build a tiny home. Other than that, the 46.10 (recently surveyed) acres has very extremely steep topography, all wooded, no utilities available, no neighbors within sight, and property is priced accordingly. Come make us an offer and figure out what you can do with this property. **\$44,900.**

57 Hicks Road, Chloe -- A truly must-see property. This beautiful 3 bed, 1 bath has just about everything you could wish for in a home. From its large 48x28 workshop with vehicle lift, to its own separate canning/meat processing 29x22 building with walk in cooler. Need additional storage??? How about three more storage buildings. With 6.3+/-acres, you have plenty of land for a garden. With reported free gas, you can save on those monthly heating/cooking expenses. So, if you have toys, this is the place for you. If you're into prepping and storing your own food, this is the place for you. The owner has thought of almost everything you would want in a property. Homes like this don't hit the market very often, so you owe it to yourself to come take a look. **\$340,000. SALE PENDING**

1085 Pond Run Road, Chloe -- Looking for that beautiful log home in the country? This spacious 3 bed, 2 bath on 4.89 acres has all the charm and seclusion you've been longing? From its amazing high beamed ceilings to the large wrap around porch, this home is made for entertaining and maximum relaxation. Small, fenced area for your pets, large shop space for farm equipment/toys and a 30x36 detached shop for all your storage needs. Owner reported FREE GAS with an emergency backup generator. After a long day's work, make sure you soak in the jacuzzi tub. If you've never witnessed a star lit night in West Virginia, you are in for a treat. This is a steal for this price. **\$265,500. SALE PENDING**

955 Vaughn Road, Grantsville -- 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 areas flow easily into the kitchen area with a view of the bedrooms. The bedrooms are on one end of the house. The Master Bedroom and Bathroom has central heating and air. The basement of this 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.

UNDER CONTRACT

435 High Street, Grantsville -- In the 1930s, they built them to last! This beautiful 4-bedroom, 1.5-bathroom brick home sits in downtown Grantsville. Original hardwood floors, oak steps/hand railings and 6 fireplaces! (Currently housing gas space heaters.) On the main level, you have a living room, family room, kitchen, dining room, sunroom, mud room, and half bath. Upstairs, you will find all 4 bedrooms and a full bathroom. Inside the main bedroom there is a huge walk-in closet and a normal closet with a window that overlooks the Koi Pond in the side yard. Almost all windows have been replaced with new vinyl windows. Washer and dryer are in the basement. Have children or animals? The private back yard has a brand-new privacy fence that was installed in 2021. This property is on street city parking or you can use one of the 2 off-street single car garages. If you are looking for that historic-style home, with a small-town feel, this is it! This home is conveniently located across the street from a 24/7 critical access hospital and within walking distance to a few stores, restaurants and more! **\$199,900. Price Reduced to \$189,900.**

256 Carroll Road, Big Bend -- 1.21 Acres +/- Looking for your very own fishing camp or mini-RV camp? This 1.21-acre lot with 30 amp 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 carport 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. **\$34,900. Make an Offer.**

CONTACT ONE OF OUR TEAM TODAY TO LIST YOUR PROPERTY.



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Help Wanted

PART TIME Office Manager position available at Pleasant Hill PSD. Please send resume or fill out application to 122 Nobe Rd., Big Bend, WV 26136. 2tp/1/19-26

THE CALHOUN Chronicle has lost its office worker to student teaching, and is in need of a replacement for 15-20 hours per week. The position is available immediately. Must have typing skills and a automobile for deliveries on Wednesdays. Writing and math skills a plus. Send resume to contact@calhouncronicle.com or stop in and fill out an application. rtn

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NOW accepting bids for snow removal at the Calhoun DHHR Office parking lot. Anyone wishing to submit a bid, please send to: Calhoun Co. DHHR, Attn: Sheila Schoolcraft, P.O. Box 280, Grantsville, WV 26147. Please submit bids as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 304-354-6118. Please ask for Sheila Schoolcraft or Patricia Richards. rt/2/23

Personals

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 21, 2006, executed by Borrower, Donna M Lagrone, to James B. Crawford, III, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Book 141, at Page 560. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 65 HC Box 2, Mount Zion, WV 26151. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated April 6, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 185, Page 487. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Calhoun County, in Grantsville, West Virginia, on the following date:

