



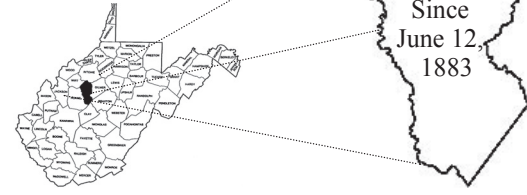
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Rainbow Demolition Low Bid Approved

At the Tuesday, Jan. 3, meeting of the Grantsville town council, the mayor and council members discussed the bidding results for the demolition of the former Rainbow Hotel. Nine contractors were present for the pre-bid conference in the town office on Monday, Dec. 12. At the bid opening on Thursday, Dec. 22, only two bids had been submitted: Empire Builders, \$141,250, and Reclaim Co., \$214,850. Council voted to accept the low bid from Empire Builders and representative Kristy Oldaker. The demolition is to be completed within 60 days. Council also approved the purchase of a 4-wheel

drive, 1998 dump truck from Eric Cain for \$12,500. The truck, with 112,579 miles, was said to be in good condition. The town had been renting the dump truck when needed for projects. In other reports, a sewer line near the old high school was said to be blocked by tree roots that needed to be removed. Council accepted the resignation of Judy Powell as a council member. She is serving as interim recorder for the town. A drawdown of \$226,648 was approved for the water project. The 5:30 meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next regular meeting of the town council will be held on Monday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11
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 Webster County, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 12
Parent-Child Group, Pleasant Hill School, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
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Only Two Virus Cases Reported

Dept. of Health and Human Resources reported only two COVID-19 cases in the county in the last seven days, and none since last Thursday. The county has remained green since Jan. 3. With the infection rate for green up to 10.00 before turning to yellow, the state dropped from 35 counties in yellow on Friday to 19 on Tuesday. Calhoun's total cases are now 2,255 (1,134 confirmed and 1,121 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, 27 (4,397/47); Ritchie, 21 (2,999/32); Braxton, 10 (4,934/52); Clay, -1 (2,685/53); Gilmer, 2 (2,528/23); and (Continued on Page 2)

Commission To Decide If County Tax Revenue Is Enough To Pay For Ambulance Service

by Bill Bailey
The county commission met on Monday at 9 a.m. After approval of the minutes from the last meeting, voting for commission president occurred, with Matt Walker receiving the unanimous decision. Pauline Ferrell questioned the dispersal of donated funds to Upper West Fork Park for Christmas 2022. She was told that she could see the receipts of how the funds were used. Teresa Overton reminded commissioners of the need for accountability of follow-up on what individual commissioners promise to do before the next meeting in regards to transparency. Commissioners agreed to try to list the items. Julie Sears gave the E-911 report and provided summaries for all agencies in the county for 2022: Arnoldsburg VFD, 80 calls (20 for automobile accidents, 12 for fire calls); Calhoun DNR, 87 (26 for officer initiated investigations; Grantsville Police Dept., 4; Grantsville VFD, 162 (26 for auto accidents, 52 for landing zones for helicopters); Minnie Hamilton EMS, 328 (65 for transports); Upper West Fork VFD, 61 (12 for auto accidents, 11 for fire calls); W.Va. State Police, 1,437 (384 for traffic stops, 204 investigations or follow ups), Calhoun E-911, 392 (80 for information requests); Calhoun Sheriff's Dept., 861 (229 traffic stops, 220 for civil

