



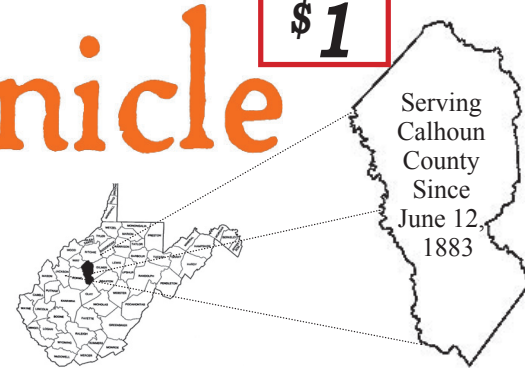
# The Calhoun Chronicle

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Thursday, January 26, 2023

### School Board Hires Athletic Director and Head Football Coach

The Calhoun County board of education met on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the board office at Mt. Zion at 5:30 p.m.

Recently elected Mitch Morgan began his full term as a board member, after filling in for Kevin Cunningham on an interim basis.

Personnel approvals later in the meeting included the hiring of Emilee Nichols as athletic director and Jeff Goodrich as head varsity football coach.

The board recognized the following members of the CCHS varsity football team for All-Little Kanawha Conference honors:

Ian Persinger, 1st team defense, utility; Logan Tingler, 2nd team defense, punter; Owen Taylor, Tyler Nelson and Jayton Gibson, special honorable mentions; and Hunter Thacker and Shane Dooley, honorable mentions.

Employees honored for student services included Kevin Boak, Amy Cottrell, James Mullins, Brittany Parsons, Brandi Sampson, Charlotte Squires, Amanda Williams, Megan Winkler and Jeannie Bennett-Yoak.

Superintendent reports

were on the following topics:

- Director and school reports.
- 2022 Summer Sole status report.
- Summer school discussion.
- Partnership with Westbrook to do After school NOT (Not On Tobacco). After-School classes as a first offense tobacco consequence have started.
- First semester academic data: Honor Roll, all schools.
- Senate Bill 41.
- Ready, Read, Write West Virginia: The Science of Reading.

Items approved under old business included:

- Policies for approval included two titles under Student Chapter: “Open Enrollment Policy” and “Student Drug Testing.”
- Solar & Roof Restoration for Calhoun Middle/High School bid approval, Secure Solar Futures, \$912,032.
- Solar & Roof Restoration for Pleasant Hill School bid approval, Secure Solar Futures, \$43,863.

Approved under new business:

- Finances: General

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wednesday, Jan. 25**  
 Applications for mayor, recorder and five council seats are available in the town office, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Jan. 28.

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

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

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

CCHS varsity boys basketball team plays at Van, 7 p.m.

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### 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@calhouncronicle.com or stop in and fill out an application. Call 354-6917 for information.

Office may be closed on Thursday, Jan. 26.

### Eight Sign-Up For Town Offices; Application Deadline Is Saturday

As of Monday afternoon, eight residents had signed up as candidates for offices in the Town of Grantsville General Election on Tuesday, June 6.

Signing up for mayor was incumbent Robert Petrovsky.

Former council member Judy Powell signed up for recorder.

Six candidates have signed up for the five council seats, including Emalee Morgan, Teresa Overton, Linda Staton, Cheryl Cheesbrew Sturm, Kimberly A. Sweat and William R. Villers.

Staton, Sturm and Villers are incumbents.

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

### Lincoln Day Dinner Is Feb. 25

Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee has announced that it will hold a Lincoln Day Dinner at the Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville, on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m.

According to Loretta Hathaway Propst, dinner chairman, the return of the Lincoln Day Dinner is special to those who recall when the event was an annual activity during February.

Propst said, “It is a time to honor our history, heritage, and President Abraham Lincoln, who supported the abolishment of slavery and was instrumental in ending the Civil War.”

“The Grand Old Party (GOP) members of this county are excited to have this time together to socialize, share a meal, and hear distinguished guest speakers, who may be running for elected offices in the fall.”

The meal will be grilled and delivered to the center. It will include filleted Tuscan steak, baked potato, grilled Caesar salad, creme brulee, coffee, tea, or water.

Cost of the meal is \$28. It will be less if a group purchases seats together at a table. The table will have eight seats and the cost will be \$200 (\$25/plate).

There will be a raffle for a metal Fire Ring crafted by the welding team at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5/\$20. You need not be present to win.

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 have been a resident of the municipality for at least six months. A notarization and filing fee are required.

Filing fees are as follows: mayor, \$50; recorder, \$25; and council, \$15.

### Three Virus Cases Listed

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

Even with only three cases, the county turned to yellow alert for two days (last Thursday and Friday) before returning to green.

Calhoun’s total cases are now 2,260 (1,138 confirmed and 1,122 probable).

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

Net new cases in area counties, in addition to Calhoun, in the last week (and county totals/deaths) are: Roane, 15 (4,439/50); Braxton, 11 (4,950/52); Clay, 8 (2,698/53); Ritchie, 4 (3,009/34); Wirt, 2 (1,729/28); and Gilmer, 2 (2,530/23).

New cases in the area were 45, compared to 48 last week. Cases now total 21,615.

New West Virginia cases were 1,853, down from 1,907, 2,778 and 3,043 the previous three weeks. Total cases during the pandemic are 632,661.

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Recognized during last week’s board meeting for student services were employees, left to right, first row, Amanda Williams, Brandi Sampson, Charlotte Squires, Jeannie Bennett-Yoak; second row, Amy Cottrell, James Mullins, Megan Winkler, Kevin Boak and Brittany Parsons.

# Review of 2022 Events

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

**July**

According to figures announced by Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Calhoun County had 1,007 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 976 probable cases for a total of 1,983.

According to U.S. Census Bureau, the 2020 population of Calhoun was 6,229, which means that 31.8 percent of the county’s population had now had the coronavirus confirmed or probable.

Updated career records for CCHS wrestlers showed that the top 10 in career wins were by Cole Ritchie (188), Cody Clark (167), Paul Goodrich (165), Allen Metheny (162), Eric Metz (153), Ben Laughlin (152), Seth Moore (151), Chris Morris (151), Casey Ritchie (144) and Levi Gordon (140).

Trevia Fulks of the sheriff’s office reported that the tax tickets that are usually sent out in early July will be late this year due to the State of West Virginia not getting the necessary information to the sheriff’s office in a timely manner.

New coronavirus cases during the second week of July moved Calhoun over 2,000 confirmed and probable cases, the next-to-last West Virginia county to reach that mark.

Gov. Jim Justice announced two grants supporting projects in Calhoun County: Minnie Hamilton Health System, \$2,500,000 for sewer/water line replacement at MHHS in Grantsville; and Pleasant Hill Public Service District, \$2,500,000, to provide new water service to approximately 77 customers in the areas of Norman Ridge, Big Root Run Road, and Bull River Road.

Results were published of a self-appraisal survey by board of education members Jimmy Gregory, Jenna Jett, Horst Motz, Mitch Morgan, and Tammy Yoak, which were announced at the July board meeting.

The public was invited to enter prized harvest, canned goods, crafts, food items, quilts, and other items for the Old-Fashioned Country Fair during the 62nd annual Mt. Zion Community Ox Roast.

The month ended with 55 virus cases for a total of 2,029.

**August**

The Extreme Tour concert was held at Wayne Underwood Field on Aug. 7.

Fall sports practice and (Continued on Page 10)

# OBITUARIES

## EDITH 'Rose' MILLS

Edith "Rose" Mills, 92, of Brohard, died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at home.

She was the daughter of the late Archie and Dora Bell Rose. She attended O'Brien School and later took training at Calhoun General Hospital for certified nurses in 1987 and graduated with her class. She was a homemaker and a longtime member of Bell Chapel Church, Munday, and was church treasurer for many years.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence "Charles" Mills and Michael "Joe" Mills; two daughters, Linda M. Parsons and Bonnie Cheeseman; eight grandchildren, Melissa Onion, Rebecca Wright, Sam Mills, Jennifer Albright, Clint Mills, Tosha McMullen, Tara Cheeseman and Craig Mills; 13 great-grandchildren, Jeffery Skidmore, Katie Skidmore, Shana Lemon, Rene Lemon, Cameron Cunningham, Cheyenne Onion, Clayton Mills, Brooklin Mills, Danica Johnston, Alexandria Mills, Ava Mills, Harper McMullen and Haylee McMullen; and one great-great-grandchild, Lincoln Cunningham.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence D. Mills; two sisters, Edna Ruth Rose and Elodene Prather; two brothers, Archie Rose, Jr., and Alfred "Buck" Rose and one grandson, John D. Lemon.

Services were held at Matheny Whited Funeral Home, Elizabeth, with Rev. James Bruce officiating. Burial was in Belt Cemetery, Straight Creek Road, off Munday Road.

## IRETA ALVIRA 'Beck' ROBERTS

Ireta Alvira "Beck" Roberts, 91, of Big Springs, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

She was the daughter of the late Will and Isie Wilt Kight of Grantsville. She was a member of Trace Fork United Brethren Church.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Glen D. "Brown" Roberts, whom she married on Apr. 10, 1955, and brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Merrell Kight, Virgil Kight and Audy Kight; one half-brother, Harry; and one half-sister, Mary.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Grantsville, with Rev. Ronzel Roberts officiating. Burial was in Kight Cemetery.



## GLEN RAY WILLIAMSON

Glen Ray Williamson, 65, of Duck, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at Piedmont Cartersville Medical Center, Cartersville, Ga.

He was the son of Martha Jane Ramsey Williamson and the late Charles Wesley Williamson.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Donna Jean Williamson; three children, James Williamson, Stephanie Bass and Mike Williamson; two grandchildren, Hannah Bass and Jason Bass; three step-grandchildren; three sisters, Charlotte, Hope and Dreama; one brother, C.K. Williamson; one sister-in-law, Sharon Tanner; two brothers-in-law, Gary Marks and Kevin Marks; mother-in-law, Wanetta Marks; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Jason Bass, and one sister-in-law, Crystal Williamson.

Services were held at Stump Funeral Home, Arnoldsburg, with Rev. Lester Tanner officiating. Burial was in Nebo Baptist Church Cemetery.



## DAVID PHARES II

David C. Phares II, 49, of Linn, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at Duck.

He was born at Gassaway, the son of David C. and Barbara Grounds Phares of Glenville. He was a 1991 graduate of Gilmer County High School and worked as a well tender in the oil and gas industry for many years.