27th day of January, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Situate in the Lee District, County of Calhoun, and the State of West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

FIRST: ALL THOSE TWO CERTAIN LOTS, TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATE ON THE WATERS OF DANIELS RUN AND SYCAMORE IN LEE DISTRICT, CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, RESPECTIVELY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

FIRST PARCEL: BEGINNING AT A CORNER ON THE ROAD, AND CORNER OF STORE LOT, AND THENCE S 8-1/2 E 7 POLE TO A STONE; THENCE S 47 W 6 POLES TO A STONE; THENCE N 48-1/2 W 7 POLES TO A STONE; THENCE N 47 E 6 POLES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING FORTY AND ONE-HALF (40-1/2) SQUARE RODS, MORE OR LESS.

SECOND PARCEL: BEGINNING ON CLAY MCDONALDS CORNER, AND THENCE S 48 E 14-1/2 RODS TO A STONE IN THE EDGE OF THE ROAD; THENCE S 42 - 1/2 W 6 RODS TO A STONE; THENCE N 54-1/2 W 18 RODS TO A STONE ON CLAY MCDONALD'S LINE; THENCE N 66-1/2 E 8-1/8 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED SEVEN (107) SQUARE RODS, MORE OR LESS.

SECOND: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATE AT THE JUNCTION OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE NO. 16 AND THE SINKING SPRINGS ROAD, IN SHERMAN DISTRICT, CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT A STAKE IN SAID STATE ROUTE NO. 16, AND CORNER TO THE MT. ZION CHURCH PARSONAGE LOT, AND RUNNING THENCE WITH THE LINE OF SAID PARSONAGE LOT N 48 W, 233 FEET TO A STAKE-IN THE EDGE OF THE SINKING SPRINGS ROAD AND A CORNER TO SAID PARSONAGE LOT; THENCE WITH SAID SINKING SPRINGS ROAD N 45-1/2 E., 141 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE FORKS OF THE ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF STATE ROUTE NO. 16 AND THE SINKING SPRINGS ROAD; THENCE WITH SAID STATE ROUTE NO. 16, S 18 E., 292 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104) SQUARE RODS, MORE OR LESS.

HOWEVER, THERE IS HEREBY EXCEPTED AND RESERVED FROM THE FOREGOING BOUNDARIES A PARCEL OF EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE (8,661) SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, WHICH WAS CONVEYED UNTO RAY SLOCUM SR AND JANICE HARDWAY BY BUFORD D. NICHOLS AND GRACE NICHOLS, BY DEED DATED JULY 10, 1990, OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK NO. 171, AT PAGE 540, AND THEREIN BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE SET IN THE EDGE OF SINKING SPRINGS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND ORIGINAL LINE, AND RUNNING THENCE WITH SAID ROAD S 38 DEGREES 30' W, 68 FEET TO A POINT IN JUNCTION OF SINKING SPRINGS ROAD AND STATE ROUTE NO. 16; THENCE LEAVING SINKING SPRINGS ROAD AND RUNNING WITH STATE ROUTE NO. 16, N 10 DEGREES 30' W, 160 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF STATE ROUTE NO. 16; THENCE LEAVING STATE ROUTE NO. 16, N 73 DEGREES E, 54.65 FEET TO A SET IRON PIPE; AND THENCE S 8 DEGREES 30 MINUTES E, 122.44 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE (8,661) SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

LEAVING HEREBY CONVEYED A S THE RESIDUE A BOUNDARY OF 72 SQUARE RODS, MORE OR LESS

THIRD: A CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATE ON THE WATERS OF DANIELS RUN IN LEE DISTRICT, CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, FURTHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

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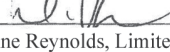
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Being the same property conveyed to Donna M Lagrone by the Deed dated April 21, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 218 at Page 624 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

- The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code 11-22-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
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- The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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You may redeem at any time before 06/16/2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 1/5/2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Calhoun County, State of West Virginia

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PUBLIC NOTICE BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION 2023

The Calhoun County Commission shall meet in the following dates and times as the Board of Review and Equalization. Because of restrictions during the pandemic, we ask that if you are planning on attending any of the meetings listed below to call either the County Clerk's Office (354-6725) or the Assessor's Office (354-6958).