process serving papers). Sears reported that dispatcher Trinity Edgell, who completed the EMT course offered by Calhoun 911, is eligible for a \$1 hour raise. Another of the students has been hired part-time for staggered shifts when vacation time begins. The EMT class for February is full, with 25 students registered, and there is a chance that another class will be offered immediately after this class is completed. Jason Wilson of Minnie Hamilton Health System informed the commission that the requested audit is being conducted by an outside third-party concern. Wilson said that the commission would have the report in-hand as soon as it is finished. Wilson said that MHHS is looking at a system to continue as Calhoun's ambulance service provider. Paul Hagemin of the Ambulance Advisory board, spoke of a service plan for Calhoun's ambulances that costs \$52,569 a year. It will be decided next month. He also said that the last time MHHS ran the county's ambulance service, it was not good for MHHS. When asked what it will cost the county, he said that it appears that Minnie Hamilton will be charging \$1,500 per day [\$547,500 per year], based on total cost of running the service (wages, equipment upkeep, insurance, etc.), which comes in close to the daily operating cost of

the old service, which was around \$1,600 per day. Commissioner Kevin Helmick said, "Obviously, there is nothing more important than a good ambulance system, but also what the commission is going to have to take into consideration is with their Trans-Canada money; that's how everybody got their increase. "If we approve this number, half of our money is already gone, and if the jail bill would happen to jump back up, we will be in debt again. So, that will be what Craig, Matt and I will be thinking about for the next month. We will be broke again, if we approve that every year." Donnie Pitts reported that Calhoun County Park had 150 to 200 cars that came to the park for the Christmas Light display. Pitts wanted to commend Calhoun Middle School for the 12 displays that it brought to the park and set-up. He reported that cabin rentals are up and that word of mouth seems to be bringing people to the park to rent the cabin, whether they are stargazers or not. He said that improvements to the park and its fixtures are on schedule. Pitts said that the park heard from the International Dark Sky Association last week, and the park will be moving from a request for certification to a more formal standing. It will still take some time for full certification, but he hopes that this will move forward rather quickly. (Continued on Page 9)

Board Of Review And Equalization Lists Six Meetings

The Calhoun county commission will meet as a Board of Review and Equalization on the following dates and times. Because of restrictions during the pandemic, if you plan to attend any of the meetings listed below, call the county clerk's office, 354-6725, or the assessor's office, 354-6958. If citizens have questions concerning their tax assessment, they should attend one of the following meetings:
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m., managed timberland.
Monday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m., oil and gas.
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 9

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, 354-6958, to assure that the State Tax Dept. will have your file ready for the meeting. If any person fails to apply for relief at these meetings, they will have waived their right to ask for correction in their assessment list for the current year, except on appeal to the circuit court.

Review of 2022 Events

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

April
Laura Webb, teacher at Arnoldsburg Elementary School, earned West Virginia Public Broadcasting's Above and Beyond Award for March. It recognizes excellence and creativity of Mountain State teachers. Calhoun senior Savannah Cunningham swept all four track events for a maximum 40 points at the Lindsey Mann Memorial. Calhoun County Park received recognition in W.Va. Dept. Of Tourism's "Natural Wonders" issue. The park's "Dark Skies" were promoted as follows:

"Astronomers and photographers love Calhoun County Park, near Grantsville, because it's a relatively secret spot . . . On clear nights, you can spot the Milky Way and the aurora borealis. Braidin Ferrell, fourth grade son of Carl and Donna Ferrell, represented Little Kanawha Valley Christian School in the WVCEA spelling bee. Arnoldsburg Elementary students Allianna Hill and Cyrus Helmick qualified for the W.Va. State Science and Engineering Fair by placing first in school, county and regional science fairs. At a special meeting, county commissioners approved on a 2-1 vote to transfer the Wayne Underwood property to

the Calhoun board of education. Commissioner Kevin Helmick moved and commissioner Michael Hicks seconded to transfer the Wayne Underwood Field to the board of education. Helmick and Hicks voted in favor. Commissioner Matt Walker voted no. Halfway through their respective seasons, the

CCHS baseball team was 4-8 and the softball team was 1-9. Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center students earned first place in the Technology Student Association State Conference and qualified for national competition: Taylor Jenkins and Riley Church, music production; Riley Church, Lexi Gregory, Taylor

Jenkins, Pepper McCormick and Daisy Snyder, on demand video; and Lexi Gregory, prepared presentation. The Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center construction class hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and Star Gazing Cabin dedication at Calhoun County Park. The cabin was dedicated to William Etling, Sr.