Surviving in addition to his parents are four children, Joshua Butcher of Pickens County, S.C., Harlie Stump of Linn, and Kathrine Phares and Avery Ann Phares, both of Cedarville; three grandchildren, Whytnie and Kylie Stump of Linn and Clayton Butcher of Pickens County; two brothers, Alex Phares of Cedarville and Jeremiah Phares of Oak Hill; five uncles, Stephen Phares of Palestine, George Grounds of Calhoun County, James "Pete" Grounds of Charleston, Clarence Williamson of Glenville and Roy Isenhardt of Cedarville; six aunts, Sharon Brannon of Cedarville, Sheba Kendig of Burnsville, Sandra Smith and Sharon Phares Smith, both of Linn, Bonnie Barnett of Ravenna, Ohio, and Sharon Phares of Glenville; one step-aunt, Monnie Simpson of Houston, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by three aunts, Shena Williamson, Dottie Williamson and Darlene Isenhardt, and two uncles, James Phares and Larry Phares.

David's request for cremation has been honored and a celebration of his life will be conducted at a later date.

## JOHN DOLLY, JR.

John Dolly, Jr., 84, of Ravenswood, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, in Jackson General Hospital, Ripley.

He was born in Whitmer, the son of the late John Arlington Dolly, Sr., and Mary Reed Dolly. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a Pentecostal and former pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle. He was a former employee of Hartley Manufacturing and Penny Fare.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Velma Louis White Dolly; one son, Monty Dolly of Grantsville; two daughters, Audrey Brewer of Sandyville and Sonya Hill of Ripley; two brothers, Hilbert Dolly of Thomas and Jessie Dolly of Wymer; three grandchildren, Nathan DeWees of Evans, Kelsey Hill of Ripley and Kayla Cariani of Gardner, Kan.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Evond Smith and Norma Thompson; one son-in-law, Brian Hill; and close members to the family, Charlie Whipkey and Hamada Albaghdadi.

Service were held at Casto Funeral Home, Evans, with Pastor Adam Nester officiating. Burial was in Independence Cemetery, Sandyville.

## PAMELA ANNE 'Charlie' McLAUGHLIN DOUVRES

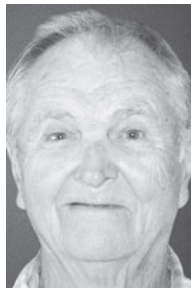
Pamela Anne "Charlie" McLaughlin Douvres, 60, of Spencer, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

She was born in Oklahoma City, Okla., and raised in Roane County.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Travis Little of Big Bend; father and step-mother, Tom and Eloise McLaughlin of Spencer; two brothers, Paul McLaughlin of Charleston and Mike McLaughlin of Nitro; and several nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel McLaughlin, and two sisters, Debbie Taylor and Lesa Gill.

She chose to give herself to the WVU Human Gift Registry. A private celebration of life will be held later. Condolences may be shared at [www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com). Go Fund Me account, [gofund.me/2ab3de78](https://gofund.me/2ab3de78), or mail donations to Sarah and Travis Little, 759 Cain Road, Big Bend, WV 26136.



# Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

So far, this winter has not been as severe as the little woolly bears, and the Farmer's Almanac predicted. At least around these parts, our winter so far, with the possible exception of Christmas weekend's extreme cold snap, has been pretty much normal.

The same cannot be said for the rest of the country. Severe drought, wildfires, extreme flooding, mudslides, blizzards, etc., seem to now be the norm in many parts of the world.

The future does not look promising for any of this diminishing any time soon, if we continue to just keep destroying the only home we are ever going to have.

For the sake of our children, grandchildren, and their grandchildren we must do our best to stop the madness of deflection and outright lies, and concentrate instead on doing the things necessary to help our planet, not harm it.

The time for us to reverse unwanted climate change passed us by quite some time ago, but we chose to ignore the signals that we were doing great harm and we chose money over home. Bad move.

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Since our winter has not been as bad as predicted (even by me), the inexorable march of winter into spring moves ahead.

Spring flowers have already sent their shoots through the earth to bask in the weak sunshine of January, and bring to us all the sight of new life coming forth in the new year.

When I go out at night, if it's not below 40 degrees, I will see nightcrawlers pulling themselves back underground to safety.

As I look out our windows towards the hilltop, I see where the trees are already swelling their leaf buds in anticipation

of lengthening days and shorter nights.

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I managed to get the squirrel "wheel of corn" mounted on our deck last weekend. So far, the squirrels have noticed it, sniffed it, had stare-down contests with it, but not one has had the gumption to walk over to it and give it a whirl.

The only critters that have actually eaten any of the corn off of those cobs have been birds, and they just get a kernel of corn or two before the wheel turns and they must fly away.

As I left for work on Tuesday morning, there were five squirrels either on the deck rails, the limb coming over from the butternut tree, or the trees conjoining with the butternut, and each one of them came to an abrupt stop on the limb when they came abreast of the corn wheel, but none went for the corn.

I feel certain that the little tree rats (as they are called in England) will be having a carnival out on the deck by this weekend. I look forward to their shenanigans and hope to shoot both photos and videos of the action.

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Just when I thought that I knew who the biggest liar in the history of American politics was, we suddenly see a congressman elected to office who, it appears, is going for the record. As this man's lies began to unfold, I thought that at least we know his name is right, and even that is suspect now.

If this is where one of the major political parties of this country is headed, it looks like we may have to find another party to continue our two-party system, since one of them is totally disintegrating into chaos.

Oh well, we can surely change that at the voting booth in two years, if we last that long, and if we don't, we cannot last long at all as a free democracy.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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**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.

CCHS wrestling team hosts Mike Stump Invitational, 10 a.m.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays at South Harrison in Hometown Invitational Tournament, time not announced.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, January 29**  
Calhoun Youth basketball, CM/HS: 4th-6th grades start from 1:30 to 5:40 p.m.; 2nd-3rd grades start from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 30**  
CCHS varsity girls basketball team hosts Wirt County, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 31**  
Parent-Child Group, CalhounFRN, Grantsville, 11 a.m. to noon.

**Wednesday, February 1**  
Board of Review and Equalization meets, courthouse little courtroom, 9 a.m., managed timberland.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team hosts South Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, February 3**  
CCHS varsity boys basketball team plays at Valley Wetzel, 7 p.m.

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

**Saturday, February 4**  
CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Clay County, 2 p.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, February 5**  
Calhoun Youth basketball, CM/HS: 4th-6th grades start from 1:30 to 5:40 p.m.; 2nd-3rd grades start from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## SNAP Allotment

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources' monthly SNAP benefits will return to the pre-announcement COVID-19 Public Health Emergency level and will again be based on the household's income, assets, household size, and other non-financial factors.

Each SNAP household will receive a letter from DHHR notifying them of the change and provide direction on any questions they may have.

For information related to SNAP, call 1-877-716-1212 or the local DHHR office, 354-6118.

# This Week In History

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

## 1923, 100 years ago

Having seen nothing in print from the Mudfork section for some time, we thought we would just drop the dear old Chronicle a few lines to let the county know, generally, that, though cut off from the outside world by the impassable rivers of mud sometimes miss-called roads, with which this end of the county abounds, we are still on the map and very much alive.

Most all of the farmers of this neighborhood are working for South Penn Oil Co., on its new pipeline that is being laid from Ivydale to Minnora, via this place.

A large steam shovel was unloaded here on Monday, which will be used on the state road between here and Arnoldsburg.

For Sale - 31 acres of land lying on the class A road one mile below Grantsville, just out of the corporation limits of town. Practically new seven-room bungalow with nice porches, water piped into kitchen from never failing spring, barn, and other outbuildings.

Well-fenced garden, hog lot, etc. This land will be connected to town by pavement in the spring. Well now being drilled by Hope Gas Co. on the upper end and location made for another well just over the line on the lower end of this farm. one-half of royalty goes with the surface at a bargain price. Mrs. A.L. Swiger.

While hauling wood one day last week, Leonard Richards broke his leg. He was just getting to where he could use his arm, which had also been broken.

Mrs. L.C. Hamilton was called to Huntington on Wednesday because of the illness of Mr. Hamilton, who has been in that city on business for some time. We have not learned the particulars of his sickness.

Mr. Wade Hosey met with a very serious accident while working in the tin plate mill at Morgantown. He got his foot badly cut.

## 1948, 75 years ago

According to Trooper L.E. Haynes of the local State Police detachment, December ended the past year with a great deal of activity in his work. Arrests reported by Trooper Haynes for the month were:

Five drunk in public; one petty larceny; two investigations of breaking and entering; one escapee from boys industrial school apprehended; one for bad checks; one grand larceny.

Arrests for road violations: three for speeding; one reckless driving; one illegal parking on highway; one passing on curve; one no operator's license; one drunk driving; and one illegal transportation of liquor.

Haynes stated that the arrests in 1946 showed an increase of 236 percent over 1945. The increase in 1947 was 12 percent over 1946. The more serious crimes were greater in 1947, being an increase of 47 percent over 1946.

## 1973, 50 years ago

Two sites were recommended for further study for the proposed Calhoun-Gilmer vocational technical school. A report on the site committee was made at the meeting of the advisory committee last Thursday evening in Glenville.

The advisory committee found both sites pleasing, on first consideration, and left further study and selection to the two-county administrative council.

Both sites are on Rt. 5, and within a short distance from each other, one in Calhoun, the other in Gilmer. The Calhoun site visited by the committee was the property of Mrs. Robert Burns. The Gilmer site is a short distance east, the Wooster farm.

The site committee reports were made by Earl Nicholson and Emmons Smith.

Dr. Clarence Maze, Jr., head of the survey committee, reported that about one-third of the business survey forms had been returned, and others would be asked to return the forms so that part of the work could be tabulated for study.

Also, in separate surveys were parents and students, to try to determine what courses that they were interested in.

Bill Grass, chairman of the demographic committee, which is responsible for writing the proposal, reported on work accomplished in that area.

He reported that much of the needed information was already on hand and being worked up for presentation for funds.

Among those from Calhoun attending the meeting were John W. Elliott, Emmons Smith, Roy J. Stump, Bill Grass, Dwight Lowther and Vada Smith.

## Next Virtual Job Fair On Jan. 4

WorkForce West Virginia has announced the next date in a series of Statewide Virtual Job Fairs. Both employers and job seekers are invited to participate in the virtual event on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from noon to 3 p.m.

The January event garnered 495 job seeker registrations, with a slightly better than normal participation rate.