FEBRUARY 1, 2023	9:00 a.m.	Managed Timberland
FEBRUARY 6, 2023	4:00 p.m.	
FEBRUARY 9, 2023	11:00 a.m.	Oil and Gas
FEBRUARY 14, 2023	9:00 a.m.	
FEBRUARY 17, 2023	3:00 p.m.	
FEBRUARY 23, 2023	3:00 p.m.	Action of Timberland

College News

Marshall University has announced its Dean's List (3.3 grade point average) for the Fall Semester.

Included from Calhoun were Cassidy E. Conley, Arnoldsburg, and Kole S. Jarvis, Chloe.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF NEW TARIFF TERMS AND RATES FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH UNCONVENTIONAL GAS SUPPLIES

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 interconnections receiving unconventional gas supplies.

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 25, 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.

Hope Gas, Inc.

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 Division of Highways
 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until March 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
011	2022830002	S383-REC/AL-23 00	STBG-2023(005)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-3 RECALL STRIPING 2023 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: CALHOUN, JACKSON, OTHER, ROANE, WOOD

DBE GOAL: 7% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(Cert. No. 071611 Armstrong Land Management)

To: LUCILLE WRIGHT C/O LARRY WRIGHT, LUCILLE WRIGHT OR HER HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, ATTORNEY IN FACT, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, CO-OWNERS, OCCUPANT, OTHER PARTIES HAVING AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE DELINQUENT PROPERTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 0520

You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071611, located in LEE District, 1/15 1 DANIELS which was returned delinquent or nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 06/16/2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 06/16/2023 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 06/16/2023.	\$ 316.79
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 06/16/2023.	\$ 0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 06/16/2023.	\$ 790.87
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 06/16/2023.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff of Calhoun County.	\$ 1107.66

You may redeem at any time before 06/16/2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 1/6/2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Calhoun County, State of West Virginia

**Please return this letter and payments to the
 West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division
 1900 Kanawha Blvd East,
 Building 1, Room W-118
 Charleston, West Virginia 25305
 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(Cert. No. 071769 Armstrong Land Management)

To: CARL WITT HEIRS, THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, C/O DEBORAH WITTE, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CARL WITT, THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 079 03001

You will take notice that Armstrong Land Management, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 071769, located in WASHINGTON District, 176 BEECH OGM 2/3 OF 1/76 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WITT CARL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/20/2022. Armstrong Land Management requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 06/16/2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 06/16/2023 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 06/16/2023.	\$ 234.07
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 06/16/2023.	\$ 0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 06/16/2023.	\$ 790.87
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 06/16/2023.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff of Calhoun County.	\$ 1024.94

You may redeem at any time before 06/16/2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 1/5/2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Calhoun County, State of West Virginia

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Calhoun County is requesting any individual interested in becoming a member of the Calhoun County Planning Commission to submit a letter of request by February 1, 2023. The letter can be sent to the county clerk at calhouncerk@gmail.com or to President Matthew Walker at walkercwv@outlook.com

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

Notice: Applications Available

The Town of Grantsville will be holding its general election of town officers on June 6, 2023. Applications for mayor, council, recorder and city council (five seats) may be picked up at the town office from Monday, January 9, 2023, until Saturday, January 28, 2023, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If mailing, must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 28, 2023. All candidates must have been a resident of the municipality for at least six months. A notarization and filing fee are required. Filing fees: Mayor, \$50; Recorder, \$25; Council, \$15.

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).