In-person early voting for the Primary Election got underway for registered voters in Calhoun County. After only 13 coronavirus cases in five weeks --the lowest total in nine months, April ended with 21 weekly cases reported, which would be the lowest month until October. (Continued on Page 10)



APRIL 2022 - Children pick up eggs during the 26th annual Melissa Oshway Easter Egg Hunt at Wayne Underwood Field.

Commission To Decide-- Calhoun County Magistrate Court Case Disposition, Dec. 1 to Dec. 31

(Continued from Page 1) Pitts reported that they had a pond-stocking last week and held a youth day on Saturday. There will be another stocking in the spring, sponsored by Dominion, just like last year, except they will be stocking all three ponds. Pitts said that the park board, at its last meeting, has started a process to provide the commission, and the county, with a five-year comprehensive plan, not only for projects, but also for goals that they can set for the park. The recent sale of the old Sheriff's Dept. vehicles was discussed with sheriff Warren Basnett, and it was determined that there is no need to investigate the situation further, but Basnett should always run

these things through the county clerk and the county commission to avoid any semblance of impropriety or malfeasance. Shelia Burch, director of Little Kanawha Development Corp., reported that she has been working on Calhoun Chamber of Commerce, Inc., as it is officially listed with the Secretary of State, which will be a 501(c)6, and she is working with WVU's Entrepreneurship Program to help get it completed. Consolidation of Calhoun's three public service districts was discussed. It was determined that Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill PSDs will merge into one entity, but the Town of Grantsville will not be merging at this time. Commissioners were

appointed to boards: Craig Arthur, Emergency Medical Services board, Family Resource Network, 4-H Advisory Council, and Community Resources, Inc. Matt Walker: Building Commission, LKADC, Calhoun County Park, Health Department, and Regional Council. Kevin Helmick: E-911 board, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Workforce West Virginia, and planning commission. Martha Haymaker's resignation from the planning commission was approved. Michael Hicks was approved as fiduciary commissioner. The commission will meet on Monday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m.

Magistrates: RP, Richard Postalwait, or LD, Lora Davis (Agency, Leading Officer). **Case Type: Felony** Case 22-M07F-00044, Brandon Tallhammer, 62-1C-17B(b), Failure to Appear; preliminary hearing waived. Case 22-M07F-0052, James M. Jones, 61-07-12 (3 counts), Wanton endangerment involving a firearm; preliminary hearings waived; RP (Brian E. Young). 22-M07F-00058, Michael Lee Skiles, 61-3-11(a), Burglary; probable cause found; RP (W.Va. State Police, Josh Richards). 22-M07F-00060, Forrest Hammer, 61-8B-7(a), Sexual Abuse in the first degree; preliminary hearing waived; LD (Brian E. Young). 22-M07F-00061, Jason Smith, 61-03-11, Burglary, entry of dwelling or outhouse; preliminary hearing waived; LD (TFC David C. Moore). 22-M07F-00062, Charter Badgett, 61-08D-05(a), Sexual Abuse by a parent, guardian, custodian to a child; 61-8B-7(c), Sexual Abuse in the first degree; preliminary hearings waived; RP (Josh Richards). **Case Type: Misdemeanor** Case 18-M07M-00300, Lonnie Eugene Shamblin, no code listed by officer, SRO, misc.; no contest plea; LD (State Police, TFC David C. Moore). Case 22-M07M-00217, Brice Weston Lawson, 48-27-903(a)(1)(B), Misdemeanor Offense for violation of Protective Order permissive provisions, S.48; no contest plea; LD. Case 22-M07M-00268, Brandie Michelle Duncan, 17B-04-03(a), Driving while license suspended or revoked, general; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Sgt. Christopher J. Weekley). Case 22-M07M-00333, Jacqueline Flinn, 61-2-9(c), Battery; guilty verdict; RP (TFC David C. Moore). Case 22-M07M-00364, Julie Ann McCormick, 15-02-16, Interference with officers or members (WVSP), false information; no contest plea; RP (State Police, Jeffrey B. Hunt). Case 22-M07M-00367, John Dewayne Huffman, 20-02-07(a), Hunting, trapping or fishing on lands of another; 20-2-4(a), Illegal Possession (deer parts); guilty verdicts; LD

(DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb). Case 22-M07M-00395, Herbert Franklin Hardman, Driving While License Suspended, 2nd offense; 17D-2A-3, No Insurance; 17A-09-02(a), Operation of vehicles without evidences of registration; 17C-16-09, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate, penalty for misdemeanor; guilty pleas; RP (State Police, TFC David C. Moore). Case 22-M07M-00402, Vanessa Marie Clevenger, 17C-16-9, Expired MVI, 12/2019, no contest plea; RP (State Police, Brian E. Young).

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Music

Bluegrass, gospel and country music will be played at the Lions Club Building (behind Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville) on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m. Sign-up at the door. Concessions and 50/50 drawing will be available. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 354-6085.

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Review of 2022 Events--

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May

Collection of day-use fees resumed at Sutton Lake on May 1 and at Burnsville Lake on May 16. The fee amount will remain the same as in the past; however, only credit card payments will be accepted going forward--no cash will be collected or accepted.

The annual Wood Festival Queen Flora pageant, along with other festival pageants, were held in the Calhoun Middle/High School auditorium.

Six CCHS juniors competed for the title of Queen Flora LX: McKaylee Cowen, Marlee Hall, Brooklyn Harris, Summer Parsons, Lindsey Schoolcraft and Aislin Summers.

Savannah Cunningham placed in the top six of each of her four running

events in the Little Kanawha Conference championships. The CCHS senior's 15 points earned her first team All-LKC.

Minnie Hamilton was named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals (CAHs) for quality in the country.

Calhoun County Park hosted a Kite Festival and offered free kites to the first 100 kids. There will also large show kites, banners, giant pinwheels, windsocks, bubble machines, and music.

Star party was held at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Minnie Hamilton Health System.

Coronavirus cases in May were reported by DHHR as 45, with weeks of 20, 5 4, 10 and 6.

State Treasurer Riley Moore reminded potential Hope Scholarship applicants of the deadline to apply for the 2022-23

school year.

The Calhoun 11-and-under softball teams entered league tournament play at the Sue Morris Complex, Glenville.

The Dirt Devils were undefeated, 9-0, during the regular season. The Diamond Devils ended the regular season with a record of 4-5.

County competitive races in the Primary Election went to Jacob Mc-Cumbers (D), commissioner; and Craig A. Arthur (R), commissioner.

The Calhoun County High School Class of 2022 commencement ceremony included 58 graduates. The 98th commencement program was held in the high school gymnasium.

Wood Festival pageant winners included: Queen Flora LX, Marlee Hall; Miss Wood Festival, Madelyn Lynch; Jr. Miss Wood Festival, Audrey Johnson; Little Miss Wood Festival, Evie Stark; Miss Preteen Wood Festival, Addie Collins; Miss Teen Wood Festival, Sophia Colon.

Arnoldsburg Volunteer Fire Dept. hosted a dedication ceremony for its new fire truck.

In regional qualifying competition, Savannah Cunningham was first in four running events; Dani Cunningham was third in high jump; and Joselynn Yeager was third in shot put.

Cunningham, who

missed her formal graduation ceremony while competing in the state meet, set a personal and school record 2:30.25 in the 800 to place fourth and earn All-State honors.

She also earned All-State in the 400-meters with a time of 1:02.61, and a sixth place finish.

The CCHS baseball team finished with a 12-13 record and the softball

team was 6-13.