The event is free and registration is currently open. Any business with jobs in West Virginia is welcome to participate.

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

Registration is required for both interested em-

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

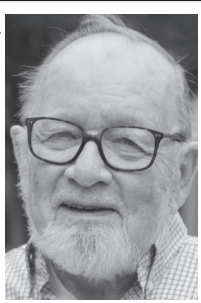
Job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally and have a calm, clutter-free background, as employers may request to engage in a video interview.

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

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

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



*This is the second part of last week's column, answering the question, "Why are some people right-handed and some are left-handed?"*

Last week, we discussed some of the history of right-hand preference, as observed in the Roman and Judeo-Christian traditions. There are some other theories concerning handedness. One associates the predominance of right-handedness with tool development. As tools were invented, more complicated ones were better suited for one hand, and were especially fashioned for this hand (presumably the right). Tools became prized possessions and, as they were passed down from one generation to the next, one hand became predominant in activities.

Probably because of such social development, children showing left-hand tendencies were at one time discouraged from being left-handed. "Lefties" got down to about two percent of the population because of this. I remember some of my grade school teachers telling students to quit using their left hand and write with their right. Fortunately, that is not done so much anymore.

Whatever the case, lefties have had a tough row to hoe. Think about scissors or a bolt-action rifle. Left-handed people do have some special advantages. For example, in baseball, first base players are usually lefties. They can catch and throw to home and third base outside the baselines. Southpaw pitchers have various advantages to pitching to different batters, too. Incidentally, the term "southpaw" was coined by a Chicago sportswriter as a way to describe left-handed pitchers, who on going into the stretch with a runner on first would face south in an old ballpark. Switch hitters are sometimes told to be left-handed, which gives them a half-step head start in going to first base.

Even we right-handers do some things left-handed. I shuffle cards right-handed, but I deal left-handed. I don't know why . . . maybe because the deal is to the left (it's easier).

Left-handers can hold their heads high. There have been many famous lefties. Try Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, Charlie Chaplin, Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Stan Musial, Lefty Gomez (naturally), Robert Redford, Rex Harrison, Bubba Beauregard, Pablo Picasso, Leonardo da Vinci, and Michelangelo (maybe ambidextrous). Left on!

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." --Albert Einstein (also a lefty!).

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

## School Board Hires--

(Continued from Page 1) Fund invoices, \$665,548; supplements, \$2,749; transfers, \$35,171; December financial statement.

--Conduct first public hearing on 2023-24 school calendar; next hearing, Monday, Feb. 13, at 5:30 p.m.

--Homeschool requests: parent Alyssa Falls, 5th grader.

--Policies out for comment included two titles under Administration chapter: "Narcans" and "Tobacco Control."

Personnel matters approved included:

--Resignations: extracurricular, John Persinger, head varsity baseball coach; Angela Hersman, head varsity volleyball coach; Colleen Goodrich, \$1 assistant varsity volleyball coach.

--Employment: Professional, Mariah Glascock, substitute teacher; Kaitlyn Toney, substitute teacher (pending certification); Jami Laughlin, counselor, county, itinerant.

Service, Alexis Snodgrass, substitute cook (pending background check); Amber Wright and Alexis Snodgrass, substitute multi-classified aide/bus aide/supervisory aide/specialized health-care procedures, (pending background checks); Alisha Laughlin, substitute multi-classified aide/bus aide/supervisory aide/specialized healthcare procedures; Justin Yoak, substitute custodian (pending background check); Alisha Laughlin, truancy diversion facilitator, (pending background check).

## Three Virus Cases Listed--

(Continued from Page 1) DHHR reported that weekly deaths were at 23, down from last week's 36. Total deaths in West Virginia are now 7,808.

The number of new cases in the United States was 278,826, a big decrease from the last four weeks of 490,464, 417,975, 432,857 and 475,946.

Total cases since the pandemic began are 103,856,217.

New deaths in the U.S. were 3,266, down considerably from last week's 4,444. Total deaths are 1,128,807.

New weekly worldwide

cases were 1,921,024, a decrease from 2,647,108, 3,479,311 and 3,422,011 over the last three weeks. Since the pandemic began, worldwide cases reported total 673,382,746.

Worldwide deaths in the last week were 15,799, a decrease from last week's 16,747. Total deaths from the pandemic are 6,746,916.

DHHR reported that 1,007,974 West Virginia residents have been fully vaccinated (56.2%), an increase of 354 in the last week. There have been 622,184 booster shots given, an increase of 1,032 from last week.

In other matters approved: Ratification of paid suspension; and expulsion hearing 2022-23-05.

The next meeting of the board of education will be held on Monday, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion board office.



# This Week In West Virginia History

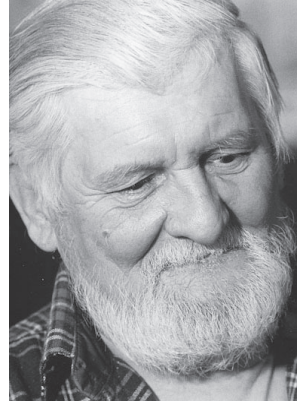
The following events happened from Jan. 26-Feb. 1 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.



Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, he erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.



Jan. 27, 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.

Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.

Jan. 28, 1902: Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president. The legislature had required the building of state hospitals for those in dangerous occupations. Eventually, three miners hospitals were built in different sections of the state.

Jan. 28, 1937: In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood and Pt. Pleasant were also badly damaged.

Jan. 29, 1903: The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after being recommended by the governor and voted on by students in the public schools.

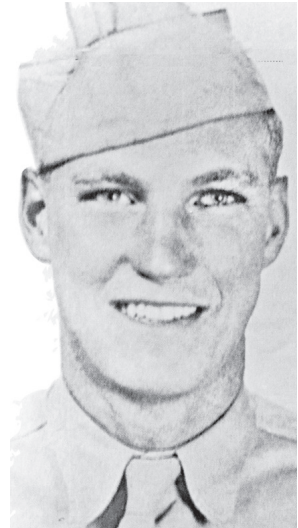
Jan. 30, 1818: Nicholas County was created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

Jan. 30, 1895: Mingo

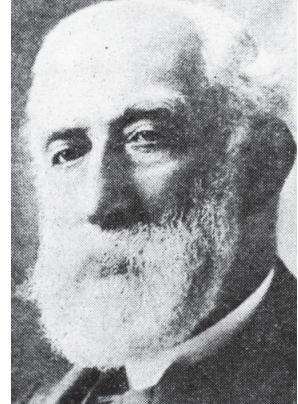
County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the youngest county in West Virginia.



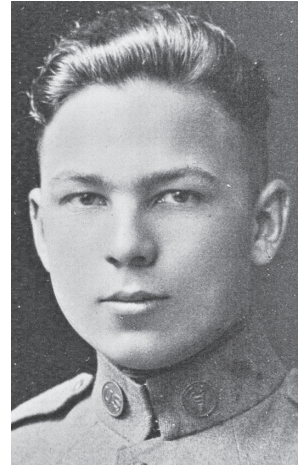
Jan. 31, 1922: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films. Her brother, singer and TV host Peter Marshall, is also a West Virginia native.



Jan. 31, 1945: Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."



Feb. 1, 1832: Education reformer Alexander Luark Wade was born. He reorganized rural Monongalia County schools to require progress through eight prescribed levels with a graduating exercise and receipt of a diploma. Wade's system worked so well, it was copied by other counties and states.



Feb. 1, 1901: Frank Buckles, the last known American veteran of World War I, was born in Missouri. He purchased a farm in Charles Town in 1954 and continued to live there until his death in 2011.

Jan. 31, 1878: Educator William Woodson Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

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## My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



According to the weather forecast, winter might make an appearance this week. I hope this will turn out to be true, but I am not getting my hopes up. This seems to be the winter of rain and mud, not snow. My yard is still swampy, and feeding the birds requires boots so that I don't ruin any of my other shoes. I expect to complain about rain and mud in the spring, not January.

As weeks go, this was a relatively quiet one, for which I was grateful. Coming off of a long weekend, I needed to ease back into a normal routine. We are three weeks into the third nine weeks. Most students' schedules are adjusted now, and we are hitting the second semester stride.

The biggest change that I experienced was in my seventh period class. I teach creative writing during this time, and it is a class that I always look forward to each day. There were only nine in my first semester class, but now I have 20 students for the rest of the year. This changed the dynamic of the class, but all is well, so far.

I am a senior advisor this year, and responsibilities are beginning to pick up in that area. Senior T-shirts are being made, fundraisers are taking place, and the senior trip is in the works. The seniors chose to take a winter day trip to Canaan Valley to ski, tube, and ice skate. I must say that I was happy with this choice, because this will take one activity off of the May calendar, which is already very busy.

While May seems a long way off, I know that once February arrives, time really begins to speed up. For some reason, the third nine weeks is always a blur, especially if we have snow days. For this reason, I am always very intentional about planning my lessons for this time period.

This year, I am teaching a new novel, which I am really excited about. Actually, I have taught this novel before, but never in this format. To Kill a Mockingbird is one of my favorite novels to teach, and last year I discovered a graphic novel version. My 10th graders and I are exploring how to teach and read this type of book, and I am enjoying every minute of it.

This is also the nine-week period where my honors class tackles writing a research paper and reading Macbeth. So far, my students have chosen their topics, created research questions, located credible research materials, and completed their research. They have used that research to create an outline and have written their introductory paragraph that concludes with their thesis statements.

This week, they will be using their outline as a guide and writing a new section of their paper each day. In addition to that, we will be discussing why reading Shakespeare is so important, and learning about the author and his background.

After we have established why we read Shakespeare and learn a little bit more about him and his time period, we will jump into Macbeth itself. I have also purchased an actual Globe theater production of the play, so that my students can see professional actors portraying these characters on the stage the way Shakespeare intended. Many of my students have never been to a play, so I love watching their reactions as they are exposed to this new medium for the first time.

On the home front this week, I have a few items on my agenda. It's that time of the year again. I now have all of my paperwork, so one evening this week I will tackle doing my taxes.

I also have a dentist appointment to get a small cavity filled, and I will probably be spending some time at the history museum, as we get ready to change our displays. I am really looking forward to seeing what local artists bring us to put on display in February.

As I have written this article, I have gotten up a couple of times to look out the window. So far, it is still raining, and now a fog is rolling in. The weatherman said that it might snow this evening, but there is no sign of that out my window. I am going on the assumption that tomorrow will be a normal school day, so I better go pack my lunch, lay my clothes out, and get my school bag ready.