	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Deaths	Percentage Positive	Accum. Daily
2020					
Mar. 30	145	3,682	1	4.4	6.0
Apr. 27	1,063	41,976*	36	2.5	3.4
May 25	1,774	84,551#	72	2.1	1.2
June 29	2,849	165,233	93	1.7	1.4
July 27	5,999	257,670	106	2.3	2.6
Aug. 31	10,250	425,613	214	2.4	6.8
Sept. 28	15,512	537,332	337	2.8	4.2
Oct. 26	22,223	712,744	424	3.0	3.7
Nov. 30	47,842	1,083,114	735+	4.2	6.5
Dec. 28	81,436	1,375,189	1,263	5.6	11.3
2021					
Jan. 25	115,839	1,726,886	1,899	6.3	7.3
Feb. 22	129,854	1,989,304	2,263	6.1	3.9
Mar. 29	140,991	2,288,383	2,638	5.8	3.9
Apr. 26	151,671	2,526,409	2,821	5.7	3.7
DHHR stopped updating on weekends and holidays.					
May 24	160,354	2,724,689	2,775	5.6	5.7
June 30	164,041	2,844,286	2,891	5.5	1.5
July 30	167,016	2,953,133	2,946	5.4	6.4
Aug. 31	189,690	3,203,536	3,084	5.6	9.5
Sept. 30	240,459	3,623,522	3,670	6.2	10.6
Oct. 29	270,984	3,957,070	4,426	6.4	10.8
Nov. 30	294,794	4,235,663	4,868	6.5	9.1
Dec. 30	328,162	4,537,412	5,336	6.7	19.3
2022					
Jan. 31	446,771	4,959,152	5,763	8.3	21.6
Feb. 28	490,111	5,221,878	6,317	8.6	8.3
Mar. 31	497,769	5,422,855	6,831	8.4	1.2
Apr. 29	501,204	5,545,521	6,856	8.3	5.0
May 31	515,925	5,695,003	6,948	8.3	11.7
June 30	532,503	5,857,108	7,064	8.3	6.6
July 29	555,107	5,999,712	7,156	8.5	9.0
Aug. 31	582,666	6,168,504	7,286	8.6	9.3
Sept. 30	600,558	6,297,974	7,416	8.7	5.3
Oct. 31	608,104	6,386,972	7,522	8.7	5.7
Nov. 30	614,646	6,476,327	7,611	8.7	5.4
Dec. 1	615,040	6,480,044	7,618	8.7	6.3
Dec. 2	615,332	6,483,165	7,627	8.7	6.1
Dec. 5	615,922	6,490,167	7,627	8.7	6.2
Dec. 6	616,175	6,492,205	7,631	8.7	7.7
Dec. 7	616,506	6,495,715	7,636	8.7	5.8
Dec. 8	616,804	6,498,951	7,636	8.7	6.1
Dec. 9	617,094	6,503,409	7,638	8.7	3.9
Dec. 12	617,812	6,510,032	7,646	8.7	6.5
Dec. 13	618,099	6,512,151	7,649	8.7	8.3
Dec. 14	618,480	6,515,551	7,649	8.7	6.8
Dec. 15	618,893	6,518,661	7,657	8.7	8.4
Dec. 16	619,323	6,521,618	7,661	8.7	8.0
Dec. 19	620,243	6,527,737	7,661	8.7	8.8
Dec. 20	620,606	6,529,796	7,661	8.7	10.4
Dec. 21	621,117	6,533,137	7,661	8.7	8.8
Dec. 22	621,614	6,534,646	7,661	8.7	18.9
Dec. 27	623,080	6,545,131	7,661	8.7	10.5
Dec. 28	623,541	6,547,245	7,661	8.7	12.4
Dec. 29	624,174	6,550,827	7,661	8.7	10.8
Dec. 30	624,721	6,553,493	7,672	8.7	11.7
Jan. 3	626,123	6,560,690	7,672	8.7	14.1
Jan. 4	626,674	6,563,265	7,687	8.7	11.3
Jan. 5	627,265	6,564,397	7,704	8.7	23.1
Jan. 6	627,775	6,567,950	7,721	8.7	12.2
Jan. 9	628,595	6,573,472	7,730	8.7	10.0
Jan. 10	628,901	6,574,995	7,749	8.7	11.8
Jan. 11	629,262	6,577,918	7,761	8.7	8.5
Jan. 12	629,594	6,580,066	7,761	8.7	9.4
Jan. 13	629,923	6,582,511	7,778	8.7	7.9
Jan. 17	630,808	6,588,336	7,785	8.7	9.1