CM/HS student Kiara Lanham was selected to attend the Governor's STEM Institute (GSI).

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Kootaga District Of BSA Kicks Off Klondike Derby

Kootaga District of the Boy Scouts of America, Buckskin Council, is kicking off 2023 with a bang.

The 2023 Klondike Derby will be held at Camp Kootaga on the weekend of Jan. 27. All units, districts and councils are welcome to participate.

Volunteers are also needed to help staff the event. To register and for information, visit the Buckskin Council website.

Scouts build Klondike type sleds that they race. There are several stations where patrols/units must test their Scoutcraft skills and leadership abilities, earning points towards a total score and to have fun in the snow.

The unit must transport their gear on a homemade sled pulled by Scouts. Have fun and test your skills at the Klondike-themed Monster Mountain Man Hunt.

Soon, Cub Scouts will begin carving their Pinewood Derby cars for the mid-March Kootaga District Pinewood Derby Race. Scouts and their adult partners design and build cars. Rules are posted on the Buckskin Council website.

The purpose of the PWD is to help the Cub Scout build a team relationship with their parent or helper, experience the sense of accomplishment and the excitement of competition, learn win/lose good sportsmanship, and have fun.

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

Kootaga District serves youths and adults in

several counties, including Calhoun.

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

Cub Scouts are ages 5-10, Scouts BSA are ages 11-17, Venturing are ages

14-20, Sea Scouts are ages 14-20, and Exploring are ages 10-20.

Adult volunteers are welcome. Do you have amazing skills in event planning, recruiting, fund raising, etc. The district is always looking for volunteers to add to its team.

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

Information is on the Buckskin Council website. To find a Scouting unit in your area, visit beascout.org or call the Parkersburg Scout office, 422-4507.

Celebration

Jean Simers, Sheila Garretson, and Calhoun County Democratic Committee are sponsoring a celebration of the recent election.

The event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 4 p.m., in the Arnoldsburg Community Building.

Free meal includes spaghetti, salad, dessert and drink. Entertainment will include the Johnny Staats Project.

Tire Collection

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

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

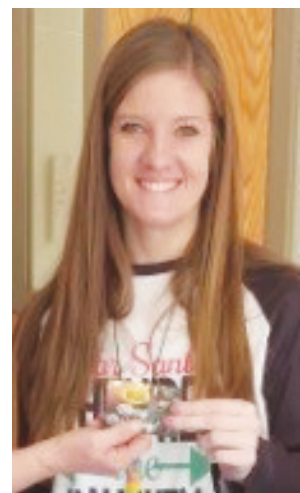
Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, will be accepted.

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

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

Caboose Missing

After the Christmas Light Exhibit at Calhoun County Park, it was noticed on Dec. 29 that the red caboose from the Calhoun Historical Society's Heritage Express Train was missing. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this little red caboose, please return it to the front door at the park barn or call Roger Jarvis, 354-6398.



Tudor's Biscuit World gave away a \$100 Tudor's gift card at each of its locations before Christmas. Carissa Yoak won the gift card from the Grantsville store.

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. 14, Mark IV.
- Jan. 21, Frank Conn and Partners.
- Jan. 28, Dixie Highway.

Parent-Child Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

Group locations and dates for January:
Thursdays, 1/12, 1/19 and 1/26, PHS, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 1/17, 1/24 and 1/31, Calhoun Family Resource Network, Grantsville, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesdays, 1/11 and 1/25, Upper West Fork Park, 1 to 2 p.m.

Friday, 1/13, AES, 11 a.m. to noon; Friday, 1/27, AES, 2 to 3 p.m.

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



MAY 2022 -- Leading the 98th graduating Class of 2022 at Calhoun County High School were valedictorian Anne Pingley (left) and salutatorian Josie Montgomery.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023

ARNOLDSBURG COMMUNITY BUILDING

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Spaghetti, salad, dessert and drink

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—Aimee Morris,
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