I will go to bed dreaming of a three-hour delay, but either way, I will be prepared if that doesn't occur. My weather app on my phone says there's a chance for snow later this week, so I will keep my fingers crossed.

## 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)

Mary I do assure you I am getting tired of the service, and wish I was out, and shall leave no effort untried between this and spring to get out, but whether I will be successful I can not tell.

If I should tender my resignation, and get dismissed for it, would you think any the less of me? Answer this truly for if there is no other way, I have almost resolved to do so.

Please write soon address to Regt. & Brig & Div as usual, and send to this place.

No more, regards to the family. Remaining most truly and affectionately your own.

Michael

Head Quarters 11th Regt WVa Vols Deep Bottom, Va. Jan'y 11th. 1865 Dear Mary,

This note will inform you that I am in good health, and hoping that this may find you enjoying the same good blessing.

I have written several times to you since our arrival here, but have received only one letter from you. Yet I am anxiously looking for one from you every day.

I must inform you that all my calculations about getting out of service, are completely frustrated, and an application which I had made asking to be mustered out, has been returned thoroughly disapproved by Gen'l Butler, and deciding that I will have to serve out the balance of my "veteran" term of service. This is pretty rough, but the decision is made, and I cannot avoid it. Now I submit to you a plan and wish to know what you think of it.

I do not desire to act rashly but I feel that I cannot remain in the service and to get out under the present circumstances I would have to do something to cause my dismissal from the service. I have written to Father & Mother about it, asking their advice, and also I desire your opinion, and wish you to give it candidly and truly. Would you reject and spurn me if I was to act just out of order enough to get a dishonorable discharge.

I anticipate offering my resignation after awhile and if that should fail, to do some thing else. So as to get dismissed or shall I act differently, providing life & health are spared me, to serve on for two years more and seek promotion, and risk the chances of war to get through safe.

Now you are to tell me just what you think, for if you and my parents decide for me to serve on I will do so. If you decide for me to come out let consequence be what they may I will do that. But I feel disposed to quit the service, however I will do nothing further till I hear from you; write as soon as you can.

If I have done wrong in writing what I have, forgive me, but I felt it to be my duty, to consult you, you may feel undecided, but now please just say "Come home and I will love you the same"; and I will do so.

Everything is quiet here at this time, and we are all getting along first rate. Tell Martin that the Chaplain has been dismissed from the service and starts home in the morning, also give him & Alfred and all the rest my kind regards. But keep this matter of which I have written a profound secret.

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain very truly and affectionately your devoted lover and friend,

Michael

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols Camp 24 A.C. Deep Bottom, Va. January 15, 1865 Dear Mary,

I once more avail myself of the opportunity of writing you a few lines to inform you that I am in good health as usual, and most truly hoping this note may find you enjoying the same good blessing.

I am looking for a letter from you nearly every day, but it does not come. Oh: how I wish it would, for I want to hear from you once more. This is Sunday evening and I am sitting here by the fire writing this to you, wondering where you are at this time, and could I but enjoy your sweet company for a few short hours this evening, as we have spent many pleasant hours heretofore, how truly happy I would be.

But we are far away from each other to night, though I am sure our minds and hearts are cemented in a bond of pure holy love. Such as only those who love truly can know, and I hope the time will yet come when we will meet to enjoy the love we have pledged each other.

There may be many long days and nights, yes and no doubt some of those too will be to us full of pain and suffering, weary watching, but a firm trust in the power of Him who is always merciful to all His creatures will lead us safely through all lifes ills.

Mary: I do feel that I have been very careless and even reckless in many instances since I left you, and feel to night that were I with you, I would tell you of the various and chequered scenes in which I have been placed. Many cares and new responsibilities have been heaped upon me, and I find myself acting in a new sphere altogether, and if I am compelled to serve on in this war, which no doubt I will, I hope right will guide me in every action and that I may be so blest and protected as to live to return sometime.

(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. 26: rib sandwich, pasta vegetable salad, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Friday, Jan. 27: calico beans, greens, applesauce, whole wheat cornbread.

Monday, Jan. 30: cook's choice.

Tuesday, Jan. 31: hamburger, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun.

Wednesday, Feb. 1: sausage gravy, potatoes, apples, whole wheat biscuit.

Thursday, Feb. 2: pinto beans with ham, greens, onions, applesauce, whole wheat cornbread.

Friday, Feb. 3: stuffed peppers, mash potatoes, carrots, juice, whole wheat roll.

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.

## Alcohol, Substance Abuse Will Not Take Away Fears

by Stan Popovich

Using drugs and alcohol will not take away your problems and fears. In the short run, they might make you feel better, but in the long run, these addictions will only make things worse. As a result, here are tips on how to manage your persistent fears and anxieties without using drugs and alcohol.

--Take it one day at a time: Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or month, try to focus on today. Each day can provide us with different opportunities to learn new things and that includes learning how to deal with your issues. In addition, you will not feel overwhelmed with everything if you focus on one thing at a time.

--Learn how to manage your fearful thoughts: When experiencing a negative thought, read positive statements and affirmations that will help lift your spirits and make you feel better. Remember that your fearful thoughts may be exaggerated, so balance these thoughts with realistic thinking and common sense.

--Do not do everything all at once: Learn how to break your fears into a series of smaller steps. Completing these smaller tasks one step at a time will make the stress more manageable and increase your chances of success. You will also feel more confident in getting things accomplished, rather than worrying about what you need to do.

--Drugs and alcohol are not the answers to your problems: Getting the help you need and learning how to deal with your situation are the most effective ways in managing your fears, anxieties, and addictions. In time, you will be become better able to maintain your mental health.

--Managing your anxieties will take some hard work: Trying to avoid your addictions will do nothing in getting rid of your fears and anxieties. Sooner or later, you will have to confront your mental health issues. Remember that all you can do is to do your best each day, hope for the best, and take things in stride.

--Drugs and alcohol can make things difficult: Drugs and alcohol can make your problems even more complicated. Many professionals have said that substance abuse will only add more misery to your situation. Be smart and learn how to cope with your mental health issues the right way.

--Talk to a former addict: If you think that drugs and alcohol will solve your problems, then try talking to someone who has already been down that road. By talking to a former addict, you will get the truth on how substance abuse can ruin your life.

--Take advantage of the help that is available around you: If possible, talk to a professional who can help reduce your fears and anxieties. They will be able to provide you with additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current situation. By talking to a professional, a person will be helping themselves in the long run, because they will become better able to deal with their problems 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](http://www.managingfear.com).)

## 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:

Thursday, Jan. 26, PHS, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, Calhoun Family Resource Network, Grantsville, 11 a.m. to noon.

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

Friday, Jan. 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](mailto:d.smith@k12.wv.us).

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## Morris Totals 49 In Two Games

# Varsity Boys Defeat Paden City, Lose By Three At Clay County

The CCHS varsity boys basketball team defeated visiting Paden City, 52-41, on Friday, after losing at Clay County by three, 61-58, on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Senior Levi M. Morris led the team in scoring with 21 and 28, respectively.

Owen Taylor contributed 12 points and four assists against the Wildcats, while Landon Bennett had 11 points and seven assists. The two juniors also had three 3-pointers each.

Calhoun outscored Paden City in each quarter except the third, after taking a 26-12 halftime lead.

At Clay, Morris added 16 rebounds, while Taylor had 15 points and Joel Basnett had eight assists.

Calhoun led by five after the first period, and trailed by one, 28-27, at halftime. The Panthers added four more points to the margin during the third quarter, but the Red

Devils cut the final deficit to three in the fourth.

Calhoun is at Van High School on Thursday and Valley Wetzel on Friday, Feb. 3 (both at 7 p.m.), before hosting Clay County on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m.

### Tuesday, Jan. 17

**Calhoun 16 11 10 21--58 Clay 11 17 14 19--61**  
Calhoun boys individual scoring: Levi M. Morris 14-22 0-1 28, Owen Taylor 6-11 1-2 15, Landon Bennett 3-13 1-2 8, Landon Church 2-9 2-2 6, Joel Basnett 0-5 1-2 1, Caden Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Total 25-60 5-9 58.  
3-pt.: Taylor 2, Bennett 1. Rebounds, Morris 16, Taylor 4, Bennett 4; assists, Basnett 8, Bennett 5.

### Friday, Jan. 20

**Paden City 5 7 13 16--41 Calhoun 9 17 8 18--52**  
Calhoun boys individual scoring: Levi M. Morris 10-16 1-1 21, Owen Taylor 3-6 3-4 12, Landon Bennett 3-5 2-2 11, Landon Church 2-3 0-2 4, Joel Basnett 1-2 0-0 2, Caden Jones 1-3 0-2

2. Total 20-35 6-11 52.  
3-pt.: Taylor 3, Bennett 3.  
Rebounds, Jones 8, Morris 5, Taylor 4; assists, Bennett 7, Taylor 4, Church 4; steals, Basnett 3.

### 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 58 Clay 61         | L      |
| 20 52 Paden City 41   | W      |
| 24 Doddridge          | H 7:00 |
| 26 Van                | A 7:00 |
| February              |        |
| 3 Valley Wetzel       | A 7:00 |
| 4 Clay                | H 2:00 |
| 7 So. Harrison        | H 7:00 |
| 9 Gilmer Co.          | H 7:00 |
| 13 Paden City         | A 7:00 |
| 16 LKC Placement      | TBA    |
| 17 Meadow Bridge      | H 7:00 |
| 21 Meadow Bridge      | A 7:00 |
| 24 Sectionals         | TBA    |
| March                 |        |
| 9 Regionals           | TBA    |

### 2022-23 Calhoun Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule

Games are at 6 p.m., unless noted

| November             |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 30 A 44 Gilmer 21    | W |
| B 23 Gilmer 24       | L |
| December             |   |
| 5 A 16 Geo. Wash. 18 | L |
| B 12 GW 43           | L |
| 14 A 46 Walton 34    | W |
| 16 A 47 Richwood 23  | W |
| 17 A 43 Braxton 54   | L |
| 19 A 52 Geary 24     | W |
| 20 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 |
| 30 Clay              | H |
| 31 Ravenswood        | A |
| February             |   |
| 7 George Washington  | A |
| 9 Gilmer             | H |

## Equalization Board Lists Six Meetings

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

Because of restrictions during the pandemic, if you plan to attend any of the meetings listed, 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 a.m.

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 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.