*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 (5,890), Berkeley (44,465), Boone (8,552), Braxton (4,939), Brooke (6,247), Cabell (33,488), Calhoun (2,257), Clay (2,690), Doddridge (2,487), Fayette (16,462), Gilmer (2,528), Grant (4,721), Greenbrier (12,611), Hampshire (7,200), Hancock (8,277), Hardy (5,613), Harrison (25,635), Jackson (8,660), Jefferson (18,096), Kanawha (58,413), Lewis (6,890), Lincoln (7,158), Logan (12,619), Marion (19,957), Marshall (11,108), Mason (8,756), McDowell (7,291), Mercer (22,940), Mineral (10,072), Mingo (9,824), Monongalia (30,863), Monroe (5,705), Morgan (5,153), Nicholas (9,226), Ohio (13,717), Pendleton (2,321), Pleasants (2,489), Pocahontas (2,548), Preston (10,938), Putnam (20,623), Raleigh (29,829), Randolph (11,931), Ritchie (3,005), Roane (4,424), Summers (3,651), Taylor (5,835), Tucker (2,373), Tyler (2,698), Upshur (8,875), Wayne (11,561), Webster (2,821), Wetzell (5,415), Wirt (1,727), Wood (27,757), Wyoming (9,477).

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.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at Burning Springs M.E. Church.
Barbara Wright came down with walking pneumonia. Bill Duskey reported that no more cancer was found in him, and that he did not have to

report back to the medical folks for three months.
Clara Husk, 57, of Grantsville, died. Her father, the late Ab Husk, played music at Creston and his family came with him. Clara and her siblings kept in contact with Creston folks.

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

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

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
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	1,109,394	652,460,074	6,654,923
Dec. 10	101,254,467	1,109,679	653,219,490	6,657,706
Dec. 11	101,263,635	1,109,725	653,547,487	6,658,277
Dec. 12	101,324,888	1,109,851	653,923,700	6,659,090
Dec. 13	101,369,163	1,109,983	654,455,302	6,660,685
Dec. 14	101,419,853	1,110,561	655,149,685	6,662,523
Dec. 15	101,589,374	1,111,664	655,815,771	6,665,321
Dec. 16	101,714,157	1,112,797	656,575,582	6,668,096
Dec. 17	101,743,845	1,112,944	657,276,025	6,670,502
Dec. 18	101,752,474	1,112,965	657,720,457	6,671,742
Dec. 19	101,760,149	1,112,970	657,942,119	6,672,484
Dec. 20	101,825,079	1,113,307	658,536,090	6,674,372
Dec. 21	101,865,927	1,113,808	659,167,008	6,676,309
Dec. 22	102,048,475	1,114,931	659,927,818	6,679,319
Dec. 23	102,173,897	1,115,748	660,623,451	6,681,686
Dec. 24	102,203,321	1,115,913	661,392,222	6,684,988
Dec. 25	102,211,153	1,115,933	661,717,510	6,685,803
Dec. 26	102,236,095	1,116,084	661,913,292	6,686,635
Dec. 27	102,247,575	1,116,095	662,415,929	6,687,744
Dec. 28	102,307,321	1,116,365	663,019,243	6,689,523
Dec. 29	102,407,740	1,117,194	663,659,031	6,692,494
Dec. 30	102,477,929	1,117,751	664,193,168	6,694,483
Dec. 31	102,510,478	1,117,956	664,730,703	

Parent-Child Groups

According to Debra Smith, Kindergarten Readiness Ambassador, the Save the Children program offers an opportunity for children and families in Calhoun County:

"We offer weekly Parent Child Groups at Pleasant Hill School, Arnoldsburg Elementary School, and two other sites in the county. The focus of these groups are Kindergarten Readiness Skills for children 3-to-5 years old, but all younger siblings are also welcome to attend.

"Snacks will also be provided, and one lucky parent/caregiver will win a small door prize.

"During the weekly Parent Child Groups, we will be exploring the following Language, Literacy and Math Kindergarten Readiness skill areas:

Knowing about the alphabet, books and print; talking and listening; understanding words and sounds; numbers, counting, patterns, sorting and classification; comparison, measurement and geometry.

"These are all critical skills that your child needs in order to be prepared for preschool and kindergarten. I look forward to meeting you and helping prepare your child for school success."

Group locations and dates for January:

Thursdays, 1/19 and 1/26, PHS, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 1/24 and 1/31, Calhoun Family Resource Network, Grantsville, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, 1/25, Upper West Fork Park, 1 to 2 p.m.

Friday, 1/27, AES, 2 to 3 p.m.

If you have questions, call Smith at PHS, 354-6022, or at AES, 655-8616, or email d.smith@k12.wv.us.

GSU Holding Winter Homecoming Saturday

Glennville State University will celebrate Winter Homecoming on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Starting at 12:30 p.m., the GSU Alumni and Foundation offices will open "The Deck," which is the ultimate fan section where alumni and friends of the University can come together inside the Waco Center for food, beverages, and a great time.

Cheer on the Pioneers from this special section while catching up with alumni and old friends. Entry to "The Deck" is \$10.

The women's and men's basketball teams will host the Concord University Mountain Lions in the Waco Center that afternoon; Lady Pioneers at 2 p.m. and Pioneers at 4 p.m.

Returning basketball alumni and coaches will be recognized during half-time of the Lady Pioneer game.

Glennville State will also host an Open House for prospective students that same day. It will provide visitors an opportunity to tour campus, meet with faculty members, discuss financial aid, and more.

Visit www.glennville.edu/admissions/events for information and to sign up.

Fans may tailgate in the Waco Center parking lot, weather permitting. Students will also have other activities planned during the day.

For information about Winter Homecoming, call GSU's Athletic Dept., 462-4102.

Vaccinations

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available to ages 5 and older.

Anyone interested in being vaccinated may visit Vaccinate.wv.gov or call West Virginia Vaccine Line, 1-833-734-0965, Monday to Saturday.

Child Welfare

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources is transitioning its social services/child welfare system from Families and Children Tracking System (FACTS) to W.Va. People's Access to Help (WV PATH).

"WV PATH provides a comprehensive child welfare information system, allowing employees to more efficiently track and view data," said Jeffrey H. Coben, M.D., interim DHHR cabinet secretary.

"This new tool will support streamlined services for residents and, ultimately, help employees achieve improved child welfare outcomes for DHHR's customers."

The transition will not impact the way residents apply for DHHR programs and services. The public portal for WV PATH was launched in 2020 and can be accessed at www.wvpath.wv.gov.

Appropriations

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito has announced the Fiscal Year 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) awards.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Capito secured \$250,950,000 in CDS measures for a variety of West Virginia projects, specifically \$10,339,000 for two projects that impact Calhoun County.

--Minnie Hamilton Critical Access Hospital Renovation Project, \$339,000.

--Environmental Infrastructure, Section 571, \$10,000,000, will benefit 18 counties, including Calhoun.

Hiring Events

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources will host in-person and virtual hiring events during January. Events will interview for nurses, office assistants, Program specialists, laboratory scientists, child protective service workers and other positions.

Job seekers are encouraged to explore career opportunities promoting health and well-being by visiting the DHHR's website. To register for an event, email DHHRJobs@wv.gov.

Hope Scholarship Payments--

(Continued from Page 1) County Circuit Court judge halted all activity with the program.

That decision left the nearly 3,000 families who had been awarded the scholarship in a state of limbo over how to educate their children in the current academic year.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia lifted that injunction last October, declaring in a later opinion that the Kanawha court had "abused its discretion," and ruling that the program was indeed constitutional.

The Hope Scholarship board passed emergency rules that would ensure families could then receive the appropriate amount of funds to which they were entitled for the full academic year.

"We have done our best to ensure all families enrolled in the program are made whole and receive the funds they deserve," said Moore.

Following the injunction, some families opted to keep their children in public school for a time, instead of enrolling them in non-public options. Others moved forward with enrolling their students in non-public education options in hopes that the scholarship funding would be restored.

The scholarship board staff sent questionnaires to families enrolled in the program last fall to update whether they pursued public or non-public education options during the injunction period.

Families that continued with non-public options would receive funding for the full academic year, while those that pursued public school options during all or part of the injunction semester would be awarded a prorated amount.

On Friday, Jan. 13, 1,610 students received the full-year scholarship amount of \$4,298. An additional 187 students received prorated payments of varying amounts, depending on when the student transitioned from a public to non-public education environment.

The funds are available for use in the program's Education Market Assistant online portal.

There are an additional

466 student accounts that are still pending payments in order to resolve data differences, mostly due to inconsistent dates from when parents said that their child moved to a non-public school versus the dates registered in local school boards' W.Va. Education Information System data. Staff is working to manually reconcile those differences on a case-by-case basis.