### 2022-2023 CCHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL Regular Season Statistics - Record 4-18

| Player, Class       | Games | Pts. | Avg. | FGM-FGA | %     | FTM-FTA | %    |
|---------------------|-------|------|------|---------|-------|---------|------|
| Levi Morris, Sr.    | 12    | 172  | 14.3 | 77-172  | 44.8  | 11-22   | 50.0 |
| Landon Bennett, Jr. | 12    | 155  | 12.9 | 44-142  | 31.0  | 44-59   | 74.6 |
| Owen Taylor, Jr.    | 12    | 96   | 8.0  | 38-86   | 44.2  | 11-16   | 68.8 |
| Joel Basnett, Sr.   | 12    | 55   | 4.6  | 19-61   | 31.1  | 14-22   | 63.6 |
| Landon Church, So.  | 12    | 47   | 3.9  | 19-53   | 35.8  | 7-15    | 46.7 |
| Caden Jones, Jr.    | 12    | 40   | 3.3  | 18-58   | 31.0  | 4-12    | 33.3 |
| Jacob Marks, So.    | 5     | 12   | 2.4  | 4-18    | 22.2  | 1-2     | 50.0 |
| Brayden Wood, So.   | 7     | 3    | 0.4  | 1-1     | 100.0 | 0-0     | 00.0 |
| Hayden Bajcar, Sr.  | 2     | 0    | 0.0  | 0-1     | 0.0   | 0-2     | 00.0 |
| Team Totals         | 12    | 580  | 48.3 | 220-592 | 37.2  | 92-150  | 61.3 |

3-pt. goals 48: Bennett 23, Taylor 9, Morris 7.  
Rebounds 351 (29.3 avg.): Morris 110 (9.2), Jones 71 (5.9), Basnett 52 (4.3), Bennett 51 (4.3), Taylor 41 (3.4).  
Assists 168 (11.0): Bennett 55 (4.6), Basnett 34 (2.8), Church 23 (1.9), Taylor 18 (1.5), Jones 17 (1.4), Morris 16 (1.3).  
Steals 102 (8.5): Bennett 27 (2.3), Basnett 17 (1.4), Morris 16 (1.3).  
Blocks 21 (1.8): Morris 11 (.9), Taylor 5 (.4).

## Persinger Third At Williamstown; Team Hosts Stump Duals Saturday

The Calhoun County High School wrestling team finished 2-14 at Williamstown High School on Saturday.

Even with some starters out of the line-up, the Red Devils were able to win 11 of the 14 weight classes.

Top finisher for CCHS was Ian Persinger, who placed third in the 150 lb. class.

Wyatt Nichols was fourth at 157 and Landon Sampson was sixth at 144.

Halfway through the season, team leaders include: wins, Persinger (19), Trevor Collins (18) and Haiden Staton (17); pins, Collins (16), Levi Stump (13) and Staton (13); and points scored, Persinger (130), Staton (118), Collins (102) and Nichols (102).

Calhoun will host the annual Mike Stump Duals on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m.

### Saturday, Jan. 21, at Williamstown

Team scores: Braxton 255.5, Wahama 126, Sissonville 120.5, Williamstown 114, Bridgeport 97, Doddridge 95, Wirt 90, Spring Valley 89, Parkersburg South 83.5.

North Marion 74, Tyler 67, Ritchie 59, Roane 55, Grafton 51, Calhoun 47, South Harrison 45, Chapmanville 10.

Calhoun individual results:

- 126 - Isaiah Boggs, 1-2, 1 pin, 4 pts.
- 132 - Joe Nelson, 1-2, 1 pin, 4 pts.
- 138 - Anthony Schoo, 0-1
- 144 - Landon Sampson, 2-3, 1 pin, 7 pts., 6th place
- 150 - Ian Persinger, 3-1, 1 pin, 15 pts., 3rd place
- 157 - Wyatt Nichols, 2-2, 1 pin, 13 pts., 4th place
- 165 - Hunter Thacker, 0-1
- 175 - Sam Elmore, 0-1

### 2022-23 CCHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

All matches away, except Jan. 28

| Month    | Event                | Time                     |
|----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| January  | Mike Stump Duals     | 10:00                    |
| February |                      |                          |
|          | Class A Challenge    | 4:00                     |
|          | at Ritchie Co.       | 10:00                    |
|          | LKC at Wirt          | 10:00                    |
| March    |                      |                          |
|          | Regional at Millwood |                          |
|          | States at Huntington |                          |
|          |                      | 6:30 p.m.                |
|          |                      | 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. |
|          |                      | 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                   | 15-15                      | 10   | 79     |
| 132    | Joe Nelson                     | 12-12                      | 8    | 69     |
| 138    | Anthony Schoo                  | 10-9                       | 6    | 60     |
| 144    | Haiden Staton                  | 17-5                       | 13   | 118    |
| 144    | Adam Hughes                    | 4-5                        | 4    | 30     |
| 144    | Landon Sampson                 | 4-7                        | 3    | 14     |
| 150    | Ian Persinger                  | 19-9                       | 10   | 130    |
| 157    | Wyatt Nichols                  | 15-11                      | 9    | 102    |
| 165    | Hunter Thacker                 | 6-9                        | 2    | 41     |
| 165    | Adam Lane                      | 6-3                        | 4    | 43     |
| 175    | Sam Elmore                     | 2-6                        | 1    | 12     |
| 190    | Jobe Loudin                    | 2-11                       | 1    | 10     |
| 215    | Levi Stump                     | 16-11                      | 13   | 97     |
| 190    | Ethan Jarvis                   | 8-12                       | 7    | 41     |
| 215    | Brandon Marks                  | 0-2                        | 0    | 0      |
| 285    | Trevor Collins                 | 18-8                       | 16   | 102    |
| 285    | Jordan Collins                 | 5-11                       | 3    | 25     |
|        | Others (including 36 forfeits) | 0-36                       | 0    | 0      |
|        | Total                          | 159-182                    | 110  | 973    |
|        | Dual Record -- 7-7             | Tournament Record -- 25-30 |      |        |



At last week's board of education meeting, several football players were recognized for earning mention on All-Little Kanawha Conference teams. Shown above are newly hired CCHS head football coach Jeff Goodrich and assistant Zac Yeager with Logan Tingler. Below, from left to right, are Jayton Gibson, Shane Dooley and Tyler Nelson. Not pictured - Ian Persinger, Owen Taylor, Hunter Thacker.



### Varsity Girls

#### Friday, Jan. 20

**Calhoun 7 7 8 8--30 Clay 10 10 15 12--47**  
Calhoun girls individual scoring: Ashlyn Boak 3 0-0 8, Abi Waldron 3 1-2 8, Joselynn Yeager 2 1-4 5, Trista Arnold 1 1-2 3, Ariety Hickman 0 2-2 2, Lauren Lovejoy 1 0-0 2, Maycee Carter 0 1-2 1, Faith McClain 0 1-2 1. Total 10 7-14 30. 3-pt.: Boak 2, Waldron 1. Clay: 19 8-15 47.

Calhoun JV 33, Clay JV 22.

### 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 44 Wirt 62              | L      |
| 18 35 Tug Valley 57        | L      |
| 20 30 Clay 47              | L      |
| 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 |
| January         |   |
| 20 33 Clay 22   | W |

## Grant Supports Early Childhood

W.Va. Dept of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Family Assistance, Division of Early Care and Education, was awarded \$2.6 million by U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to support early childhood services for children from birth to age five.

The Preschool Development Birth through Five grant focuses on infants and toddlers, vulnerable children, children transitioning to kindergarten, migrant families, children with special needs, and Early Care

and Education (ECE) workforce.

"This funding will support ongoing policy development, strategies and programming that ensure all children have access to high quality settings and services," said Janie Cole, interim commissioner for DHHR Bureau for Family Assistance.

Funding from this grant will allow DHHR to support the development of additional professional development opportunities; target efforts to promote successful

partnerships among early learning providers, community agencies, and school districts for successful transition from early learning programs to kindergarten; and improve the alignment and coordination of services and programs that serve migrant children (ages 6 weeks to 5 years), who participate in preschool.

Information on the federal Preschool Development Birth through Five grant program can be found on the Office of Child Care website, [dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/ece](http://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/ece).

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|   |            |
|---|------------|
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|                   |            |                      |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------|
| 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 |

**WIC Program**

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

WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the program or to receive information, call the local office, 354-6898, or the main office in Parkersburg, 428-3688.

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

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If you feed a feral cat colony in your neighborhood, or know someone who does, call 354-7506 or email [calhounwag@yahoo.com](mailto:calhounwag@yahoo.com).

The humane and effective Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program's volunteers will live trap the cats, take them to the vet to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, respiratory disease, worms and fleas, and return them to their outdoor home, at no cost to the colony's caretaker. The colony will be healthier and no longer producing unwanted kittens.

At four months old, a female kitten can start breeding, and can have two or three litters per year. A mother cat nursing a litter of kittens goes back into heat when the kittens are only 3-4 weeks old.

Removing cats from an area (i.e., catching and killing) is useless. When cats are removed from an area, then new, unsterilized cats move in to take advantage of available resources--and begin reproducing. This trend is known as the "vacuum effect."

TNR stops the breeding cycle and eliminates mating behaviors, such as yowling, spraying, roaming, and fighting. It also benefits public health, because community cats are vaccinated against rabies.

WAG can only trap once a month, so contact them soon, if they can help with a colony.

**Coats Needed**

Calhoun County High School's National Honor Society wants to make 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](mailto:mwalburn@k12.wv.us).

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

**LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE**

**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](http://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](http://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<br>D-3 RECALL STRIPING 2023<br>DISTRICT WIDE<br>COUNTY: CALHOUN, JACKSON,<br>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 on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's licence 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 in the name of WRIGHT LUCILLE, 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.  | \$ 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 <b>The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff of Calhoun County.</b> | \$ 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 <b>The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff of Calhoun County.</b> | \$ 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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Charleston, West Virginia 25305  
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

**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 [calhounclerk@gmail.com](mailto:calhounclerk@gmail.com) or to President Matthew Walker at [walkerccwv@outlook.com](mailto:walkerccwv@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.

*24 hrs. a day  
7 days a week*  
**Crisis Hotline**  
**1-800-579-5844**  
Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services



**MLS104570---452 Sycamore Road, Millstone, WV - Mid-entry home in country setting on 2.19 acres +/- with FREE GAS! Home offers 3 bedrooms (2 on upper floor and 1 on lower floor), 2 full baths (1 on upper floor completely remodeled and 1 on lower floor), family room on each floor, kitchen and laundry room. Perfect home for one looking for two separate living quarters. Owner just recently put new deck on rear, property offers plenty of level ground (excellent for a garden). Another bonus is attached spacious 2 car garage and detached 1 car garage. Lots to appreciate! \$224,000.**

**CALL BOARD-DePUE REALTY COMPANY TO VIEW THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME**  
**304-927-3250, Jennifer Board-Nichols, Broker**

# 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          |
| Jan. 18   | 631,197        | 6,591,113      | 7,790  | 8.7                 | 7.5          |
| Jan. 19   | 631,504        | 6,593,692      | 7,790  | 8.7                 | 7.6          |
| Jan. 20   | 631,811        | 6,595,761      | 7,802  | 8.7                 | 8.5          |
| Jan. 23   | 632,411        | 6,599,300      | 7,808  | 8.7                 | 16.7         |
| Jan. 24   | 632,661        | 6,601,747      | 7,808  | 8.7                 | 8.4          |

\*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 (5,911), Berkeley (44,601), Boone (8,565), Braxton (4,950), Brooke (6,252), Cabell (33,563), Calhoun (2,260), Clay (2,696), Doddridge (2,488), Fayette (16,513), Gilmer (2,530), Grant (4,742), Greenbrier (12,658), Hampshire (7,235), Hancock (8,284), Hardy (5,635), Harrison (25,694), Jackson (8,682), Jefferson (18,136), Kanawha (58,555), Lewis (6,904), Lincoln (7,179), Logan (12,645), Marion (19,992), Marshall (11,117), Mason (8,772), McDowell (7,319), Mercer (23,018), Mineral (10,091), Mingo (9,856), Monongalia (30,948), Monroe (5,734), Morgan (5,167), Nicholas (9,249), Ohio (13,734), Pendleton (2,329), Pleasants (2,493), Pocahontas (2,551), Preston (10,953), Putnam (20,658), Raleigh (29,948), Randolph (11,953), Ritchie (3,007), Roane (4,437), Summers (3,671), Taylor (5,845), Tucker (2,400), Tyler (2,707), Upshur (8,898), Wayne (11,588), Webster (2,825), Wetzell (5,417), Wirt (1,729), Wood (27,809), Wyoming (9,518).

Calhoun was 53rd of 55 counties to record a case; Calhoun and Webster, last counties to hit 100 positive cases,

The Family Crisis Intervention Center  
**Domestic Abuse Response Team**  
(304) 354-9254  
**HOTLINE 1-800-794-2335**  
P.O. Box 585, Grantsville, WV 26147

Dec. 10, 2020; Calhoun last county to 200 cases, Jan. 23, 2021; last to 300, May 6; last to 400, July 22; last to 500, Sept. 1; last to 600, Sept. 6; last to 700, Sept. 13; last to 800, Sept. 27; last to 900, Oct. 21; 54th to 1,000, Nov. 13; 1,100, Dec. 7, 1,200, Dec. 23; 1,300, Jan. 11, 2022; 1,400, Jan. 19; 1,500, Jan. 25; 1,600, Feb. 2; 1,700, Feb. 10; 1,800, Mar. 3; 1,900, May 26; 2,000, July 13; 2,100, Aug. 25; 2,200, Oct. 14. Calhoun's first COVID-19 death reported on May 26, 2021, as a 74-year-old woman; second, Sept. 15, 2021, woman, 73; third, Sept. 29, man, 79; fourth, Sept. 30, man, 73; fifth, Nov. 1, woman, 73; sixth, Nov. 23, woman, 86; seventh, Dec. 1, female, 56; eighth, Dec. 6, female, 92; ninth Dec. 7, male, 93; 10th, Jan. 21, 2022, female, 80; 11th, Feb. 9, female, 50; 12th, Feb. 24, female, 71; 13th, Mar. 2, male, 40; 14th, Apr. 21, female, 82; 15th, May 3, female, 86.

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

| 2020     | Positive   | Deaths  | Positive   | Deaths    |
|----------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Mar. 30  | 164,610    | 3,170   | 800,049    | 38,714    |
| Apr. 27  | 987,916    | 55,425  | 3,014,808  | 207,904   |
| May 25   | 1,688,739  | 99,356  | 5,482,990  | 347,162   |
| June 29  | 2,637,909  | 128,452 | 10,234,889 | 505,144   |
| July 27  | 4,373,561  | 149,856 | 16,429,464 | 653,266   |
| Aug. 31  | 6,175,600  | 187,232 | 25,417,858 | 852,100   |
| Sept. 28 | 7,321,465  | 209,454 | 33,332,536 | 1,003,542 |
| Oct. 26  | 8,890,481  | 230,512 | 43,383,433 | 1,160,977 |
| Nov. 30  | 13,755,039 | 273,130 | 63,236,339 | 1,468,737 |
| Dec. 28  | 19,579,987 | 341,187 | 81,293,122 | 1,775,977 |

| 2021     | Positive   | Deaths  | Positive    | Deaths    |
|----------|------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Jan. 25  | 25,705,299 | 429,511 | 99,917,297  | 2,142,799 |
| Feb. 22  | 28,767,835 | 511,302 | 112,093,051 | 2,481,796 |
| Mar. 29  | 30,966,974 | 562,551 | 127,963,064 | 2,799,992 |
| Apr. 26  | 32,824,618 | 586,152 | 148,006,342 | 3,127,343 |
| May 31   | 34,043,110 | 609,544 | 171,180,032 | 3,563,041 |
| June 28  | 34,494,690 | 619,424 | 182,010,787 | 3,945,739 |
| July 31  | 35,688,506 | 629,064 | 198,207,725 | 4,232,644 |
| Aug. 31  | 39,946,708 | 656,393 | 218,104,333 | 4,531,744 |
| Sept. 30 | 44,200,421 | 713,953 | 234,173,044 | 4,795,746 |
| Oct. 31  | 46,799,970 | 766,117 | 247,382,939 | 5,018,389 |
| Nov. 30  | 49,301,070 | 801,326 | 262,581,538 | 5,233,860 |
| Dec. 31  | 55,252,823 | 845,745 | 287,003,899 | 5,454,054 |

| 2022     | Positive    | Deaths    | Positive    | Deaths    |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Jan. 31  | 75,578,076  | 907,190   | 375,571,291 | 5,687,759 |
| Feb. 28  | 80,567,757  | 973,119   | 436,088,544 | 5,974,311 |
| Mar. 31  | 81,740,722  | 1,006,445 | 486,702,223 | 6,167,304 |
| Apr. 30  | 83,037,059  | 1,020,660 | 512,204,412 | 6,263,058 |
| May 31   | 85,730,697  | 1,031,286 | 529,951,029 | 6,318,405 |
| June 30  | 89,236,449  | 1,042,291 | 551,566,924 | 6,362,509 |
| July 31  | 93,069,863  | 1,055,051 | 581,762,769 | 6,425,341 |
| Aug. 31  | 96,149,016  | 1,069,748 | 607,186,847 | 6,499,097 |
| Sept. 30 | 98,165,904  | 1,084,282 | 622,061,434 | 6,552,509 |
| Oct. 31  | 99,345,927  | 1,095,204 | 635,540,493 | 6,594,093 |
| Nov. 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 | 6,696,762 |

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Jan. 5 102,963,370 1,120,040 666,908,015 6,704,738  
Jan. 6 103,048,885 1,120,804 667,523,094 6,707,741  
Jan. 7 103,079,445 1,121,074 668,180,063 6,710,559  
Jan. 8 103,081,401 1,121,089 668,583,828 6,713,506  
Jan. 9 103,086,927 1,121,097 668,814,614 6,714,390  
Jan. 10 103,123,617 1,121,298 669,169,185 6,716,667  
Jan. 11 103,151,843 1,121,725 669,608,858 6,718,555  
Jan. 12 103,308,876 1,123,466 670,102,301 6,722,272



# Calhoun Middle/High School Honor Students Listed

## Calhoun County High School

Students earning honor roll mention at Calhoun County High School are as follows: Principal's Honor Roll (4.00 and up grade point average), Honor Roll (3.50 to 3.99) and Achievement Roll (3.00 to 3.49). Year in school was not announced.

### Principal's Honor Roll (4.00 and up):

Emily Grace Anderson, Shayna Gail Arnold, Mackenzie Faith Bailey, Emily Elizabeth Bell, Sophie Grace Bennett, Courtney Cheyenne Blosser, David Alan Boggs, Marissa D. Brannon, Eliza Jane Burch, Amelia Kristine Cain, Malee Kay Capps, Mickaylee Autumn Cowan, Christeena Jean Craddock, Elijah Weldon Dickey, Kayla Marie Durocher, Cassandra Rose Fowler, Sydney Lynn Goff, Marlee Dene Hall, Lacy Jo Hicks, Joshua Richard Hixon, Mia Renee Houchin, Brianna Michelle Jarvis, Camron Riley Jarvis, Jaelyn Rose Jett, Haley Elizabeth Jones, Laina Alyse Kelley, Colby Xavier Lamb, Gunnar Ray Lane, Lana Marie Laughlin, Lauren Burke Lovejoy, Hallie Alexandra Mace, Laine Jaymeson Mace, Faith Lynn McClain, Chelsea Danielle McCumbers, Levi Marshall Morris, Whitney Lehnell Nettles, Abigail Lee Nicholas, Caleb Russell Nicholas, Cody Russell Nicholas, Jayda Skye Osborne, Summer Ryann Parsons, Andria Nikole Persinger, Ian David Persinger, Emily McKenzie Sillaman, Mason Eli Siwicki, Tessa Renae Slider, Kelsey Dawn Snider, Kade Landis Swearingen, Owen Douglas Taylor, Logan Austin Tingler, Jacob Quaid Toney, Kameryn Alexis Toney, Abigail Elizabeth Waldron, Logan Alexander Walls, Nyla Madison Warner, Dana Alan Wease II, Addison Elizabeth Welch, Brayden John Wood, Alyssa Marie Yeager, Zenna Mae Zwill.