An additional 619 accounts did not have payments issued because the families have not yet responded to the questionnaires updating their child's status following the injunction period.

It is believed that the vast majority of those instances are families that opted to keep their children enrolled in public school for the year due to the injunction.

If a family still intended to use their child's awarded scholarship for the current academic year, and did not receive a payment or did not respond to their updated status survey, they may email hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.com.

Families are asked to include their child's WVEIS ID number, so staff can begin processing

that account.

For parents who will want to request reimbursements for qualifying education expenses incurred during the injunction period, that reimbursement module is expected to launch in the Education Market Assistant portal the week of Jan. 23.

"I know the injunction and the uncertainty it caused created a tremendous hardship on families, and we appreciate the patience they have displayed as we continue to work through the litany of issues it produced," said Moore.

"Now that the state Supreme Court has fully upheld this program, we look forward to helping students and their families take full advantage of the program and its benefits for the remainder of this academic year and the school year to come."

The application period to use the Hope Scholarship for the upcoming 2023-24 school year will open for new applicants on Wednesday, Mar. 1.

Current Hope Scholarship recipients will be able to begin applying to renew their scholarship on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Governor Declares School Choice Week

Gov. Jim Justice has officially declared Jan. 22-28 to be School Choice Week in West Virginia. His official declaration marks the second year in a row that a week has been formally proclaimed in the state.

Justice's proclamation comes on the heels of a year of historic school choice expansions nationwide.

The proclamation highlights the importance of having a diverse educational environment, dedicated teaching professionals, and commitment to continuously improving the quality of K-12 education.

It also recognizes the contributions and hard work of teachers, parents, and community leaders who invest in local schools.

West Virginia School Choice Week is timed to coincide with National

School Choice Week, a weeklong national celebration of K-12 education.

Parents, schools, and other organizers have planned 113 activities across West Virginia--school fairs in Beckley, Morgantown and Davis, school activities, talent shows, and much more--all of which aim to spark conversations about the opportunities parents have, or want to have, for their children's education.

More than 25,000 events have been independently planned for the week nationwide, raising awareness about school choices of every type.

National School Choice Week (NSCW) informs, inspires, and empowers parents to discover the K-12 education options available for their children, including traditional public, charter, magnet, online, private, and homeschooling.

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Landon Kristoff Is Major Art Winner

Lake Center Christian School's Landon Kristoff is the winner of the 7th grade Art Competition for the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest, hosted by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC).

Out of hundreds of entries submitted from throughout the state to this year's contest, Landon was the only winner selected for his grade level, as the judges determined his art submission stood out above all other contest entries, promoting diversity and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kristoff has enjoyed art since a very young age, said his LCCS art teacher Emily Meraj, who asked him to participate in the art competition.

"We are excited that he was given this opportunity by Mrs. Meraj to participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., contest. We also are so thankful that LCCS encourages the arts," said Landon's parents, Scott and Melinda Kristoff.

Landon said it took him about 35-40 hours to complete his entry. He first researched and gathered references for the project, then used his iPad to format how he would bring his drawings together, and, finally, spent many hours drawing and shading his piece.

"My decision on what to submit was influenced by my interest in drawing people. I decided to look up famous photographs of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and create a piece that would combine some of his most memorable moments," said Landon.

"The theme of the competition was how each of us can promote equality and justice. I added my hand drawing the pictures to represent my desire to use my artistic ability to help people understand the similarities and differences between people."

He added that his dad, also an artist, always

Scholarships

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and its regional affiliates have launched the 2023 Consolidated Scholarship application.

PACF administers more than 190 scholarship funds for the benefit of students in its 11-county service area, which includes Calhoun County.

Through the foundation's online scholarship application, students are given an opportunity to apply for multiple scholarships through one application.

To apply, students must visit www.pacfwv.com/scholarships. The application must be completed and submitted online by Mar. 1.

Last year, PACF awarded more than \$434,000 to regional students. The awards were made possible by many donors who established scholarship funds with the foundation to help students fulfill their educational goals.

Each year, more than 200 community volunteers residing in the PACF's service area assist the foundation in reviewing the submitted scholarship applications.

To learn about the scholarship application process, call 428-4438 or email rachel.brezler@pacfwv.com.