### Honor Roll (3.50 to 3.99):

Trista Faith Arnold, Brealle Masun Arthur, Emily Rianne Basnett, Madison Grace Bell, Landon Reese Bennett, Sarah Irean Blake, Isaiah Richard Boggs, Alexis Renee Bunner, Abby Leigh Cain, Nolan Michael Carpenter, Holly Lenora Carper, Maycee Cheyenne Carter, Cameron Leann Cottrill, Emily Faith Dennison, Nickolas Dawson Dickey, Destiny Marie Dobbins, Ashlynn Marie Fletcher, Mariah Dawn Frederick, Troy Lee Frederick, Michael Lee Frederick-Bandy, Abigail Lynn Godfrey, Jalynn Ann Graham, Jordan Brie-Anne Hall, Caelan Meadow Harper, Carlie Elyse Heiney, Trey Xavier Heiney, Jlynn Riley Helmick, Breanna Danyale Helmick, Jesse Grayson Hess, Grayleigh Dawn Houchin, Kason Dell Hupp, Allie Nicole Johnson, Caden Lee Jones, Margo Diann King,

Marleea Danielle King, Felicity Hope Marks, Kayden Delano McCormick, Addison Ann McCumbers, Jimmy Lee McCumbers, Mattea Grace Miller, Malachi Quinn Muniz, Parker Cole Muniz, Lindsey Lee Nettles, Annabel Lyn Nicholas, Jaylyn Renea Peters, Kathlene Marie Powers, Landon Cole Richards, Dakotah Hunter Rook, Landon Kole Sampson, Chloe Renee Sillaman, Jamie Marie Sims, James Denver Starcher, Jessie Ann Starcher, Lilian Paige Starcher, Tressie Dawn Starcher, Landon Eli Staton, Jacy R. Stehman, Aislin Mykal Summers, Brooklynn Dawne Swisher, Emilee Faithe Swisher, Sandra Riva Tanner, Brooklyn Lorrain Valentine, Alexis Isis Marie Villines, Grace McKenzie Vincent, Gabriel Eugene Waldron, Tyler Brant Whited, Emily Marie Williams, Abigail Renee Wright.

### Achievement Roll (3.00 to 3.49):

Christian Michael Andreano, Joel Robert Basnett, Maximillia S. Beam, Sabrina Dawn Bennett, Ian Matthew Bird, Ashlyn Danielle Boak, Jacob Spencer Boggs, Madison Paige Bunner, Riley James Carper, Jordan Tyler Collins, Leland Bryce Collins, Maria May Collins, Luis E. Contreras, Nathaniel Scott Cutlip, Jaiden Mariekay Francis, Kassidy Joann Frederick, Jayton Bo Gibson, Brooklyn Jade Greathouse, Hendrix Carmichael Hardman, Landon Andrew Hardway, Brooklynn Renea Harris, Gunner Lee Helmick, Ariety Brynne Hickman, Hobie Colton Holbert, Adam Wells Hughes, Colin Reed Jones, Alexis Ann Joseph, Aiden Matthew Kilgore, Devan Reese King, Jacob Allen King, James Leroy King, Jessica Brooke King, Trenton Paul King, Hannah Marie Knicley, Hanna Necole Knight, Erica Leann Lynch, Braydon Michael Marks, Daniel Allen Marks, Caleb Michael Morton, Trenton Ross Nelson, Tyler James Nelson, Zander Kole Quick, Tiara Brooke Rogers, Joseph Lee Sampson, Lindsey Jo Schoolcraft, Lauren Kate Smith, Levi Sinclair Stump, Hunter Matthew Thacker, Brylie Nicole Wilson, Trinity Elizabeth Wyer.

## Calhoun Middle School

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### Principal's Honor Roll (4.00 and up):

Chelsea Jade Bailey, Sam Sawyer Bailey, Evan James Burch, Addison Nuval Collins, Ryleigh Ann Crislip-Garrett, Ellie Brynn Hall, Christian C. Hicks, Bristol Glyn Hoskins, Jace D. Lemon, Trevor D. Mayle, Reagan Gianna Morgan, Kyla Jo Myer, Mark

Christophe Plumby, Payton Maria Quick, Summer Grace Rogers, Tucker Michael Sampson, Maddox Alan Siwicki, Kendall Don Snodgrass, Aaron Jase Stevens, Luke Anthony Strange-Paylor, Brooke Te Tingler, Jasmyne Babe Tingler, Eliana Autumn White.

### Honor Roll (3.50 to 3.99):

Ezra Barrett Anderson, Laney Hope Arnold, Jesse James Bailey, Ava Mae Bush, Hanlea Ryan Campbell, Rylea Hayden Campbell, Makenna Jeslyn Cunningham, Mason Tyler Cunningham, Raylee Ann Cunningham, Kale Michael Forinash, Emma Marie Frail, Elizabeth Rose Garrett, Makyia Sue Hall, Braydon Paul Hardway, Paisley Jane Harper, Allison Leigh Harris, Landon Cole Hawkins, Cyrus Levi Helmick, Hoyt Scott Helmick, Tyler Lucas Helmick, Aleeya Jane Hosey, Riley Paige Hupp, Madison Nicole Jones, Makenzie Nicole Justice, Bryer James Lee Kelly, Khloe Lynn Lane, Addison Marie Laughlin, Aubrey Grace Laughlin, Mason Charles Laughlin, Braylea Breanne McKown, Kaleigha Dawn Morris, Kyrian Chase Mounts, Karlee Grace Nelson, Izabella Jean Nicholas, Kaley Sue Nicholas, Layla Dream Parsons, Trinity Ann Probasco, Kadence Marie Remele, Iyree Reynolds, Bret Allen Richards, Josie Ren Richards, Gwen Violet Sampson, Kaylee Rae Sampson, Keegan Matthew Sampson, Carissa Lynn Sands, Preston Bailey Sauer, Abbigale Lola Sillaman, Lucien David Springston, Raonna Brooke Stamper, Kylee Rhea Stewart, Kian Edward Wise, Mackenzie Brooke Wright.

### Achievement Roll (3.00 to 3.49):

Caleb Ray Aleen, Micah Seth Allen, Clay Blaze Allison, Emelia C. Bopp, Richard Duane Bush, Katelynn Renee Carder, Hailey Nicole Carpenter, Erika J. Casillas, Brennah Faye-Lynn Casner, Kylie Ryann Caudill, Gabriel Michael Collazo, Caylee June Cottrill, Kayleigh Renee Cunningham, Madison Grace Cunningham, Shaleigh Dawn Daugherty, Lilly A. Falls, Trenton Lee Falls, Kristian Michael Frederick, Owen Mark Hall, Gavin Reese Hicks, Riley Holbert, Kelbie Rayne Johnson, Anessia Rane Kerby, Bradley Gary Lamb, Halle Nicole Lawson, Bailey Elizabeth Metz, Cooper Jaxon Morris, Caydence Jean Moss, Haley Lou Nicholas, Allie Lynn Estelle Ogle, Caden Joseph Osborne, Griffen Syllas Parsons, Paislee Ryan Perkins, Kolton Duke Persinger, Kylee Renee Quick, Laura Nicole Reeves, Brody Edward Richards, Christian Hank Rogers, Whitney Faith Rogers, Levi Connor Sillaman, Kason Joe Stamper, Coby Lee Staples, Alex Dean Starcher, Liam Louis Staton, Paige Renee Sterns, Orion Van Swearingen, Eithen Gailenlevi Villines, Alayna Hope Wolford, Miah Suedillon Wolford, Olivia Rianne Zwill.

# Calhoun Youth Basketball Opens Season

Calhoun Youth basketball opened the seasons for 4th-6th grade league and 2nd-3rd grade.

**Team Frail and Team Walker** were each 2-0 for 4th-6th. Team Cunningham was 2-0 for 2nd-3rd.

The leagues will play again on Sunday, Jan. 29, with 4th-6th games in the CCHS gym at 1:30, 2:20, 3:10, 4:00, 4:50 and 5:40 p.m., and 2nd-3rd games in the CMS gym at 1:30, 2:20, 3:10 and 4 p.m.

## Jan. 21 4th-6th grade

**Team Walker 20:** Jude Walker 14, Ava Bush 4, Liam Yeager 2, Khloe Cobbett, Keegan Sampson, A.J. Stevens, Payton Yeager, Bella Staples, Alayna Wolford.

**Team Wilson 10:** Koby Crislip 2, Braidyn Ferrell 2, Easton Boak 2, Bentley Snodgrass 2, Colby Wilson 2, Brody Crislip, Eli Ferrell, Silas Cunningham, Temperance Caldwell, Josiah Ferrell.

**Team Church 12:** Tyler Mayle 4, Grayson Hill 4, Cohen Blankenship 2, Addie Caudill 2, Mandy Johnson, Ellie Hall, Allianna Hill, Zeke Good, Logan Butler.

**Team Lamp 4:** Payton Lamp 2, Colin Grogg 2, Brenlyn Barr, Jayden Hall, Chiara Brenneman, Mason Cunningham, Liam Staton, Kyrian Mounts, Elizabeth Collins.

Bush, Liam Yeager, A.J. Stevens, Payton Yeager, Bella Staples, Alayna Wolford.

**Team Nicholas 7:** Preston Sauer 3, Cyrus Helmick 2, Luke Strange-Paylor 2, Haley Nicholas, Kaley Nicholas, Mason Laughlin, Kallah Reip, Tyler Helmick.

**Team Frail 12:** Bristol Hoskins 6, Parker Hoskins 4, Eliana White 2, Emma Frail, Brayden Hardway, Braylee McKown, Lidia Starcher, Danika Starcher, Mercy Starcher.

**Team Church 9:** Tyler Mayle 9, Grayson Hill, Cohen Blankenship, Addie Caudill, Mandy Johnson, Ellie Hall, Allianna Hill, Zeke Good, Logan Butler.

**Team Wilson 15:** Easton Boak 7, Eli Ferrell 6, Silas Cunningham 2, Koby Crislip, Braidyn Ferrell, Bentley Snodgrass, Colby Wilson, Brody Crislip, Temperance Caldwell, Josiah Ferrell.

**Team Lamp 4:** Colin Grogg 4, Payton Lamp, Brenlyn Barr, Jayden Hall, Chiara Brenneman, Mason Cunningham, Liam Staton, Kyrian Mounts, Elizabeth Collins.

**Team Frail 12:** Bristol Hoskins 8, Parker Hoskins 2, Braylee McKown 2, Eliana White, Emma Frail, Brayden Hardway, Lidia Starcher, Danika Starcher, Mercy Starcher.

**Team Nicholas 1:** Preston Sauer 1, Cyrus Helmick, Luke Strange-Paylor, Haley Nicholas, Kaley Nicholas, Mason Laughlin, Kallah Reip, Tyler Helmick.

## 4th-6th Standings

|          | won | loss |
|----------|-----|------|
| Frail    | 2   | 0    |
| Walker   | 2   | 0    |
| Church   | 1   | 1    |
| Wilson   | 1   | 1    |
| Lamp     | 0   | 2    |
| Nicholas | 0   | 2    |

## 4th-6th Schedule Sunday, Jan. 29

White Jer. vs. Red Jer.  
1:30 Frail vs. Lamp  
2:20 Church vs. Wilson  
3:10 Lamp vs. Nicholas  
4:00 Walker vs. Church  
4:50 Nicholas vs. Wilson  
5:40 Frail vs. Walker

## Sunday, Feb. 5

White Jer. vs. Red Jer.  
1:30 Nicholas vs. Frail  
2:20 Walker vs. Lamp  
3:10 Frail vs. Wilson  
4:00 Church vs. Nicholas  
4:50 Wilson vs. Walker  
5:40 Lamp vs. Church

## Jan. 21 2nd-3rd grade

**Team Helmick 26:** Mason Sampson 22, Colton McCumbers 4, Jude Helmick, Sophia Bartelt, Sophia Goodrich, Annie Nelson, Colsyn Conley.

**Team Westfall 4:** Aubrie

Daigle 2, Aaron Langford 2, James Marks, Parker Roberts, Kinsley Parsons, Bryson Cosner, Karleigh Daugherty.

**Team Cunningham 26:** Jase Farley 12, Tori Cunningham 10, Kyle Shook 4, Nila Walker, Jackson Ingram, Savanna Sampson.

**Team Heiney 24:** Cruz Frymier 15, Haygen Houchin 9, Aerial Heiney, Kyla Burrows, Adam Eagle, Brenton Slider, Hazel Winkler.

**Team Heiney 28:** Cruz Frymier 14, Haygen Houchin 12, Adam Eagle 2, Aerial Heiney, Kyla Burrows, Adam Eagle, Brenton Slider, Hazel Winkler.

**Team Westfall 12:** Aaron Langford 8, Aubrie Daigle 2, Karleigh Daugherty 2, James Marks, Parker Roberts, Kinsley Parsons, Bryson Cosner.

**Team Cunningham 20:** Tori Cunningham 16, Jase Farley 4, Kyle Shook, Nila Walker, Jackson Ingram, Savanna Sampson.

**Team Helmick 16:** Mason Sampson 12, Jude Helmick 2, Colsyn Conley 2, Colton McCumbers, Sophia Bartelt, Sophia Goodrich, Annie Nelson.

## 2nd-3rd Standings

|            | won | loss |
|------------|-----|------|
| Cunningham | 2   | 0    |
| Heiney     | 1   | 1    |
| Helmick    | 1   | 1    |
| Westfall   | 0   | 2    |

3:10 Helmick vs. Westfall  
4:00 Cunningham vs. Heiney

## Sunday, Feb. 5

White Jer. vs. Red Jer.  
1:30 Cunningham vs. Westfall  
2:20 Heiney vs. Helmick  
3:10 Helmick vs. Cunningham  
4:00 Westfall vs. Heiney

## 2nd-3rd Schedule Sunday, Jan. 29

White Jer. vs. Red Jer.  
1:30 Heiney vs. Helmick  
2:20 Westfall vs. Cunningham

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# Review of 2022 Events--

(Continued from Page 1) competitions got underway for Calhoun Middle/High School athletes.

Students in Calhoun County had the opportunity to eat a no-cost breakfast and lunch at school through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program.

Tent meeting at Victory Baptist Church included Roger Carter and Buck McCumbers and Friends. Carter served as assistant pastor at Victory Baptist.

He is a 1982 graduate of Calhoun County High School.

Buck McCumbers began playing music at age 16 on a Spencer radio station. He plays mandolin and fiddle, and does lead and tenor vocals, and is a song writer, contributing original material.

W.Va. Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council announced funding for five sewer and two watersystem improvement projects, and approved

technical reviews and requests to pursue funding for an additional 27 sewer and water projects, including Mt. Zion Public Service District's water system improvements, with an estimated cost of \$3 million.

Julie Sears said that a recent response to a call with two crews, fully masked and gowned as required, ended with both patients having undiagnosed positive COVID-19. Five of the seven responders came down with the virus, even though they were fully suited up to prevent infection.

Although 16 new cases were reported in Calhoun during the first week of August, according to figures announced by Dept. of Health and Human Resources, the county returned to "green" for the first time in a month.

County board of education members unanimously approved an excess levy to be placed on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

The levy was estimated to raise \$668,349 each year for four years--a total of \$2,673,396.

Bids were opened on Aug. 10 to see which business would receive

the county's retail liquor license, moving one step closer for Calhoun to move from a "dry" county to a "wet" county.

The high bid for Retail Outlet #714 was by Par Mar Oil Company. The only other bid was by Cha-Ti's LLC.

The 62nd annual Ox Roast was held at Mt. Zion Community Park.

The CCHS varsity football team opened its season at Wirt County. It was the inaugural game of the 100th anniversary year of Calhoun County High School football competition.

Sports historian Robert

F. Bonar began a weekly series, "This Week In Red Devil Football History."

COVID-19 cases for August were reported as 84.

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## Alzheimer's Drug

More than 6.5 million people in the U.S. suffer from Alzheimer's disease. The irreversible disease destroys memory, thinking skills, and eventually the ability to carry out simple tasks.

Neurologists at CAMC will soon have a new tool to help treat Alzheimer's.

The Food and Drug Administration has granted accelerated approval for the Alzheimer's drug lecanemab.

The FDA's approval comes after clinical trial results published in November indicated that lecanemab slows cognitive decline somewhat in people with mild impairment due to Alzheimer's disease. It will be sold under the name Leqembi.

Lecanemab is a monoclonal antibody that targets a protein called amyloid, which builds up on the brain in people with Alzheimer's.

The antibody is administered intravenously every two weeks in doses determined by a patient's body weight with 10 milligrams given per kilogram.

reported data."

Producers can respond to the census online at [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov) or by mail. The deadline to respond is Monday, Feb. 6. All information will be kept confidential by Federal law, published in aggregate, and will only be used for statistical purposes.

For info, visit [www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus) or call 888-424-7828.

## Food Pantry

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

## New at Calhoun County Library

The Calhoun County Library has the following new items:

Adult Fiction: The Devil's Weapons, by Peter Kirsanow; Red Winter, by Marc Cameron; Triple Cross, by James Patterson; Livid, by Patricia Cornwell; Going Rogue, by Janet Evanovich; The Sea Wolves, by Jack du Brul; Reminders of Him,

by Colleen Hoover; The Prisoner, by B.A. Paris; We Are the Light, by Matthew Quick; The Couple at the Table, by Sophie Hannah; A Wish for Winter, by Viola Shipman; The Perfect Assassin, by James Patterson; Wyoming Homecoming, by Diana Palmer; Desert Star, by Michael Connelly; The Choice, by Nora Roberts.

## 2022 Ag Census Participation

Commissioner of agriculture Kent Leonhardt and W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture are encouraging farmers and farm operations to participate in the 2022 Census of Agriculture.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) mailed paper questionnaires to producers in December.

"We encourage everyone who receives a census to participate. This is the only source of impartial, comprehensive, state and county level agriculture data in the nation," said Leonhardt.

"Most importantly, the data collected is used when developing funding formulas for Farm Bills. It also helps local governments, extensions educators and researchers make informed decisions that directly affect our state's farm operations, communities and industries,

"That is why it's important that every pro-

ducer in West Virginia is counted and represented."

Farm operations of all sizes, urban or rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022, are included in the census.

The data inform decisions about programs, rural development, and research. The Census of Agriculture is the producer's voice in the future of American agriculture.


"The 2022 Census of Agriculture is an opportunity for West Virginia ag producers to make their voices heard. The data will tell the story of agriculture at the national, state, and county level," said West Virginia State statistician Alissa Cowell-Mytar.

"Ag census data are used by decision-makers in government, businesses, research institutions, and more.

"To make response easier and save time, NASS improved the online questionnaire at [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov), so that it skips questions that do not pertain to you and includes some previously

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## WVU Medicine Camden Clark Named One of America's 250 Best

WVU Medicine Camden Clark Medical Center has been named one of America's 250 Best Hospitals in 2023, according to new research released by Healthgrades.

The achievement ranks Camden Clark in

the top five percent of hospitals nationwide for overall clinical performance across the most common conditions and procedures.

Camden Clark is the only hospital in the region to be ranked among America's Best Hospitals in 2023.

"We're honored to be named one of the best 250 hospitals in the nation for clinical excellence by Healthgrades," said president and CEO Steve Altmiller.

"This recognition enhances our mission to provide the highest standard of care to patients throughout our region and affirms our commitment to quality care."

Camden Clark was also recognized for its journey to performance excellence utilizing the Baldrige framework, and was the only hospital in West Virginia to receive the Platinum Governor's Award for Excellence in 2022.

"We are thrilled to receive this prestigious recognition and to be named as one of the leaders for clinical excellence in the U.S. by Healthgrades," said vice president of quality and patient safety Cindy Kern.

"I'm honored to work alongside our multidisciplinary team of physicians, employees and WVU Medicine partners, who strive each day to provide the most advanced, patient-centered care."

Healthgrades evaluated patient mortality and complication rates for 31 of the most common conditions and procedures at nearly 4,500 hospitals across the country to identify the top performing hospitals.

The 2023 analysis revealed significant variation between America's Best 250 Hospitals and hospitals that did not receive the distinction.

"We're proud to recognize Camden Clark Medical Center as one of America's 250 Best Hospitals for 2023," said Brad Bowman, M.D., chief medical officer at Healthgrades.

"As one of America's 250 Best Hospitals, Camden Clark consistently delivers better-than-expected outcomes for the patients in their community and is setting a high national standard for clinical excellence."

## 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. 28, Dixie Highway; Feb. 4, Ruff Cut; Feb. 11, Frank Conn & Partners; Feb. 18, Retro Country; Feb. 25, Dixie Highway; Mar. 4, Ruff Cut; Mar. 11, Mark IV; Mar. 18, TBA; Mar. 25, Frank Conn & Partners.


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**"Thanks to the WVU Medicine teams at Jackson General and Camden Clark, when I had a heart attack, they took the right action at the right time.**

**From the ER Team at Jackson to the helicopter transport crew, to the cath lab experts at Camden, I'm here today, feeling great and able to tell my story. I'm thankful for the Convenient, Connected, Award-winning Cardiac Care in our community."**

**-Tom Willoughby, Evans, WV Heart Attack Survivor**

**See Tom's story:**



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