Landon Kristoff

encourages him to further develop his God-given, artistic abilities.

Upon learning their son had been named the contest winner, the Kristoffs said, "We are thankful for the gifts that God has given Landon and pray that he will always use his talents to honor the One who gave them to him."

"We appreciate Landon's current and previous art teachers who have encouraged him. We are proud of the effort that Landon puts towards his art, and that he is always trying to improve his skills."

An award ceremony will be held on Feb. 23 in the Ohio Dept. of Transportation auditorium in Columbus, where his piece will be put on display.

Landon is a frequent visitor to his grandparents, Pete and Romaine Walburn of Grantsville, and two of his aunts, Maricia Mlynek and Melody Walburn, also of Grantsville.

District Meeting

Little Kanawha Conservation District will host a winter informational dinner meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m., at the Wood County 4-H dining hall, 2230 Butcher Bend Road, Mineral Wells.

Discussions will include:

--Soil health and microbial soil activity, and how to read soil sample results. Rick Dues, sales representative with Agra Solutions, LLC, will give a presentation and answer questions.

--Pasture and forage seeding, renovations, and new products. Representatives from Byron Seeds and Kings AgriSeeds, Inc., will give a presentation and answer questions.

RSVP to Jeff McElfresh, 482-8114 or jeffmelfresh.jm@gmail.com. Include the number attending, and meal selection of baked steak or baked chicken.

Tire Collection

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

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

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

A limit of 10 tires per person will be accepted. Tire round up is for residents of Calhoun only.

Bring valid W.Va. ID (such as driver's license). It is sponsored by West Virginia DEP and Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.

New Cub Scout Pack Forms At Arnoldsburg

The Kootaga District of the Boy Scouts of America, Buckskin Council, has announced that national BSA membership has exceeded its year-over-year numbers by more than 3%.

Around mid-December, the BSA's youth membership surpassed 1,025,000, which was the organization's goal for 2022. By the end of the year, the BSA was serving more than 1,042,000.

Locally, the Buckskin Council has added three new units in the last few months, including a new Cub Scout Pack at Arnoldsburg Elementary School.

Go to beascout.org to find a scouting unit near you, where youths learn new skills, try new activities, serve others, make new friends, and more.

Scouting meets the six essential needs of youth: mentoring, lifelong learning, faith traditions, serving others, healthy living, and building character.

Kootaga District serves youths and adults in

houn, Roane, Jackson, and in Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolville in Ohio.

Let 2023 bring new adventures and new friends through Scouting. Camping, hiking, biking, boating, archery, STEM, games, first aid, citizenship, service and so much more.

Cub Scouts are ages 5-10; Scouts BSA, ages 11-17; Venturing, ages 14-20; Sea Scouts, ages 14-20; and Exploring, ages 10-20.

Adult volunteers are welcome. If you have skills in event planning, recruiting, fund raising and more, Kootaga District is always looking for volunteers to add to its team.

Looking for a summer job? Camp Kootaga is gearing up for an amazing summer camp season. Volunteers are always welcome to help with upkeep, upgrades, and camp maintenance projects.

For information, visit the Buckskin Council website, beascout.org, or call the Parkersburg Scout office, 422-4507.

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.):

Jan. 21, Frank Conn and Partners.

Jan. 28, Dixie Highway.

Essay:

Hi, my name is Landon Kristoff. In my piece of art, I have a hand drawing three famous Martin Luther King, Jr., photographs. I think for a kid my age (13), it seems so difficult to have any major impact on the problem of inequality and injustice, but I want to try. I hope to use the gift God gave me of art to create pieces that show the wonderful differences and similarities of people. I would love to use my talent to show others that kids can also do something about this problem. I will continue to learn about the past and acknowledge what people of diversity have faced. I also will acknowledge their pain and grief and offer my support, as I know that many people are still treated unfairly in today's society.

Award Letter:

Congratulations! You have been selected as the winner of the 7th grade Art competition for the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Art, Essay & Multimedia Contest, hosted by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. We received hundreds of entries for this year's contest and only one winner is selected from each grade level!

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Sheila Garretson (left) and Jean Simers expressed thanks to everyone who came and celebrated on Saturday. They also thanked the Democrat Executive Committee, and Deirdre Purdy and Michele Sears for their wonderful desserts.

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